SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND GRADUATE STUDIES

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, February 11, 2021
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
MS Teams Online

Voting Member Quorum 7 members		
Daniel Bernstein – Chair Deepak Gupta Deborah Henderson Victor Martinez Karen Meijer-Kline Joel Murray	Paul Ohler Mandeep Pannu Mark Vardy Diane Purvey Elizabeth Worobec	**Non-voting**
		David Burns
Regrets	**Senate Office**	**Guests**
Paul Adams Alan Davis Sundeep Varaich	Meredith Laird	Tara Lyons Rajiv Jhangiani Michelle Bourbonniere

1. **Call to Order**

   The Chair opened the meeting with a Territorial Acknowledgement and called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

   Karen Meijer-Kline moved the agenda be confirmed as presented.

   The motion carried.

3. **Approval of Minutes, January 14, 2021**

   The Chair requested that Rajiv Jhangiani be added to the attendance of January 14, 2021.

   Joel Murray moved the minutes be accepted as amended.

   The motion carried.

4. **Chair's Report**

   Daniel Bernstein provided a verbal report. He encouraged committee members to consider contributing to committee initiatives and any subcommittees or working groups that form.

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

The committee received the written report. Deepak Gupta highlighted the distinguished service award recipients: Cathy Parlee, Cory Pedersen, and Farhad Dastur, as well as the increase in social media activity since Darya Kostromitina joined the team. He also highlighted the NVIVO license and the upcoming merger of BC Academic Health Science Network and the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research.

The committee asked for clarification about the rationale for the restriction on the use of personal computers in performing research activities. Deepak Gupta advised this was related to privacy, security, and data management concerns.

6. **Chair, Ethics Research Board Report**

The committee received the written report. Tara Lyons highlighted Research Ethics BC RISe review, and noted the first one for which KPU was the Board of Record. She advised the committee that she has been assisting the Wilson School of Design with several initiatives, including course-based research and working with Emily Carr University's Research Ethics Board. She encouraged members to consider connecting with her team for similar support.

The committee discussed the possibility of inviting researchers to attend the committee to describe their research projects. The Chair will reach out to faculty members to determine if they and their students wish to attend a meeting in the future.

Action: Add a discussion item for sharing research ideas to the next meeting's agenda.

7. **Items for Discussion**

7.1. **Subcommittee for Nominations to the Royal Society of Canada**

Deepak Gupta reminded the committee that they had briefly discussed this at a previous meeting and he, Daniel Bernstein, and David Burns have submitted a draft of the mandate and membership of this subcommittee for review and possible recommendation to the Senate Governance and Nominating Committee.

The committee discussed the proposed membership and the next steps to populate the committee following its approval.

Diane Purvey moved THAT the Senate Standing Committee on Research and Graduate Studies recommend to the Senate Governance and Nominating Committee the creation of a subcommittee to encourage and support the nomination of KPU researchers to the Royal Society of Canada and its College.

The motion carried.

7.2. **Subcommittee on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) in Research**

Deepak Gupta informed the committee of his involvement in the EDI Action Plan Committee and Anti-Racism Committee at KPU, and that different funding agencies differ in their EDI requirements for grant-receiving institutions. The committee discussed whether a task force or

a subcommittee would be more appropriate to support this initiative, that it could play a role in supporting Principal Investigators at the institution, that the task force itself should itself be diverse and what the criteria for selection would be.

The committee requested that Deepak Gupta head the recruitment for membership on the Task Force. Interested members are encouraged to contact him. A list of nominees will be brought back to the next meeting for a vote.

7.3. Definition of Post-Doctoral Fellow at KPU

Deborah Henderson shared with the committee that creating a definition for post-doctoral fellow would permit Mitacs applications and shared some possible eventual strategies for funding the position.

The committee discussed proposing the following definition and what the qualifications of the supervisor would be:

Deborah Henderson moved THAT the Senate Standing Committee on Research and Graduate Studies recommend that Senate adopt this definition of post-doctoral fellow:

"A Post Doctoral Fellowship (PDF) is an opportunity for scholars with a recent earned doctorate from a recognized university to conduct independent research, guided by a qualified Advisor at KPU who has an earned doctorate. Post Doctoral Fellows at KPU will be within five years of their doctorate with allowances for leaves and exceptional circumstances, and be time limited.

Recognizing that the research enterprise is complex and that Post Doctoral Fellows pursue careers in industry, government, non profits as well as academia, a diversity of skills and core competencies related to their discipline will be a planned part of their Fellowship."

<div align="right">The motion carried.</div>

7.4. Supports for Scholarship of Teaching and Learning

Rajiv Jhangiani requested suggestions and feedback from the committee related to supports for faculty who wish to engage in Scholarship of Teaching and Learning. The committee discussed institutional recognition of the work that faculty perform editing journals could be one support that might assist faculty and that academic credit-bearing courses might be housed within the Department of Educational Studies.

Rajiv Jhangiani encouraged members of the committee to share this idea in their areas with their colleagues and to contact him with further suggestions or feedback.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.