



SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, December 12, 2019

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Surrey Campus Boardroom, Cedar 2110

Voting members present	Regrets
Karen Meijer-Kline (Chair) Daniel Bernstein Diane Purvey Deepak Gupta Steve Lewarne Mandeep Pannu Victor Martinez Sundeep Varaich	Wei Li Deborah Henderson Elizabeth Worobec Paul Ohler Philomena Kaan Stephanie Chu
Guests	Non-voting members present
Natalie Shearer (administrative support) Natalia Finlay Brent Elliot Cathy Parlee David Connop Price Sandy Vanderburgh	David Burns

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Agenda

Diane Purvey requested the addition of a research case study to the agenda.

The Chair requested the addition of a discussion of revisions to the new proposed SSC Research Mandate & Membership put forward by Senate Governance and Nominating Committee.

Agenda item 6.3 was moved up to precede 6.1

Deepak Gupta moved the agenda be confirmed with the above changes.

The motion carried.

3. Questions for the Provost

Dr. Vanderburgh joined the meeting to continue the question & answer session that was initiated in the October meeting of SSC Research. He provided some updates to the committee, including construction timelines for the new genomics lab, and positive news regarding the recommendation of increased funding for research in the upcoming fiscal budget.

Questions and discussion with the Provost focused on the need to incentivize faculty to apply for external funding, and the need for additional internal funding to support research activities.



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4. Approval of Minutes, November 14, 2019

Mandeep Pannu moved the minutes be accepted as circulated.

The motion carried.

5. Items Arising from the Minutes

5.1. Chair's Report

The Chair provided updates on action items arising out of the November 14th meeting, including:

- Dr. Burns has reported to Senate on SSC Research's motion to recommend funding time release for researchers who have secured external grants
- Dr. Burns has also reported to Senate regarding the AVP, Research's work developing a Research Impact Assessment form for program/course review
- The CIO, Reza Khakbaznejad, will be joining the January meeting of SSC Research to participate in a discussion around procuring software and site licenses for research purposes, and how that information can be shared with researchers across the University

5.2 AVP, Research's Report

Dr. Gupta provided his report to the Committee, highlighting several updates from his office:

- The ORS is in the process of applying for CIHR eligibility with the support of an expert consultant, and is approaching a first draft of the application. CIHR eligibility will open KPU up to accessing the full range of funding opportunities through CIHR.
- Dr. Gupta attended a series of meetings in Ottawa with the Alliance of Canadian Comprehensive Research Universities last week, a group which advocates for smaller and medium-sized universities. This was followed by the SSHRC Leaders meeting in Ottawa. Dr. Gupta brought back several updates from tri-agency funders from these meetings, including: plans for a harmonized application submission and administration platform; discussion of proposed changes to the CCV form; and an anticipated new Research Data Management Policy to be released by the tri-agencies in early 2020.

6. Items for Discussion

6.3 Communications planning for KPU research

David Connop Price (Media and Communications) provided some background on the funding opportunity through Research Impact Canada and planned activities to build a strategic storytelling approach for Research at KPU.

The committee provide input on additional audiences to consider in building the strategy, including the University Board of Governors, and input on strategies for soliciting stories from various academic areas.



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6.1 KPU2050 Campus and Community Planning Processes

Brent Elliott and Natalia Finlay (Campus and Community Planning) provided a presentation to the SSC Research on the KPU 2050 Campus and Community Planning Process, including updates on the input and ideas they have received in the first half of their process.

The committee provided input and recommendations on including the voice of research in the process. Discussion took place on the trend towards innovation parks, and models which other institutions have used for developing such spaces.

Action item: The SSC Research will develop a set of recommendations to present to the Campus & Community Planning team, for their consideration in order to ensure that the voice of research come through in the campus planning process.

6.2 Internal funding at KPU

Cathy Parlee (Office of Research Services) presented some historical data on the funding provided by KPU to distribute on internal research. The current year's allocation is \$0 – the ORS has been able to continue the Katalyst fund through use of reserve and surplus funding from previous years.

The committee will continue its discussion of this trend toward decreased funding, the consequences of such, with plans to report of the trend with appropriate caveats to Senate in coming months.

Action item: This funding trend is to be brought forward to the Strategic Research Plan Task Force for additional discussion and consideration.

6.4 Pilot Funding Program for Time Release: “Komplement Program”

Deferred to January meeting as time did not permit.

7.0 Other Business

7.1 Research Case Study

Deferred to January meeting as time did not permit.

7.2 SSC Research Mandate revisions

Dr. Burns shared the latest version of the SSC R Mandate, which has been edited, and subsequently endorsed by the Senate Governance and Nominating Committee. Changes to the membership composition and the mandate's language require further review by the committee.

Action item: Chair to compile feedback from committee members via email, and present a recommendation to Dr. Burns to bring forward to Senate.

8.0 Adjournment

Dr. Bernstein moved that the meeting be adjourned.

The motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 3:58pm