



UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

DALLA LANA SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

DLSPH School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, Nov 25, 2015
Time: 3:30 to 5:00 pm
Location: Rm 208, 155 College St.

Present: Adalsteinn Brown, Alexandra Piatkowski, Ananya Banerjee, Andrea Cortinois, Andrea Sass-Kortsak, Anjum Sultana, Arjumand Siddiqi (by phone), Arun Chockalingam, Cameron Mustard, Carol Strike, Charlotte Lombardo, Christina Lopez, David Bach, Diane Tang, Dionne Gesink, Donald Cole, Ellen Sokoloff, Greg Marchildon, Howard Hu, Isser Dubinsky, James Scott, Jan Barnsley, Jasmine Pawa, Jeremy Scott, Joanne Thanos, Julia O Mahony, Kayvan Sayyedi Viand, Laura Rosella, Maelle Merchand, Michael Goodstadt, Naima Salemohamed, Nancy Kreiger, Navita Singh, Paul Bozek, Ray Copes, Rhonda Cockerill, Robin Hurst, Sarah Wang, Shannon Brent, Sue Bondy, Suzanne Jackson, Ted Myers, Theresa Lee, Tracy Kirkham, Vanessa Anievas, Vidhi Takkhar, Wendy Lou and Mavic Galicia (council secretary)

1. Donald called the meeting to order and opened with introductions of new student representatives.
2. Agenda. With a motion forwarded by Paul Bozek and seconded by Jeremy Scott, the agenda was approved.
3. Approval of June 16, 2015 minutes. Minutes were accepted, motion forwarded by Theresa Lee and seconded by Andrea Sass-Kortsak.

4. Business arising

Strategic Planning Update. Prof. Adalsteinn Brown described the SP Retreat as the first school wide retreat. The next step is to obtain the facilitators' report and analysis from the consultants up online for people to look at; create a straw model of the strategic report plan by December to be presented to the sub-committees and steering committees and then in different iterations at faculty meetings, council meetings, Dean's Advisory Board (DAB). Target to make available an acceptable document by Spring 2016.

There were no comments/questions on Prof. Brown's report.

5. Dean's report. The dean introduced himself, thanked everyone for attending the meeting where everyone is encouraged to ask questions.
 - On the SP retreat, the Dean noted that it was the first time to get together since IHPME and JCB became part of the school.
 - The Trifecta event on Sept 23 was a wonderful celebration of the official new entity of the school. Donors Paul Dalla Lana and Michael Dan were in attendance.

- DLSPH submitted in October 2015 the Academic Budget Review, the third report to the Provost since becoming a faculty. The report includes the initiatives and planning for the PDL gift pledge. An edited version of this will be made available. See attached.
- The Dean mentioned his visits to McGill U and UBC where the dean had a chance to speak with colleagues around the country. Howard noted that DLSPH has an additional responsibility to lead and set an example to the relatively new portfolios of schools of PH in Canada.
- As a new faculty, DLSPH is in line for the first UTQAP Faculty Review. Data gathering exercise and compiling self assessment report, visits from external reviewers who are leaders in public health will be happening in the next months in preparation for this review sometime 2016-17.
- We now have a Corporate Responsibility Committee and a guideline on corporate support chaired by Prof. Jennifer Gibson. Corporate partnerships enrich our programs. The Dean thanked Prof. Gibson for her leadership on this task. The guidelines will also be made available once it is ready.
- Launch of Dean's Leadership Lecture series. David Naylor who was former Dean of FoM, former President of U of T, Chair of the Naylor Commission or SaRS Commission, among other things is special inaugural speaker on Feb 3, 2016.
- Global Health initiatives – DLSPH is beginning to invest in workshops with potential GH platform partners. The Undergraduate Initiative (UGI) is slowly developing, has challenges.
- Space crunch; we are working on solutions. Updates will be provided as they come.
- EDU's: Waakebiness-Bryce Institute for Indigenous Health WBIH, IGHEI to help solidify the structure of DLSPH.
- General aspects of planning for PDL gift include building endowments to support original ones held by Steini Brown and Prabhat Jha; support scholarships for bright deserving students, Innovation fund to support some of the initiatives, etc.
- The Dean shared an insight in the review conducted by consultants to the SP retreat that is, DLSPH has a glaring distinction compared to other leading PH schools, (Hopkins, London, Melbourne, etc) which attract leaders in PH around the world. The statistics, however slippery, reflect enrichment that comes in the classroom where we have students from all over who can share their experiences, locally and globally. These are students who will become leaders in their own countries; sitting in decision making bodies; review committees who review grants/initiatives. Challenge of funding model in Ontario to support students mitigates against accepting int'l students.
- We are going in a phase of looking for particular partnerships with particular schools. Example- Workshop in December 2015 with Shanghai Jiao Tong University (SJTU) in Shanghai and U of Melbourne.

Questions

Ray Copes asked a question:

What are the goals for these kinds of joint workshops? Are we trying to attract the best students to come here to study and then go back to their own countries? And if we do that, do we do it with a PhD or a Doctoral PH degree.....?

Howard replied that the Office of Global Public Health Education OGPHE and Training, headed by Arun is tasked to work with the faculty who are going to the workshop, to look into the potential for funding of best students by their home institutions, their interest in sending their best students,

Donald Cole thanked the Dean for his report.

6. Education Committee Matters

a. Minor Modification: MHI (Master of Health Informatics). On Paul Bozek's request, Rhonda Cockerill provided a brief summary of the modification. A motion to approve the minor modification was forwarded by Steini Brown and seconded by Cam Mustard. Andrea Sass Kortsak also confirmed that the minor modification will now go the graduate curriculum tracker and then to the University to "set up".

b. A discussion followed on the nature of reporting to Education Committee and ultimately to the School Council re state of education programs, information that needs to be reported. A suggestion to look at what other faculty councils do came up- modify terms of reference if needed.

It was mentioned that minor modification is the minimum item that the Education Committee/School Council reviews and approves. New programs get approved at the SC level and then passed on the AP&P/Academic Board.

7. Other Business

a. It was agreed that the Academic Budget Narrative redacted version will be shared

b. A discussion on addressing diversity among the DLSPH community (applicants, admissions, faculty, staff, alumni) and options to promote and support followed.

c. Statement of Commitment - Climate and Health- a mixed reaction to the "task" came about. Howard will ultimately decide on whether or not to add support on behalf of the School.

8. Next Meetings: Winter 2016 and Spring 2016 to be Determined and Announced

There being no other matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5 pm.