

FACULTY OF MEDICINE & DENTISTRY Social Accountability Steering Committee

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Office of Accountability:	Dean, Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry
Office of Administrative Responsibility:	Social Accountability Unit
Approver:	Social Accountability Steering Committee
Scope:	Terms of Reference

Overview

The Social Accountability Steering Committee provides direction to the Social Accountability Lead on matters related to the design, implementation and evaluation of policies and practices that ensure the Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry meets its social accountability mandate.

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of the Social Accountability Steering Committee is to provide guidance to the Faculty via the Social Accountability Lead on how to meet its social accountability mandate.

2. Responsibilities

The Social Accountability Steering Committee will be responsible for:

¹ Updated to Reflect: Access, Community and Belonging (ACB)

- 2.1 Developing a community engagement strategy based on best practices
- 2.2 Identifying priority populations and tailoring engagement strategies to their unique needs and circumstances
- 2.3 Identifying the key health priorities of the populations served by the Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry²
- 2.3 Completing an inventory of existing work within the Faculty related to social accountability
- 2.4 Developing and supporting strategies that facilitate the implementation and dissemination of best practices related to social accountability
- 2.5 Developing and implementing an evaluation plan to track key outcome measures that are jointly determined by the Steering Committee and the community engagement process
- 2.6 Supporting the Social Accountability Lead in their work with the Office of Advancement to identify areas of philanthropic need related to social accountability

3. Governance and Reporting

3.1 The Social Accountability Lead for the Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry reports to the Dean. The Social Accountability Lead will provide updates on behalf of the committee to the Dean's Executive Committee, Department Chairs and Faculty Council as required.

4. Composition

4.1 Chair (Appointed):

Social Accountability Lead, Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry

4.2 Members (Appointed):

Social Accountability Lead, UME

Black Health Lead, UME or delegate

Wâpanachakos Indigenous Health Program, Executive Director or delegate Wâpanachakos Indigenous Health Program, Clinician Lead, Education Office of Rural and Regional Health, Director or delegate

Research representative

Vice President, Community Engagement, Medical Students' Association or delegate

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² Updated to include subsection 2.3

Vice President, ACB, Medical Students' Association or delegate

School of Dentistry representative

Assistant Dean Access, Community & Belonging, Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry

Director of Access and Pluralism, PGME

Social Accountability Program Coordinator, Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry

Director, Radiation Therapy Program, Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry - Oncology Dept

Director, Division of Medical Laboratory Science, Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry³

4.3 Members (Selected):

Graduate Student

PGME trainees (2)

4.4 Ad-hoc Members:

Assistant Dean, Development, Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry

5. Meetings

- 5.1 The Social Accountability Steering Committee will meet at pre-arranged times, with additional meetings at the discretion of the Chair
- 5.2 Meetings will be held approximately monthly
- 5.3 Meeting minutes will be retained
- 5.4 All decisions will be made by consensus; if consensus does not emerge through discussion, then a summary of the issue along with differing viewpoints will be submitted to the Dean for a final decision

6. Duration of term

6.1 Committee terms for selected members will be 3 years, with an option to renew for a second two year term.

³ Updated to include Director, Division of Medical Laboratory Science