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 FACULTY OF NURSING
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MINUTES

MEETING OF THE FACULTY COUNCIL

Wednesday, October 29, 2014
 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Room 270

Present: P. Khan (Chair); M.A. Fegan (Vice-Chair); T. Chan (Secretary); L. Johnston (Dean); J. Angus; Z. Beekhoo; M. Blastorah; E. Cambly; F. Chavez; L. Chow; C. Draig; S. Johnston; A. Karoly; T. Killackey; G. Kim; M. Lyne; J. McMurray; K. Metcalfe; J. Oskarsson; L. Rose; M. Puts; M. Saari; S. Song; R. Stremler; S. Thomas; A. Tourangeau; M. Villeneuve; K. Widger; F. Wynn

Item #	Agenda Item	Presenter	Discussion	Action/Motion
1.0	Opening remarks	P. Khan	The Chair welcomed all members to the first Faculty Council meeting this academic year. Members introduced themselves at the meeting.	
2.0	Approval of Agenda	P. Khan	The agenda was circulated and approved.	Motion was duly moved and seconded
3.0	Approval of Minutes	P. Khan	The minutes of the meeting of June 25, 2014 were circulated and approved.	Motion was duly moved and seconded
4.0	Report from the Dean	L. Johnston	Dean Johnston highlighted some of the events she attended at the Faculty including meeting with new BScN students at the Dean’s Breakfast; and meeting with faculty, staff, students, and partners at the Dean’s Welcome Reception. She also mentioned that input from diverse stakeholders would be very important positioning the Faculty for future success as the Faculty will be in the	

			next phrase of the strategic plan.	
5.0	Reports of Committees			
i)	Admissions Committee	M.A. Fegan & T. Chan	<p>M.A. Fegan mentioned her new role as Chair of Admissions Committee this academic year. The Admissions Committee met once to review admission statistics and to plan ahead for the 2015-16 cycle.</p> <p>T. Chan provided a summary of admission statistics of the BScN and graduate programs for the 2014 intake and pointed out some recent trends of admissions. Refer to Appendix A for full report.</p>	
ii)	Awards Committee	K. Widger & S. Song	<p>K. Widger & S. Song provided a summary of the number of awards and bursaries given for each program during the academic year 2013-14. Council members noticed that the amount of bursaries awarded to students were less comparing to last year and discussed the allocation of undergraduate bursaries.</p> <p>S. Song and P. Khan mentioned that bursaries were only given to students with demonstrated financial need.</p> <p>Refer to Appendix B for full report.</p>	
iii)	Committee on Standing	Z. Beekhoo	<p>Z. Beekhoo presented on the role of the Committee on Standing and drew members' attention to the grading trends of undergraduate and graduate courses.</p> <p>Refer to Appendix C for full report.</p>	
iv)	Curriculum Committee	M. Blastorah	<p>M. Blastorah mentioned her new role as Chair of Curriculum Committee this academic year.</p> <p>She indicated that the proposal to revise the function of Curriculum Committee was approved at the Curriculum Committee meeting in June; and asked about the next step of the approval process.</p>	ACTION: T. Chan will follow up with Governing Council and communicate with Curriculum Committee regarding the governance process for revising the Faculty Council bylaws.

			T. Chan reported that the revised version of the Faculty Council by-laws was already submitted to Governing Council for consultation in June. Governing Council replied that the language should be clarified and suggested that the item to be deferred until this academic year.	
6.0	Report from Nursing Undergraduate Society	J. Struss	<p>J. Struss (NUS Vice-President) presented on the past and current events of NUS. Refer to Appendix D for full report.</p> <p>He also announced that there was a proposal of a new board structure for the University of Toronto Students' Union. Voting on the new board structure will take place on October 29. The proposed structure suggested that the current representation of each faculty would be replaced by the representation of professional faculties. He expressed concerns that this could marginalize the voices of smaller faculties.</p>	
7.0	Report from Graduate Nursing Student Society	M. Saari	<p>M. Saari (GNSS President) highlighted that accessibility was added as a new goal of GNSS this academic year. The GNSS orientation was well-attended.</p> <p>Refer to Appendix E for full report.</p>	
			<p>Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m. Next Meeting: January 28, 2015 (3 - 5 p.m.)</p>	