

**Faculty of Health Sciences**  
**School of Medicine Academic Council (SOMAC)**  
**Minutes of Meeting, Tuesday, January 21, 2014**  
**School of Medicine Building, Room 132A @ 5:00 p.m.**

**1. 1. Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. with approximately 20 people present.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved as circulated.

**3. Approval of the Minutes of October 15, 2013**

It was moved by R. Walker and seconded by R. Deeley that the minutes of October 15, 2013 be approved as circulated. CARRIED

**4. Dean's Report**

**• Educational Initiatives**

The Dean presented a Power Point presentation that outlined several new educational programs in development in both the School of Medicine and the School of Nursing.

1. Queen's-certified mental health training program with Morneau Shepell.
2. International students for Queen's MD.
3. MD/MBA.
4. MSc in Drug Development and Human Toxicology.
5. E-Pre Health Undergraduate Degree.
6. MSc Health Quality/MBA – School of Nursing.
7. MSc Mental Health & Addictions Nurse – School of Nursing.
8. Masters in Health & Aging – Schools of Nursing & Rehabilitation Therapy.

The audience had a number of questions on the first 5 items that Dean responded to. Later in the meeting more specific information about the MD International Initiative was discussed by the Associate Dean Undergraduate Medical Education.

**• Update on School of Medicine Fund Raising Results**

W. Lacey, Director of Advancement, FHS, presented a Power Point presentation on the fund raising results for the Faculty over the past several years. The objective for FHS, within the overall objectives for the University is \$50M, with actual results to

date of \$38M, which is 76% of our goal. This compares to the overall University campaign being 77% of the total fund raising goal.

The Dean spoke to a specific donation from the Estate of Susan Philips, earmarked to scholarships. In this particular case the donor had no ties to the School of Medicine or the University and highlights the unknowns that can occur with gifts.

## **5. Undergraduate Medical Education**

- **MCC Results**

T. Sanfilippo presented a Power Point presentation on the recent MCC results with comparisons to the cumulative results from the other medical schools across Canada. In general our School was slightly above the national average, but not to a significant statistical degree. In those areas where the School was below the national average the Curriculum Committee will review.

- **MD Sessional Dates**

T. Sanfilippo presented the sessional dates for the MD Programme for the 2014-15 academic year.

**It was moved by T. Sanfilippo and seconded by R. Walker that the sessional dates as presented be approved. CARRIED**

- **Accreditation Process**

T. Sanfilippo updated SOMAC on the various areas that the School was working on in preparation for the accreditation visit in March/April of 2015. The Dean thanked the people leading the self-study groups in preparation for accreditation.

- **Admissions**

T. Sanfilippo reported that 4400 students applied to our School. The Admissions Committee have been working on 3 admission streams, (1) MD/PhD; (2) International; and (4) the Traditional entrance stream. After a brief Q & A the Dean stated that our Medical School was the most sought after in Canada on an applicant to available seat basis.

## **6. Postgraduate Medical Education**

- **Revised PGME Assessment, Promotion and Appeals Policy.**

R. Walker advised SOMAC that the changes are the result of a recent appeal. He then provided a brief summary of the changes. A brief discussion then ensued.

**It was moved by R. Walker and Seconded by L. Flynn that the revised PGME Assessment, Promotion and Appeals Policy be approved by SOMAC**

**CARRIED**

**7. Vice-Dean Education**

- L. Flynn presented revised Terms of Reference for the ‘Ron Wigle Mentorship Award’ and the ‘H.F. Pross Educational Technology Award.’ A brief discussion ensued.

**It was moved by L. Flynn and Seconded by R. Deeley that the revised Terms of Reference for both the ‘Ron Wigle Mentorship Award,’ and the ‘H.F. Pross Educational Technology Award’ be approved.**

**CARRIED**

**8. Nominating Committee**

- **MOTION: “On behalf of the Nominating Committee, David Edgar moved that Dr. Laura Milne be appointed to the Progress, Promotion & Remediation Committee with a term ending June 30, 2016.”** Seconded by M. Adams

**CARRIED**

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 6:00 p.m.

David R. Edgar  
Secretary to the School of Medicine