



College of Rehabilitation Sciences College Council Minutes of Meeting

Date- August 28, 2024

Time- 4:00-5:30

Location- Zoom

Chair- Reg Urbanowski

Attendees

Teresa Allison
Ruth Barclay
Faye Bauer
Debra Beach-Ducharme
Julie Braga
Cara Brown
Sarah Conci
Mark Garrett
Deborah Handziuk
Margaret Hart
Liz Harvey
Ian Hay
Leslie Johnson
Monique Levesque
Jeannette Logan
Kaitlin King
Me-Linh Le
Joanne Parsons
Patricia Plett
Jacquie Ripat
Diana Sanchez Ramirez
Rebecca Schorr
Lea Soliman
Patricia Thille
Sandra Webber
Karen Wood

Regrets

Aya El-Alawi -on leave
Sandra Biesheuvell
Jenn Billeck
Lisa Diamond-Burchuk
Madeline Burghardt
Cory Campbell
Louise Chartrand

Amine Choukou
Kelly Codispodi-on leave
Juliette Cooper
Lisa Engel
Moni Fricke-on leave
Jordan Friesen
Ed Giesbrecht-on leave
Candice Harmon
Elisa Hudson
Kaitlin Joyal
Nancy Klassen
Leanne Leclair-on leave
Jeanette Logan
Denise Mackey
Brian MacNeil
Puck Mai
Jodene Neufeld
Banke Oketola
Oyindamola Otubusen
Rolly Lavallee
Natalie Schroeder-MacLeod
Alex Masi-Dare
Charlene Mathison
Mike McMurray
Lisa Mendez
Gayle Restall
Brenda Semenko
Brenda Tittlemier
Mirella Veras
Maureen Walker

Special Guest

Alexa Okrainic
Nicole Graham-Tetrault

Recorder

Liane Allen

1. Welcome and Quorum met
2. Presentation by R. Urbanowski on the Masters of Speech-Language Pathology (MSLP)- attached
 - a. The purpose of today's session is to review the proposal, not render a decision
 - b. Thank you to all who assisted in the proposal creation- Alexa Okrainec, Nicole Graham-Tetrault, Monique Fehr, Todd Duhamel, Andrea Kailer, Marlene Head, Marlene Brown, Margaret Hart and Debra Beach Ducharme
 - c. Two previous MSLP proposals were created within the last twenty years; both failed to obtain the necessary approval. This proposal is presented because there is an increased interest in an MSLP program in Manitoba.
 - d. Open Discussion/Suggestions/Concerns

- i. Current graduates from Minot are unable to adequately address dysphagia, which results in on-the-job training. Will this be addressed in the curriculum?
 - 1. This program will be unique because it will sit within a rehabilitation college. This will allow students access to other professions with skills in this area (OT, PT and RT). The college is also well connected with nursing and dietetics and has access to the proper equipment through the teaching hospitals.
- ii. There tends to be a focus on a Euro-centric manner of eating; having a broader view should be addressed
- iii. The capital asked is 3.5 million, which will allow the College to increase space based on program needs. There were classrooms, labs and offices put aside for this purpose
- iv. Pre-requisites
 - 1. A focus on applied physiology will be included in the curriculum
 - 2. There are many prereqs which will create an accessibility issue. The course listing will be reviewed, and we may need to work with linguistics to determine what will need to be included
- v. There will be an opportunity to admit part-time students. The other programs' admission committees can collaborate on this piece and devise strategies to help decolonize the programs.
- vi. The current proposal is a two-year course; the college may want to consider lengthening the program as it has a heavy course load. This will help with accessibility
- vii. Audiology is not part of this proposal
- viii. There will be seats dedicated to Indigenous applicants. There will also be consideration made for northern seats
- ix. Scholarships and bursaries are not included in the SLP budget as the money is considered operating. There will be opportunities to fundraise
- x. The SLP program will include a capstone research project and a 12-page paper; there is an opportunity to discuss whether this should be thesis-based. It is noted that the college has struggled with capstone projects as they are time-intensive for faculty.
- xi. If approved, we will hire some faculty before the program initiation to address accreditation, apply for candidacy, and address the curriculum.
- xii. How realistic is it to hire 10 SLP instructors?
 - 1. We will try. Not all instructors will need to be SLPS; for example, we will be hiring an Indigenous Scholar
- xiii. With the other program expansions, there will be a lot of hiring. We will need to review efficiencies to ensure we prevent administrative overload
- e. Next steps
 - i. The proposal will be updated based on the college's feedback. Another college council meeting will be scheduled in late October to consider moving the proposal to the next stage of approval.

The meeting adjourned at 4:54