SCHOOL OF HEALTH

COUNCIL OF THE SCHOOL OF HEALTH

Minutes for the meeting held on September 24, 2026, 3:00pm
PC 2.405 and Teams

PRESENT

Voting members:
V. Pepin (Chair), A. Champagne, A. Piekny, R. Reilly (online), L. Kadem (online), N. Repenning (online), K. Toledano (online), C. Bruce (online), C. Plissonneau (online), J. Lui (online), M. D'Amico (online), A. W. Mudiyanselage

Non-voting members:
K. Hall, K, Dunfield (online), S. De Celles (online), L. Roy (Secretary), K. Matias (Recording Secretary)

REGRETS

Voting members:
G. Carr, E. Diamantoudi, T. Evans, L. Barker, S. Shih

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1. **Call to Order**
   The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m.

2. **Approval of the Agenda**
   There being no objections, the agenda was approved as presented. V. Pepin moved, A. Champagne seconded. Carried.

3. **Approval of the Minutes of April 30th, 2026**
   There being no objections, the minutes were approved as presented. V. Pepin moved, A. Piekny seconded. Carried.

4. **Welcome and Introductions**
   The Chair welcomed new and returning council members and conducted a tour de table.

5. **Orientation**
   The Chair provided an overview of the School's mission and vision, along with the membership and powers of the School of Health Council. This included the expectations of attendance and participation at council.

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6. Chair's Remarks

The Chair presented an overview of the School of Health's 2025-2026 highlights, covering a range of activities and accomplishments across the School. Topics included researcher and student membership, research training opportunities and internships, student awards and research grants, academic development initiatives, and notable events.

The Chair noted the success of the two sponsored special-topics courses being offered this year. The Fall course, *Environmental Health and Well-Being*, has reached full enrollment. The Winter course, *Introduction to Public Health in Quebec*, is nearly full and is expected to reach capacity.

The Chair then reviewed the School's priorities for 2026-2027, including planning for the leadership transition and the launch of the BBSE PhD program. The Chair also highlighted several upcoming events scheduled for the year, including the Annual School of Health Conference that will be held on May 20th, 2027.

Members were invited to identify and recommend interns who may be a good fit for School of Health initiatives.

The Chair invited Associate Deans A. Champagne and A. Piekny to present their committees' priorities. A. Piekny outlined the School of Health Research Committee's goals for the coming year, which include defining strategic research priorities, issuing a new biannual call to fund workshops and events for School of Health researcher members, holding the annual call for research proposals for School of Health researcher members, initiatives to strengthen the community among researchers applying for CHR funding with those who have prior experience as grant holders and/or as members of grant review panels, expanding visibility of School of Health researchers through social media, and continuing improvements to infrastructure in the Perform Centre building.

Regarding the Perform Centre, A. Piekny explained that efforts are underway to make research spaces more flexible and adaptable to a wider range of research activities. Members are encouraged to share ideas and suggestions with her. The Chair added that Loyola Health Services has officially relocated to the Perform Centre.

A. Champagne then presented the strategic approaches and priorities of the School of Health Academic Programs Committee for the coming year. Key priorities include admitting students to the Global Health Entrepreneurship Graduate Microprogram, as well as completing the writing and submission, in consultation with all partners, of the full proposal for the PhD in Biomedical and Biological Sciences and Engineering.

7. Question Period

The Chair opened the floor for questions. No questions were raised.

8. **Updates and Announcements**
   Members were invited to share any news or upcoming events. No announcements were made.

   The Chair encouraged members to share information about future events and activities so that they may be promoted to the broader community.

9. **Adjournment**
   The meeting was adjourned at 4:14 p.m. V. Pepin moved, A. Champagne seconded. Carried.

   Next meeting: Thursday, November 5th, 2026, at 3:00 – 4:30 PM, PC 2.405 and Teams

Respectfully submitted,

Kayla Matias
Recording Secretary
Council of the School of Health