



HEALTH SCIENCES DEANS COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

Purpose

The purpose of the Health Sciences Deans Committee is to advise the Provost and Vice-President Academic on health science matters that relate to University processes including but not limited to: the vision and mission, integrated planning, finance, resources, operations, risk management, and outreach and engagement for the health sciences at the University of Saskatchewan.

Responsibilities

- The Committee links the collective strategic planning and directions of the health sciences with the priorities of stakeholders, member programs and the University.
- The Committee provides a strong, collective voice for health sciences education and research.
- The Committee builds on the collective strengths of its members to provide advice regarding the operations of health sciences facilities, sharing of resources, and accessing new resources to generate efficiencies.

Roles

The Committee advises the Associate Provost, Health on matters relating to advancing, supporting, and evaluating progress in the Health Sciences, including:

- Interprofessional education curriculum development, implementation, and evaluation.
- Interdisciplinary health research activities.
- Indigenization initiatives, including indigenous engagement and integration of indigenous health concepts into health professional curricula.
- Clinical simulation in health professional education, specifically as it relates to the use of the Clinical Learning Resource Center.
- Operations, facilities, resources, finance needs, and issues related to USask Health Sciences.
- Interprofessional/interdisciplinary engagement opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students.

Membership

Voting Members

- Associate Provost, Health (chair)
- Deans of:
 - Arts & Science
 - Dentistry
 - Kinesiology

- Medicine
- Nursing
- Pharmacy and Nutrition
- University Library
- Western College of Veterinary Medicine
- Associate Dean Rehabilitation Science
- Leader Public Health

Non-Voting Members

- Clerical/administrative support
- In addition to this core membership, the following resource personnel will be periodically invited to attend and provide updates in their respective areas of responsibility:
 - Interprofessional Education Lead
 - Interdisciplinary Research Lead
 - Indigenous Health Lead
 - USask HS, Director of Operations
 - USask HS, Director, Clinical Learning Services
 - USask HS, Associate Director, Collaborative Research
 - USASK HS, Associate Director, Academic Programs & Interprofessional Education

Resources to the Committee

- Clerical/administrative report
- Chairs Interprofessional Education Advisory Committee (IPEAC), Research Advisory Committee (RAC), and Indigenous Health Committee (IHC); if different than the leads.

Governance

- The Committee will be chaired by the Associate Provost, Health.
- The Committee will normally make its decisions by consensus. If consensus cannot be achieved, the Committee will function by a majority vote of voting members. It will be at the discretion of the chair to call for votes on matters arising.

Meetings

- The Committee will meet a minimum of 6 times per year. Dates will be provided a year in advance and additional meetings will be at the discretion of the chair, or upon written request supported by 3 or more voting members.

Reporting

- The Committee reports to the Provost and Vice-President Academic and advises the Associate Provost, Health.

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