

FACULTY OF MEDICINE

Minutes of Full Faculty meeting held on November 16, 2021

A meeting of the Faculty of Medicine was held on Tuesday 16 November 2021 at 4:30 PM.

The meeting took place remotely via Zoom.

Dean Dermot Kelleher chaired the meeting from UBC.

ATTENDANCE

Voting Attendees:

M. Allard, D. Anekwe, J. Anthony, L. Arbour, M. Ashe, G. Avery, A. Bahreyni, K. Baillie, H. Bayrampour Basmenj, P. Bernatchez, R. Bluman, C. Bozek, A. Bradley, S. Brears, E. Brigham, N. Broemling, D. Brooks, S. Bryan, D. Burke, L. Butska, K. Campbell, K. Chen, S. Cheng, P. Choi, C. Collier, C. Courneya, S. Cowan, S. Cresswell, C. Cuncic, S. de Leeuw, T. Demco, D. Devine, D. Doudet, J. Dubland, J. Duncan, J. Dutz, S. Elliott, C. Ellis, L. Farrell, S. Forwell, E. Frank, J. Friedman, M. Gallagher, A. Garg, D. Greyson, J. Harrison, K. Hildebrand, C. Holmes, G. Hsiung, M. Hubinette, E. Idanwekhai, J. Illes, L. Jenstad, C. Jevitt, C. Jones, D. Jones, J. Joy, L. Kastrukoff, K. Keen, N. Kissoon, D. Knight, M. Koehoorn, U. Kumar, A. Lam, D. Lang, A. Lee, R. Lester, S. Lisonkova, M. Lorincz, D. Louie, C. Lovato, H. Luo, B. Lynn, B. MacVicar, N. Macy, K. Martin Ginis, G. Mason, J. Matsubara, W. McMaster, B. McWilliams, G. Meneilly, R. Merchant, S. Murphy, D. Nunez, M. O'Donnell, G. Ogilvie, O. Oyedele, C. Pang, E. Park, J. Pawlovich, R. Perini, A. Phillips, I. Pike, C. Pollock, M. Pouladi, R. Preston, J. Prior, R. Purssell, D. Purych, A. Qiu, L. Raymond W. Robinson, K. Rofaeel, A. Rohr, M. Romney, M. Sadar, M. Sadarangani, M. Sandhu, M. Sasidharan Madhav, B. Sawatzky, R. Schweigel, I. Scott, C. Senger, B. Shadgan, A. Shariff, S. Shirzad, R. Sidhu, D. Sin, E. Sinden, J. Small, S. Starkiewicz, E. Stewart, N. Stewart, G. Stuart, H. Stuart, J. Tallon, J. Terry, J. Tham, J. Trolio, L. Truong, M. Van Allen, S. Vedam, M. Vidler, R. Warsaba, S. White, P. Winwood, D. Wong, R. Wong, D. Wood, B. Wright, L. Wu, D. Yang, P. Zandstra.

Non-Voting Attendees:

T. Abji, O. Abu, L. Adams, K. Alexander, B. Anders, A. Ariana, R. Armstrong, S. Au, A. Bacon, G. Bell, A. Booth, C. Canfield, V. Caparas, C. Carter, S. Charney, S. Chu, V. Clair, J. Cosme, M. Cross, W. de Klerk, L. Dewar, F. Durity, O. Fornes Crespo, M. Fraser, S. Gaetz, G. Gao, A. Glyn, J. Golinski, C. Gruber, S. Gu, Z. Ivanishvili, C. Ivany, O. Iyaoromi, K. Jones, A. Keesey, Y. Lau, D. Lee, D. Li, M. Lim, S. Liu, A. Lukey, M. Mann, B. Markland, A. McCall, G. Miles, A. Mohammad, J. Oger, A. Oyedeji, A. Pousette, J. Robinson, G. Rose, C. Rosenblatt, A. Rouhi, S. Samji, N. Schnee, A. Seal, S. Shahban, C. Smits, W. Tetzlaff, C. Valensky, S. Van Zyl, J. Wang, K. White, E. Wiley, A. Wolverton, P. Wong, I. Zhang.

1.0 WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER/APPROVAL OF AGENDA - DR. D. KELLEHER

- Dean Kelleher called the meeting to order at 4:32pm.

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 18 MAY 2021 - DR. D. KELLEHER

<i>B. Forster</i> <i>J. Pawlovich</i>	}	<i>That the minutes of the 18 May 2021 meeting of the Faculty of Medicine be approved.</i>
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Carried.

3.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- No business arising from the minutes.

4.0 APPROVAL OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY FACULTY EXECUTIVE - DR. D. KELLEHER

<i>C. Holmes</i> <i>E. Frank</i>	}	<i>That the actions taken by the Faculty Executive since the last meeting of the Faculty of Medicine be approved in aggregate.</i>
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Carried.

5.0 REPORT FROM THE DEAN TO THE FACULTY - DR. D. KELLEHER

- Dean Kelleher outlined the report from the Dean, which was circulated in full.

6.0 STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE – DR. D. KELLEHER

- Dean Kelleher presented the Strategic Plan Implementation Update, as circulated.
- The new strategic plan builds on the Faculty's vision and values, reaffirming the fundamental premise of social accountability and introducing a new and complementary contract with ourselves. This new contract speaks to the individual and collective commitment to transform the organizational culture through behaviour and the way individuals treat one another.
- The presentation highlighted key areas of early progress within each pillar which include:
 - Education:
 - Making significant progress on enhancing program accessibility, inclusion and support services available to learners who identify as members of underrepresented groups;
 - Developing a high-level implementation plan to build on successes across programs to increase enrollment and improve inclusion and support services;
 - Ensuring that the program offerings continue to prepare learners for evolving societal and career requirements.
 - Research:

- Launching the Academy of Translational Medicine (ATM) to accelerate translation, and the Faculty will continue to develop the ATM over the coming years;
 - Collaborating with partners to identify improvements to the health data landscape in BC and will build on lessons learned through the Covid experience to identify concrete improvements that can be made;
 - Currently in the early stages of work with the Office of the Vice-President, Research and Innovation, other universities, health partners, and industry to develop a bio-innovation hub proposal that will significantly increase the Faculty's research impact as part of the federal government's bio-manufacturing and life sciences strategy.
- Organization:
 - Launching the Transforming Culture Initiative and community-wide It Starts with Us series, which will continue to be a key priority, aiming to enhance inclusiveness, respectfulness, and support for all members of the Faculty of Medicine community;
 - Launching a new Faculty Emerging Leaders Program to develop a diverse group of new and aspiring faculty leaders;
 - Refreshing the approach to the Faculty of Medicine recognition awards and creating new awards and recognition opportunities.
- Partnership:
 - Finalizing and launching the Faculty of Medicines' response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action, including a formal apology;
 - Hiring an Indigenous Initiatives Advisor and completing the recruitment process for a Director, Indigenous Engagement, both of whom will contribute to achieving health equity;
 - Collaborating with partners to build the bio-innovation hub concept, as noted in the Research Pillar.
- Additionally, pillar leads are now working to identify priorities in each pillar and will establish working groups for those priority areas. A call for volunteers to participate in working groups for specific projects that advance the strategic plan will be circulated and everyone is encouraged to volunteer.

7.0 PARTNERSHIPS AND HEALTH ENGAGEMENT UPDATE – DR. M. ALLARD & DR. J. PAWLOVICH

- Dr. Mike Allard, Vice-Dean, Health Engagement, presented the UBC Faculty of Medicine response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Calls to Action.
- The Faculty of Medicine's response to the Commission included commitments to bring about meaningful, long-lasting change, include:
 - Enhancing recruitment and admissions processes to more effectively attract Indigenous students across all programs;
 - Addressing demographic imbalances in the Faculty;
 - Embedding an appreciation of Indigenous ways of knowing and healing in curricula;
 - Helping develop educational and health care systems that are accessible, equitable, effective, culturally safe, and free of Indigenous-specific racism and discrimination.

- Dr. John Pawlovich, Clinical Professor and UBC Chair in Rural Health, presented the Drone Transport Initiative Project. The initiative aims to test the feasibility of enhancing access to physically necessary goods (such as health care service supplies) using autonomous drone technology in north and central areas of British Columbia.

8.0 NORTHERN CENTRE FOR CLINICAL RESEARCH (MOTION)

P. Winwood
R. McMaster

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That the proposal to establish the Northern Centre for Clinical Research as a Faculty of Medicine research centre be approved.

Carried.

- Presented by Dr. Paul Winwood, Regional Associate Dean, Northern British Columbia, Dr. Kathy Lewis, Interim Vice President of Research, University of Northern British Columbia and Dr. Julia Bickford, Director of Research and Analytics, Northern Health
- The Northern Centre for Clinical Research is a partnership between the University of Northern British Columbia, the University of British Columbia Northern Medical Program and Northern Health. The centre will aid in the development of clinical research and provide a home for life sciences research in the North. The structure and governance of the centre was presented along with the impacts and goals of the centre which include:
 - Creating collaborative space for researchers interested in both clinical and life sciences in the north;
 - Conducting clinical trials at a distance, which will allow the recruitment of patients across the north;
 - Providing infrastructure and support for researchers in the clinical environment as well as workshops, seminars, general clubs and training opportunities;
 - Embedding the culture of research in health care delivery in the north.

9.0 CENTRE FOR CARDIOVASCULAR INNOVATION (MOTION)

D. Wood
M. Allard

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That the proposal to establish the Centre for Cardiovascular Innovation as a Faculty of Medicine research centre be approved.

Carried.

- Presented by Dr. David Wood, Clinical Professor, Department of Medicine.
- The Centre for Cardiovascular Innovation is a Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute centre and has been building and developing cardiovascular research across the province. The centre's mission is to lead both nationally and internationally in cardiovascular research by providing the infrastructure to support and enhance the research capacity of its member investigators. An overview of the centre, which included topics such as collaborators, funding and organizational structure, was presented.

10.0 BLACK STUDENT MD ADMISSIONS PATHWAY (MOTION)

<i>R. Wong</i> <i>M. Hubinette</i>	}	<i>That the category 1 Black Student MD Admissions Pathway curriculum proposal be approved.</i>
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Carried.

- Dr. Shahin Shirzad, Assistant Dean, Admissions, MD Undergraduate Program presented the Black Student MD Admissions pathway initiative. An overview of the current admissions process was presented. This initiative was developed to increase the recruitment, retention and support of black MD students, in an effort to increase the representation of black physicians in B.C.'s physician population. An overview of the application process for this pathway was also presented and the goal is to open this pathway in June 2022. A re-evaluation of this pathway is currently set for Spring 2024.

11.0 NEW PROGRAM PROPOSAL: MASTER OF PHYSICAL THERAPY – FRASER (MOTION)

<i>S. Murphy</i> <i>J. Anthony</i>	}	<i>That the Master of Physical Therapy – Fraser curriculum proposal be approved.</i>
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Carried.

- Presented by Ms. Sue Murphy, Head of the Department of Physical Therapy and Dr. Joseph Anthony, Associate Dean, Health Professions and Clinical Professor, Department of Physical Therapy.
- The proposal is to establish a program of twenty students, who will be located at the Fraser site and will be modeled to be similar to the MD Undergraduate program.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

<i>D. Hardwick (in memoriam)</i> <i>S. Forwell</i>	}	<i>That, there being no other business, the Faculty of Medicine meeting be adjourned.</i>
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Carried.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm.