

Minutes of Faculty Council Meeting 284
Thursday, April 23, 2020
2:00 to 3:00 p.m.
via Microsoft Teams

Present: S. Angers, V. Arora, Z. Austin, M. Battistella, A. Bjelajac Mejia, N. Boampong, R. Bonin, G. Bradley-Ridout, T. Brown, S. Cadarette, A. Cameron, K. Cameron, J. Carter, T. Chalikian, I. Crandall, D. Croteau, N. Crown, C. Cummins, C. De Angelis, L. Dolovich, S. Drodge, D. Dubins (Chair), O. Fernandes, P. Grootendorst, S. Guilcher, C. Ho, A. Huynh, J. Kellar, H. Kertland, D. Kwan, A. Lee, P. Lee, M. Luu, R. Macgregor, A. Malek, L. McCarthy, A. Mills, M. Piquette, M. Rocchi, D. Sibbald, L. Singh, M. So, N. Steenhof, A. Swanson, A. Taddio, C. Tan, K. Tan, M. Tomas, B. Thrush A. Trent, J. Uetrecht, K. Vu, J. Wells, P. Wells, L. Chung (Recording Secretary)

Regrets: C. Allen, L. Dupuis, M. James, C. Harvey-Kane, L. Kotra, K. Richards, T. Young

1.0 Approval of Minutes, October 8, 2019

MOVED: Z. Austin; **SECONDED:** M. Piquette; **THAT**, the minutes of the meeting held on February 12, 2020, be approved.

CARRIED

2.0 Report of the Executive Committee

The Chair relinquished the chair to I. Crandall in order to present the report of the Executive Committee.

Since its last report to Council, the Committee has not met.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Pharm.D. Program—Admissions Process

Given the current situation with COVID-19 and the need for a prompt decision, the Dean, and the Interim Director, Professional Programs, Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy, requested that the Executive Committee consider a motion to implement CASPer, an online assessment tool, for the 2020 admissions cycle (September intake, Class of 2024) instead of the on-site Multiple Mini Interviews (MMI). In order to make immediate adjustments to the admissions process, the Executive Committee approved the request by an eVote that was hosted on March 20, 2020.

Pharmaceutical Sciences Program—Exit Seminar Requirement

Given the current situation with coronavirus COVID-19 and the need for a prompt decision, the Chair, Graduate Education Program Committee, Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy, requested that the Executive Committee consider a motion to suspend the requirement of a Ph.D. candidate to present a seminar to the Department prior to the Final Oral Defence (Exit Seminar) until further notice. However, the student will be required to give a 20-minute summary of their research at the Final Oral Examination.

I. Crandall relinquished the chair back to the Chair of Faculty Council.

3.0 Report of the Committee on Academic Standing

Since its last report to Council, the Committee has met twice: on March 17 and April 2, 2020. There was also a prior meeting on February 11, 2020. The minutes of that meeting were not reported to Faculty Council on February 12, and items that require approval are reported here. Other items considered by the Committee on February 11 and at the two subsequent meetings were presented for information only and will be reported at a future meeting of Faculty Council.

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

3.1 Report of the Pharm.D. Programme Committee

Amended Award Record—Joseph Charendoff Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to the student who obtains the highest final grade in PHM105H1 (Medication Therapy Management 1). Effective the winter term of 2020, the grading scale used in this course will change from numeric grades to Honours/Pass/Fail. In accord with this change, the Joseph Charendoff Scholarship henceforth will be awarded to the student who obtains the highest annual Grade Point Average in Year 1 and who also obtains a final grade of Honours in PHM105H1.

Amended Award Record—Tom Chin Clinical Leader Award

This award is given to the student in Year 4 who obtains the highest total grade in the seven required pharmacotherapy courses and who also is the recipient of a Gordon Cressy Student Leadership Award. The latter award is administered by the Division of University Advancement. The Gordon Cressy Student Leadership Award is now called the University of Toronto Student Leadership Award. The award record for the Tom Chin Clinical Leader Award therefore has been amended to reflect this change.

Amended Award Record—Dina Dichek Pharmacotherapy Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to the student in Year 2 with the highest overall standing in PHM201H1 (Pharmacotherapy 2: Dermatology and EENT), PHM202H1 (Pharmacotherapy 3: Endocrinology, Nephrology and Urology), PHM203H1 (Pharmacotherapy 4: Infectious Diseases) and PHM204H1 (Pharmacotherapy 5: Cardiovascular Diseases). The recipient also must achieve First Class Honours in Year 2 of the Doctor of Pharmacy Programme.

Effective the 2019–2020 session, the course-name for PHM201H1 has been changed to ‘Pharmacotherapy 2: Self-Care Perspectives and Pharmacotherapy.’ The award record for the Dina Dichek Pharmacotherapy Scholarship therefore has been amended to reflect this change.

It was moved, seconded and carried, that the amended award records for the Joseph Charendoff Scholarship, the Tom Chin Clinical Leader Award and the Dina Dichek Pharmacotherapy Scholarship be approved.

MOVED: R. Macgregor; **SECONDED:** T. Chalikian; **THAT,** the decision of the Committee on Academic Standing be upheld in that the amended award records for the Joseph Charendoff Scholarship, the Tom Chin Clinical Leader Award and the Dina Dichek Pharmacotherapy Scholarship be approved.

CARRIED

4.0 Report of the Curriculum and Assessment Committee

Since its last report to Council, the Committee has met twice.

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

Pharm.D. Program

The Committee approved a proposal for GLOBAL U – The Global Scholar Certificate program. This University-led initiative is being offered to create an opportunity for students to receive the designation of “Global Scholar” upon completion. Students interested in this option will select from a series of specially-curated courses or experiential education opportunities (equivalent to a total of 1.5 Full Course Equivalents), across a range of disciplines to empower them to better interpret their world through a global lens and examine issues from different cultural, economic, and socio-political perspectives. A variety of other Faculties across campus have already signed on to this program.

MOVED: D. Croteau; **SECONDED:** D. Kwan; **THAT,** that the decision of the Curriculum and Assessment Committee be upheld to approve the proposal for The Global Scholar Certificate Program.

CARRIED

Pharmaceutical Sciences Program

The Committee approved a proposal from the Graduate Education Committee for a new type of course structure described as “course modules”. These course modules will be quarter-courses consisting of 12 contact hours, and will be used to structure a new required graduate course called “Current Topics in Pharmaceutical Sciences Research” designed to introduce students from all divisions and disciplines within the Faculty to the breadth of research occurring within the pharmaceutical sciences.

MOVED: S. Cadarette; **SECONDED:** S. Bjelajac-Mejia; **THAT,** that the decision of the Curriculum and Assessment Committee be upheld to approve the proposal for course modules.

CARRIED

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Pharm.D. Program

The Pharm.D. Program Committee is investigating proposed changes to the Pharm.D. admissions process for the next admissions cycle. The plan for revisions to the admissions requirements was developed this year based on the declining number of applicants over the past several years, combined with the fact that we have not reviewed our processes for about 10 years. The key changes being proposed are:

- reduce number of prerequisite courses
- remove the Pharmacy College Admission Test (PCAT)
- remove the Multiple Mini Interview (MMI).

The PCAT and MMI would be replaced with other assessment tools such as CASPer and/or Kira Talent. The aim is to approve proposed admissions changes through all appropriate committees by the end of June 2020 to publish the new Pharm.D. requirements in July for the next cycle of applicants for the fall term 2021.

A new elective course in Advanced Oncology Practice was proposed; feedback was provided and a revised course submission package will be reviewed at a future meeting. A question was raised as to whether this course would be considered as a science selective course. The Pharm.D. Program Committee will review the current repository of courses to ensure a balance of pharmacotherapy and biomolecular science courses in the curriculum.

Pharm.D. for Pharmacists Program

Modification of the assessment used in PHM618H1 (Educational Theory and Practice) was approved. This change involved modification of weightings of three course assignments based on relevance to students. No changes to learning objectives, teaching methods, or course content was involved.

The Committee received information from the Pharm.D. for Pharmacists Program Committee regarding minor course modifications to PHM656H1 (Managing Drug Overdoses) and PHM655H1 (Contemporary Topics in Addictions and Mental Health) based on student and instructor feedback.

5.0 Other Business

There was no other business.

The meeting adjourned at 2:26 p.m.