

General Faculties Council
RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
Approved Minutes

Meeting 37
April 24, 2018, 2:00 p.m.

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Voting Members

John Reynolds, Co-Chair Designate
Eric Donovan
Carolyn Emery
Tina Miller
Sylvie Roy
Hermann Schaetzel
Roger Thompson
Annette Timm
Run Ze Yang
Gerald Zamponi

Non-Voting Members

Jeremy Haasdyk
Hamid Habibi

Meeting Secretary and Scribe

Elizabeth Sjogren

Observer

Jessica Revington

Regrets

Andy Knight, Academic Co-Chair
Andre Buret
Jasmine Girgis
Thomas Hickerson
Tom Keenan
Alan McLuckie
Ashkan Tehrani
Karen Then
Rose Tobias
Alain Verbeke
Lisa Young

Guest

Ed McCauley, Vice-President (Research) – present for Item 4

The Co-Chair called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. and confirmed quorum.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved/Seconded

That the Agenda for the April 24, 2018 Research and Scholarship Committee meeting be approved.

Carried

2. Remarks of the Co-Chair

The Co-Chair included the following in his remarks:

- Tina Miller, outgoing Students' Union (SU) Vice-President (Academic), was thanked for her service to the Committee, and Jessica Revington, incoming SU Vice-President (Academic) was welcomed
- D'Arcy Moynagh, Chief Information Officer, will come to the next meeting of the Committee to generally discuss research-related Information Technologies initiatives
- The University is reviewing its financial approaches, including research accounting practices. Effort will be made to communicate any changes.
- An open house to provide information on the MacKimmie Complex Redevelopment Project was held on March 28, 2018. It was confirmed that Research Services will be moving back to the tower once that phase of the project is completed.
- The University's Institutional Research Information Services Solution (IRISS) system will be upgraded at the end of April, and the system should be more user friendly as a result. In response to a question, it was reported that other IRISS deficiencies such as the ability to print nicely are known and are being worked on.

3. Approval of the March 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 March 20, 2018 be approved.

Carried

4. Comprehensive Institutional Plan Appendix C: Research, Applied Research and Scholarly Activities

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Ed McCauley presented this item.

Highlights:

- The proponent reviewed the purpose of the 2018 Comprehensive Institutional Plan (CIP) Appendix C: Research, Applied Research and Scholarly Activities (the "appendix"), and noted that the provincial government provides instructions regarding the content of the appendix
- The Committee discussed:
 - How the appendix relates to the University's recently-approved Research Plan and the Provincial Outcomes identified within the Alberta Research and Innovation Framework
 - That, as a Comprehensive Academic and Research Institution (CARI), the University is involved in a variety of endeavours, including pure and applied research and research-based teaching
 - That, once the recent changes to Alberta Innovates are settled, the province's CARIs will be able to engage with each other and move forward with proposals for funding for new initiatives, such as for agriculture-related research

- The Committee made a few suggestions to strengthen the document, including that:
 - The statement “*We pride ourselves on having excellent disciplinary strength in areas typically associated with health such as medicine, nursing, and social work*” should be expanded to include kinesiology
 - The references to the Indigenous Strategy and safe and secure water supplies could be linked as priorities of the provincial government
 - The performing arts could be included in the description of the range of metropolitan research initiatives
- The proponent invited that any additional feedback be sent directly to him, and reported that the appendix will return to the Committee at the May 29, 2018 meeting, for recommendation

5. Information Asset Management Committee

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda.

Highlights:

- Tom Keenan, the Research and Scholarship Committee’s representative on the University’s Information Asset Management Committee (IAMC), provided a report on the recent work of the IAMC
- The Co-Chair reviewed that, at its December 12, 2017 meeting, the Committee appointed one of its members to the IAMC, and at that time had requested a report from this representative on the work of the IAMC so that the Committee could better understand the role of the IAMC
- There were no questions

6. Other Business

There was no other business.

7. Adjournment

Moved/Seconded

That the Research and Scholarship Committee adjourn the April 24, 2018 meeting.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 2:39 p.m.

Elizabeth Sjogren
Meeting Secretary