

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND GRADUATE STUDIES

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

MS Teams Online

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

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as circulated by unanimous consent.

3. Approval of Minutes, November 2 and November 30, 2021

The minutes of November 2, 2021 and November 30, 2021 were approved as circulated by unanimous consent.

4. Chair's Report

Daniel Bernstein informed the committee that the Senate Office will be holding virtual office hours once per month. Amy Jeon, Vice-Chair of Senate, encouraged those interested in learning about Senate or who may be considering running in the election to drop in to the office hours and bring questions. The Chair shared that this will be Betty Worobec's final meeting of this committee, and joined members of the committee in thanking her for her contributions to the committee.

The Chair asked for members' feedback about the research presentations. The committee discussed reducing the number of presentations, making attendance optional, opening the presenter slots to the entire University Community, ensuring a balance of speakers from different Faculties, how to avoid duplication with other speakers' series, that shorter

presentations may be preferable, and that this series may be used to highlight the breadth of research and scholarship in the institution.

The Chair reminded the committee members of the two action items this committee had taken forward from the White Paper.

He shared that a small group met in December to discuss research definitions at KPU and will work to develop a draft set of definitions.

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

The committee received the written report. Deepak Gupta highlighted the new Canada-wide undergraduate research steering committee formed by Undergraduate Research Canada, of which Cory Pederson is a member. He encouraged members to promote the information sessions and applications for Student Research and Innovation Grants to their students and colleagues. He reported funding received by the Institute for Sustainable Food Systems. He informed the committee that there is a new Tri-Agency framework on Responsible Conduct of Research which replaces the 2016 version and encouraged members to familiarize themselves with this new framework. He also noted the November, 2021 ratification of the UNESCO recommendation on Open Science.

The committee discussed how to more broadly share information about student grants within the institution, including bringing this information to Faculty Council meetings, sending notices through student channels, with Deans' offices and the Chairs of departments, with the Research and Scholarship Committees within the Faculties, as well as how the deadline for these applications fits into the academic calendar.

6. Chair, Research Ethics Board Report

The committee received the written report. Tara Lyons noted the number of applications processed and shared that the Research Ethics Board was able to attend multiple conferences and training sessions in Fall, 2021. She informed the committee that the Annual Report from the REB will be available shortly and will likely be brought to the next meeting of this committee. Tara Lyons shared that revising Policy and Procedure RS1 *Research Involving Human Participants* is a priority within and members' feedback is welcome at any time. She asked for suggestions about how best to communicate the recent update to the Tri-Council Policy Statement, TCPS 2 (2022), throughout the institution.

7. New Business

7.1. Review of Committee Mandate and Membership

Amy Jeon, Vice-Chair of Senate, led the committee through a review of its mandate and membership composition. The committee discussed how best to reflect the committee's role in governance as new initiatives, policies, and academic plans come into effect, whether items 8, 9, and 10 might be consolidated and that the committee has not emphasized its role in 4 and 5. The Vice-Chair informed the group that the Registrar had requested to be added to the membership of the committee. At the next meeting, the Chair will add the striking of two subcommittees to the agenda, one to curate the research presentations and the other to further review the committee's mandate and membership.

Daniel Bernstein moved THAT “University Registrar or designate” be added as a voting member to the membership composition of this committee.

The motion carried.

Amy Jeon moved THAT the Senate Standing Committee on Research and Graduate Studies recommend that the Senate Governance and Nominating Committee recommend that Senate approve the revisions to the mandate and membership as attached.

The motion carried.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.