

Senate Research Committee  
March 15, 2011

Present: Star Mahara, Jim Hu, Ehsan Latif, Sandy Scarff, Mohammad Tawhid, Kellee Caton, Jessica Risley, Paul Manhas, Roger Yu.

Regrets: Barbara Paterson, Tom Dickinson, Will Garrett- Petts,

1. Call to order by the Chair at 3:40 PM
2. Adoption of Agenda: moved by Star Mahara and seconded by Jim Hu
3. Adoption of Minutes: moved by Jim Hu and seconded by Roger Yu.
4. Chair report: Ehsan noted that VP (Academic) Ulrich Scheck would come to the SRC meeting to explain the reason for notice of motion requirement for research centre proposal.
5. Old business: Natalie Clark was present to answer questions from the members on CCHYR proposal. The discussion centred on two issues: financial sustainability and office space. The meeting decided to recommend CCHYR proposal for approval pending a commitment from Natalie Clark that she would support the centre from her other grants if there is any problem.
6. New Business: There was a discussion on CODS proposal and Dr. Roger Yu responded to the queries from the members. The discussion mainly focused on space issue and Dr. Yu told that there was very high probability that the centre would get two rooms. He mentioned that both Dean and Associate Dean were very much supportive on this issue.  
After Dr. Yu and Dr. Tawhid left the meeting, the rest of the committee further discussed CODS proposal. The committee decided to send a letter to Dr. Roger Yu seeking clarification on two issues: 1. a detailed plan to obtain office space 2. organizational structure of the proposed research centre.
7. Adjournment at 5:05 PM