

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND
GRADUATE STUDIES**

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, October 22, 2020

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

MS Teams Online

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

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Agenda

Daniel Bernstein moved the agenda be confirmed as circulated.

The motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes, September 24, 2020

Daniel Bernstein moved the minutes be accepted as amended.

The motion carried.

4. Chair’s Report

Dr. Bernstein gave a verbal report. He informed the committee he would be presenting the White Paper on Research and Scholarship at Senate.

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

The committee received the written report. Deepak Gupta highlighted the new Chancellor's Chair, Dr. Aaron Goodman, and the College and Community Social Innovation Fund (CCSIF). He highlighted Open Access Week and thanked the team working to advance open access at KPU. He informed the committee that the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion capacity-building grant deadline is in January, 2021, and there may be a desire to include developing an EDI lens as an idea for the application.

5.1. Canadian Research Continuity Emergency Fund

Deepak Gupta described this item and answered questions of the committee.

6. Chair, Ethics Research Board Report

The committee received the report. Tara Lyons highlighted that the Research Ethics Board has begun to receive questions from Honours students about their upcoming applications.

She highlighted the change that will be dictated by membership in the Research Ethics BC Harmonized Review using the Provincial Research Ethics Platform. The REB directive about in-person research on- and off-campus will be updated on the KPU website shortly.

7. New Business

7.1. Call for Nominations, Student Member

The committee discussed the process for nominating students and receiving statements of interest. The Chair encouraged members to forward to him the names of students meeting the criteria.

7.2. Senate Effectiveness Survey

David Burns summarized the results of the Senate Effectiveness Survey. He highlighted the positive change reported by participants in how they felt Senate was assisting research in the university.

8. Items for Discussion

8.1. Revision of AC10 *Establishment, Revision, Suspension and/or Discontinuance of Programs*

David Burns described work being performed to revise Policy AC10 and answered questions of the committee. He highlighted that this policy affects both how to create a program and what conversations and approvals are required to discontinue a program.

The committee discussed taking an outcomes-based approach to this policy, and invited Dr. Burns and Josephine Chan to bring specific questions back to the committee for feedback. The committee discussed whether the policy should have a process for graduate studies added.

8.2. SSCRGs Role in the Governance of Graduate Studies

Daniel Bernstein described concerns related to the inclusion of Graduate Studies in this committee's mandate. The committee discussed the aspirational nature of the inclusion of

graduate studies in the mandate, the history of how the mandate of this committee developed, government funding related to research, the administrative units supporting graduate studies and research at KPU, the language around research used by the Degree Quality Assessment Board, waiting for data to support changes in mandate, making research an attribute for programs that cause a specific approval workflow, and post-graduate certificate programs that do not include research.

Daniel Bernstein moved THAT the SSCRGs recommend that Senate reassign the governance of Graduate Studies to another Senate committee.

Daniel Bernstein withdrew the motion.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.