



# SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, September 12, 2019

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Surrey Arbutus 2140

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Voting Members		Non-voting members
Daniel Bernstein	Elizabeth Worobec	David Burns (Vice Chair)
Deborah Henderson	Karen Meijer-Kline	
Deepak Gupta	Mandeep Pannu	
Diane Purvey	Philomena Kaan	
Victor Martinez		
Regrets	Guests	Admin support
Stephanie Chu	Steve Cardwell	Natalie Shearer
Sundeep Varaich		Cathy Parlee
Lincoln Saugstad		

## 1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

## 2. Approval of Agenda

Daniel Bernstein moved the agenda be confirmed with addition of item 6.1 signing authority draft policy.

Seconded by Deborah Henderson

**The motion carried.**

## 3. Approval of Minutes, June 13, 2019

Diane Purvey moved the minutes be accepted as circulated.

Seconded by Daniel Bernstein

**The motion carried.**

## 4. Items arising from Minutes

### 4.1. Election of chair

Call out for nominations. Diane Purvey nominated Karen Meijer-Kline.

Karen Meijer-Kline was elected Chair of SSCR. Term is effective as of next meeting.

### 4.2. Update on the Task force on Research (faculty council consultation and research definition)

Deborah Henderson provided an update on the Task Force on Research. The focus of the task force is to understand what factors enabling research in each faculty – have held 3 meetings so far, and require contacts in Trades and Health.

**Action:** Chair to determine contacts in Health and Trades for interviews with Task Force.

#### **4.3. Closing existing research plan**

Defer as Dr. Chu not present.

#### **4.4. Chair's Report**

Nothing to report.

#### **4.5. Associate Vice President, Research Report**

The Associate Vice President, Research report was attached to the agenda for review. Items not included:

- KPU was awarded three grants through the NSERC Applied Research Tools and Instruments (ARTI) fund earlier in the summer. KPU has a 100% success rate with applications to this fund. These projects are led by: Drs Karen Davison, Farhad Dastur & Daniel Bernstein; Drs Mathias Schuetz and Paul Adams; and Drs James Hoyland and Fergal Callaghan.
- Dr Karen Davison has been inducted into the Royal Society of Canada's College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists.

**Action:** Promote funding opportunities to the deans and broader KPU community.

### **5. Items for discussion**

#### **5.1. 2019 Strategic Research Plan**

A copy of the 2019 Strategic Research Plan was attached to the agenda for review. This plan was filed with the Canada Research Chairs program, and is to serve as a transitional document as KPU develops an action plan for research priorities.

#### **5.2. Graduate Studies at KPU**

A copy of the proposal for the Administration of Graduate Studies at Kwantlen Polytechnic University was attached to the agenda for review. In this report, the Graduate Studies Task Force recommended that "The University should expand the Senate Standing Committee on Research to include Graduate Studies with representation from all Faculties."

**Action:** Incoming chair to invite VP Students to attend next meeting

#### **5.3. Research Highlights from 2019 Teaching, Learning, Scholarship and Research (TLSR) Survey**

A copy of the highlights specific to research arising from the 2019 TLR Survey was attached to the agenda for review.

**Action:** Dr Gupta to review the data that they are willing to bring to committee, may include OPA at the next SSCR meeting

#### **5.4. Grants-in-Aid Template Letter**

A copy of a template letter for grants-in-aid funding agreements was attached to the agenda for review. This template letter will be posted on the ORS SharePoint page.

### **5.5. Strategic Priorities for the Committee**

The committee proposed the following strategic priorities for the Senate Standing Committee on Research:

- Adjudicate the white paper on research
- Develop an inventory of research activities happening across all faculties/departments at KPU (including course-level research)
- Advocate for research courses in all/any faculties
- Responding to and acting upon recommendations arising from the 2019 TLSR Survey
- Develop a plan for promoting research opportunities and empowering more faculty to pursue external research funding
- Develop a standard formula for funding course release
- Creative outreach opportunities (Small Experiments with Radical Intent)
- Democratizing research (acknowledging research on smaller scale, secondary research)

### **5.6. Events for Open Access Week**

Karen Meijer-Kline shared two upcoming events as part of Open Access week and requested that members encourage people to attend these talks. The information on these events was circulated to committee members by email.

### **5.7. Questions for the Provost attending the October 17, 2019 SSCR meeting**

**Action:** Chair to inquire with Finance & President's Office about future visits to SSCR meetings.

## **6. Other Business**

### **6.1. Signing authority draft policy**

The draft Policy on Signing Authority is currently posted on the Policy Blog.

**Action:** Chair to circulate link to policy blog and instructions on how committee members can post their concerns or questions regarding this policy.

## **7. Adjournment**

Victor Martinez moved that the meeting be adjourned

Seconded by Philomena Kaan.

**The meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m.**