

RESEARCH COMMITTEE OF SENATE
February 23, 2010 3:30 – 5:00

Trades and Technology Room 155

Minutes

Present: Nancy Van Wagoner (minutes), Star Mahara, Jim Hu, Ehsan Latif (Chair), Roger Yu, Mohamed Tawhid, Paul Manhas, Julie Drolet

Regrets: Cheryl Zawaduk

1. Call to order
2. Adoption of Agenda: The agenda was approved with the additions indicated below: moved by Star, seconded by Rogers.
3. Approval of Minutes: approved as amended. Moved by Star, seconded by Jim
4. Announcements from the Chair: Ehsan reported that Will Garrett-Petts has been appointed the Research Committee. The Committee still needs an undergraduate student, a graduate student, and two faculty members who are also members of Senate. Ehsan will approach Lauch Fraser for a graduate student.
5. Report of AVP- Research and Graduate Studies (attached)
6. Old Business
 - a. Tri Council MOU subjects: Reports from the reviewers
 - i. Schedule 5: Star is working with Tom Owen to include research as part of an environmental impact policy.
 - ii. Schedule 4: Jim presented revisions to the policy on research integrity (attached)
 - iii. Schedule 2: Ehsan is working with the Human Ethics Committee to develop a parallel policy to the ones on Animal Care and Biohazards
 - iv. Schedule 6: Roger indicated that TRU is in compliance with this Schedule and that a policy is not required, but recommended that the Research Office make a list of all of the Tri-council grant holders and ask them to indicate which grant selection committees they are willing to be nominated to. The Research Office should more actively nominate TRU faculty members to Grant Selection Committees, and actively recognize their contribution to the national research community.
 1. ACTION: NVW
7. The remainder of the Old Business and all of the New Business was deferred until the next meeting

- a. *Financial aspects/issues of the U-REAP funding account*
(Nancy Van Wagoner)
 - b. *Policy on external grants* (Nancy Van Wagoner)
 - c. *Infusing research as a part of the undergraduate curriculum*
(Nancy Van Wagoner)
8. *New Business*
- a. *Research Centre Application from Bruce Baugh*
 - b. *Research Workshops* (Nancy Van Wagoner)
 - c. *Workshops for deans and chairs* (Nancy Van Wagoner)
 - d. *USRA Adjudication Committee*
 - e. *U-REAP adjudication committee*
 - f. *U-REAP Final project Evaluation* (Nancy Van Wagoner)
 - g. *Planning for Research Celebration* (Nancy Van Wagoner)
9. *Items added to the agenda*
- a. *Award for Excellence in Scholarship—recommended amendments to the award*
 - b. *Amendments to research Enhancement Fund*
 - c. *Review of the University Strategic Plan*

Report of the Undergraduate Research and Innovation Conference Committee of the SRC

1. Reporting members: Mairi MacKay, Rob Hood, and Havovie (student organizer)
 - i. There are currently about 80 submissions for presentation—a considerable increase from last year
 - ii. There is a preliminary schedule, late submissions will be accepted if received VERY soon
 - iii. Drolet indicated that she will see about submissions from the School of Social Work
 - iv. There is a special banquet on sustainable food and molecular gastronomy
 - v. NVW will do opening remarks
 - vi. Seguin will lead a panel regarding undergraduate research across the curriculum
 - vii. Faculty volunteers for judging and leading sessions are required
 - viii. Havovie is promoting the event through FaceBook, LinkedIn, Twitter, etc.
 - ix. There is quite a bit of enthusiasm and excitement. Congrats to the committee

New Business—able to pick up one item

2. *Research Centre Application from Bruce Baugh*
 - i. *The SRC received the above application. It was agreed that we would seek and approve a review team through email. Star will provide updates to the review form*

10. Adjournment: 5 PM

