

THE SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE
Tuesday, September 20, 2011

Time: 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Minutes

Location: TRUSU Bldg

Present: Paul, Barbara Paterson, Ehsan Latif, Tom Dickinson, Will Garret-Petts, Don Noakes, Roger Yu, Jim Hu, Kellee Caton (by conference call), D. Krebs (Minutes)

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Meeting called to order 3:35 pm.
2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Agenda adopted with following additions;
 - a) Discussion of meeting times and dates – T.Dickinson
On motion duly moved by B.Paterson, seconded by T.Dickinson, and passed unanimously by committee, it was resolved to adopt as revised
3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**
March 15, 2011 Minutes adopted as submitted
On motion duly moved by Kelly (?), seconded by E.Latif and passed by unanimously committee, it was resolved to adopt minutes
4. **REPORTS**
Report by Donald Noakes – RIGS office has moved to Clock Tower Bldg over summer. A call has been put out for applications for the Research Enhancement Fund. The application is due Sept 30. Don Noakes will organize review committee.
NSERC & SSHRC fall applications – Joanne van Every and Jillian Binstead have been put on retainer to help faculty develop their applications for NSERC and SSHRC. CIHR funding is coming up. TRU will have a visiting artist on campus in early-mid October. There will be opportunity for TRU community to meet him. More information will be forthcoming.

Report from Chair – Three research centre proposals have been put forth to the budget committee. It is expected that they will be in front of the full budget committee within the next month. Roger Yu’s proposal is exemplary and should be used as a benchmark for future proposals. Barb has concern of centres springing up all over the place as the faculty are not necessarily savvy to how much money and administration it takes to run a centre. We are a few committee members short, Ehsan is looking for additional members with Senate now.

Barb Paterson -CIHR report – Barb is the delegate for CIHR which involves a monthly phone call about what is happening at CIHR. Barb thinks this should be sent to a different

department and she thinks that a faculty member should be appointed to become the delegate. Consensus is that it is a good idea and good for capacity building. Don Noakes and Barbara Paterson to contact CIHR and work with them to confirm new TRU delegate.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Research Chair search committee in Maternal Health will need to be struck again. Ehsan received only two responses for people to be on this committee. Barb has been looking and she has two potential candidates. It is necessary to strike an appointment committee. Don confirmed it should be five faculty members and will talk to TRUFA to see if a non-faculty member can be appointed to the selection committee as a voting member. Don will start the targeting process. This committee should meet again in two weeks to strike the committee etc. Email vote would be acceptable as time is of the essence on this application.

Research Enhancement Fund – Committee Formation. Ehsan needs to know how this committee will be structured. Barb wants to know why everyone is invited to apply. Several funds are being established to support research agendas. Ehsan would like to form a committee for this fund to decide how it should be structured. There is a Sept 30 deadline and Research office can submit the list of names to this committee. Chair of the research committee, two additional people and previous winners of the award to be on the committee. It has always been an ad hoc committee. Will feels we should ensure one person from CIHR, one person from NSERC, one person from SSHRC sitting on the committee, Chair of this committee and the AVPR RIGS should be committee makeup. Don to find others to fill the positions. Everyone in favour of how to amke up the committee.

UREAP Awards committee – Need to fill the gap of three people who have left. These positions are defined and need to be faculty specific. Cindy and Robin have left.

Election of new chair of Senate Research Committee. Ehsan has finished his three year term and we need to find a new Chair. Mohammed was mentioned as a possible replacement but he is on sabbatical. Ehsan will put a call out for nominations. Person must be Faculty member.

7. NEXT MEETING – 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 18 , 2011