



## FACULTY OF MEDICINE MEETING MINUTES

21 November 2023 | 4:30 pm | Zoom

A meeting of the Faculty of Medicine was held on Tuesday, 21 November 2023 at 4:30 pm. Dean D. Kelleher was the Chair.

### ATTENDANCE

**Voting:** K. Abdelrahman, O. Adelasoye, M. Allard, D. Anekwe, M. Ansermino, J. Anthony, M. Atiquzzaman, C. Black, S. Bonneville, K. Brown, C. Brumme, S. Bryan, H. Buckley, L. Bulk, D. Burke, M. Carey, B. Carleton, A. Christoffersen-Deb, S. Chu, T. Corneil, C. Cuncic, R. Daswani, H. Davies, A. Davis, S. De Leeuw, S. Dell, K. Duan, T. Dummer, J. Dutz, L. Ebel, J. Erome, L. Farrell, C. Forbes, S. Forwell, N. Gupta, T. Hackett, G. Hanley, A. Hoffman, C. Holmes, J. Illes, C. Jevitt, R. Jina, J. Johnson, D. Jones, A. Kazanjian, K. Keen, D. Kelleher, T. Kerr, M. Koehoorn, Q. Krahn, D. Li, T. Liu-Ambrose, B. Lynn, B. Martin, T. Mason, L. Masse, S. Mccorquodale, B. Mcleod, R. McMaster, G. Meneilly, G. Michael, S. Miller, S. Mills, R. Mishaal, D. Money, V. Monsalve, O. Moritz, B. Mortenson, Q. Mus, L. Nappi, T. Nielsen, W. Norman, D. Nunez, A. Palepu, M. Pouladi, J. Prior, R. Pursell, J. Purtzki, J. Quandt, F. Ramorasata, J. Randhawa, G. Redekop, R. Petrella, K. Rodriguez-Capote, W. Schreiber, A. Scott, I. Scott, R. Sidhu, J. Sinai, P. Soja, S. Starkiewicz, D. Steel, J. Stoessl, G. Stuart, H. Sverak, S. Torng, A. Townson, L. Tran, O. Tseng, S. Tsuei, C. Lovato, J. Wines, C. Wan, L. Wang, S. Wenderfer, M. Wiens, N. Winata, P. Winwood, M. Wong, R. Wong, B. Wright, A. Zoubeidi

**Non-Voting:** T. Abji, R. Abu, P. Andrew, R. Armstrong, B. Azarmju, B. Bluman, M. Brunner, C. Canfield, C. Carter, H. Chou, T. Clarke, M. Delara, D. Doudet, A. Fayaz Bakhsh, S. Gaetz, D. Goldowitz, J. Golinski, C. Gruber, O. Guerra, C. Humphries, T. Khalil, J. Lemaire, L. Lena, M. Lim, S. Liu, K. Mazure, G. McElroy, N. Koller, G. Miles, B. Mortazavimoghadam, A. Munro, K. Ng, D. Oliveira, C. Peters, S. Polyhronopoulos, M. Rodd, S. Samji, C. Sierra, A. Tam, N. Vadlamudi, C. Valensky, E. Varughese, K. White, E. Wiley, T. Wilson, M. Wu

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

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

### 2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – D. Kelleher

### 3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Approved by general consensus	}	<i>That the agenda of the 21 November 2023 meeting of the Faculty of Medicine be approved.</i>
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*Carried.*

### 4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

J. Illes L. Bulk	}	<i>That the minutes of the 16 May 2023 meeting of the Faculty of Medicine be approved.</i>
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*Carried.*



**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None.

**6. APPROVAL OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY FACULTY EXECUTIVE – D. Kelleher**

D. Nunez R. Wong	}	<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.*

**7. REPORT FROM THE DEAN – D. Kelleher**

D. Kelleher outlined a number of highlights from the Report from the Dean, which was previously circulated in full.

**8. MASTER OF GLOBAL HEALTH – D. Steel and L. Kang**

R. Wong J. Illes	}	<i>That the Master of Global Health New Program proposal be approved.</i>
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- Proponents Dr. Daniel Steel and Ms. Lena Kang presented the proposed *Master of Global Health (MGH)* program proposal.
- This program examines systemic global forces that impact health locally, addresses social and environmental determinants of health (as well as access to health care), requires respectful collaborations to promote health equity, and is about one's perspective, not place.
- The MGH program makes sense given the growing importance of systemic factors that impact health on a global scale and UBC's current lack of a focal global health program. There is an upward trend in the number of job postings related to global health, and employers consistently express a need for staff with expertise to address local health impacts of inherently global challenges.
- The program will be course-based with experiential learning, spanning 20 months full-time or 40 months part-time.
- Three thematic pillars (fluid and will evolve with societal needs): Global Health Ethics, Global Health Governance, and Global Environmental Health.
- The MGH is aligned with every layer of the Faculty of Medicine strategic plan: Education, Engagement, Inclusion, and Research.

Benefits to the Faculty and University

- The program will:
  - Fill a gap in post-graduate education in global health in BC, and Canada more broadly.
  - Support local, provincial, and national efforts to effectively respond to global health challenges, such as climate change, pandemics, and inequities related to colonization.
  - Create a focal point for UBC's extensive but currently dispersed global health expertise.
  - Enhance scholarship on systemic factors that impact health on a global scale and solutions to counter the inequities these factors create within BC, Canada, and internationally.
  - Strengthen UBC's position as a national leader in global health education and research.

Questions/Comments

- R. Wong stated that he is delighted to support this program proposal.



- M. Ansermino stated he was an author on the report that outlined a need for this program. He stated this program seems like a program in national health rather than global health. He stated he sees a need for this program, but that the term “global health” is misleading.
- D. Steel stated that the definition of global health in the program is consistent with how the term is being used today. The program addresses systemic factors that impact health globally.

*Carried with three abstentions and one objection.*

#### **9. CANADA’S IMMUNO-ENGINEERING AND BIOMANUFACTURING HUB (CIEBH) – R. McMaster**

- Dr. Rob McMaster gave a presentation on Canada’s Immuno-Engineering and Biomanufacturing Hub (CIEBH), with accompanying slides.
- The CIEBH is a UBC-led, federally funded national research hub, bringing together expertise from a coalition of partners, aimed at strengthening Canada’s pandemic preparedness and developing lifesaving new medicines that will transform the health of Canadians.
- The Hub will establish a seamless drug development pipeline that will enable Canada to respond to future pandemics and other health challenges in fewer than 100 days.
- Vision of the CIEBH: To become a global leader in accelerating rapid translation of immune-based approaches to health threats through biomanufacturing and implementation, working synergistically with other national hubs.
- Mission of the CIEBH: To harness the collective research and training excellence of our multidisciplinary, multisectoral partners to greatly increase Canadian capacity to translate discovery science in immune-engineering to save more lives, sooner.
- In comparison to the other four national research hubs, the uniqueness of CIEBH revolves around its focus on immune-engineering.
- The CIEBH submitted 17 proposals to Ottawa aligned with CIEBH research priorities on Sept 7, 2023, with a total requested value for CBRF of \$225 million and for BRIF of \$138 million.
- Proposals are out with several peer-review panels, with funding announcement expected by March 2024.

#### **10. OTHER BUSINESS**

No further business was raised.

#### **11. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:59 pm.