

# Health sciences strategic priority initiatives

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# Health sciences background

- **1980s** – Formation of the first health science deans group at USask.
- **2003** – Provincial government investment of \$350M in Health Sciences Building.
- **2009** – Review of Health Sciences Governance.
- **2014** – Report to the Provost on the Council of Health Science Deans (*known as “The Bond Report”*).
- Since 2015, the Office of the Provost and Vice-President Academic has held a leadership role in the health sciences at USask.
- **2021** – Provincial government funding for strategic initiatives.



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School of Environment and Sustainability

School of Public Health

School of Public Policy

School of Rehabilitation Science

University Library

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*NOTE: Working with the associate provost, health, senior leaders from highlighted units provide administrative leadership for health science programming and research through the Health Sciences Deans Committee (HSDC).*



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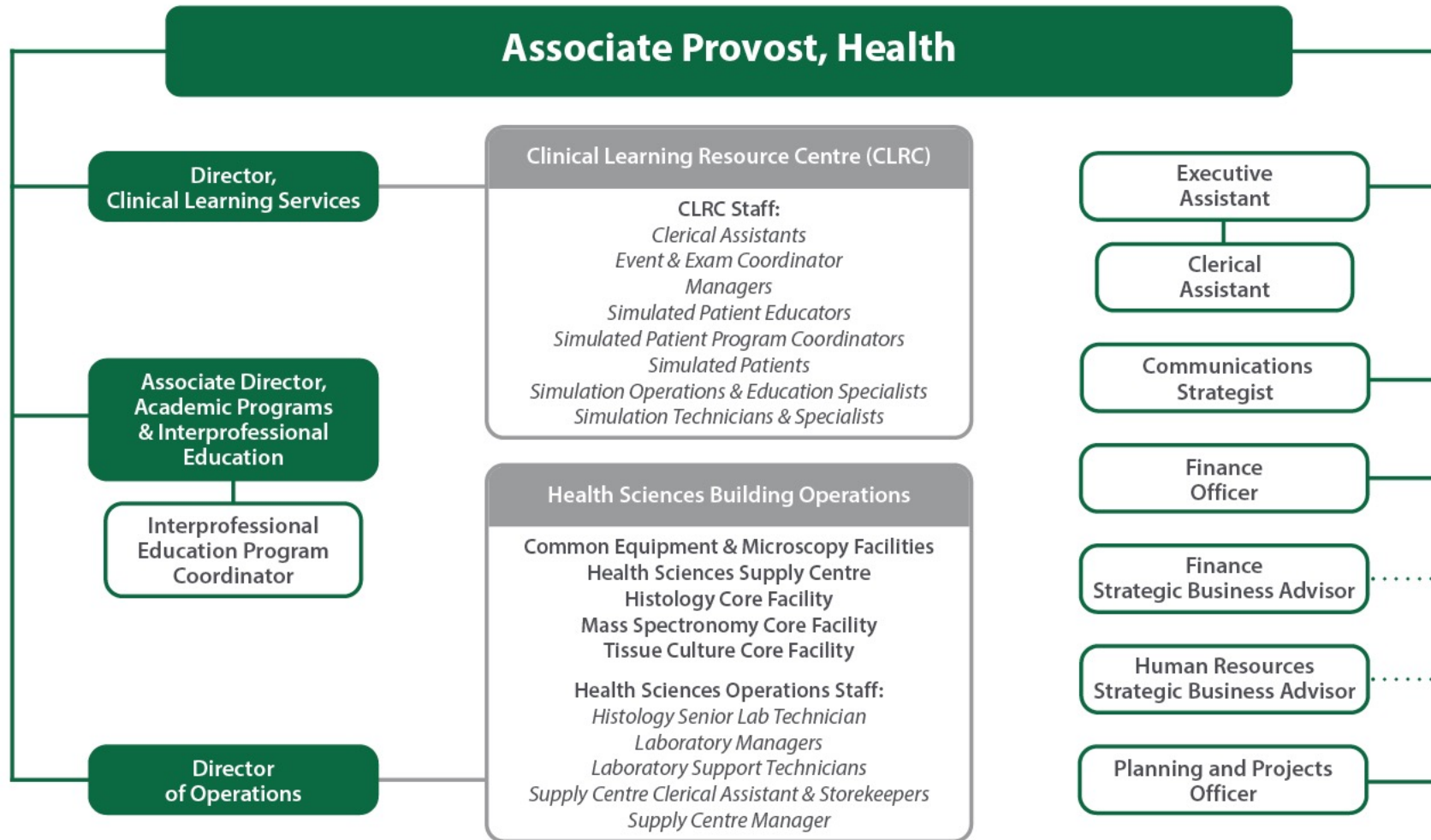


**The USask Health Sciences supports the university's vision to become the university the world needs by fostering excellence in interprofessional practices, interdisciplinary life, and health science discovery and by integrating education, research, policy, and practices to improve health outcomes for the diverse Peoples of Saskatchewan, Canada, and the world.**

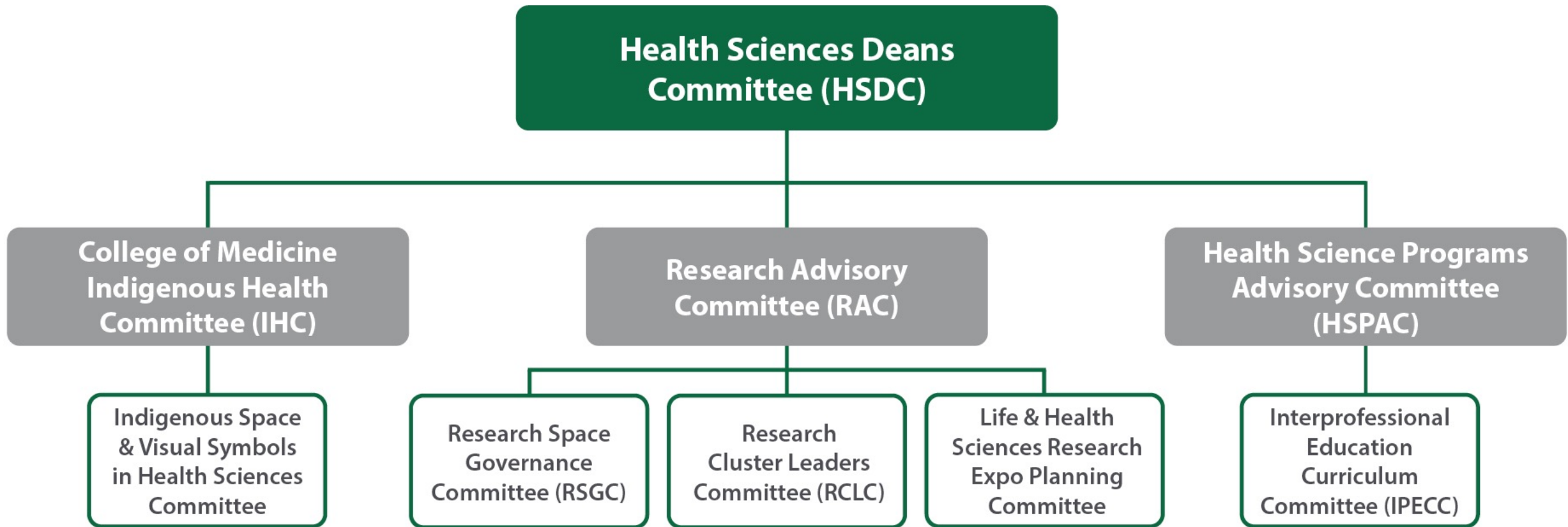
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# USask Health Sciences



## ORGANIZATIONAL CHART





# Strategic Priority Initiatives

Advancing our academic and research priorities  
and aspirations, within our means.





# Reorganization project

The health sciences reorganization project will work to define a governance framework that will amplify each of the disciplines in the health sciences and model ways to connect while advancing shared academic and research priorities. The project is seeking to enhance collaboration between the university's health science colleges, schools, and the administrative USask Health Sciences unit.

The project will:

- undertake an environmental scan of comparator institutions
- map the current state of internal USask structures
- engage with stakeholders to develop a comprehensive understanding of what “stands in the way” of collaboration
- develop a proposed “future state” organizational structure and articulate the administrative, governance, and budgetary infrastructure that will be required to facilitate implementation of the future state

Any proposed changes will be implemented after approval via the standard USask tricameral governance processes.



# Shared courses project

The shared courses project will assess opportunities to deliver shared health science courses to students in the university's health science colleges and schools and will develop any required supporting policies, procedures, and infrastructure to enable these courses.

This initiative will be piloted by investigating opportunities to share new and existing Indigenous health and wellness courses. The project will work in partnership with — and benefit from the momentum built by — the tuition bridge funded project which is currently developing an online introductory professionalism common course for health science students.

The project will:

- undertake curriculum mapping of HS colleges courses and identify possible course that can be shared;
- Identify the academic home for shared courses;
- Identify revenue sharing model for shared courses;
- seek appropriate academic approval
- pilot a sharing arrangement for new and existing Indigenous health and wellness courses



# Timeline



# Questions and feedback

Contact a steering committee representative  
or a project member from the USask Health Sciences



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