

RESEARCH, INNOVATION, GRADUATE STUDIES

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RESEARCH COMMITTEE OF SENATE

October 19, 2010 3:30 – 5:00 pm

Trades and Technology Room 155

Minutes

Present: Ehsan Latif, Sandy Scarff, Nancy Van Wagoner, Will Garret Petts, Julie Drolet, Roger Yu, Tom Dickinson, Mohamed Tawhid, Barbara Paterson, Paul Manhas, Debbie Krebs (minutes), Krystal Smith, Student Observer
Regrets: Star Mahara, Jim Hu.

1. Call to order
2. Introductions of new members: Barb Peterson, Nursing and Debbie Krebs
3. Motion to adopt agenda: moved by Nancy, seconded by Julie, approved with minor changes to;
 - a. Defer item 7A & 7B
 - b. Move item 8C up on agenda
 - c. Carry forward old business: SRP
4. Approval of the minutes: moved by Nancy, seconded by Roger
5. Presentation on Undergraduate Student Research Conference by Mairi Mackay and Heidi Verwey. A short update on the conference was provided with 2009 4th Annual TRU Undergraduate Conference Proceedings book being provided to committee members. Posters have been prepared and are being distributed around campus and online. Applications/proposals are expected to be received in due course. Updates and further information will be provided to committee for February, 2011.
6. Report of AVP-Research and Graduate Studies
 - a. SSHRC SRG applications have been forwarded – 12 total
 - b. CRC Tier 1 initial application was reviewed by CRC Secretariat and not approved. Secretariat encouraged TRU to re-submit application again. Candidate has however dropped out. TRU needs to find an appropriate applicant and re-submit by April 26, 2011.

7. Old Business

- c. Undergraduate Research Mentorship Award. Committee agreed that they are extremely happy to see this award being implemented. Draft document was provided and reviewed and approved with some minor changes recommended. Motion to forward revised document to Senate Committee on Awards for approval. Ehsan so moved, Tom seconded. Motion carried.

8. Discussions

- a. Committee discussed development of a policy for visiting scholars and PhDs to enable them to work and teach while at TRU. This will help offset the costs of bringing them on campus. Assistance in bringing this issue to Administration is needed and it was felt that now may be an opportune time as faculty negotiations are beginning. A list of what would be required for hosting a visiting scholar will be written so a discussion can take place with faculty and administration. Action: Roger Yu will review the existing policy and amend for further considerations and discussions.
- b. Will brought forward information regarding the survey that had been prepared for faculty and students. He will circulate this to the committee again and work towards having it posted on the web. He will also ensure that a protocol is prepared for ethics approval prior to posting.
- c. Nancy enquired regarding the status of the existing UREAP Award committee. She would like to existing members if they would continue to serve or if new members need to be recruited.
Ehsan will put a call out requesting new members. If no one responds then the old committee will stand
- d. Committee reviewed the Grant/Contract Submission Form that was handed out. Discussion ensued as to how best to review the form and make changes. A sub-committee of Roger, Julie, Will, Barbara and Debbie (facilitate) will review the form and bring back to committee for further comment.
- e. New Research Centre Proposal – Julie would like a sub committee struck to review the proposal. She has submitted external reviewers to Ehsan who will contact and confirm one candidate. Volunteers to form sub committee; Roger and Tom.
- f. Health and Wellness community Centre – has forwarded documentation required to confirm their status as an approved TRU Centre. Committee needs to review this and forward for approval. Discussion ensued that this centre has been successfully operating for a long time and should be grandfathered into the program. Ehsan will send out information for further comment and final approvals.

Meeting was dismissed at 5:00 pm