

## SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND GRADUATE STUDIES

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**  
Tuesday, November 2, 2021  
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
MS Teams Online

Voting Member Quorum 7 members		
Paul Adams	Greg Millard	
Daniel Bernstein – Chair	Mandeep Pannu	<b>Non-voting</b>
Deepak Gupta	Marcelina Piotrowski	Amy Jeon
Deborah Henderson	Mark Vardy	
Karen Meijer-Kline	Elizabeth Worobec	
Lilach Marom		
Regrets	Senate Office	Guests
Sundeep Varaich	Meredith Laird	Tara Lyons

### 1. Call to Order

The Chair opened the meeting with a Territorial Acknowledgement and called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

### 2. Approval of Agenda

**The committee approved the agenda as presented by unanimous consent.**

### 3. Approval of Minutes, October 12, 2021

**The committee approved the minutes as circulated by unanimous consent.**

### 4. Chair's Report

Daniel Bernstein provided a verbal report, updating the committee on the action item from the White Paper to put forward a definition of research for KPU. Since the last meeting, the Chair exchanged emails with Deepak Gupta, Rajiv Jhangiani, Amy Jeon, and Larissa Petrillo to discuss work that has already taken place to assist in the creation of this definition. He encouraged committee members to contact him if they wish to join future meetings to advance this work and to consider bringing forward items for discussion and brainstorming to this committee, since the composition of the membership would provide multiple perspectives on issues under consideration.

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

The committee received the written report. Deepak Gupta highlighted work undertaken with Clark Wilson Indigenous Law Group, which is assisting KPU to develop guidelines and practices around the handling of human remains.

He shared discussions are taking place with the Polytechnic University Executive and with the AVP, Academic concerning the aspirations for graduate studies at KPU, how to advance items on the White Paper, the desire to grow the endowment to increase annual income, how to fully staff and fund the Office of Research Services, and how to address the staffing concerns for employees in research groups that this committee has raised.

The Office of Research Services has been working to develop a new public website to showcase research and scholarship at KPU to groups outside the University and that post-secondary institutions in the province are moving to a more organized approach in their communications with the Ministry of Advanced Education and Training.

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

The committee received the written report. Tara Lyons highlighted a recent seminar that was held with Honours students to assist them in accessing the Research Ethics Board and understanding the use of RISE. The REB has become quite busy in November, with a large number of files submitted. She described how the REB manages the flow of work through the committee throughout the regular cycles of an academic year.

## **7. New Business**

### **7.1. Definition of Research Update**

Daniel Bernstein informed the committee that he had exchanged emails with Deepak Gupta, AVP, Research, Innovation and Graduate Studies, Rajiv Jhangiani, AVP Teaching & Learning, Amy Jeon, Vice-Chair of Senate, and Larissa Petrillo, Anthropology Instructor, to discuss how to use existing definitions of research in BC to inform KPU's discussion.

### **7.2. Election of Standing Committee Vice-Chair**

Daniel Bernstein handed the chairing of this item to Amy Jeon, Vice-Chair of Senate.

Amy Jeon described the procedures for the election and informed the committee that the term for the Vice-Chair would be from December 1, 2021 to August 31, 2024 or to the end of the member's term, whichever was shorter.

She called for nominations.

First call: Deborah Henderson nominated Lilach Marom. Lilach Marom accepted the nomination.

Second call: no nominations

Third call: no nominations

Lilach Marom was acclaimed Vice-Chair, Senate Standing Committee on Research and Graduate Studies and accepted the congratulations of the committee.

### **7.3. Research Presentation**

Mark Vardy shared a presentation about his research into how the effects of climate change are known and communicated, in projects related to arctic sea ice, flooding in the City of Houston following Hurricane Harvey, and assessment production at the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. A long informal discussion ensued after the meeting adjourned.

### **8. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:49 p.m.