

General Faculties Council
RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
Approved Minutes

Meeting 47
April 21, 2020, 2:00 p.m.

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Voting Members

Robert Thompson, Co-Chair
Andy Knight, Academic Co-Chair
Karen Benzies
Lyndsay Campbell
Kevin Dang
Carolyn Emery
Michael Hill – arrive during Item 5
Claire Kamaliddin
Tom Keenan
Regine King
Seok-Woo Kwon
Mary-Jo Romaniuk
Sylvie Roy
Cathryn Ryan
Hermann Schaetzel
Annette Timm
Robin Yates

Secretary

Susan Belcher

Scribe

Elizabeth Sjogren

Regrets

Mohamed Abdelsamie
Hamid Habibi
Dawn Kingston
Mary Lou Mendyk

Guests

Susan Mide Kiss, Senior Director, Strategic Initiatives in Community Engagement – present for Item 5
Penny Pexman, Associate Vice-President (Research) – present for Item 5
Janaka Ruwanpura, Vice-Provost (International) – present for Item 4
Florentine Strzelczyk, Deputy Provost – present for Item 4

Observers

Semhar Abraha, incoming Students' Union Vice-President (Academic)
Jaclyn Carter, University Secretariat
Alex Paquette, incoming Graduate Students' Association Vice-President (Academic)

The Co-Chair called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. and confirmed quorum.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved/Seconded

That the Agenda for the April 21, 2020 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:

- Applications to continue or amend critical research processes during the COVID-19 pandemic are being processed
- The University remains open, however buildings are secured. It is possible that access to buildings may be further restricted in the future.
- The phase-in of the Research Management System is on track, with the next rollouts to occur in Spring and Summer 2021
- The Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) has cancelled its Spring funding competition and is offering extensions for researchers who are currently funded. The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) is also offering extensions for active grants. Notification regarding Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) grants has not yet been received.
- As of April 1, 2020 the Tri-Council (CIHR, NSERC and SSHRC) has transitioned to principles-based accounting practices for grants

The Academic Co-Chair acknowledged the service of Kevin Dang, Students' Union representative, on this occasion of his last meeting, and welcomed Lyndsay Campbell, Faculty of Law, to her first meeting. Semhar Abraha, incoming SU Vice-President (Academic), and Alex Paquette, incoming Graduate Students' Association Vice-President (Academic), were welcomed as observers to the meeting.

In response to a question, the Co-Chair confirmed that research supervisors are still making offers to potential students at this time, modified as necessary for distancing, and many students are accepting positions. Onboarding will occur in May, and it will be known at that time if there are issues of concern.

3. Approval of the October 22, 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 October 22, 2019 be approved.

Carried

Carolyn Emery abstained.

4. Global Engagement Plan 2020-2025

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Florentine Strzelczyk and Janaka Ruwanpura presented this item.

Highlights:

- The proponents provided an overview of the development of the Global Engagement Plan 2020-2025 (the Plan), and highlighted how its goals and priorities differ from the existing International Strategy
- In response to questions, it was reported that:
 - The Plan, and in particular its goals and targets, will be presented at Faculty Council meetings
 - The UCI (University of Calgary International) office and the office of the Vice-President (Research) will continue to support internationalization efforts at the University, such as through assistance in preparing grant applications, supporting study abroad programs, and enhancing opportunities for the development of cross-cultural competencies, collaborations and partnerships
 - Some Faculties have strategic planning committees, and some have internationalization committees. Each Faculty will be provided assistance with planning as needed.
- Discussion included that:
 - The move towards academic staff members having a stronger role in driving global engagement activities is seen as a positive development
 - COVID-19 will likely impact international travel and activities for years to come
 - The Plan, which does not set out institutional priority countries, is perceived as more inclusive
 - Group Study programs can be complicated to organise and recruit for, and there are some challenges when these programs do not fit well with the Spring and Summer semester structure. The proponents reported that the Group Study program as a whole is being reviewed at this time.
- The proponents invited any additional feedback to be sent directly to them

5. Carnegie Community Engagement Classification – Canadian Pilot Update

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Susan Mide Kiss and Penny Pexman presented this item.

Highlights:

- The presenters provided an overview of the purpose of the Carnegie Community Engagement Classification Canadian Pilot Project, and presented information on the project's key milestones and timeline
- In response to a question, it was reported that upcoming meetings of the University's Advisory Group will be held remotely, and that meetings with community partners to gather engagement data will be postponed, hopefully only until later in the year

6. Meeting Notes – February 18, 2020 Meeting (no quorum)

Documentation for this item was circulated with the agenda for information only.

7. Other Business

There was no other business.

8. Adjournment

Moved/Seconded

That the Research and Scholarship Committee adjourn the April 21, 2020 meeting.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Susan Belcher
University Secretary