

RESEARCH, INNOVATION, GRADUATE STUDIES

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RESEARCH COMMITTEE OF SENATE

November 16, 2010 3:30 – 5:00 pm

Trades and Technology Room 155

Minutes

Present: Ehsan Latif (chair), Sandy Scarff, Paul Manhas, Jim Hu, Mohamed Tawhid, Nancy Van Wagoner, Tom Dickinson, Krystal Smith (Student Observer).

Regrets: Star Mahara, Barbara Paterson, Roger Yu, Will Garret Petts, Julie Drolet.

Guests: Gary Hunt, Director for the Centre for Teaching and Learning

Jerri-Lynne Cameron, Graduate Studies and Student Research Officer (minutes)

1. Call to order 3:45 PM
2. Approval of the Agenda: moved by Sandy, seconded by Jim, approved
3. Approval of the minutes: moved by Tom, seconded by Mohamed, approved as amended and attached.
4. Presentation on Infusing Undergraduate Research in the Curriculum by Gary Hunt, report attached.
 - a. Working Group on Integration of Research in the Curriculum: It was suggested that a subcommittee of the SRC work with the academic planning process on this matter as part of Curriculum Reform as related to the academic plan.
 - i. ACTION: Tom will discuss with the Deans the best way to facilitate and a working group composition.
5. Report of AVP-Research and Graduate Studies (attached)
6. U-REAP adjudication committee report: Presented by Ehsan (chair of the committee) received 15 applications, 7 were funded. Jerri-Lynne is working with Ehsan, finance and the scholarship office to investigate efficiencies in the funding mechanism.
7. CIHR Report by Barbara Paterson (attached)
8. Old Business
 - a. Workshops for Deans and Chairs: Nancy and Tom indicated that there is a Dean's retreat in early December providing a good opportunity to determine the requirements of the academic leaders to understanding TRU processes and the best ways we can help expand the research capacity of their faculty.

- b. Strategic Research Plan: Uli had requested that the annual review of the SRP be deferred pending the completion of the academic plan. Tom suggested that the academic plan and the SRP be developed in concert.
 - a. The main focus of the SRP is on research themes that are particular strengths of the institution, and areas of institutional dedication for enhancement. It is used by CFI, CRC and other major funding agencies in evaluating the institutional commitment and ability to support major applications to their agency.
 - b. **ACTION:** Nancy and Tom will investigate the best way to marry the two processes, and report back to the SRC.
- 9. New Business
 - c. Approval of the Centre for Community-Based Youth Health Research:
 - a. **ACTION:** Ehsan will request that Natalie submit a three-year budget for full consideration of the proposal at the December meeting of the SRC.
 - d. International Research Partnerships: The development of international research partnerships is the mandate of the TRU-RIGS for approval by the president or designate. Nancy distributed a document describing information that would be collected for the consideration of formal international research partnerships.
 - a. **ACTION:** The SRC should review the criteria and bring forward any revisions to the next meeting of the SRC, or send electronically to NVW.
 - e. Leaders Opportunity Fund: There was no time for Jerri-Lynne to present the new LOF Small Institutions Fund to the SRC.
 - a. **ACTION:** The committee agreed that Jerri-Lynne should present to the deans with researchers able to access the funds: Charlie Webber, Barbara Paterson, Tom Dickinson, and Michael Mehta. Tom will make arrangements for a meeting.
 - f. CODS—The SRC received the proposal for this centre.
 - a. **ACTION:** Ehsan and Tom will appoint a subcommittee to bring forward a recommendation to the December meeting of the SRC

CARRY FORWARD

1. Grant and Contract Submission form: Subcommittee Report

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm