

THE SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE  
Tuesday, February 21, 2012

Time: 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Minutes	Location: CN Boardroom
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Present: Paul Manhas, Barbara Paterson, Ehsan Latif, Tom Dickinson, Mohamed Tawhid, Don Noakes, Jim Hu, Will Garret-Petts, Krystal Smith, Kim Munich, Star Mahara, D. Krebs (Minutes)  
Regrets: Roger Yu

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Meeting called to order 3:35 pm.
2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Agenda adopted as submitted  
*On motion duly moved by S.Mahara, seconded by P.Manhas, and passed unanimously by committee, it was resolved to adopt as submitted*
3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**  
No minutes were available.
4. **PRESENTATION – UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**  
Conference organizers, M.Mahbobi and E. Rennie presented the committee with information regarding the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual conference. They are expecting approximately 100 oral presentations and posters and several guest lectures. The conference has grown each year and they are excited with the prospects for this year. A full two days of events are planned with guest speakers, poster displays, oral presentations along with wine and cheese events and reception. Support has been garnered from several faculties and schools on campus and many programs are well represented throughout the conference. Event has been kept free for students.
5. **REPORTS**  
Report by VP RGS – Sabbatical committee has met and it received 17 applications, 1 was denied, 1 was incomplete, 15 applications approved (6 for 1 year and 9 for six months). Inside Development grants have been submitted, 6 in total, many from the law faculty. 27 UREAPs have been received and forwarded. Research office is looking into acquiring grant tracking software to assist with application and grant tracking. Research office was selected for an internal audit and several deficiencies were noted and the proposed software will assist the office to fix the problem areas.

LEEF leadership chair competition is now complete. TRU is now in negotiations with the successful candidate and this should be resolved shortly.

Discussions regarding the CRC Chair are ongoing and Don will have more information at the next meeting.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

a) CIHR Report (Barb Paterson) CIHR has published information on the upcoming changes to their programs and adjudication processes. It is expected that the same changes will soon be made at SSHRC and NSERC. The changes are meant to help reviewers with the burdensome process. The process will be by phone and in person meetings. There will no longer be two operating grant competitions each year, there will be only one. An LOI will be required followed by an invitation to submit a full proposal. There is a new investigator award but mostly they are geared to seasoned researchers. It would be prudent for TRU to have some of our researchers on the college of reviewers for learning purposes.

b) Research Ethics Committee – Human Subjects. (E.Latif)

E.Latif was wondering if there should be a clause added to the TOR regarding delegated reviews. It was determined that the newly appointed Chair will be given the options to set procedures as required and such specifics do not need to be in the TOR.

Committee discussed the human ethics committee present makeup and future direction. T.Dickinson will facilitate a discussion with ethics committee members to help with the transition.

c) Animal Care committee members (existing) were approved with the addition of one new faculty member. Committee will review candidates discuss at next meeting.

Human ethics committee candidates were reviewed. Discussions on new committee will continue.

d) Faculty Mentoring Committee (E.Latif) – Held over for next meeting

7. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 5:15pm. Next meeting, March 20, 2012.