

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND GRADUATE STUDIES

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Tuesday, January 31, 2023

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

MS Teams Online

Voting Member Quorum: 8		
Brett Favaro, Vice-Chair Daniel Bernstein, Chair Deborah Henderson Deepak Gupta Mandeep Pannu Mark Vardy	Patrick Lui Paul Adams Shelley Boyd Sue Fairburn	Non-voting Amy Jeon
Regrets	Senate Office	Guests
Alan Davis Karen Meijer-Kline Leeann Waddington Natasha Campbell Zena Mitchell	Sonia Banwait	

1. Call to Order and Territorial Acknowledgement

The Chair, Daniel Bernstein, called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Daniel Bernstein moved the agenda be confirmed as circulated.

The motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes, January 10, 2023

Daniel Bernstein moved the minutes be accepted as circulated.

The motion carried.

4. Chair's Report

The Chair reminded members the last SSCRGs meeting of the term is on May 30, 2023 and will be held in-person at the Surrey Campus. He asked committee members for their preference of in-person vs. online meetings going forward. The general consensus was to continue with online meetings.

5. Regular Reports

5.1. Associate Vice-President, Research, Innovation and Graduate Studies

Deepak Gupta, Associate Vice-President, Research, Innovation, Graduate Studies, presented his report.

6. Working Groups

6.1.1. SSCRGS Mandate and Membership Review

Daniel Bernstein thanked the working group for their hard work and informed the committee that the mandate and membership review includes revisions that can and cannot be implemented.

Amy Jeon thanked the working group for their contributions and explained some key revisions.

The committee raised concerns regarding the recommendation for mandate #2 and requested that the types of reports required be specified. Amy Jeon explained that listing reports can be restrictive. Shelley Boyd suggested to revise wording by adding “as requested” to the mandate while listing the type of reports. Mandate #4 was requested to be removed.

The committee discussed membership and to add ‘Director, Office of Research Services’ and ‘Associate Vice-President, Indigenous Leadership or designate’ as non-voting members. The request to add Animal Care and Research Ethics Board representatives were denied. There was discussion on keeping ‘Representative for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in Research and Scholarship’ listed as a vacant seat until it is filled. Members echoed the committee’s priority for ensuring broader representation and the importance of having an EDI representative, but was advised that membership can be reviewed once the respective office is set up.

The revised mandate and membership draft will be presented at next meeting.

6.1.2. Curating Research Presentations

Mark Vardy provided a brief verbal report.

6.1.3. Generating KPU Definition of Research

No report.

7. Items for discussion

7.1. Research Plan Template

Daniel Bernstein continued discussion from the last meeting regarding generating a Research Plan Template. He shared a template for response to White Paper and asked which questions the research plan should focus on.

Brett Favaro suggested to merge the questions from Wilson School of Design and Faculty of Science and Horticulture.

The committee discussed the formalized plan and suggested to add “graduate” research to appeal to a wider group. It was also suggested to add information regarding all credentials as “undergraduate” so students in diploma and citation programs are included.

Daniel Bernstein asked members to use the presented template to generate their questions and mark them in the text box on page 17 of the agenda package. The three main questions were suggested to be added on the response template and #1-8 conversation questions were suggested to be added as a link or separate appendix.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.