

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND GRADUATE STUDIES

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, November 12, 2020

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

MS Teams Online

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

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. Daniel Bernstein welcomed Mark Vardy to the committee.

2. Approval of Agenda

Rajiv Jhangiani moved the agenda be confirmed as circulated.

The motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes, October 22, 2020

Victor Martinez moved the minutes be accepted as amended.

The motion carried.

4. Chair's Report

Daniel Bernstein reported that he presented the White Paper on Research and Scholarship to Senate in October and renewed the call for nominations for a student member to join the committee.

5. Associate Vice-President, Research Report

The committee received the written report. Deepak Gupta highlighted that KPU's membership in the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute has been reinstated and two faculty members have been awarded funding. He noted that KPU may submit up to 5 applications to the NSERC Social Innovation Fund, and advised that the deadline is February 1, 2021.

He congratulated Deborah Henderson on her receipt of the NSERC Synergy award, the highest award for innovation in Canada.

Deepak Gupta agreed to include information about SSHRC awards and applications in his monthly reports to the committee.

6. Chair, Ethics Research Board Report

The committee received the report. Tara Lyons shared that she recently met with Research Ethics BC and highlighted an upcoming presentation her team will give on common issues with submissions to the Board. If there is interest, these presentations may be held at regular intervals.

6.1. REB Annual Report

The committee received the report. Tara Lyons highlighted that 71 files were reviewed, and answered questions of the committee.

The committee discussed completion reports and the requirement to submit annual reports for research with human subjects. Tara Lyons advised about new processes to support the timeline of submission of completion reports. The committee discussed where the completion report fits into the schedule of publication of reviewed research and the responsibility of the supervising faculty member.

7. Items for Discussion

7.1. Committee Meeting Schedule

David Burns described the Senate Office schedule of committee meetings for Academic Year 2021/22. The committee agreed that it would be feasible to move its monthly meetings as suggested by the Senate Office.

7.2. Open Education Research Fellowship

Rajiv Jhangiani informed the committee that a call for the 2021 Open Education Research Fellowship will be communicated widely throughout the institution and that a working group would be formed to adjudicate applications.

He informed the committee of the nature and requirements of this role and confirmed that it includes funding for the Fellow to present at academic conferences and to hire a student Research Assistant.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.