



SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, December 9, 2013 from 4 to 6 pm

Room 106, Health Sciences Building

Chair: Bart Harvey

Attendees: Venessa Anievas, Susan Bondy, Shafi Bhuiyan, Paul Bozek, Liviana Calzavara, Arun Chockalingam, Lauren Della Mora, France Gagnon, Howard Hu, Robin Hurst, Sehar Jamal, Prabhat Jha, Ian Johnson, Rivka Kushner, Rafal Kustra, Charlotte Lombardo, Wendy Lou, Rosane Nisenbaum, Cameron Norman, Barry Pakes, Rebecca Penn, David Poon, Laura Rosella, Andrea Sass-Korsak, James Scott, Ellen Sokoloff, Carol Strike, Lei Sun, Laura White, Tom Wong, and Nora Zwingerman.

Regrets: Dan Allman, Elizabeth Badley, Catherine Chalin, Bernard Choi, Ann Fox, Linn Holness, Roland Hosein, Suzanne Jackson, Valerie Krym, Anthony Miller, Ted Myers, Marianna Ofner, David Paterson, Robert Schwartz, and Hla-Hla Rosie Thein,

Guests: Deepit Bhatia, Adalsteinn Brown, Tracey Brown, and Jennifer Gibson.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:15 p.m.

2.0 MOTION TO APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as circulated.

3.0 APPROVAL OF APRIL 8, 2013 SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the April 8, 2013 School Council Meeting were approved with the following amendments: (1) Ian Johnson was added to the list of attendees; and (2) the Dean's Report was revised to clarify the faculty manual being developed.

4.0 DIRECTOR'S REPORT – H. HU

An update regarding the School's Strategic Plan was presented, highlighting the School's budget as well as current and anticipated student enrolment numbers.

Current research initiatives were described, including the search for an Associate Dean of Research and pending applications for Applied Public Health Chairs, Banting Fellowships, and current and potential Canada Research Chairs. The current level of Tri-Council funding awarded to School faculty was also summarized.

An update was provided regarding current recruitments of faculty as well as for a Director of Communications and a Director of Advancement.

Several new committees were described. These include Outreach & Communications; Continuing, Internet-based & Long Distance Education; Internationalization (of the student body); Research; Big Data; Space; and those exploring the development of Undergraduate Education Programs, an MD-MPH Program, and an MPH-Rehab Sciences Program.

Symposia/workshops addressing each of the School's 3 Key Themes were discussed. This included a summary of the October 24, 2013 Healthier Cities & Communities Symposium, co-organized by Patricia O'Campo, Blake Poland. The other 2 symposia/workshops are scheduled in Spring 2014 addressing Clinical Public Health that is being organized by Ross Upshur, and the other addressing Global Health in Fall 2014/Winter 2015, that is being co-organized by Abdallah Daar, Rani Kotha [seconded from the FoM], Ross Upshur, and Alex Jadad.

An update regarding the Institute of Global Health, Equity and Innovation (IGHEI) was presented. This included a report that 11 students (7 PhD and 4 MPH) had received Global Health Research Travel Awards in 2013. A call for 2014 applications is expected shortly. In addition, progress aimed at realizing the strategic vision of the Institute was described. The search for a permanent Director is currently underway and several committees have been struck to help guide the Institute.

The Dean also briefly described his recent visit to China with University President Meric Gertler and Dean of Medicine Cathy Whiteside.

Current planning for a School funding-raising campaign was also presented.

The Dean's Report concluded with a brief overview regarding the proposed transfer of the Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation from the Faculty of Medicine to the Dalla Lana School of Public Health. The Dean reminded members that this item would also be addressed later in the meeting.

There were no questions concerning the Dean's Report.

5.0 INSTITUTE OF GLOBAL HEALTH, EQUITY & INNOVATION – H. HU

The Dean noted that the June 25, 2013 correspondence to the Provost, included with the meeting's agenda materials, was the official notification of the transfer of the Institute for Global Health, Equity and Innovation from the Faculty of Medicine to the Dalla Lana School of Public Health effective July 1, 2013. This is being brought to Council's attention for information as no formal approval is required.

6.0 INSTITUTE OF HEALTH POLICY, MANAGEMENT & EVALUATION – H. HU

The Dean, assisted by Professor Adalsteinn Brown, the Director of the Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation (IHPME), provided an overview of the proposal to transfer IHPME from the Faculty of Medicine to the Dalla Lana School of Public Health, effective as soon as July 1, 2014. Because IHPME is an EDU-A (Extra-Departmental Unit, Type A), governance approval will be sought from the DLSPH and Faculty of Medicine Councils prior to its consideration by the university's Academic Board. It was

noted that the proposal that had been circulated with the meeting's materials would be further revised and brought forward for formal Council approval at the Council's next meeting. Professors Hu and Brown answered several questions from Council members concerning issues that included the benefits of the proposed transfer, any potential risks, and the anticipated budgetary consequences of such the proposed transfer.

A motion to support, in principle, the proposed transfer was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

7.0 EDUCATION COMMITTEE, 2012-2013 REPORT TO COUNCIL

As required by the Council By-Laws, Professor Ian Johnson and Ms. Rebecca Penn, the Co-Chairs of the Council's Education Committee, briefly summarized the 2012-2013 Committee Report that had been circulated with the meeting's materials. There were no questions from Council members. The Council Chair thanked Professor Johnson and Ms. Penn for their exemplary leadership of the Committee during the past year.

8.0 PROPOSED MEMBERSHIP FOR COUNCIL COMMITTEES – B. HARVEY

As stipulated in the Council By-Laws, the Council went in camera to receive and consider the Council Executive Committee's recommendations for Committee membership. After discussion, the recommended membership for the Executive, Education, and Appeals Committees were approved unanimously by Council. Given that there was one Student and two Teaching Staff vacancies still remaining on the Council's Education Committee, the Chair suggested that an update would be provided at the next Council meeting.

9.0 NEW BUSINESS

The Chair noted that members of the Council's Executive Committee had wondered if Council meetings could be held at alternative, more convenient times. After a brief discussion of possible alternative times, the Council agreed to hold its meetings from 3 to 5 pm (i.e., 1 hour earlier).

10.0 NEXT MEETINGS

The next meetings of Council are scheduled for Monday, February 3, 2014 and Thursday, April 24, 2014, both from 3 to 5 pm in Room 208 of the Health Sciences Building.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm.