

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND GRADUATE STUDIES

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, September 24, 2020

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

MS Teams Online

Voting Member Quorum 6 members		
Paul Adams	Karen Meijer-Kline	
Daniel Bernstein – Chair	Mandeep Pannu	Non-voting
Deepak Gupta	Diane Purvey	David Burns
Deborah Henderson	Sundeeb Varaich	
Rajiv Jhangiani	Elizabeth Worobec	
Victor Martinez		
Regrets	Senate Office	Guests
Alan Davis	Meredith Laird	Tara Lyons
Paul Ohler		

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Agenda

Deborah Henderson moved the agenda be confirmed as circulated.

The motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes, June 11, 2020

Diane Purvey moved the minutes be accepted as circulated.

The motion carried.

4. Chair's Report

The Chair welcomed members to its first meeting of the year. He asked if the committee would like to set several lofty but achievable goals for this Senate session, and suggested that advancing the White Paper on Research and Scholarship could be one.

The committee discussed other possible goals, including advancing resources that support research and scholarship across KPU, showcasing research being done within the University, celebrating achievements in conjunction with the Office of Research Services and the faculties (such as grants, publications, books, monographs, and published articles), tracking Canada Council Grants, expanding research for scholarship of teaching and learning, and knowledge mobilization.

5. Associate Vice-President, Research, Innovation, and Graduate Studies Report

The committee received the report. Deepak Gupta welcomed Tara Lyons, the new chair of the Research Ethics Board and highlighted the importance of this committee to the system of bicameral governance at the University, to research and scholarship, to defining the place of graduate studies within KPU, and noted that each of these exists clearly in the committee's mandate.

Deepak Gupta shared with the committee that further infrastructure operating funds would be required to support the Canada Foundation for Innovation, and that greater clarity and clearer processes would assist in ensuring the longevity of this project and fairness in its allocations.

He highlighted the selection of a new Chancellor's Chair, and announced that a student has joined the Office of Research Services with the role of sharing achievements and assisting in celebrations of work performed throughout the institution. He updated the committee on discussions held with the University Space Committee focused on planning for space for research, realization of the idea of an innovation hub, and the desire for research space at each campus.

6. Chair, Ethics Research Board Report

Tara Lyons asked the committee for suggestions and feedback on the monthly written reports she will provide. She informed the committee that the Research Ethics Board has welcomed several new members this fall and expressed her gratitude for the work of the outgoing members. She advised the committee that CoVid research project applications are being prioritized within the Board. She informed the committee that she is the policy sponsor for the update of Policy and Procedures RS1 *Research Involving Human Participants*, she is drafting standardized language for use in applications, as well as preparing guidelines for use of online resources in research.

The committee requested reports on the number and titles of applications received at the REB as well as updates on the development of the Animal Care Committee.

7. New Business

7.1. Definition of Post Doctoral Fellow

Deborah Henderson informed the committee that funding bodies such as Mitacs require applicants to provide their institution's definition of the term post-doctoral fellow and details of the conditions of employment for the position. She shared the elements of definitions in use at other institutions and highlighted other considerations related to engaging researchers in this role.

Action item: Deborah Henderson, Deepak Gupta, and David Burns will collaborate in creating a robust definition for discussion at the next meeting of this committee and for recommendation to Senate.

7.2. Terms of Reference for Chancellor's Chair Awards

Deborah Henderson shared that the adjudicating group of this summer's Chancellor's Chair committee observed that the current terms of reference require review and updating.

The committee discussed bringing the item forward for discussion at future meetings and working on elements of the terms for each meeting.

Action item: Committee members to contact Deborah Henderson with their suggestions for which items of the terms of reference should be considered first.

8. Items for Information

8.1. White Paper on Research and Scholarship

Daniel Bernstein updated the committee on the progress of this initiative since the committee's meeting in June, 2020.

Diane Purvey moved that the White Paper be forwarded to Senate for discussion and consideration.

The motion carried.

9. Items for Discussion

9.1. Review of Committee Mandate and Membership

Daniel Bernstein led the committee through the annual review of its mandate and membership.

Deepak Gupta moved that the Senate Standing Committee on Research and Graduate Studies recommend that the Senate Governance and Nominating Committee approve the following changes to the SSCRGS mandate:

Change #2 to read "Advise Senate on allocation of University resources for research and scholarship including funding, services, and infrastructure" and remove the word "teaching" from #3.

The motion carried.

Action item: Senate Office to add to the next meeting agenda a discussion of this committee's role in the governance of graduate studies.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:57 p.m.