

COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF**

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Zoom – Meeting

PRESENT: S. HIRANI, K. MCNUTT, C. YOST, A. DOUAI, J. FARNEY, T. GRANDE, T. SALM, A. VEAWEB, L. HOEBER, C. RAMSAY, E. ALMEHDAWE, C. BUTZ, G. NOVOTNA, D. MEBAN, F. LUHANGA, B. REUL, N. REID, C. BRADLEY, N. HANSMEIER, **B. SCHNEIDER**, A. EATON, J. XUE

REGRETS: P. LEAVITT | S. GRAY | E. ALMEHDAWE [Correction: B. SCHNEIDER](#)

GUESTS: K. DORSCH & A. STEININGER | SHALYN SAWA & THERESE STECYK

RESOURCE: S. HANSVALL

WELCOME & LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT (S. HIRANI)

- Formal recognition to the treaty land & Happy New Year

INTRODUCTION TO NEW MEMBERS (S. HIRANI)

- Introduction to new members & brief roundtable of introductions committee members
- Amy Veawab, Engineering (Raman Paranjape - sabbatical)
- Eman Almehdawe, Business (Lisa Watson - new position)
- Nicole Hansmeier, Luther College (returning)
- Few adjustment – Appendix A [ADD NAME OF DOCUMENT] added

APPROVAL OF AGENDA (S. HIRANI)

N. REID/F. LUHANGA

Moved that the agenda be approved with the following addition:

- VP Research Report - VPR Research Action Plan (Appendix A)

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 3, 2021 (S. HIRANI)

A. DOUAI/K. MCNUTT

Moved that the minutes from November 3, 2021, be approved with the following revisions:

- Name correction on page 4, Dr. Tibo revised to Taiwo Afolabi
- Attendance correction, K. McNutt & F. LUHANGA were both present

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

- No update to report

REMARKS FROM CHAIR (S. HIRANI)

- At the CCR level there are various agendas that can be brought forward that could be of interest and allow us to work together towards department/faculty goals.

VP RESEARCH REPORT (K. MCNUTT)

- All Associate Dean's meeting will be held by VPR the 3rd Friday of each month
- To bring the group up to speed externally – Zisis Papandreou re: security / research practice
- VPR Research Action Plan – VPR Office interested in feedback, will be circulated to CCR for feedback via email.
- Potential project this semester or next year – Research life cycle
 - Data collection/storage
 - As the research enterprise grows we see more areas that could use improvements to move the UR forward.
- Thanks to the volunteers participating in the REB Converis project
- Congrats to Dr. Reid for being awarded nearly \$1M
- Commercialization efforts - Sept 1
- Excited to announce the hire of 2 new Associate Deans, Research
- REB
 - Update to be provided by C. YOST later in the meeting
 - Appreciate the large undertaking C. YOST and team have taken
 - A. DOUAL confirmed the REB is central to the success of graduate students and appreciate the ongoing work.
- Thank you to the search committee (G. NOVOTNA/T. GRANDE), was instrumental in making this possible.
 - Tremendous interest generated with difficulties to identify a successful candidate – very proud of the excitement at the UR and the addition of Dr. Maria Velez Caicedo, Faculty of Science & Dr. Chris Oriet, Faculty of Psychology.

MOTION: PROPOSED RESEARCH CHAIR - CHILD TRAUMA RESEARCH CENTRE (RTRC) (N. REID)

MOTION APPROVED by CCR

Correction: CTRC

- S. HIRANI congratulated N. REID on behalf of the CCR
- N. REID presented the motion to CCR on RTRC's proposed research chair



- Refer to Appendix 2
- Without people the work cannot proceed, coming today to request a research chair
- Sustainability through growth – proven ourselves viable but to continue to be viable there is a need to grow and diversify.
- Hiring a research chair from another discipline would be an asset, initiates expanding audience and more networks.
- Impacts and benefits – students brought in, expands networks, early intervention decreases with later contacts.
- COVID-19 to be listed as a childhood experience, if attention begins now we could engage.
- Funding is in place for this chair, grateful and humble for the funding received.
- Intricate aspects and a critical part to achieve goals.
- Invites conversation and questions from the committee.

NAME	COMMENT
K. MCNUTT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Internal chair as this is coming from donor money and is not tied to a faculty specifically. - Kathy will chair the process and requests 1 member from CRC. - Any faculty on campus can apply. - Do we want an associate professor?
G. NOVOTNA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Congrats securing funding and the thoughtful planning. - Suggestion for title – CTRC Optimal Development and Youth - Internal chair to be at the junior or medium level?
C. YOST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Like keeping this wide open, avoids constraints, great presentation
A. DOUAI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In favour of keeping it wide open to secure the best fit for the role
D. MEBAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sometimes it brings different aspects to the position
S. HIRANI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advised corrections in the document and requested addition of the statement that the position would be posted internally.
K. MCNUTT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Governance process standard to secure research chair > Submit to Executive of Council with final approval at Board (Feb) and to Senate as “information only”.

N. REID moved the motion go to the next Executive of Council for approval.

S. HIRANI - No Objections/Abstains | APPROVED by CCR

MOTION: The Council Committee on Research recommends the Research Centre Chair in Child Trauma Research Centre.

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MOTION: GATE PROPOSAL (A. DOUAI)

MOTION APPROVED by CCR

- S. Hirani thanked CCR for providing their comments and feedback on GATE Proposal and invited A. DOUAI to present the motion
- Further discussion prior to submitting to Executive of Council
- Update is slightly different from the original proposal as colleagues feedback was heard
- Fees students pay to help sustain the center
- Proposed location – indicated to be Innovation Place
- Heard concerns and various input/feedback – very constructive

- Change 1:** Decision to set up a pilot with no fees
- Working with space allocation committee to secure on campus location

- Change 2:** Intent for Graduate Program
- Center has been widely received positively with development for student training as the initiative
 - Positively received by community, initialing having no partnership in place
 - FORESIGHT CANADA is the partner that will provide training

NAME	COMMENT
A. VEAWEB	- Will provide valuable training to students, is this for Undergrads as well?
Answer: Primary audience to start with be Graduate students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o With no fees at this stage o Heard interest outside of UR - not included in pilot stage o Clarity – ensure this is a Faculty as opposed to a Tier 1 (K. MCNUTT) 	
K. MCNUTT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EDI to be heavily involved - Social entrepreneurial side expected to grow - Expect some exciting things to come
A. DOUAI	- Move the motion to have the Gate Center established in the Faculty Graduate Studies and Research

A. DOUAI moved the motion go to the next Executive of Council for approval.

S. HIRANI - No Objections/Abstains | APPROVED by CCR

MOTION: The Council Committee on Research recommends the Gate Center be established in the Faculty Graduate Studies and Research.

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REB UPDATE (K. DORSCH & A. STEININGER)

- Over 200 application received
- One application above minimum risk – meeting researcher to discuss
- C. YOST sent response to 2 external reviewers – met with 1 to discuss and happy to report on the right path.
- Energy being spent on the switch over to Converis
 - o Built standard form – combining forms into one
 - o Build out form re: teaching
 - o Revised form re: secondary use
 - o New application is in place
 - o Round of consultations with researchers, made substantial changes based on feedback received, fine tuning the language and logistics and building workflows into the system
 - o On track for completion in Sept 2022

NAME	COMMENT
C. YOST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thanks to K. DORSCH & A. STEININGER & and M. PANDYA for the hard work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o REB Board membership is in place, is aligned and functional
K. MCNUTT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thank you very much, seeing great progress <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Ethics module – have available for new orientation

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New Faculty orientation – Aug 30/Sept 1, 2022
K. DORSH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Experienced turning down the first application, was not pleasant but necessary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ C. YOST - Did due diligence as application did not meet the rigors required, was fair and equitable.

U OF R RESEARCH WEB PAGE (S. SAWA | T. STECYK)

- Demonstrate the Research landing page
- Plan to move forward and build out pages and launch the full site
- Research tab –landing page
 - Mobile responsive – customizes no matter the device size
 - Research stories can be swapped out anytime
 - Key good analytics allowing for information to be seen
 - Links at this point take you to the current site, phase 2 is to update and move to new template
 - Very excited to work with the team and continue building the site

NAME	COMMENT
S. HIRANI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thanks for presentation, please provide the link to share with students <p>https://www.uregina.ca/ur-research/index.html</p>
N. REID	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thank you, have already been showing others - A massive undertaking - Awesome to use - Signature Areas (4) - is it possible to see all or does it have to direct to CIPSRT? Can it provide all the awesome initiatives available? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Living Heritages 2. Digital Futures 3. Environment & Climate Action 4. Mental Health & Wellness <p>Answer: Mental Health & Wellness could be turned into a landing page with options, CIPSRT was only a temp option for the Dec 23 launch date. Ownership & ability to make changes, training to be provided so team can update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Agree this should move to another page with content available (C. YOST)
C. BRADLEY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Be helpful to have a link that shows all publications available by Centers or Researchers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If this is a recruitment tool, showing a development piece could trigger people to see things they did not know about. Update needed, “Research” should be included in Child Trauma & Research name. (N. REID)
C. BUTZ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New website looks good, like the organization of the research tabs - Would like Research more prominently displayed i.e.) on the main page or at least have an article that appears at the top. <p>Answer: Video will be swapped up 3-4 times per year and will ensure Research is prominently displayed</p>
D. MEBAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mobile version works very well - The 4 Signature Areas – it does not state that these are a main focus at UR

	- A lot of people whose research does not fit within these 4 categories could be left out
Answer: Great feedback and could be as simple as creating a header.	
K. MCNUTT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Research Action Plan is being called Research Discovery - Really likes what D. MEBAN /C. BUTZ commented about showcasing ALL types of research and the notion of identifying that these are the 4 “Signature Areas”.
S. HIRANI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will there be a location for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o message from Dr. K. MCNUTT (VPR) o Post Doc or student success stories - Pictures are good and catchy
<p>Answer: Factoid boxes are meant to be really quick but sections could be created to prominently promote student stories.</p> <p>Suggestion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Research Excellence – link to strategic plan o Homepage/Discover our Research link to Discourse and change the link for the Research landing page to be where the Discourse link is currently. 	

OTHER BUSINESS

- A. DOUAI – Congratulated J. XUE for being awarded Engineering Results
 - o Journal focused on broader Engineering
 - o J. XUE nominated and won as global recipients, very humbled and honored
- C. YOST – VP Research Action Plan as information only for today, comments to be provided at next meeting.
- K. MCNUTT – All feedback and/or complaints are welcome so document can be finalized
- S. HIRANI – Members to submit any items for future agendas to S. HANSVALL

NEXT MEETING

- The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 2, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

S. HIRANI moved that the meeting be adjourned at 11:58 a.m. | No Objections/Abstains
MOTION APPROVED by CCR

Meeting Minutes – S. Hansvall