
SCHOOL COUNCIL Draft MINUTES OF MEETING
March 23, 2023
1-3 p.m.

1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement. Chair, Susan Bondy called the meeting to order and did the acknowledgment of the University's use of traditional land. Sue apologized as the materials were not distributed through calendar in time but assured everyone that materials will be discussed explicitly. As well, apologies went to members of the Exec Committee if notes from the previous executive committee were not captured before sending; Sue asked for feedback from the EC membership to amend notes prior to approval.

2. Presentation/Approval of the Agenda. Sue presented the agenda. A motion to approve by Dionne and seconded by Geoff. Agenda approved.

3. Review/Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting December 15, 2022. Sue presented the minutes from December 15 meeting. Motion by Geoff and second by John McLaughlin. Minutes were approved.

4. Business Arising:
Membership Slate

Sue reminded everyone that the School Council Executive and the Council Secretary sent out a call with a deadline for volunteers to serve in the incoming roles of the Chair and Vice Chair of Council. Paul Bozek has stepped forward as Chair for Council, unopposed, replacing Sue Bondy. Whitney Berta will be Vice Chair for Council, replacing Fiona Miller immediately.

Sue Bondy stepped forward for ESAC Chair, replacing Paul Bozek. Abi Sriharan has moved on to another university and has stepped down as ESAC Vice Chair.

Motion to approve by Aviv and seconded by Danielle. Changes passed.

5. Standing Items:

a. School Council Education and Student Awards Committee

Major modification Master of Health Informatics recommended by SCESAC for approval by Council. Karim did a brief presentation on the academic rationale and describing the process of consultation they went through including with VPAP, curriculum committee at IHPME. The changes are on mode of delivery and a restructuring of the program to modernize the curriculum for July 2024 implementation.

Sue reminded everyone that because the materials were not shared earlier which would have allowed for a closer review, a deferral can be had instead of going directly to a vote. There was no motion to defer.

There was a question on accepting international students- Karim explained the mechanics on how they dealt with the international and domestic students. (Health informatics is contextual policy; funding support is a factor as well.)

A question/comment on including equity, diversity and inclusion was also raised. With a motion by Aviv and seconded by Shafi, the major modification is accepted.

b. Major Modification Master of Health Science in Bioethics. Jennifer Gibson provided a brief description and academic rationale and proposed changes. Danielle asked what implications there are for students who are already in the program; as well as what kind of consultation was done with students in the program. Jennifer responded that consultations during the last two years (Pandemic) with students were ongoing and so there had been opportunity to intentionally build students' experiences and include these for the implementation in Sept 2024.

A motion by Erica seconded by Audrey to approve the major modification was carried without any objection.

REPORT of the SCESA (information from SCESA March

Paul Bozek: the list minor modification courses is included in the meeting package. These were read to Council for information only.

c. Dean's update

No report for governance from Steini Brown. (We are still waiting on the UTQAP report.)

d. CAO's Update

No report from Robin Hurst.

e. Associate Dean, Research Update

Shortlisted CRC Candidates will be interviewing in the New Year. (Out of the shortlisted 7 candidates, 4 strong candidates were further shortlisted)

f. Associate Dean, Academic Affairs Update

Updates from Dionne Gesink: Dionne's office is in the process of figuring out process and resources for program and curriculum review that the different programs in both IHPME and PHS will need to work through. This exercise will include student feedback. Danielle offered to help if needed. This will launch in May.

g. Associate Dean, PHS

Carol Strike informed Council of PHS faculty awards. Any faculty member (FT, PT, Status, Adjunct) is eligible for nomination. The link has been sent out to faculty. There is going to be a faculty search for Qualitative Research (attached to a Chair) who will sit in SBHS. Carol asked folks to spread the word once the link is available. There will also be an academic writing week in May 15-19 (a pilot test is ongoing) – anyone in the graduate units is welcome. Participation can be in person or virtual. Prizes can be had.

Suggestion to conduct this more often/regularly.

Sue called on Audrey for IHPME updates. (This will be a standing item moving forward). Audrey thanked France for chairing the CRC Search Committee. Thanks also go to Carol for the academic writing week.

Audrey also flagged that a faculty search will also commence for ORC (replacement for Greg Marchildon)

Program leads are reviewing their programs in the lead up to the Self Study and so a June retreat participated in by faculty and students.

Update from Student Associations

PHSA

Update from Alexander Mendell: In February, PHSA partnered with the Black Students to host a trivial night for Black History Month. In March, they hosted an annual mental health forum which brought together students to discuss their experiences with mental health and wellness during their time here at DLSPH. A report on this will be made available and shared with administration. Shortly before the Council meeting, they conducted an in person anti oppressive practice and ethical leadership workshop tailored to needs of PH students led by a community facilitator, attended by 30 students. Student reps were sent to the EDI outreach program to share experiences and information about leadership positions. Executive elections will be taking place over the spring and summer as well as a year end event and graduation for graduating students.

GSU

Research Day is coming back but with a twist to include Impact so that non-research based students can also participate. This takes place April 19, in person. This would be the first in person Research Day since 2019. The GSU will also be holding their AGM with pizza Monday following the Council meeting. (Note that some students will be observing Ramadan and cannot have food)

Update from the PHAA and IHPME Society of Grads

PHAA

Olivia Caruso provided update for PHAA. Mentorship program takes place on March 20. The annual In the Loop event features Dr. Andrew Boozary as invited speaker. The emerging leader award will be awarded at the In the Loop event. There will be 2 alumni awardees. Applications are accepted till April 15.

IHPME Society of Grads – no updates received.

6. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting from Shafi and seconded by France. Meeting adjourned at 2:21 pm.