

General Faculties Council
RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
Approved Minutes

Meeting 36
March 20, 2018, 2:00 p.m.

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Voting Members

John Reynolds, Co-Chair Designate
Andy Knight, Academic Co-Chair
Eric Donovan
Thomas Hickerson – arrived during Item 2
Tina Miller – left after Item 4
Sylvie Roy – left during Item 5
Hermann Schaetzel – arrived during Item 2
Annette Timm
Run Ze Yang
Lisa Young

Non-Voting Members

Andre Buret – left during Item 5
Jeremy Haasdyk
Hamid Habibi
Rose Tobias

Secretary

Susan Belcher

Scribe

Cherie Tutt

Regrets

Carolyn Emery
Jasmine Girgis
Tom Keenan
Alan McLuckie
Ashkan Tehrani
Karen Then
Roger Thompson
Alain Verbeke
Gerald Zamponi

Guests

Anthony Cabri, Business Analyst, Research Services – present for Item 4
Peter Garrett, Associate Vice-President Research (Innovation) – present for Item 5
Bob Jenkins, Project Manager, Research Management System – present for Item 4

The Co-Chair called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m., and quorum was achieved during Item 2.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved/Seconded

That the Agenda for the March 20, 2018 Research and Scholarship Committee meeting be approved.

Carried

2. Remarks of the Co-Chair and Academic Co-Chair

The Co-Chair included the following in his remarks:

- Information Technologies (IT) has confirmed that there is a likelihood of prohibiting the use of Dropbox by academic staff members, and IT is in discussions with Dropbox Inc. regarding how Dropbox could be made to be more secure. The Chief Information Officer will be invited to a future meeting to speak to the Committee about IT initiatives.
- As a result of the Committee's discussion regarding predatory journals and conferences, Libraries and Cultural Resources has developed an online resource which provides tools and information on this topic to assist campus scholars. A UToday article on this topic was also published on March 16, 2018.
- The federal budget has been announced, and it is very positive for research and scholarship
- In response to a question, it was reported that it is not yet known how the federal funding increases will be rolled out, or how this will affect success rates for Canadian Institutes of Health Research and Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council funding

The Academic Co-Chair made no remarks.

3. Approval of the February 20, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda.

Moved/Seconded

That the Minutes of the Research and Scholarship Committee meeting held on February 20, 2018 be approved.

Carried

4. Research Management System

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Bob Jenkins and Anthony Cabri presented this item.

Highlights:

- The presenters provided the Committee with a progress report on the Research Management System (RMS) project, including an update on timeline, training opportunities, and next steps
- The presenters reported that the RMS system will create efficiencies, improve workflow, transparently track research projects from the application through publication stages, and includes automated interfaces across systems and a move away from manual data entry and signatures
- It was explained that training videos have been developed for both the pre-award and post-award phases, and that the RMS links to a help guide and there will also be hover-over help in the fields. The RMS team is also working with IT and the Integrated Service Centre on a support model and training will be provided to research facilitators within each Faculty.

- The presenters then provided a demonstration of the RMS post-award process from the researcher's perspective and from the perspective of the Research Accounting Office
- In response to questions it was explained that:
 - The RMS will import data daily, such as Human Resource Management data from PeopleSoft, Biosafety permit information, and ethics certification from the Institutional Research Information Services Solution (IRISS) online system. In time sensitive cases, the RMS helpdesk will be able to import data outside of the regular times.
 - The Principle Investigator for a project will have the ability to add other individuals to a project, such as a graduate student or postdoctoral scholar, who will be able to key in information. When inputting information, there is the ability to save and return later to continue inputting information.
 - When users log in to the RMS, a dashboard will display if any actions are required
 - There are fields in the pre-award and post-award sections that will require manual input
 - Currently there is not a graphical view, however, filters can be applied and a list can be generated which shows specific status, such as waiting for approval from the Department Head
 - Budget reports will need to be created through Tableau. The RMS will be able to trace the amount of research dollars requested and awarded, but will not account for revenues.
 - Search terms are not automatically built in, but a researcher can add key terms, which would then be searchable in the future
 - Due to the departure of some of the employees working on the RMS project, the timeline to complete the first phase of the project has been pushed by about six months
 - It is anticipated that the RMS will go live early in the Winter 2019 term
- The presenters confirmed that they will further update the Committee on the RMS project prior to the system going live

5. Introduction to the New Associate Vice-President Research – Innovation (AVPR-I) Role

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Peter Garrett presented this item.

Highlights:

- The presenter provided the Committee with an overview of the new Associate Vice-President Research – Innovation (AVPR-I) role and the AVPR-I's key priorities, including: driving innovation to meet the goals set out in the 2018 Academic and Research Plans and *Eyes High 2017-2022*, the re-structuring of Innovate Calgary, the establishment of an Industry Engagement Office, and the development of a strategy regarding the University Research Park (URP)
- The presenter reviewed the history of Innovate Calgary, and explained the recent restructuring which split Innovate Calgary into two independent organizations: Innovate Calgary (now a solely owned subsidiary of the University) and Calgary Technologies Inc.
- The presenter reported that the transition has gone well, and that the focus will now be to work on changing the service model to better serve the needs of the community and support intellectual property (IP) developers/owners. As part of this, an announcement will be made soon regarding the interpretation of the University's IP Policy.

- In response to questions, it was reported that:
 - Currently, Innovate Calgary receives around 100 – 120 new IP proposals per year, and approximately one third of these are judged to be commercially viable. An IP creator can decide to move forward with their idea even if Innovate Calgary does not agree that it is commercially viable and Innovate Calgary will continue to assist the IP owner.
 - The IP Policy is not being revised and therefore there has been no formal consultation regarding the upcoming announcement about its interpretation
 - All IP license agreements made with Innovate Calgary prior to the restructuring are under University Technologies International (formerly within the broader Innovate Calgary) and there are no changes as a result of the restructuring
- The Committee discussed:
 - The plans for the URP to be a space to promote innovation and creation
 - Innovate Calgary's business model, and its primary focus to have a positive impact on society rather than on profits
 - Potential challenges and conflicts with the commercialization and ownership of IP, in particular as the University continues to develop more entrepreneurial courses, and the duty of care owed to students. The presenter reported that Innovate Calgary will help with mediation regarding IP issues/disputes.
 - How Innovate Calgary can support fundamental research innovations, which may not be immediately marketable or may not have commercial value, but could change how research is done and have a great impact in the future. The presenter noted that the development of a seed fund is being considered to support fundamental research innovations.
 - Some of Innovate Calgary's success stories and programs for supporting new companies

6. Other Business

There was no other business.

7. Adjournment

Moved/Seconded

That the Research and Scholarship Committee adjourn the March 20, 2018 meeting.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.