

## SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND GRADUATE STUDIES

**Minutes of Regular Meeting**

**Tuesday, November 1, 2022**

**2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**MS Teams Online**

<b>Voting Member Quorum: 7</b>		
Brett Favaro Daniel Bernstein, Chair Deborah Henderson Deepak Gupta Leeann Waddington Karen Meijer-Kline	Mark Vardy Natasha Campbell Navleen Kaur Paul Adams Shelley Boyd Sue Fairburn	Alan Davis
		<b>Non-voting</b>
		Amy Jeon
<b>Regrets</b>	<b>Senate Office</b>	<b>Guests</b>
Greg Millard Mandeep Pannu Zena Mitchell	Sonia Banwait	Mariko Itano

### 1. Call to Order

The Chair, Daniel Bernstein, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

### 2. Approval of Agenda

The Chair added item 4.2. Election of Vice-Chair, Senate Standing Committee on Research and Graduate Studies.

**Daniel Bernstein moved the amended agenda be confirmed as circulated.**

**The motion carried.**

### 3. Approval of Minutes, September 13, 2022

**Daniel Bernstein moved the minutes be accepted as circulated.**

**The motion carried.**

### 4. Chair's Report

#### 4.1. Introduction to Committee Mandate and Membership

The Chair introduced the new Senate Administrative Assistant and two new SSCRGs members: Natasha Campbell, Senator, Wilson School of Design and Shelley Boyd, Dean, Faculty of Arts. He also welcomed students from the Nonprofit Studies course attending as guests to observe.

The Chair provided his report. He provided an update on white paper and informed the committee that survey invitations were resent to all faculties for research submissions. He also acknowledged the launch of a new honors program for the Wilson School of Design. Lastly, he informed the committee the Mandate Review Working Group is looking for one more member and asked interested members to come forward. Sue Fairburn offered to join as a member.

#### **4.2. Election of Vice-Chair, Senate Standing Committee on Research and Graduate Studies**

Amy Jeon, Vice-Chair of Senate, called for Vice-Chair, SSCRGs nominations. The term begins on November 2, 2022 and ends on August 31, 2025. Three calls for nominations were made.

First call: Deepak Gupta nominated Brett Favaro. Brett Favaro accepted the nomination.

Daniel Bernstein nominated Natasha Campbell. Natasha Campbell accepted the nomination.

Second call: no nominations.

Third call: no nominations.

Committee members sent in their votes via email to the Senate office. Brett Favaro was elected as the Vice-Chair, Senate Standing Committee on Research and Graduate Studies.

### **5. Research at KPU**

Alan Davis, President, attended the meeting to provide an update and discuss the future of research at KPU as well as to hear of concerns and opportunities from the committee. He advised he and Deepak Gupta, Associate Vice-President, Research, have met throughout the year to discuss ideas and issues generated from research, white paper and the financial budget.

Alan Davis advised KPU is in good shape in regards to the budget as reallocations were made and funds were endowed for research. He advised that KPU's top priorities are student support and research and he is working with Finance to get the most current budget information.

Alan Davis addressed the question of whether KPU was lobbying more aggressively for research funding and towards changing KPU's research mandate to the provincial government. He explained that KPU is doing its part to lobby for funding and has taken all the opportunities to showcase the research taking place at all of KPU's campuses. A member discussed the difficulty of getting faculty and student participation at the Langley campus despite having the space and resources to conduct research. She explained issues pertaining to casual contracts, financial/salary impacts and limitations of the collective agreement may be some reasons why participation is low. Another member added that research is growing at a fast pace and the available resources need to be adjusted accordingly.

The committee members discussed ways to improve the marketing of research by including more individual success stories and emphasize the impact research can have in order to highlight the

research opportunities that are available at KPU. The committee further discussed the importance of engaging students and ensuring both undergraduate and graduate research is being highlighted. A member shared concerns from other faculty members regarding the time-consuming nature of the research proposal process and asked if additional resources can be implemented to accelerate the process. Alan Davis acknowledged the suggestions.

The committee thanked Alan Davis for his time and for providing the committee with his update.

## **6. Regular Reports**

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

Deepak Gupta, Associate Vice-President, Research, presented his report and introduced Mariko Itano, Research Assistant and welcomed her to the Research team. He also congratulated the Wilson School of Design on being recipients of a research grant.

### **6.2. Working Groups**

#### **6.2.1. SSCRGs Mandate Review**

Deborah Henderson, Director, Research institute, provided a brief verbal update on Mandate Review and informed the Mandate is currently under review and will be presented at the next meeting.

#### **6.2.2. Curating Research Presentations**

Mark Vardy, Faculty of Arts Senator, provided his report along with additional updates received since the submission of his written report. He informed that the invitation for presentations was posted on the KPU website today and also forwarded to a few informal networks. He also informed the committee that dates are being established with members from other departments to speak on the research their faculties are conducting. Mark Vardy encouraged committee members to spread the invitation for presentations.

#### Action:

Mark Vardy to submit the additional updates highlighted today and the list of faculty members to the Chair.

#### **6.2.3. Generating KPU Definition of Research**

Deepak Gupta provided a brief update on the working group and informed the next step is to engage Indigenous Leadership and Indigenous scholars at KPU.

## **7. Items for Discussion**

No items for discussion.

## **8. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:22 p.m.