

RESEARCH, INNOVATION, GRADUATE STUDIES

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RESEARCH COMMITTEE OF SENATE

February 15, 2011 3:30 – 5:00 pm

Trades and Technology Room 155

Minutes

Present: Ehsan Latif (Chair), Nancy Van Wagoner, Roger Yu, Kellee Caton, Will Garret Petts, Jim Hu, Barbara Paterson, Mohamed Tawhid, Krystal Smith (Student Observer), Paul Manhas, Jessica Risley.

1. Call to order by the chair at 3:35
2. The meeting began with introductions and welcome of Jessica Risley, an undergraduate student from the Faculty of Science, to the committee.
3. Correspondence received from Dr. Ulrich Scheck, VP Academic and Provost. The committee agreed to consider this correspondence first because it impacted the rest of the agenda. The VP Academic and Chair of the APPC requested that the SRC remove the consideration of two research Centre proposals from its agenda because the APPC had not approved a Notice of Intent. The SRC expressed the following concerns and asked that the Chair send a letter to the Chair of the APPC on behalf of the SRC:
 - a. The SRC, following BRD Policy 21-0 is aware of the process for considering research centres as follows, and apologizes if this was not clear to the APPC
 - b. BRD Policy 21-0 states: **“Approval Process** Establishment of a Research Centre has implications for departments, schools and faculties, and confers university endorsement. As such, establishment of Research Centres requires the endorsement of the Chairs and Deans involved, and approval of the Board of Governors on the recommendation of Senate. Proposals for the establishment of a Research Centre are submitted to the Office of the Associate Vice- President of Research and Graduate Studies (AVP RGS) which will take the proposal forward to the Research Committee for consideration and advice; the Research Committee will forward the proposal and its recommendations to the Academic Priorities and Planning Committee for consideration.
 - c. The SRC would like clarification regarding how the requirement to file a NOI with the APPC relates to BRD Policy 21-0, particularly with respect to
 - i. the timing of submission of the NOI by the researchers, and
 - ii. whether the lack of an approved LOI by the APPC precludes consideration of the Research Centre by the SRC.
 - d. What criteria will the APPC use to evaluate a NOI for a Research Centre?

- e. They would like to invite the Chair of the APPC to meet with the SRC with the goal of improving communication, providing clarification, and developing practice that will meet the intent of BRD Policy 21-0, develop comfort with the APPC, and be encouraging and supportive of researchers and research teams, and the development of a research culture at TRU.
4. Adoption of Agenda: Ehsan distributed a revised agenda, removing consideration of the research centre proposals until we have clarification from the Chair of the APPC. The committee approved the revised agenda (moved by Nancy and seconded by Mohamed)
5. Approval of Minutes: Approved, moved by Kellee and seconded by Mohamed
6. Report of AVP- Research and Graduate Studies (attached and received for information)
7. CIHR Rep. Report (Barbara Paterson), distributed at the meeting and received for information
8. Old Business
 - a. Follow up on Working Group on Integration of Research in the Curriculum (Tom Dickinson). Deferred because Tom is out of country
 - ~~b. Approval of Centre for Community Based Youth Health Research~~
 - c. Approval of the International Research Partnership Form. Nancy provided the rationale as requested at the January meeting. The form was approved with the editorial corrections (moved by Barbara, and seconded by Mohamed).
9. New Business
 - a. Adjudication Committees: the SRC approved the composition of the following adjudication committees (pending agreement of those not present to serve)
 - i. Excellence in Scholarship Award and Master Scholar Award
 1. Roger
 2. Kellee
 3. Jim
 - ii. Master Undergraduate Research Mentor Award
 1. Ehsan Latif (Ex-officio and voting)
 2. Gary Hunt (Ex-officio and voting)
 3. Mohamed
 4. Will
 5. Star

Meeting adjourned at 5 pm

Subject: Re: SRC meeting- Agenda & Minutes
Date: Tuesday, February 15, 2011 7:52 AM
From: Ulrich Scheck <Uscheck@tru.ca>
To: Ehsan Latif <Elatif@tru.ca>
Cc: Jennifer Leibel <jleibel@tru.ca>, nancy vanwagoner <nvanwagoner@tru.ca>
Conversation: SRC meeting- Agenda & Minutes

Dear Ehsan,

I noticed that there are two approvals for new centres on your agenda. Please be advised that the Senate Research Committee can only recommend centres for approval, not approve them. The latter is Senate's privilege.

Furthermore, neither of these centres have been seen by APPC via a Notice of Intent. Please remove the discussion of these centres from your agenda since the first step is for APPC to discuss NoI's for both centres. Once APPC has cleared them, these proposals can go forward for further development and for discussion by the Senate Research Committee.

I would appreciate if your committee would follow this established procedure. Please send me a brief response acknowledging that these two items have been removed from today's agenda.

Thank you,

Uli Scheck
Chair, APPC