



SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH & GRADUATE STUDIES

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, March 12, 2020

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Surrey Campus Boardroom, Cedar 2110

Voting members present	Regrets
Deepak Gupta Elizabeth Worobec Deborah Henderson Philomena Kaan Daniel Bernstein Sundeep Varaich Victor Martinez Diane Purvey Wei Li Mandeep Pannu Karen Meijer-Kline	Rajiv Jhangiani Paul Ohler
Guests	Non-voting members present
Steve Lewarne	David Burns [Chair]

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Philomena Kaan moved the agenda be confirmed as circulated.

The motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes, December 12, 2019

Revision to item 6.0 Other Business. The white paper was endorsed by a *sub-committee* of the Science and Horticulture Faculty Council.

Daniel Bernstein moved the minutes be accepted with the above revision. Henderson seconds

The motion carried.

4. Items Arising from the Minutes

4.1. Chair's Report

Dr. Burns encourages members of the committee to download the Microsoft Teams program and educate themselves so they may participate in digital meetings in the case that COVID-19 leads to campus closures.

4.2 AVP, Research's Report (Mar 2020)

Dr. Gupta highlighted the following items from his report:

- KPU's application to the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute (SICI) has been accepted. This will lead to opportunities for linkages for several Canadian institutions and hundreds of Indian



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institutions. They also have a number of funding programs which will be open to KPU as members.

- Many proposal submissions have been made to the TLSR Symposium and KPU May Learn. Planning around contingency for COVID-19 closures is in progress.
- Diane Purvey shared that a faculty member in Arts has received Barber Funding in the amount of \$25K per year for three years, to support projects bringing increased indigenization efforts to KPU.

5. Items for Discussion

5.1 Community of practice – knowledge mobilization

Dr. Purvey brought forward the concept to develop a community of practice around Knowledge Mobilization within KPU. The KPU Researchers Teams Group can serve as a viable digital platform for such a group. Dr. Gupta highlighted KPU's long standing relationship with Research Impact Canada and this groups as a resource we can draw upon. Research on current knowledge mobilization practices across the institution is necessary before moving something forward.

Action item: AVPR to hire a student to join in on this project and bring them to the next (feasible) meeting of SSCRGs. The student will work directly with Dr. Gupta and collaborate with Drs. Burns and Bernstein for direction in this work.

5.2 Research case study

Dr. Purvey shared that she has a researcher in her area who has been experiencing significant challenges working with indigenous communities and various functional areas within KPU. The committee discussed inviting Jennifer Hardwick to join a future meeting and present some of these challenges, in order to help build institutional capacity in supporting research.

Action item: Chair to invite Jennifer Hardwick to join a future meeting and discuss her experiences on behalf of the committee.

5.3 San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment

Victor Martinez shared a presentation giving background on DORA, its inception and impact. Presentation as attached in the meeting package. Discussion followed on how to action this within KPU.

Victor Martinez moved that SSCRGs recommends that Senate endorses the San Francisco DORA.

The motion carried.



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5.4 KPU support for faculty editorial duties

Dr. Bernstein brought forward the question of how KPU can/should support faculty members who engage in editorial work with scholarly journals or publications. There are several examples across KPU of this work taking place without formal support.

Action item: Chair to refer this discussion to Dean's Council via Dr. Purvey.

5.5 Student Research and Innovation Grant

Dr. Gupta presented draft guidelines for a new Student Research and Innovation Fund. The committee provided the following feedback:

- The inclusion of an industry/community partner on the project should be *preferred* not *required*
- Ensure that travel (to present at conferences, etc.) can still be supported
- Build in additional flexibility in funding breakdown
- Consider a committee for adjudication for the sake of transparency

5.6 Notice of Election of Committee Chair

Dr. Burns announced that an election for a new chair will take place at the next meeting of SSCRGs. The provision for the committee to elect a chair who is not a Senator is still in place.

6.0 Other Business

6.1 Terms of the 0.6 PD Committee

Dr. Purvey shared that changes to the terms of the 0.6 PD Fund are underway. She encouraged the committee to share with her any concerns they or their colleagues have. Dr. Purvey to put new guidelines up for discussion once drafted.

6.2 190 Second Thesis Competition

Drs. Bernstein, Purvey and Gupta shared details on the upcoming 180 Second Thesis competition for honours students in criminology and psychology. The event is scheduled to take place on March 30th from 12pm-2pm at Surrey Main.

7.0 Adjournment

Daniel Bernstein moved that the meeting be adjourned.

The motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 3:55pm