

COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Thursday, October 6, 2022

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

AH 527 & Zoom Meeting

PRESENT: S. HIRANI, A. DOUAI, S. GRAY, E. ALMEHDAWE, X. JI, L. HOEBER, C. RAMSAY,
G. NOVOTNA, C. BRADLEY, L. GROENEVELD, N. REID, J. XUE,
A. EATON, J. FARNEY, T. MCINTOSH, B. SCHNEIDER

REGRETS: A. STERZUK, C. YOST, P. LEAVITT, F. LUGANGA, T. DAHMS, N. HANSMEIER, R. PARANJAPÉ

RESOURCE: S. HANSVALL

1. OPENING REMARKS & WELCOME (S. HIRANI)

- Welcome to everyone in person and those on zoom
- Land acknowledgement

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (S. HIRANI)

L. HOEBER / E. ALMEHDAWE | No Objections/Abstains | APPROVED by CCR

Moved that the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 6, 2022 (S. HIRANI)

E. ALMEHDAWE/ N. REID | No Objections | APPROVED by CCR

Moved that the minutes be approved.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING

- Library Budget Implications – Scholarship of Research (C. Bradley) - Resolved
 - Status has changed drastically since the last meeting
 - After review the VPR office has committed to making up the shortfall, good news story
 - Library and campus are very grateful for the VPR office
- Allocation re: Open Call CRC Tier 2 (L. Hoeber)
 - C.Yost followed up with L. Hoeber directly - Resolved

5. REMARKS FROM CHAIR (S. HIRANI)

- Thank you for your contributions and attendance and your timely responses to bring forward motions/approvals
- President appreciated CCR chair participation and committee's contribution
- 2022-2023 expect more proposals coming forward
- CCR provides strategy and is a good platform for discussions
- Great wishes to S. Gray for all her contributions, best of luck in retirement
- A. Sterzuk will attending November meeting

6. REMARKS FROM VPR (C. YOST)

- VPR sent regrets

7. EXECUTIVE OF COUNCIL SUBMISSIONS & OUTCOMES

- CCR Chair 2021-2022
- Proposal to establish CAIDAC

8. OTHER BUSINESS

- None to report

9. PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH CENTRE FOR ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, DATA, AND CONFLICT (CAIDAC)

Refer to Appendix 2

VOTE TABLED – pending revisions

N.REID

- What is MEDDA's interest?
 - Received funding from SHERC, Facebook, Heritage Canada and some private input
 - Creating a center like this is to obtain funding
 - No comprehensive study on how humanitarians are being targeted in the field
- Transformation grant – wonder if this is a proposal that CCR will move forward to EofC?
 - Do not know how transformation grants work but always networking with others to secure more funding
 - Received funding from 5 different sources
- No time frame for the center is included in report as this is dependent on politics and social media in Canada > time not require as per policy (S. GRAY)

A.DOUI

- Really great initiative and very much needed
- Suggest to become affiliated with TSA (Terrorism Network out of Waterloo)
- Went through this proposal process to EofC – clarify governance, admin support, partnerships and suggest using the template from the Research Office
- Identify clarity around G. Pennycook's departure as part of the transformation grant
- Suggestion noting training for grad/undergraduate students, could serve well in the report
- UR Footprint is going to be proportionate until the funding arrive

- S.Hirani advised on revisions based on the feedback received from CCR
- S.Hansvall to share template with B.McQuinn and confirm deadline date for EofC submissions.
- VOTING TABLED: all members agree pending revisions that the final report can be circulated via email for CCR approval for submission to EofC.

10. ROUNDTABLE

S.GRAY

- Really enjoyed the newsletter that FGSR distributed
- Valuable information and opportunities for students to learn about entrepreneurship and startups and to lots promote future open houses.

J.XUE

- Thank you to S.GRAY for her support from the research office and her leadership, continue to look forward to the Research Office being passionate and supportive in the coming years
- UR Source very helpful and supportive
- Understands the struggle the Library faced, we are a small campus and it is unfortunate when departments face financial shortfalls that can affect research and students. Happy a solution was found to avoid this,

especially when there are expenses with serious impacts that could be avoided such as delayed renovations resulting in unnecessary incurred costs.

S.HIRANI/A.DOUI

- International students arriving this fall, some facing struggles with visa
- IRCC Immigration allowed students to study abroad due to visa delays in processing, we permit students to study abroad but with no visa the student the risks losing tuition funding
 - A. DOUI has heard from colleagues that they too are frustrated with visa delays
- No update at this time on Fulbright scholars
- Various countries face this delay
- Perspective students applying but challenge to acquire official transcripts
 - For those with visiting scholars contact A. DOUI so their presence can be highlighted
- J. XUE faced challenge with student in Nigeria (has Masters from UK), student applied and had to wait 6 months resulting her accepting alternate, very bright student and a loss for UR
 - Reach out to A. DOUI to facilitate situations like this
- J. XUE currently facing a situation with an Iran student and has directed them to utilize the mental health support available, unsure if the student would have asked, need to actively promote awareness and support available to students, propose activity/workshop rather than waiting for students to come forward and clarity on what role a supervisor plays.
 - A. DOUI is working with URI and the President's Office, any student requiring support contact A. DOUI to follow up, willing to meet with students and provide morale support and information.
 - Emergency bursary are available
- S. HIRANI proposed a one-pager workflow identifying guidelines for faculty to navigate situations such as these, A. DOUI made note this could be published to the FGSR website

E.ALMEHDAWE

- Non-international student moved to Regina and the Research Office was very supportive, process is very complicated
- Student accepted offer letter and is located in Regina but not able to work because of permit (PostDoc)
- Unfortunate that they relocated with families and a known start date but due to delay of permit they cannot receive the income they were promised
 - Suggest discussing with VPR/AVPR re: in/out of working with foreign students and Postdoc's – how the difference processes work hand in hand.

L.HOEBER

- Often sends students to FGSR or to URI (understood to be the expert) but sometimes less helpful with graduate students
- Who has this expertise?
 - For non-immigration related students should come to FGSR

S.HIRANI

- At next meeting's roundtable – Respective departments to report on “Post-Pandemic/Recovery phrase”, status update on supports required or process with masking, student research, etc.

Typo: Phase

11. ADJOURNMENT

S.HIRANI moved that the meeting be adjourned at 11:44 a.m. | MOTION APPROVED

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