

SCHOOL OF HEALTH

**MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING OF
THE COUNCIL OF THE SCHOOL OF HEALTH**

**October 30, 2025 at 3:00pm
PC 2.405 and Zoom**

PRESENT

Voting members:

V. Pepin (Chair), A. Champagne, A. Piekny, R. Reilly (online), C. Bruce (online), L. Kadem, S. Granger (online), L. Barker (online), M. D'Amico (online), S. Shih, A. W. Mudiyansele, K. Toledano, C. Plissonneau

Non-voting members:

C. Poullis (online), K. Hall, S. De Celles, L. Roy (Secretary), A. Mantis (Recording Secretary)

REGRETS

Voting members:

G. Carr, T. Evans, E. Diamantoudi, J-P. Gouin

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Moved and seconded (S. Shih, A. Champagne). Carried.

3. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed the council members and conducted a tour de table.

4. Orientation

The Chair provided an overview of the membership and powers of the School of Health Council. This included the expectations of attendance and participation at council.

5. Chair's Remarks

The Chair provided an overview of the School of Health 2024-2025 Report which touched on the various activities of the School of Health including membership, governance, the School of Health Conference, research training and internships, student awards and research grants, and strategic priorities for this year (2025-26).

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6. Question Period

A delegate member requested more details about the courses which would be created as part of the proposed PhD (BBSE) program. A. Champagne briefly explained that the current program proposal contained seminar courses (coordinated seminars not part of a faculty's teaching load), elective courses (already existing courses offered by the Faculties), an experiential course (internship or lab rotation), and only one new (methods) course to be assigned to a teacher. The Chair explained that both A. Champagne and A. Piekny will be invited to present their committees visions at a future meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

7. School of Health Academic Programs Committee - Approval of Curriculum

7.1 [Dossier HLTH-5840](#) (New Graduate special topics courses)

A. Champagne provided an overview of this curriculum proposal, approved by the School's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC). It proposes the creation of special topics courses (slot courses) The School of Health (SOH) wants such slot courses to support all four Faculties, and our health research and teaching community, by offering transdisciplinary health courses at the graduate level. He explained that the School wants to offer both types of courses (traditional lectures/ seminars as well as hands-on courses such as laboratories or internships, workshops, studio work, etc). The special topics courses proposed include a 1-cr option and a 3-cr option. This would permit the delivery of smaller modules (1cr), regular 3-cr courses, and 4-cr courses by combining 1cr+3cr sections. As an example, a course in public health could be offered by the SOH because it does not fit within one particular academic unit, but would be of great value to students from several units who have a solid background for a career in public health, but lack specific knowledge in the field (e.g., Applied Human Sciences, Geography, Planning and Environment, HKAP, Psychology, Creative Arts Therapies, etc.). It would bridge the gap between their education and employment opportunities, and meet a need expressed by the public health sector at *La Table des partenaires universitaires de l'Institut National de Santé Publique*.

It was explained that the teaching would not overload full-time faculty members from partner Faculties as it would be co-taught (1-cr blocs) or offered via part-time faculty members.

A member questioned whether there was a discussion regarding the course credit value and if offering a 4-credit course was possible. A. Champagne elaborated that offering both 3 credits and 1 credit courses allowed most flexibility and the creation of 3+1 assemblies for students requiring a 4-cr course. university.

Moved and seconded (A. Champagne, A. Piekny). The motion was carried unanimously.

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7.2 [Dossier HLTH-5918](#) (New Undergraduate special topics courses)

A. Champagne provided an overview of this curriculum proposal, approved by the School's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC). The discussion was very similar to the one for the previous dossier, but with the crucial difference that this dossier would be creating special topics courses at an advanced undergraduate level. When appropriate these courses could be cross-listed with the graduate ones.

A member questioned whether such courses could draw enrollment from existing courses in the Faculties. A. Champagne answered that whenever possible and relevant, SOH courses would be cross-listed in the Faculties. Any student enrollment via such cross-listed courses would send resources directly to the Faculties rather than the SOH. The interest of the SOH is to support, complement existing training opportunities, attract new students, but never compete with the four Faculties.

A member questioned if a special topics course would show up on a transcript if a student takes the course multiple times with different topics since the course number will always be the same. It was explained that, because this is a special topics course, the title of the "topics" will show on the transcript, in addition to the course number. S. De Celles confirmed that when reporting to government, it would show as two different courses.

Moved and seconded (A. Champagne, C. Bruce). The motion was carried unanimously.

Updates and Announcements

8. Overview of expectations

The Chair explained the overall expectations regarding updates and announcements from members at the council meetings, and highlighted the items to share such as upcoming events, any curriculum ideas, research opportunities, partnership opportunities, etc.

R. Reilly asked if council would help in advertising a new CRC position in traumatic brain injury & community engagement. The Chair encouraged the member to send it to the School of Health for it to be shared via our social media networks and Research News Bulletin.

The Chair shared that the School of Health will be hosting a social event on December 2, 2025 from 2:00-4:00pm in the CJ Atrium. More details to come.

Other

9. Adjournment

Moved and seconded (S. Shih, A. Piekny). Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.



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Next meeting: December 4, 2025, 3:00-4:30pm, PC 2.405 and Zoom

Respectfully submitted,

Anthoula Mantis
Recording Secretary
Council of the School of Health