



Minutes of the 34th meeting of the Faculty Council held on May 15, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom.

FACULTY COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT (via Zoom)

Barnett, Tracie	Golchi, Shirin	Piccirillo, Ciriaco
Bitton, Alain	Hamdy, Reggie	Robaire, Bernard
Biskin, Robert Simon	Henry, Melissa	Rourke, Sarah
Beaudry, Jonas-Sebastien	Kearney, Robert	Russell, Alton
Burnier, Miguel	Kilpatrick, Kelley	Sadeghi, Nader
Cambrosio, Alberto	Langlais, David	Sahyoun, Zahraa (SCSD)
Charles, Fern	Lencucha, Raphael	Sierra, Camilo (NGSA)
Chen, John	Loganathan, Sampath	Tonin, Patricia
Chu, Dominic (PGSS delegate)	Lomber, Steve	Toussaint, Paule-J.
Cloutier, Jean-Francois	Mazer, Bruce	Tulandi, Togas
Cybulsky, Andrey	McArthur, Juliet-Ann	Vuong, Té
Duchaine, Thomas (Biochemistry delegate)	Naiyeju, Ibukunoluwa	Wang, Aaron (SoM delegate)
Evans, Timothy	Mondou, Mélanie	White, John
Fellows, Lesley	Nguyen, Tho Nhu (DPS)	
Fu, Lili	Pause, Arnim	

REGRETS

Marc Afilalo, Mylène Arsenault, Steven Backman, Jake Barralet, Ali Bessissow, Liziane Bouvier, Sam Daniel, Matthew Donlan, Robert Gagnon, Alain Gratton, Adam Hassan (MSS), Ashley Hum (SPOTGSA), Bryana Jean-Jacques (NUS), Kevin Jutras, Srinivasan Krishnamurthy, Mark Levental, Zachary Levine, Chelsea Maedler-Kron, Caroline Marchionni, Malina Charisma Moskun, Morag Park, Lauralicia Sacre, Judith Soicher, Ghassen Soufi (ARM), Mikaela Stiver, Antonio Tongué, Leon Tourian, Francine Wein, Theodore Wein, Stephen Yang, Natalie Zeytuni.

SECTION I

(L. Fellows)

1. Welcoming Remarks from the Chair

The Chair welcomed Faculty Council members and guests. Before proceeding, she delivered a land acknowledgment. She then stated the following as vacant positions:

- Faculty Council: Postgraduate Students Society (PGSS) - 1 Post-doctoral student representative.
- Nominating Committee: Voting member (Clinical).

If anyone is interested in these positions, they may reach out to Dr. Fellows or Leah Moss.

2. Approval of the agenda

The Chair presented the agenda and asked if anyone would propose its adoption. It was first and seconded; with no objections reported, the agenda was accepted.

3. In Memoriam

A moment of silence was observed to remember fellow members of our Faculty community who had recently passed: Renée Bolduc, Asher Wilner, and Harvey Sigman.

SECTION II

4. Budget Update *(B. Zuend)*

Batchimeg Zuend discussed the budget overview regarding the impact of the increase in tuition and new funding model. Due to the uncertainty of the current fiscal projections, the University is asking the FMHS to focus on mission critical activities (teaching and program delivery) and make strategic and recurrent expense reductions (and similarly where feasible, revenue generation).

5. Envisioning the future: Faculty strategic plan refresh: interactive session *(L. Fellows)*

The Chair provided a summary of the previous consultations conducted at Faculty Council meetings. The theme in December 2023, was a discussion related to social accountability and engagement with communities we serve. . The February 21, 2024 Faculty Council meeting was related to the FMHS mission and vision. The Chair then presented a draft of the strategic planning documents including the suggested working title of “Together for better health: People at heart, science in hand”, and the 5 values that have emerged from consultations: Altruism, Humanism, Collaboration, Creativity, and Rigour.

The Chair explained how the interactive consultation portion of the meeting would be within breakout rooms to discuss one of the four key areas of implementation of the strategic plan: collaborative research and care to transform health, outstanding education for outstanding learners, delivering with and for our communities and an efficient organization enabling great work..

SECTION III

1. Report from the Steering Committee *(L. Fellows)*

The Chair confirmed that at the meeting on April 17th, the Steering Committee reviewed and adopted the agenda for this meeting of the Faculty Council. Additionally, the Steering Committee noted an open position for one representative from the Professional Schools.

2. Report from the Nominating Committee *(L. Fellows)*

The Chair confirmed that at its meeting on February 15th, the Nominating Committee reviewed the number of calls for members at large in 2023-2024 and their outcomes. The Nominating Committee added to the protocol a refresh of the intake question for potential committee members. Their report was made available to all members of the Faculty Council and was posted online.

3. Consent Agenda
i. Faculty Council Minutes (February 4, 2024)

The minutes of the Faculty Council meeting held on February 4, 2024, were presented on the consent agenda, for which the link was sent to all members following the meeting. The Chair asked for a member to propose the adoption of the minutes, for which a first and seconder came forward. Without any objections, the minutes were approved.

4. Business arising and updates

The Chair outlined some recent academic leadership Faculty appointments since the last meeting. Sender Liberman as Assistant Dean, International Affairs, and Elin Thordardottir, as Associate Dean and Director, School of Communication Sciences.

SECTION IV

1. Kudos *(L. Fellows)*

The Chair went over a list of accomplishments within the Faculty and congratulated an impressive number of faculty, staff, and students who have been publicly recognized for their accomplishments in the recent months.

SECTION V

Open Session/Town Hall

The Chair invited Faculty Council members and guests to put forward any questions or issues they wished to discuss. A nursing student from ISON addressed Faculty Council on whether or not the Faculty will be addressing the current events in Gaza. Dr. Fellows suggested the student reach out to her regarding these concerns. She thanked everyone for their participation..

The complete set of documents, including PowerPoint presentations made at the Faculty Council meetings and video links of the meeting, are kept as part of the official minutes and can be found in the [Governance section](#) of the Faculty website.