

RESEARCH, INNOVATION, GRADUATE STUDIES -INVENTING THE FUTURE-

RESEARCH COMMITTEE OF SENATE April 20, 2010 3:30 – 5:00

Trades and Technology Room 155

Minutes

Present: Sandy Scarff, Nancy Van Wagoner (minutes), Mohamed Tawhid, Julie Drolet, Will Garrett-Petts, Star Mahara, Jim Hu **Regrets**:

- 1. Call to order
- 2. Adoption of Agenda: moved by Jim, seconded by Sandy (approved)
- 3. Approval of Minutes: Moved by Jim, seconded by Julie, approved as amended, changing the name Julie to David Schefell for the subcommittee to review the centre proposal from Bruce Baugh
- 4. Report of AVP- Research and Graduate Studies
 - a. Working on the new website
 - b. Publishing a research view book and report
 - c. First Annual Student Research Celebration: June 1
 - d. Two research workshops in May:
 - i. SSHRC with Jo Van Every: May 20, 2010
 - ii. NSERC with Gillian Binsted, May 28, 2010
 - iii. Both will provide individual research grant review for faculty members with the cost covered by the office of the AVP RGS
 - e. Announcement of BCKDF Matching funding to CFI for Lauch Fraser occurred in April 9, 2010 with Terry Lake and Kevin Kruger representing the provincial government
 - f. Results of the NSERC PGS awards were released with the following results: TRU submitted 8 nominations, 6 were awarded, 5 were upgraded to CGS (Alexander Graham Bell Canada Graduate Scholarships), and one was upgraded to the Julie Payette Research Scholarship, given to the 24 top applicants for the CGS awards)
- 5. SSHRC Funding: Proposed changes to the SSHRC program architecture were distributed to the SRC and the TRU community by the AVP RGS on February 3, 2010. Receiving no comment, these were resent on March 3, 2010 (emails are attached).

- 6. Old Business
 - a. Research Centre Proposal Review Report: Mohamed presented comments regarding the review of the Research Centre Proposal submitted by Bruce Baugh (attached to the minutes). The subcommittee will be in touch with Bruce for clarification.
 - b. Policy on external grants (Nancy Van Wagoner). After much discussion there was agreement to form a subcommittee to review the policy.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM

We didn't get to the following agenda items:

- c. Tri Council MOU Schedule 5 (Star Mahara)
- d. Infusing research as a part of the undergraduate curriculum (Nancy Van Wagoner).
- e. Workshops for deans and chairs (Nancy Van Wagoner)
- f. Award for Excellence in Scholarship: amendments (Nancy Van Wagoner).
- g. Research Enhancement Fund: amendments (Nancy Van Wagoner)
- h. Review of the University Strategic Plan (Nancy Van Wagoner)
- i. Undergraduate Research Mentorship Award (Nancy Van Wagoner)