



General Faculties Council
RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
Approved Minutes

Meeting 44
May 21, 2019, 2:00 p.m.

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Voting Members

Robert Thompson, Co-Chair
Andy Knight, Academic Co-Chair
Mohamed Abdelsamie
Kevin Dang
Regine King
Raylene Reimer-De Bruyn
Sylvie Roy – left during Item 6
Cathryn Ryan
Robin Yates – arrived during Item 5

Non-Voting Members

Hamid Habibi

Secretary

Susan Belcher

Scribe

Elizabeth Sjogren

Regrets

Jeremy Haasdyk
Tom Keenan
Dawn Kingston
Seok-Woo Kwon
Mary-Jo Romaniuk
Hermann Schaetzel
Roger Thompson
Annette Timm
Rose Tobias
Gerald Zamponi

The Co-Chair started the meeting at 2:13 p.m. without quorum. The Committee began with discussion, and returned to the action items when quorum was achieved at 2:25 p.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved/Seconded

That the Agenda for the May 21, 2019 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:

- Kevin Dang, Students' Union, and Mohamed Abdelsamie, Graduate Students' Association, were

welcomed to their first meeting

- The University's Comprehensive Institutional Plan (CIP) continues to move through the approval process
- Two of the University Systems Enabling Research (USER) Operational Leadership Group's subcommittees, the Research Accounting Committee and the Compliance and Eligibility Task Group, have begun work this term. The Tri-Council is moving to a principles-based accounting system, and the USER initiative will aid researchers in this.

In response to a question, the Co-Chair confirmed that the Chief Information Officer (CIO) has left the University, and a new CIO will be hired in due course.

The Academic Co-Chair made no remarks.

3. Approval of the April 23, 2019 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 April 23, 2019 be approved.

Carried

4. Appointment of an RSC Member to the Information Asset Management Committee

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. The Co-Chair presented this item.

Highlights:

- The Co-Chair reported that Tom Keenan, the Committee's current representative on the Information Asset Management Committee (IAMC), has expressed interest in being re-appointed
- The role of the IAMC was reviewed
- In response to a question, the Co-Chair noted that the Committee's representative on the IAMC does not necessarily have to be a member of the Committee, but confirmed that Tom Keenan is the School of Architecture, Planning and Landscape's representative on the Committee until June 2022

Moved/Seconded

That the Research and Scholarship Committee appoint Tom Keenan to the Information Asset Management Committee, for a term ending June 30, 2022.

Carried

5. Recommendation of CIP: Appendix C: Research, Applied Research and Scholarly Activities

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Robert Thompson, Associate Vice-President (Research), presented this item.

Highlights:

- The proponent reminded the Committee of the provincial government's requirements for the Research, Applied Research and Scholarly Activities appendix of the CIP, and reviewed the recent revisions to the document
- Discussion included:
 - That undergraduate research programs, including the Program for Undergraduate Research Experience (PURE) and the Markin Undergraduate Student Research Program, have been described in previous CIP submissions and this should not be repeated, but the current document could contain more content about undergraduate research, such as through description of experiential learning opportunities
 - The Alberta Research and Innovation Framework (ARIF), which outlines the four Provincial Outcomes for research and innovation organizations (Economic Diversification and Job Creation, Environmental Stewardship and Climate Leadership, Effective Resource Management, and Engaged Individuals and Communities for a Healthy Alberta), and that the new government's priority outcomes might be different
 - That the statistic for Mitacs graduate student research internships should be double-checked
- In response to a question, it was confirmed that there is a Chief Scientist of Alberta
- The proponent reported that the CIP will be presented to General Faculties Council for recommendation, and the Board of Governors for approval, in June

Moved/Seconded

That the Research and Scholarship Committee recommend the Comprehensive Institutional Plan Appendix C: Research, Applied Research and Scholarly Activities to the General Faculties Council (GFC), and authorize the proponent to make non-substantive changes to the appendix prior to its presentation to GFC.

Carried**6. Annual Committee Performance Review and Review of the RSC Terms of Reference**

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. The Co-Chair and Academic Co-Chair presented this item.

Highlights:

- The Co-Chairs reported that the Committee annually reviews how it is functioning
- Discussion included:
 - The overlaps between the Committee and the Associate Deans' Research Council, in terms of membership and the nature of the items of business
 - That much of the business of the Committee is generated by the office of the Vice-President (Research), and that the Faculty representatives are encouraged to suggest items of business if there are matters within their units that fall under the responsibilities of the Committee, such as to "lead and promote communication and discussion about research and scholarship across the University"

- That the members would appreciate hearing about the items that came to the Committee at an early stage of development, and whether their feedback was incorporated
- That the Committee's 2019-2020 work plan can be used to plot a variety of business for the Committee
- That the agendas could end with a standing item allowing members to discuss systemic issues and opportunities relating to research and scholarship

7. Other Business

There was no other business.

8. Adjournment

The Co-Chair thanked the Committee members for their service during the 2018-2019 meeting year.

The May 21, 2019 Research and Scholarship Committee meeting was adjourned by consensus.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Susan Belcher
University Secretary