

Meeting Minutes

Committee	FoMD Faculty Council		
Members:	Dr. B. Hemmelgarn (Chair) As set out in the <i>Post-Secondary Learning Act</i> <i>Quorum is represented by those faculty members member present.</i>	Date :	May 27, 2025
		Time:	4:00pm
Called to Order:	4:00pm	Location:	Via Zoom
Guests	None	Scribe:	Erin Neil
Approval of agenda	Approved by consensus with no additions.		
Approval of previous meeting Minutes	Date: March 25, 2025 MOVED by H. Ostergaard and SECONDED by G. Funk to approve the minutes as circulated. ALL IN FAVOUR. CARRIED.		
Meeting Attachments:	All attachments provided via email May 6, 2025		

Topic	Summary	Action by whom	Target Date	Status
1. Dean's Report	Dr. B. Hemmelgarn provided update: International Office • Dr. XinMin Li completed his 5-year term as Associate Dean, International. • External review conducted by Dr. David Ponka (Ottawa) and Dan Frederick (UAlberta). • Focus: governance structure and future priorities of the International Office. • Programs include Alberta Institute at Wenzhou Medical University (first cohort graduating June), Global Health Sciences, and International Faculty Development. • Final report and recommendations to be presented at Fall Faculty Council. Strategic Plan – Vision 2025 • Now in final year of implementation. • Ongoing quarterly reviews with Dean's Executive Committee. • Fall town hall planned to recognize achievements. • Work to begin on next strategic plan later this fall/winter; opportunities for faculty input. Convocation – June 13 • FoMD convocation to be held Friday, June 13. • Honorary Degree recipient: Dr. Michel Sadelain (UAlberta PhD graduate; pioneer of CAR T-cell immunotherapy; Columbia University). • Faculty encouraged to attend in person or online. Vice Dean Research Transition • Appreciation extended to Dr. Richard Lehner for his service as Vice Dean, Research (Biomedical) (term ending June). • Achievements include research leadership during COVID, strengthening core facilities, and advancing oversight of institutes and research programs. • Dr. Joanne Lemieux appointed as incoming Vice Dean, Research (Biomedical) effective July 1. New Faculty Appointments			

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	Welcome extended to all new faculty members.			
2. Deputy Dean Report	Dr. T. Stelfox provided update:  Deputy Dean Update (Deputy Dean Update.pdf)			
3. PGME Accreditation	Dr. L. Cheung provided update:  PGM Accreditation Update (PGM Accreditation Update.pdf)			
4. Vice-Faculty Affairs				
a. Update	Dr. E. Yacyshyn provided update: Associate Dean, Faculty Development: Search and recommendation process underway. Appreciation extended to Dr. Lang for her contributions in this role. FAR System: Faculty Annual Reporting opened May 1; closes October 1. All faculty are reminded to complete submissions. AMHSP Members: NOUS Group survey request circulated. Links have been shared; members are asked to complete. Committee Nominations: Call for nominations issued May 23 (via UAlberta email). Open until June 4; voting begins June 6. Open seats include: GFC, FEC, AMHSP, North Sector Steering Committee, Nominating Committee, Faculty Academic Appeals Committee, Faculty Learning Committee, Faculty Academic Standards, Promotions, Medical Sciences Library, and MD Admissions. Faculty are encouraged to participate; questions welcomed. FSO Standards – Letters of Reference  FSO Standards Letters of Reference (FSO Standards Letters of Reference.pdf) Motion: That Faculty Council approve to change the current FoMD FSO Standards requirement for reference letters from five (5) letters from referees to three (3) letters from referees, which all are external to the University of Alberta, for promotion to FSO III Teaching Professor or FSO IV Teaching Professor. Moved by: E. Yacyshyn. Seconded by: V. Daniels. Opened for discussion. Vote: 98% in favour. Carried.			
b. Clinical Faculty Promotions	Dr. S. Dong provided update:  Clinical Faculty Promotions (Clinical Faculty Promotions.pdf)			
c. GFC Update	 GFC Report (GFC Report.pdf)			
5. Vice-Deans Research				
a. Updated – Clinical	Dr. N. Pannu provided: - Appointment: Dr. Elizabeth Wilcox appointed Director, Neuroscience and Mental Health Institute, effective July 1 (5-year term). - Recognition: Appreciation extended to Dr. Doug Zochodne for 10 years of service to NMHI as Institute Director. - Search: Recruitment underway for Director, Li Ka Shing Institute; updates to follow.			

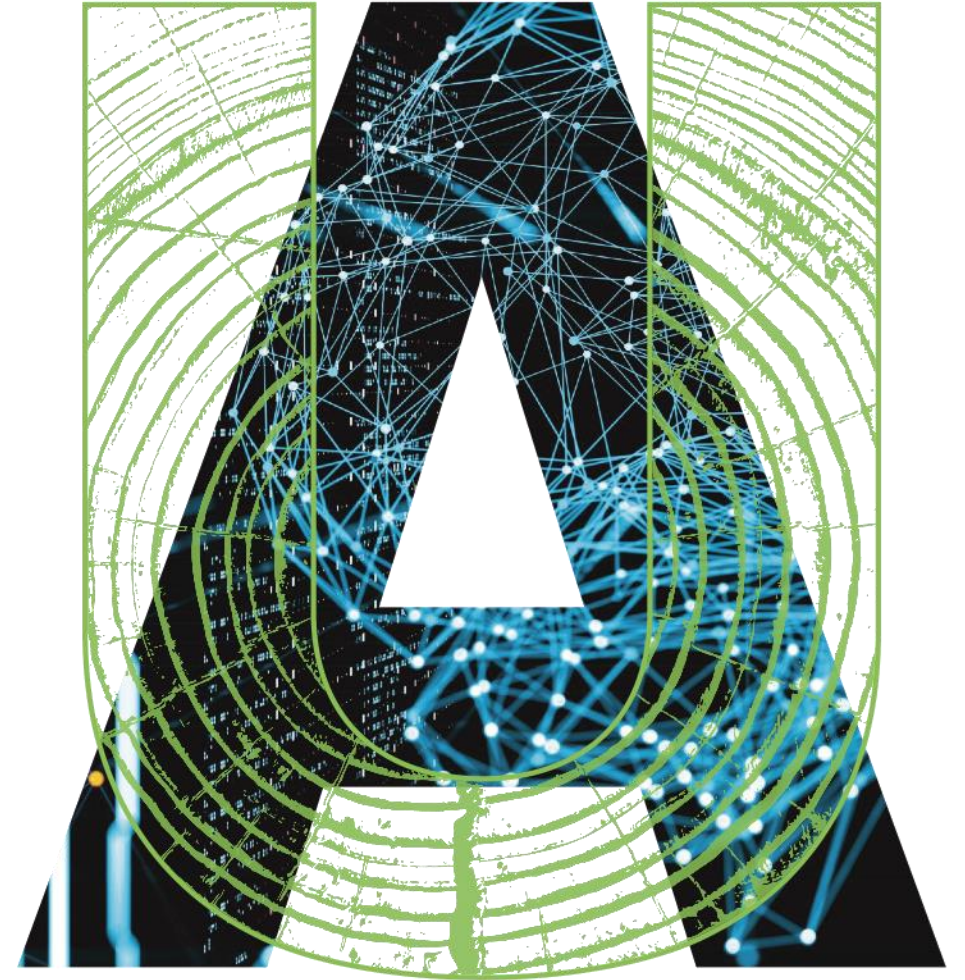
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b. Update – Basic	Dr. R. Lehner provided: - Canada Research Chairs (CRC): Faculty holds 14 Tier 1 and 19 Tier 2 CRCs. Recent nominations included 2 new Tier 1 awards (Dr. S. Davidson, Dr. P. Kaul, Medicine) and 4 Tier 2 renewals (Dr. J. Jackson, Physiology; Dr. A. Taylor, Pharmacology; Dr. G. Jickling, Medicine; Dr. Sue Tsai, MMI). 100% success rate acknowledged; thanks, extended to the Office of Research and internal reviewers. - CFI Innovation Fund: Competition moving from 3-year to 2-year cycle. Next portal opens July; information to be circulated by Office of Research. - Acknowledgements: As outgoing Vice-Dean of Research thanked colleagues for support; noted accomplishments achieved through team effort.			
c. FoMD MSc and PhD Graduates	Dr. A. Underhill presented: Spring Convocation: PhD graduates recognized:  PhD Graduates (PhD Graduates.pdf)			
6. Vice Dean Education				
a. Update	Dr. S. Schipper provided update: Northern Alberta Medical Program: 30 students accepted to the Northern Alberta Medical Program, Grand Prairie. Appreciation extended to NAMP program team and local physicians for outreach. Program launch anticipated with enthusiasm. UME / PGME Accreditation: Multiple reviews underway. Thanks expressed to program directors, administrative staff, and leadership for significant effort in preparing documentation and coordinating visits. Graduand List: MD, PhD, and Master's graduand lists presented for approval by Faculty Council (distinct from GPS-approved lists). Appreciation noted to Associate Dean and program leads for their work.			
b. Class of 2025 Spring Graduands	Dr. Schipper presented:  2025 Spring Graduands (2025 Spring Graduands.pdf) Motion: That Faculty Council Approve the proposed 2025 Spring Graduand lists that appear in this presentation. Moved by: S. Schipper. Seconded by: S. Ross. Vote: 98% in favour. Carried.			
c. iSMART	Dr. M. Ferguson-Pell presented:  iSMART (iSMART.pdf) Motion: That Faculty Council Approve the proposed SMART CREATE Entrepreneurship Workshop Non-Credit Course, as presented by the Institute of Smart Augmentative and Restorative Technologies and Health Innovations (iSMART). Moved by: M. Ferguson-Pell. Seconded by: C. Hodgson. Vote: 90% in favour. Carried.			
7. Announcements	None			
Next Meeting	September 16, 2025 – 400pm-530pm			
Approval Date:	September 16, 2025			

Biomedical Science Review

May 27, 2025

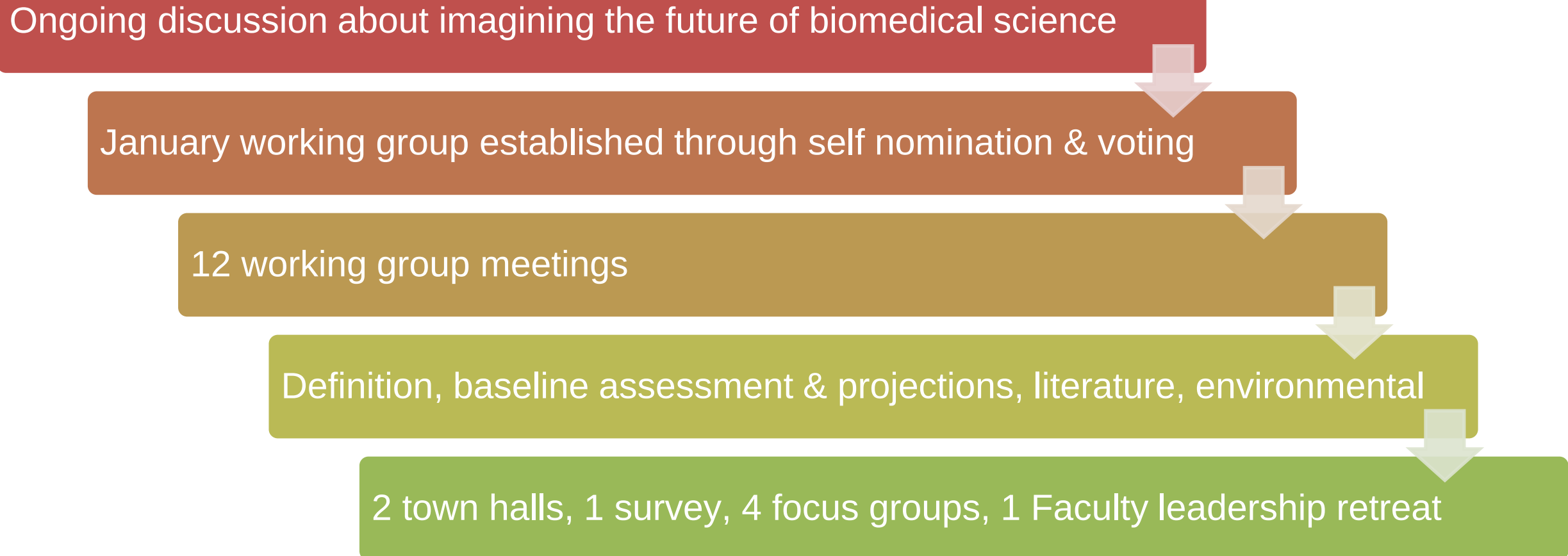


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History

Ongoing discussion about imagining the future of biomedical science



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graph TD; A[Ongoing discussion about imagining the future of biomedical science] --> B[January working group established through self nomination & voting]; B --> C[12 working group meetings]; C --> D[Definition, baseline assessment & projections, literature, environmental]; D --> E[2 town halls, 1 survey, 4 focus groups, 1 Faculty leadership retreat];
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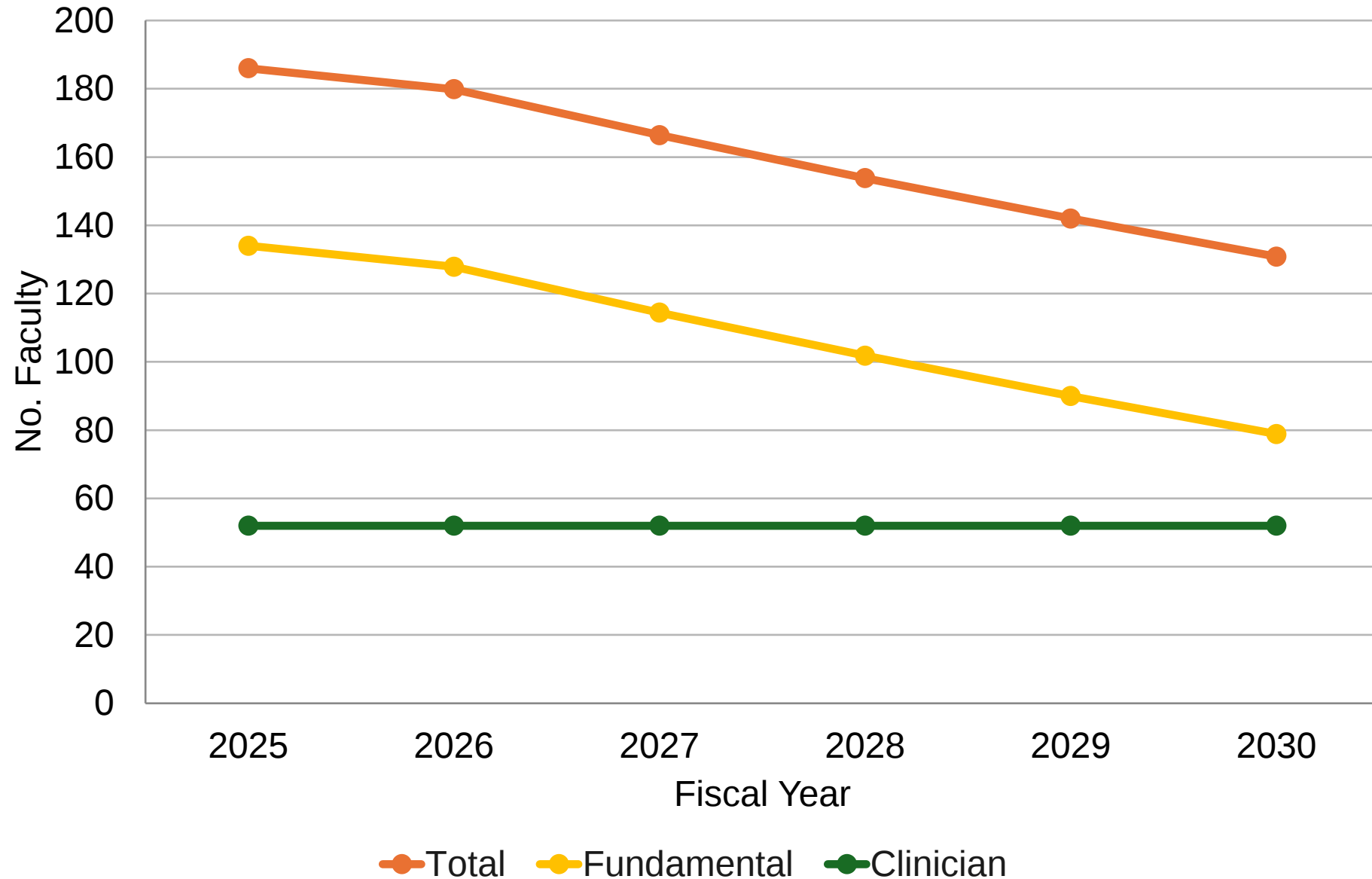
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Smaller Biomedical Sciences Faculty



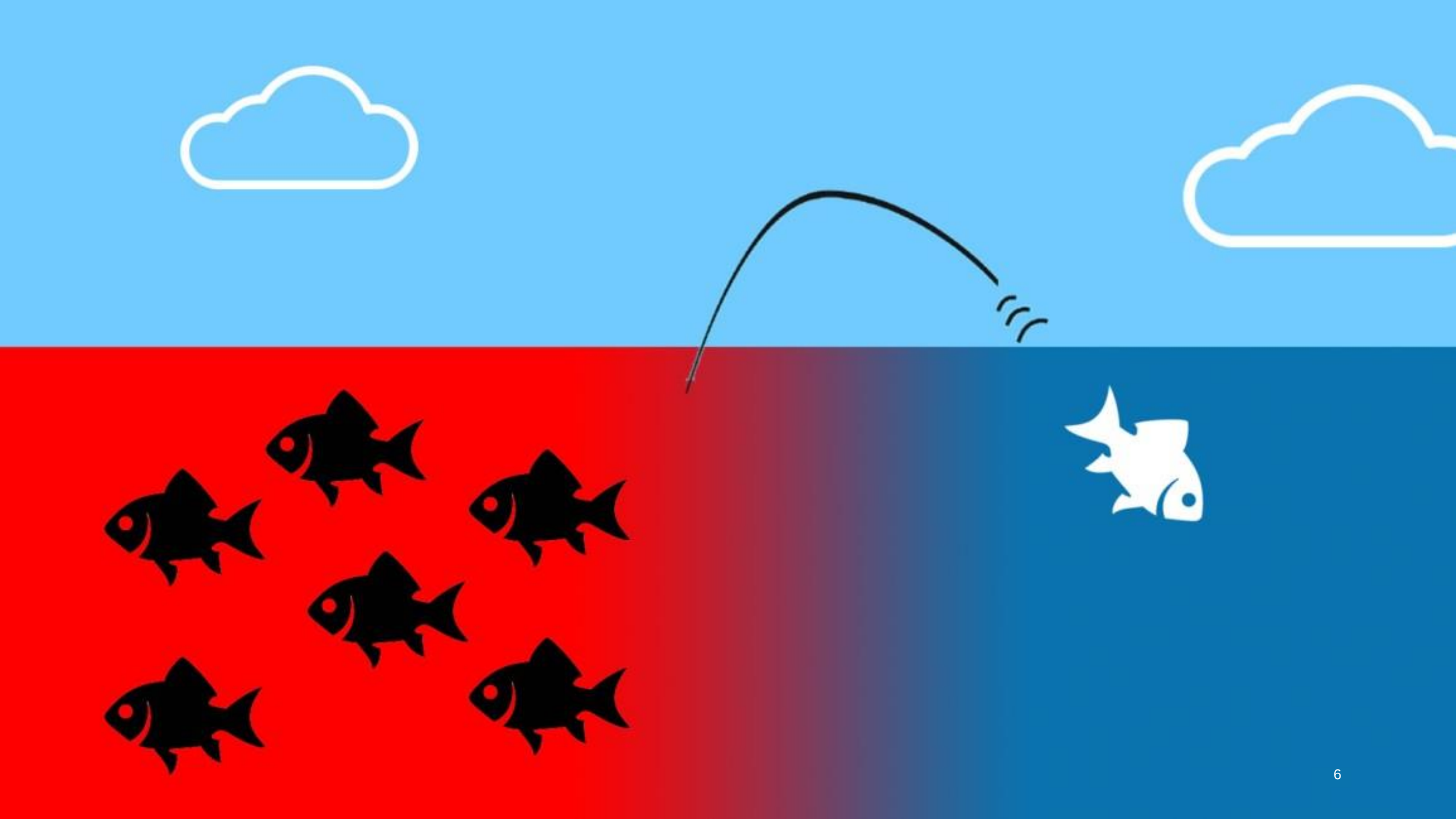


Demis Hassabis & John Jumper awarded Nobel Prize in Chemistry

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What can we do to build stronger interdisciplinary and interdepartmental ties to enhance research impact and educational innovation?



How do we prepare for future demands
in education to best prepare students
for careers in health sciences?



How can departmental structures be optimized to better support productivity and well-being of a biomedical sciences community with fewer biomedical faculty members?



What can we do to reduce reliance on traditional funding sources by diversifying revenue and incentivizing departments to grow income and reduce expenditures?



What solutions can be implemented to enable cost-effective, accessible, and efficient core facilities, research infrastructure, and learning spaces?



What can we do to promote a culture of
high research and education
performance?



External Review Sept. 15-16, 2025



Ted Allison
(UoA)



Lynn Postovit
(Queens)



Marie Jose Hébert
(UMontréal)

Be engaged and provide thoughtful, constructive and candid input

1

Participate in the external review

2

Speak with working group members

3

Stay informed

- Website
- Deans Newsletter
- Town halls
- Department Chairs

Postgraduate Medical Education - Accreditation

L. Cheung MD, MMEd, FRCPC

Accreditation - Overview of events



The Visit

3 Parallel Events

Nov 23 - 28, 2025

RCPSC Team
(> 46 reviewers)



- 60 Royal College programs
- > 700 residents

CFPC Team
(> 30 reviewers)



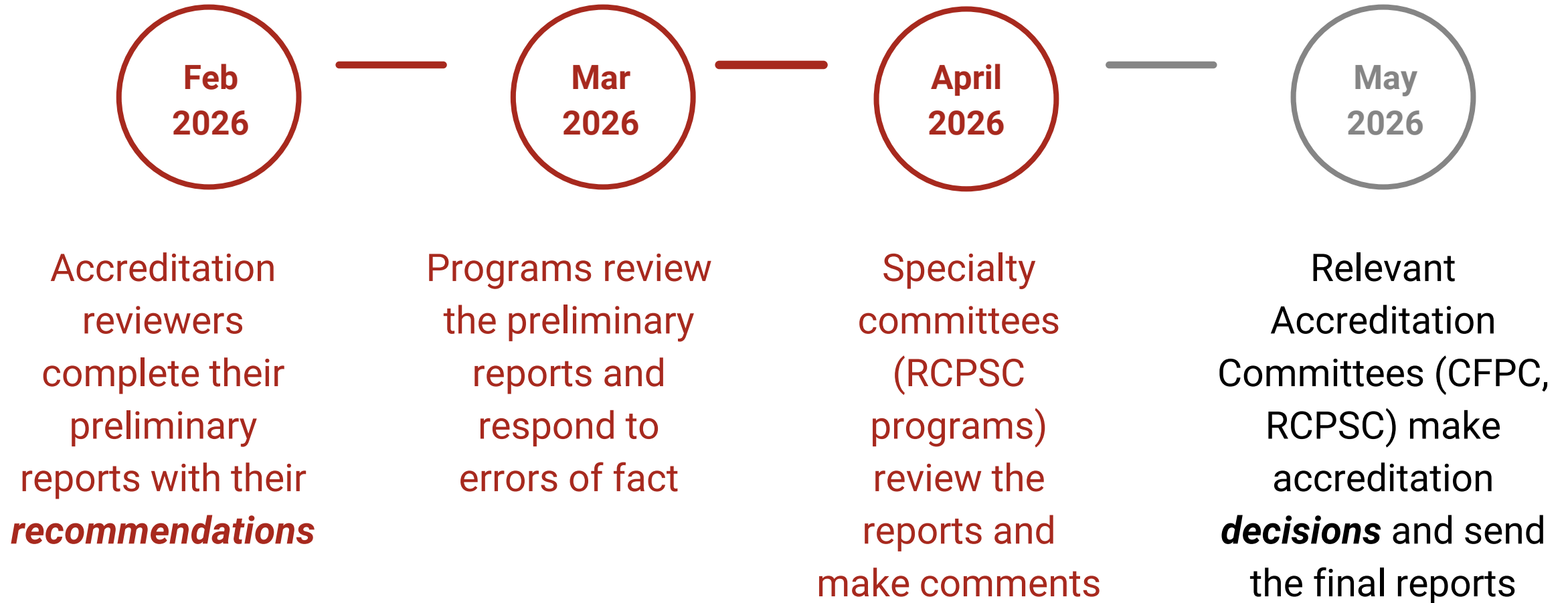
- Fam Medicine Program
- Fam Med Enhanced Skills
- > 150 residents

CFPC-RCPSC Institution Team
(> 6 reviewers)



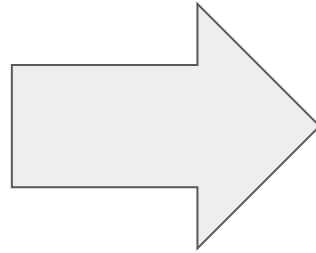
PGME "Enterprise" (Institution)

After the visit



After the Accreditation Visit

Soon after
Nov 28, 2025,
PGME will ...



Help programs address
their areas for
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A Balanced and Inclusive Approach to Entrepreneurship

Entrepreneurship builds transferable skills

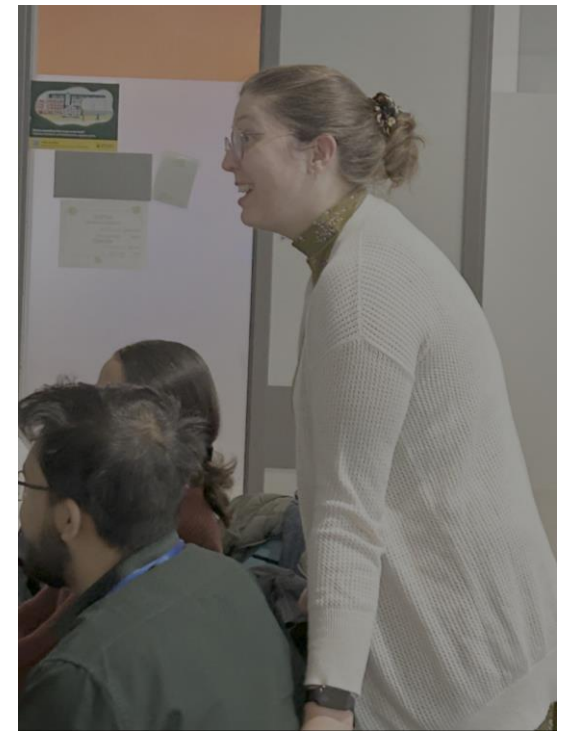
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- Ambiguous challenges
- Resilience
- Branding, Pitching and Communicating

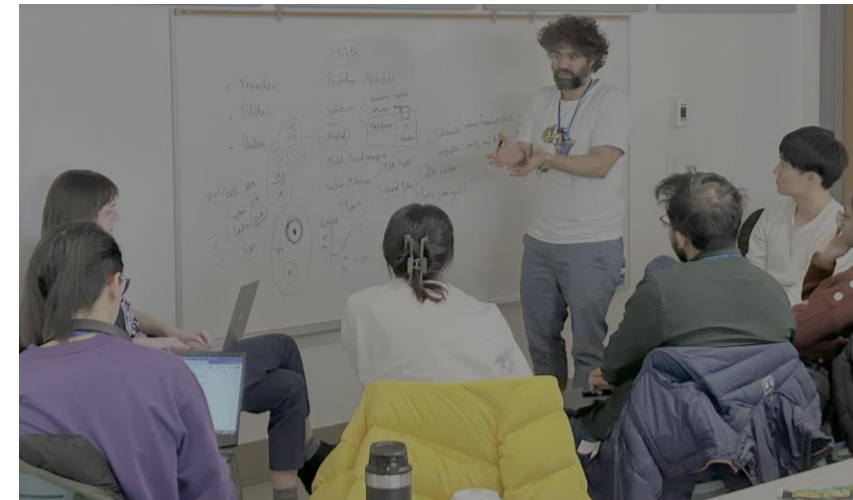


Pedagogical Model

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Keynote Panel Discussions

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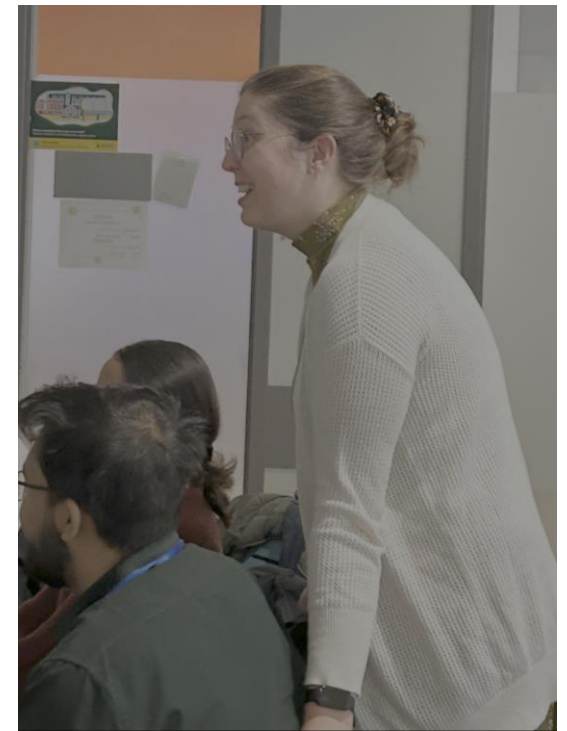
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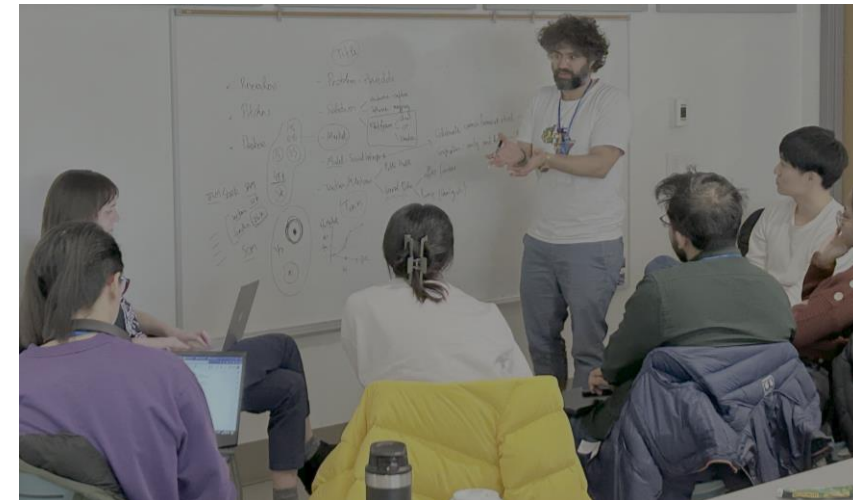


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