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RESEARCH COMMITTEE OF SENATE

January 18, 2011 3:30 – 5:00 pm

Trades and Technology Room 155

Minutes

Present: Andrew McKay (acting Chair), Roger Yu, Star Mahara, Kellee Caton, Will Garret Petts, Jim Hu, Barbara Paterson, Mohamed Tawhid, Krystal Smith (Student Observer).

Regrets: Ehsan Latif, Nancy Van Wagoner.

1. Request from Andrew McKay to be allowed to chair the meeting in Ehsan's absence, no objections.
2. Call to order 3:46 PM (start delayed until meeting had quorum)
3. Welcome of Kellee Caton. For Kellee's benefit, the committee did a brief roundtable briefly describing their areas of research.
4. Approval of the Agenda: moved by Star, seconded by Roger, approved
5. Approval of the minutes: moved by Jim, seconded by Mohamed, approved
6. Report of the AVP-Research and Graduate Studies
 - Research Gala April 2 – rather than the \$500 requested to support the event, Barb would rather fund student participation, and is asking if Nancy can provide that price per head.
 - Request for research impact stories for Annual report. The committee is wondering what happened to all the input they provided as part of the "Williams research". Second, that the RIGS office should approach the Deans asap for these, prior to the next RCS meeting.
 - Item g "Other internal awards soon to be released based on funds available: ASU, SIG, Research Enhancement Fund". The committee discussed that they have some uncertainty of how this call for proposals goes out and in transparency in the allocation of these funds, and requests some clarification at the next RCS meeting.
7. Report from the CIHR Delegate. Barb spoke to her report and wants TRU to actively encourage more applications to CIHR.
8. Old Business
 - a. Follow up on Working Group on Integration of Research in the Curriculum. In Tom's absence, this item was TABLED to the next meeting.

- b. Approval of Centre for International Social Work and Research. Prior to voting on this proposal, the committee discussed research centres in general, and requested that a) the RIGS office update the committee on the 3-year reviews of research centres, b) could the RIGS office provide the committee with a comprehensive list of extant research centres, and c) the committee believes that there should be an institutional strategy for the establishment of research centres. Motion to approve this research centre, moved by Barb, seconded by Roger, motion APPROVED.
- c. Approval of Centre for Community-Based Youth Health Research. There was discussion on the budget, that is, how can Dean approve a budget that includes the commitment of ASU funds? Second, the committee asked what is the approval timeline, that is, how long will Senate and Board approval take after RCS approval? The committee was concerned that they do not have the authority to commit ASU funding, so the proposal is TABLED pending clarification on sustaining ASU funding from Natalie Clarke.
- d. Centre for Optimization and Decision Sciences (CODS). Report received.
- e. Motion to approve Grant and Contract Submission Form. The committee indicated that it is now a much-improved form. The committee also questioned the need to distinguish between bipartite and tripartite faculty on the form, since all faculty can do research, what does this information materially add? Motion to approve the form, moved by Will, seconded by Mohamed, motion APPROVED.
- f. Motion to approve the International Research Partnership Form. To make point 5 consistent with point 4, strike the word “university” and replace it with “institution” in the introductory sentence, so it now reads “5. Rationale: Why are you interested in a formal association with this particular institution”. The committee also had some other issues they wanted to discuss that would benefit from Nancy being there to discuss. So this item is TABLED to the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm