

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND GRADUATE STUDIES

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, May 31, 2022

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

MS Teams Online

Voting Member Quorum 6 members		
Deepak Gupta Daniel Bernstein (Chair) Deborah Henderson Lilach Marom (Vice-Chair)	Mark Vardy Karen Meijer-Kline Mandeep Pannu Leeann Waddington	
		Non-voting
		Amy Jeon Zena Mitchell
Regrets	Senate Office	Guests
Greg Millard Paul Adams Sue Fairburn	Rita Zamluk	Tara Lyons

1. Call to Order

The Chair, Daniel Bernstein, 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, May 3, 2022

The committee approved the minutes as circulated by unanimous consent.

4. Chair's Report

Daniel Bernstein provided a verbal report. He announced that Lilach Marom has resigned from the committee and he thanked Lilach for her work. He then reviewed the agenda and updated the committee on the background and recent developments regarding the whitepaper. He reported on the discussions underway regarding potential uses of professional development funds.

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

Deepak Gupta provided a verbal report. He reported on research presentations, the appointment of a new research chair, progress with Mitacs internship applications and the increasing number of student research internships at KPU, the establishment of a committee to secure an institutional Qualtrics license, progress on the students' guide on intellectual property, discussions regarding the graduate studies policy, and current openings.

Leeann Waddington, Director, Learning Technologies and Educational Development, provided additional information regarding the development and composition of the committee considering the Qualtrics license.

6. Chair, Research Ethics Board Report

The committee received the written report. Tara Lyons highlighted professional development activities during the month. She announced upcoming events, training plans for next year, and the new members of the Research Ethics Board.

7. Working Groups

The Chair thanked all the working groups for their work.

Amy Jeon, Vice-Chair of Senate, provided guidance to the working groups regarding the inclusion of draft documents that may contain sensitive information in the agenda package which becomes a public document.

7.1. SSCRGs Mandate Review

Deborah Henderson reviewed the work done on the mandate and membership review.

Amy Jeon clarified the role of the Senate Governance and Nominating Committee in making the recommendations on senate standing committee mandate and membership changes to Senate, reminded the committee of the reasons for the addition of the University Registrar as a member, the structure of GV2 which requires consultation with SSCAPP, and the need for clear criteria to select committee members.

The Committee discussed the role of the committee within the academic governance framework of research in KPU, current policy work on GV2, and the role of designates and temporary substitutes on the committee.

Action: Amy Jeon and Daniel Bernstein will meet with the working group for further discussions.

7.2. Curating Research Presentations

Mark Vardy updated the Committee on a new email alias for the working group and summer plans.

7.3. Generating KPU Definition of Research

Deepak Gupta provided a brief update on progress.

8. New Business

8.1. Whitepaper Responses 2021/2022

Amy Jeon summarized the responses from the Faculty Councils to date.

8.2. Engaging Faculty Councils in Whitepaper Responses

Daniel Bernstein asked the Committee for ideas on how to improve the responses from the Faculty Councils.

Amy Jeon answered questions regarding strategies to increase responses to prepare annual progress reports on Senate.

The Committees discussed ways to communicate with the Faculty Councils. Options considered included meeting directly with the Faculty Councils, copying deans on communications, and meeting with the Council of Deans.

Action: The Chair suggested that he and anyone else who is interested will request to be added to Faculty Councils' meeting agendas.

8.3. Items for Discussion

8.3.1. KPU Senate Orientation Day

Amy Jeon invited everyone to the Senate Orientation Day which will include committee orientation to the committees. Snacks will be provided.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.