

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 26, 2023
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
MS Teams Online

Voting Member Quorum: 6		
Amit Shukla Brett Favaro, Vice-Chair Daniel Bernstein, Chair Deborah Henderson Gayle Bedard Ishant Goyal Karen-Meijer-Kline Leeann Waddington	Paul Adams Shelley Boyd Sue Fairburn	Non-voting
Regrets	Senate Office	Guests
Alan Davis Catherine Schwichtenberg Mandeep Pannu	Sonia Banwait	David Burns

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, May 31, 2023

Daniel Bernstein moved the minutes be accepted as circulated.

The motion carried.

4. Chair's Report

The Chair welcomed returning members and introduced the new members to the committee and informed Amit Shukla is stepping in for Deepak Gupta as Acting Associate Vice-President, Research, during his leave.

The Chair provided an update on *White Paper on KPU's Research and Scholarship* and informed there are ongoing discussions and revisions taking place with the Provost, and this will be a priority for the 2023-24 academic year. He informed he will be working with one faculty member and one student representative from the Office of Research Services (ORS) come Spring 2024 to continue revision. Revisions will include consultations with faculty councils, the KFA, and external program advisory groups. The documents will be brought to SSCR regularly for committee feedback.

The Associate Vice-President, Indigenous Leadership, voiced concern over the name of the document and the negative connotation associated with it. The Chair acknowledged the concern and informed the name will be revised promptly to be more inclusive.

4.1. Mandate and Membership Review

The committee reviewed the updated SSC Research mandate and membership.

5. Items for Information

5.1. Graduate Studies Update

David Burns, Associate Vice-President, Academic, informed this academic year, the Provost's office will propose a Faculty of Graduate Studies in accordance with Policy and Procedure GV9, a new policy on graduate studies and revisions to existing policies to accommodate graduate studies. In addition to this, the Provost's Office will also propose KPU's first master's program, working with the Melville School of Business.

6. Regular Reports

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

Amit Shuka, Acting Associate Vice-President, Research, Innovation, Graduate Studies, presented his report.

6.2. Working Groups

6.2.1. Mandate Review

The Chair advised that although the Mandate and Membership has recently undergone a significant change, a working group is required to maintain any changes throughout the year. Brett Favaro volunteered to lead the working group, along with Sue Fairburn.

6.2.2. Curating Research Presentations

The Chair asked for committee input on keeping this working group in place. Amit Shukla advised that the ORS will be running similar research presentations throughout the year during lunch and learn sessions, open to committee members to attend. The committee opted to disband this working group.

6.2.3. Generating KPU Definition of Research

Amit Shukla assumed the lead on this working group.

7. Items for Discussion

7.1. KPU Research Showcase 2024

Amit Shukla engaged the committee for ideas on the theme, keynotes speaker and topics for the upcoming KPU Research Showcase 2024 taking place next Spring that aims to showcase all applied research and innovation activities taking place at KPU.

The committee suggested to revise the date as the event is currently scheduled during spring break and may not yield a desired turnout. Suggestions were provided on renaming the event for greater appeal and members also offered their assistance in planning the event.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:49 p.m.