

Report of the Ad-hoc Committee to review the Faculty Centres.

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The committee was formed to provide an interim review of the first year of operation for the Centre for Healthy Aging and Community Engaged Scholarship (CHA) and the Centre for Outreach and Community Care, in compliance with policy and procedure 31.01.001. Each centre provided an annual report in compliance with the policy. The committee developed a set of working questions to review the annual reports in comparison to the proposals for the Centres that were presented to Faculty Council in 2013. A summary of thoughts centering on these working questions has been returned to the faculty members working within the centers for their consideration. An overall summary for each centre is presented below, along with the recommendation to Faculty Council.

Centre for Healthy Aging and Community Engaged Scholarship

The annual report for the CHA gave a good demonstration of the evidence of things accomplished and was aligned with the mission and goals of the centre. There seems to be a lot of project development happening, which is related to the submission of research grants in partnership with community by the Project Manager. The committee had questions about the implications of the extent of work for the current staffing. The faculty member input on the working group seemed to be strong at the beginning of the year and dwindled as the year went on. The committee felt there was a need to refocus on educational activities and engaging faculty in developing the center activities (rather than responding). For example, the staff person could be encouraging the connections between community and relevant faculty research and educational programming. There is a distinct lack of planning in relation to a sustainable budget. The centre is currently \$9000 in deficit and has been additionally supported through HHS cost recovery and carry forward funding, as a result of unsuccessful grant applications.

Recommendation: The work thus far has been wonderful and extensive. The work of the Centre should continue and the faculty working group should be re-energized to review the vision and mission, objectives and develop an administrative structure that is financially sustainable and focused on education and connecting faculty with scholarly activities.

Centre for Outreach and Community Care

The committee was impressed with the powerful work related to bringing a social justice lens to programming and with the community-based assessment work that laid the foundation for future work in the center. The summary of the research findings was not included with the annual report, and was subsequently requested by the committee. The committee noted that it was difficult to identify the difference between the CYC faculty expanding or adjusting how their practicum was carried out and the Centre for Outreach and Community Care. There did not appear to be any faculty other than CYC involved and an advisory group separate from the CYC program and faculty was not mentioned in the report. The value of a separate entity, and goals related to that entity (the Centre), should be made clear. It would be important to have an advisory committee that reflects citizens in the Harewood community as well as service providers and faculty. Encouraging partnerships with other programs to respond to the needs of the Harewood community also seems important. A budget plan that addresses sustainability also needs to be developed within the framework of the policy.

Recommendation: The potential is very exciting and preliminary progress has been made. Recommend continuation of the center with the development of a planned budget and separate advisory committee (citizens, faculty, and service providers). Recommend consultation with outside expertise regarding scholarly activity connected to the Centre.