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Message from the Dean

Catharine Whiteside

William Osler once said that "the best preparation for tomorrow is to do today's work superbly well." Count strategic planning as one of those crucial activities which is required to ensure our Faculty is prepared for the future.

The last time our Faculty of Medicine initiated a strategic planning exercise, it was the fall of 2007 with a [report](#) released that December, and the results of that process have had a tangible effect on the

direction and practice within this Faculty and across the academic medical and research community in Toronto. But strategic planning is an ongoing process which requires constant assessment, measurement and analysis.

With that in mind, the Faculty is embarking on the development of its five year academic and strategic plan for 2011-2016. This plan will build on the University's many strengths and successes, putting forth a clear plan that understands, appreciates, and truly invests in the value of what an integrated Faculty and its affiliates can create on a national and global stage. The result will be a plan that values and supports innovation, nurtures integration, and results in meaningful impact.

In an institution as large and complex as ours, this process requires outside support, and to that end, we have engaged the firm [Corpus Sanchez Consultancy Inc. \(CSI\)](#) to facilitate the process, develop a detailed plan and support the leadership of the Faculty. CSI has a great deal of experience in this area and we are pleased to have them on board for this project.

To be effective, any strategic planning process must create the conditions that allow for effective and robust internal and external engagement that brings multiple partners to the table and allows them to have a voice, and a stake, in the development of the plan. Therefore, an extensive consultation strategy was launched earlier this month, with CSI focusing initially on internal consultations within the Faculty and extending to our external partners in April and May. The process will culminate with a retreat in June, where all of the input and planning information will be presented to help build our strategic plan and implementation tactics.

Together, we have achieved a great deal in realizing our vision of international leadership in health research and education. This initiative is designed to help us build on our goals and accomplishments and I look forward to collaborating with you on the development of our new strategic plan.

Catharine Whiteside, Dean, Faculty of Medicine

IN THE NEWS:

Toronto team aims for a drug to make tumors hyper-sensitive to radiation

Researchers create organic nanoparticle: uses sound and heat to find, treat tumors

Toronto Star on U of T research into concussions in kids' hockey

Ultra-long acting insulin effective with three injections weekly, says U of T researcher

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1. Academic Appointments

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Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to announce that Academic Board has approved the appointment of Glen Bandiera as Associate Dean, Postgraduate Medical Education (Admissions and Evaluation), commencing July 1st, 2011 for a five year term. In this role, he will be responsible for all entry level admissions to PGME as well as the R3 and R4 matches, for internal reviews and for all evaluation functions in the Office of the Vice Dean, PGME.

Dr. Bandiera is an Associate Professor in the Department of Medicine. He joined the Faculty in 1998 and was Program Director for the RCPSC Emergency Medicine Residency Program until 2008. He is currently Director of Postgraduate Programs for the Department of Medicine, Director of Postgraduate Medical Education as well as Chief, Emergency Medicine at St. Michael's Hospital. His experience in leadership positions in medical education include current membership on the Education Scholars Program Steering Committee, Chair of the PGME Internal Review Committee, member of the RCPSC Accreditation Committee, RCPSC/CFPC Joint Task Force on Accreditation, and Past-President of the Canadian Association for Medical Education (CAME).

Dr. Bandiera is a highly regarded teacher, having received various teaching awards such the PGME Award for Program Development and Innovation, Teacher of the Year Award from the Department of Medicine, the Helen Batty Award for Teaching in Faculty Development, and the Charles Mickle Fellowship Award for Sustained and Distinguished Contribution to Postgraduate Medicine. Dr. Bandiera is viewed as an expert in the development of standardized assessment tools and evaluation methods for

teachers and residents, and leads the Best Practices for Teaching Assessment Task Force. He is actively involved in research supervision of medical graduate students and holds an Associate Faculty appointment with the School of Graduate Studies, Institute for Medical Sciences.

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Bandiera on his appointment.

Sincerely,

Catharine Whiteside, MD, PhD, FRCPC
Dean, Faculty of Medicine
Vice Provost Relations with Health Care Institutions
and
Salvatore Spadafora, MD, FRCPC, MHPE
Vice Dean, Postgraduate Medical Education, Faculty of Medicine

2. Honours and Awards

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Graduate Faculty Teaching Awards

The winners of the 2010-2011 Graduate Faculty Teaching Awards have been selected and will be presented with their award at the 9th Annual Education Achievement Celebration on April 26, 2011.

Avrum Gotlieb (Department of Laboratory Medicine & Pathobiology) has been awarded the Sustained Contribution to Excellence in Graduate Teaching award. This award recognizes sustained contribution(s) to any aspect of graduate teaching including a course, curriculum development, graduate program administration, graduate student supervision or academic role modeling.

Tom Chau (Institute of Biomaterials and Biomedical Engineering, Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital) won the Graduate Student Mentorship award. This award recognizes sustained (more than 5 years) contribution to graduate student mentorship.

This year two professors who were equally outstanding and deserving were selected to receive the Early Career Excellence award. The award will be given to **Evelyn Lambe** (Department of Physiology) and **Richard P. Bazinet** (Department of Nutritional Sciences). The award recognizes outstanding contribution to the training and experience of graduate students, as evidenced by excellence in teaching, supervision or mentorship and dedication to students.

David Keeling Award for Administrative Excellence

James Lau is the recipient of the 2010-2011 David Keeling Award for Administrative Excellence. James first joined the Faculty of Medicine as a summer student in June 1980. In September 1980 he began his work as a Laboratory Technician. Over the course of the past 30 years, James has worked his way through various roles to his current position of Assistant Director, Division of Teaching Labs (DTL), where, among other

responsibilities, he now oversees the operation of more than 25 courses in 28 laboratory classrooms. His contributions to the enhancement of learners' experiences are significant. James assisted with the design and implementation of the MED Youth Summer Program (<http://www.ysp.utoronto.ca/medicine>) geared towards introducing high school students in grades 10 and 11 to experimental research, and works continually with the Office of Health Professions Student Affairs to deliver other community outreach programs. James also oversees DTL's Yeast Culture Media project where customized solid and liquid media are prepared for researchers in the faculty at reasonable rates and with quick delivery times. He is well known and respected by faculty and students alike; for his collaboration in creating lab courses and experiments to enhance the students' knowledge base; his dedication to ensuring that the Division of Teaching Labs has the best, most up-to-date technologies available for use by both parties; and, his sincere and caring approach to ensuring that everyone has as positive an experience as possible while interacting with DTL.

Medical Student Research Day 2011

The 25th annual Medical Student Research Day was held on Thursday February 17th at the 89 Chestnut Residence Grande Ballroom. 110 MD students and 15 MD/PhD students from the University of Toronto participated and showcased a total of 125 abstracts in poster form. George Brown Memorial Scholarships were awarded to students judged to have the best poster presentations in several different categories. Congratulations to all of this year's winners! They are:

Basic Science: Kamini Raghuram (1T2)

Supervisor: Dr. Connie Eaves: Terry Fox Laboratory, BC Cancer Agency
Poster: The role of NUP98-HOXA9 in the progression of chronic myeloid leukemia

Clinical: Brian Li (1T3)

Supervisor: Dr. Brian Courtney: Department of Imaging Research, Sunnybrook Research Institute, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre
Poster: Hybrid intravascular ultrasound and optical coherence tomography catheter for imaging of coronary atherosclerosis

Health Care: Calvin Johnston (1T3)

Supervisor: Dr. Nancy Baxter: Keenan Research Centre, St. Michael's Hospital
Poster: A decision analysis for the management of patients with early, low rectal cancer

International Health: Stephanie Tom (1T2)

Supervisor: Dr. Sumeet Sodhi and Dr. Monique van Lettow: Dignitas International (Zomba, Malawi) and Department of Family and Community Medicine, Toronto Western Hospital
Poster: Saying no! to antiretroviral therapy (ART): Patient fears and missed windows of opportunity as major barriers to uptake of HIV services by TB and TB/HIV patients at Zomba Central Hospital (ZCH), Malawi

MD/PhD: Andrew Perrin

Supervisor: Dr. Brent Derry: Program in Developmental and Stem Cell Biology, The Hospital for Sick Children

Poster: A PDK1-independent regulatory pathway for Akt in vivo

CREMS Scholar I (New Category): Shelly Luu (1T3)

Supervisor: Dr. Carol-Anne Moulton: The Wilson Centre for Research in Education, University of Toronto and University Health Network

Poster: A surgeon's reaction to error

DOCH II (New Category): Jessica Leen (1T3)

Supervisor: Dr. Roger S. McIntyre: Department of Psychiatry, University Health Network

Poster: The role of personality dimensions in mediating or moderating the functionality of patients diagnosed with mood disorders: Results from an International Mood Disorders Collaborative Project

MSRD 2011 Promotional Poster

Designed by: Avi Ramsaroop (1T3)

The MSRD organizing committee would like to thank **Dr. Lisa Robinson**, Hospital for Sick Children for her enlightening keynote address to the medical students and a special thanks to the cadre of judges who provided their time to read and adjudicate the many posters.

Lastly, the Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto, would like to thank the 2011 MSRD student organizing committee members, Greg Costain, Jenny Jin, Nigel Munce, and staff members Vanessa Shaffie and Angela Henshilwood for their efforts in making this day successful!

3. Announcements

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Canadian Conference of Medical Education 2011

Symphony of Cultures - Official CCME Social Event

As host Faculty for the annual Canadian Conference on Medical Education (CCME), the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Toronto is honoured to invite you to the official conference social event.

Join us as we offer a sampling of food delicacies and musical performances which reflect our city's rich mosaic of cultures. Expect a fun, informal evening you won't soon forget.

Monday, May 9, 2011

6:30 - 10:00 pm

Roy Thomson Hall, Toronto

Cost: \$70/person

Purchase your social event ticket with your regular conference registration. For more information, visit www.ccme2011.utoronto.ca

Save the Date - Faculty of Medicine Alumni & Friends Event

The Faculty of Medicine will also be holding a community event for our alumni, faculty and staff during CCME. Please join us for the chance to reconnect with the Faculty of Medicine and catch up with former classmates.

Saturday, May 7, 2011
6:00 to 8:30 pm
Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel
Civic Ballroom North

RSVP online at <http://alumni.utoronto.ca/communityevent> or call (416) 978-3588. For more information, please contact Morgan Tilley at morgan.tilley@utoronto.ca or at (416) 978-3588.

Education Achievement Celebration

The Education Vice-Deans are pleased to invite the Faculty of Medicine community to join the 9th annual Education Achievement Celebration, a Faculty-wide forum to celebrate and reward excellence in teaching. Poster presentations will showcase some of the innovative educational scholarship within the Faculty. The Celebration will be held on **Tuesday, April 26, 2011 from 4:15pm to 7:00pm** in the Grand Ballroom of the Chestnut Residence. The Keynote Address, "Learning from a Red Squirrel", will be given by Reinhart Reithmeier, Professor and Chair, Department of Biochemistry. Please **RSVP** online by April 15th, 2011. For additional information, visit:

<http://www.facmed.utoronto.ca/about/governance/council/celebrate.htm>.

Office of Continuing Education Research and Development Internal Grants - Spring 2011 Cycle

The Office of CEPD is now soliciting submissions for the Spring 2011 Office of Continuing Education Research and Development Grants. These grants have been offered three times per year since 1997, and are intended to support projects (up to \$5,000.00) that directly relate to the planning, implementation, delivery and evaluation of continuing education for health professionals. Examples might include a needs assessment and methods of evaluation to measure the impact of continuing education activities on health professional competence or behaviour.

For further information and details, please go to http://www.cepd.utoronto.ca/?page_id=212 or contact Vashty Hawkins at vashty.hawkins@utoronto.ca. A downloadable application form and deadlines/criteria are available at the above link, along with a list of past successful applicants. The deadline for spring nominations is **Friday, April 22, 2011 at 5:00pm**. A list of past successful recipients here can be found at http://www.cepd.utoronto.ca/?page_id=583.

Should you require an extension, please contact Ms. Hawkins directly.

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CIHR Strategic Training Program for Advanced Genetic Epidemiology (STAGE)

CIHR STAGE invites applications from exceptional pre- and postdoctoral candidates for a new training and career development opportunity designed to cross-train individuals in genetic epidemiology and statistical genetics at the interface of genetics and population health science. The program, hosted at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health of the University of Toronto, operates in close partnership with affiliated institutions and is funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research. For more information, please visit www.stage.utoronto.ca or contact Esther Berzunza via at esther.berzunza@utoronto.ca or by phone at 416-946-7245.

5. Call for Nominations

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2011 External Education and Teaching Awards - Deadline May 31st, 2011

The Faculty of Medicine Education and Teaching and Awards Committee reviews proposed nominations for external awards twice annually. To ensure sufficient lead time for adjudication and preparation of nomination dossiers, the internal nomination deadlines are set well in advance of deadlines for final submission. The Education Vice-Deans are now calling for internal nominations for the following external awards with fall/winter deadlines:

Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada (AFMC)
Award for Outstanding Contribution to Faculty Development in Canada
Young Educators Award
John Ruedy Award for Innovation in Medical Education
May Cohen Gender Equity Award
President's Award

Canadian Association for Medical Education (CAME)
New Educator's Award
Ian Hart Award for Distinguished Contribution to Medical Education

Canadian Medical Association (CMA)
May Cohen Award for Women Mentors
Award for Young Leaders

Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC)
The Duncan Graham Award

University of Toronto
President's Teaching Award

For additional information about eligibility criteria and nomination procedures, visit: <http://www.facmed.utoronto.ca/staff/teach/external.htm>. Nominations must include: the name of the award, a summary paragraph or statement explaining why the nominee is suitable for this award, a current CV for the nominee, and a teaching dossier (if available).

Please submit nominations electronically to Jeananne Robertson at edudeans@utoronto.ca by end of day on **Tuesday, May 31st, 2011**.

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Research Grants

- [CIHR - Recently Announced Open Operating Grants - Fall 2010](#)
- [CIHR Knowledge Synthesis Grants](#)
- [CIHR Meetings, Planning & Dissemination Grants](#)

~ Our congratulations to all! ~

Upcoming Award Deadlines

March

Canadian Academy of Health Sciences Fellows
Order of Ontario

April

World Food Prize
CCS Robert Noble Prize
CCS Warwick Award
CCS Young Investigator
Order of Canada

May

J. Allyn Taylor International Prize in Medicine (Stem Cell Research)
Bower Award and Prize for Achievement in Science
Thomas Starzl Prize in Surgery and Immunology
Killam Research Prize

For any queries regarding awards, please contact: Nathan Carson
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Resources:

- [Henry Stewart Talks \(University of Toronto Libraries\)](#)
- [Faculty of Medicine Equipment Repair Centre](#)
- [UHN Shanghai Custom Chemical Synthesis](#)

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