

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND GRADUATE STUDIES

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

MS Teams Online

Voting Member Quorum: 7		
Brett Favaro, Vice-Chair Daniel Bernstein, Chair Deborah Henderson Deepak Gupta Karen Meijer-Kline Leeann Waddington	Mark Vardy Patrick Lui Shelley Boyd Sue Fairburn	Non-voting
		Amy Jeon
Regrets	Senate Office	Guests
Alan Davis Paul Adams Mandeep Pannu Nadia Henwood	Sonia Banwait Michelle Molnar	Catherine Schwichtenberg Foluso Fagbamiye

1. Call to Order and Territorial Acknowledgement

The Chair 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, March 28, 2023

Daniel Bernstein moved the minutes be accepted as circulated.

The motion carried.

4. Chair's Report

The Chair presented his report. He reminded committee members that the next and last meeting on May 30, 2023 will be held in-person at the Surrey campus.

4.1. Notice of Chair Election

Amy Jeon, Vice-Chair of Senate, informed the committee that a Chair election will take place at the next meeting. The election term will be from September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2026.

5. Regular Reports

5.1. Research Ethics Board (REB) Report – April 2023

Foluso Fagbamiye, Research Ethics Coordinator, provided a brief report and welcomed feedback from the committee.

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

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

5.3. Working Groups

5.3.1. SSCRGs Mandate Review

No report.

5.3.2. Curating Research Presentations

No report.

5.3.3. Generating KPU Definition of Research

No report.

6. New Business

6.1. Mandate and Membership Proposal

Brett Favaro, Vice-Chair, summarized the discussion from the last meeting and provided a revised proposal to the committee mandate and membership. The changes include removing mandates that are not under the purview of SSCRGs, removing 'graduate studies' from the committee name, and focusing the mandate specifically on advising Senate on matters pertaining to research. He informed the committee the proposal is comparable to that of other major universities in British Columbia.

The committee engaged in discussion about the pros and cons of removing 'graduate studies' as part of the committee's mandate.

Brett Favaro explained that new programs without a research component are essentially course-based, and already have existing Senate committees to oversee them. He reminded members that major universities in BC follow the same process.

Brett Favaro moved THAT Senate Standing Committee on Research and Graduate Studies recommend that Senate Governance and Nominating Committee recommend that Senate approve the Mandate and Membership as attached.

The motion carried.

7. Items for Discussion

7.1. White Paper Responses

The Chair shared the White Paper recommendations received from six Faculty council responses. He highlighted that most faculties are working on research plans for integrating research or are engaged in research and scholarship activities and seeking more opportunities for student engagement.

7.2. Promoting Undergrad Research

Leeann Waddington, Associate Vice-President, Teaching and Learning, shared background on undergraduate research at KPU and asked what role the committee could play in promoting undergraduate research and what type of support would be required. She opened the discussion to committee members for feedback.

A member shared that a reason why KPU may be passive in promoting undergraduate research may be because it does not have the institutional support behind it, the capacity to support research, and the time release required to engage and work on research. She expressed that more focus needs to be on action than on strategy.

Another member suggested the committee look into creating and securing infrastructure and have research Chairs that rotate between faculties to keep research going.

It was also noted that a lack of a singular channel to pass information through may be causing missed opportunities.

7.3. Introduction of New Vice-Chair of Senate

Amy Jeon introduced Catherine Schwichtenberg, who will be assuming the role of Vice-Chair of Senate next academic year.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.