

## COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Friday, September 16, 2022

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

**PRESENT:** S. HIRANI, C. YOST, A. DOUAI, S. GRAY, E. ALMEHDAWE, X. JI, L. HOEBER, C. RAMSAY, T. DAHMS, G. NOVOTNA, C. BRADLEY, L. GROENEVELD, N. HANSMEIER, N. REID, J. XUE, A. EATON, F. LUGANGA, **Correction: F. LUHANGA**

**REGRETS:** J. FARNEY, T. MCINTOSH, P. LEAVITT, B. SCHNEIDER, R. PARANJAPE

**RESOURCE:** S. HANSVALL

### 1. OPENING REMARKS & WELCOME (S. HIRANI)

- Land Acknowledgement
- New members in attendance today, will do a round of introductions later in the agenda

### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (S. HIRANI)

No Objections/Abstains | APPROVED by CCR

Moved that the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

### 3. REMARKS FROM VPR (C. YOST)

- Welcome back, nice to see new and familiar faces
- Unable to attend full meeting, departing after item 4
- Changes took place over the summer, happy to keep the momentum, CCR is a relevant, vibrant contributor and reliable resource
- Thank you to S. HIRANI for another term as chair, doing a great job
- Dr. Andrea Sterzuk to join CCR as the interim Associate Vice-President, Research
  - Active researcher and brings a wealth of experience
  - Former CC member as Associate Dean, Research and previously acting Dean, Education

### 4. UR 2020-2025 STRATEGIC RESEARCH PLAN SUMMARY FOR THE CANADA RESEARCH CHAIR (CRC) PROGRAM AND THE CANADIAN FOUNDATION FOR INNOVATION (CFI) (C.YOST/S.GRAY)

T.DAHMS/A.DOUI

No Objections/Abstains | APPROVED

- CFI and CRC require a summary research plan (S.GRAY)
- Summary developed from a combination of the UR Strategic and Action plans
- To generate actions reflected from the strategic plan (C.YOST)
- Truly a type of compliance document
- Thanks to Sally and the team for constructing the document (C.YOST)
- Request approval from committee for those applying to reference document when submitting in October 2022.

## COMMENTS /Q&A

- Flag style and grammar i.e.) hyphen in action plan vs. research action plan (N.REID)
- Why is this a Tier 4? (T.DAHMS)
  - This is based on funding received from CRC (C.YOST)

### 5. NEW MEMBERS & INTRODUCTION

- Roundtable introductions
- Thank you and best wishes to S. Gray on her retirement

### 6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM JUNE 6, 2022 (S. HIRANI)

T.DAHMS/A.DOUI | No Objections | APPROVED by CCR

ABSTAINS: T. DAHMS, G. NOVOTNA, L. GROENEVELD, X. JI, S.GRAY, L. HOEBER, F. LUGANGA, C. RAMSAY,  
A. EATON

Correction: F. LUHANGA

Moved that the minutes be approved.

CARRIED

### 7. INSTITUTIONAL SUBSCRIPTIONS RESEARCH SOFTWARE (A.EATON)

- <https://www.uregina.ca/is/common/ur/software/index.html>
- While kicking off a review it was apparent there was limited to no access to specific pieces of software.
- Raising this with CCR to check what is being used as a way to avoid paying out of grant money.

NAME	DISCUSSION
C. BRADLEY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ NVivo<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- will no longer to be installed on machines of students, suspect this is due to licensing fees and has been frustrating trying to help students without this access. Remains to work well for faculty.</li><li>- Students in a Research Assistant capacity can be granted access, have been advising other students to purchase the license directly as it has become a challenge to students</li><li>- Hearing weekly from students re: impacts of not have this and recognize the budgetary impact,</li><li>- Any advocacy that CCR can offer is appreciated</li></ul></li><li>▪ Covidence<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- If interested in a subscription contact the Library</li><li>- SUMARI is currently being used</li></ul></li><li>▪ Suggest inviting A. EXNER &amp; Information Services (IS) team as CCR guest to hear questions, challenges, proposals, etc. and hold a Q&amp;A</li></ul>
A. EATON	Those students currently doing a thesis or for PhD students there is no access
T.DAHMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Package for statistical analysis - open source is often used,</li><li>▪ Students opt out of RefWorks and purchase their own (EndNote)</li></ul>
E. ALMEHDAWE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ MAPLAB – purchased but requires specific software</li><li>▪ Worked with IS to have installed on a dedicated device located in a centralized location permitting all Faculty members to utilize the resource</li><li>▪ Suggested Turnitin (embedded in UR courses)</li></ul>
A. DOUI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Echo C. BRADLEY's comments &gt; have heard similar reviews and challenges</li><li>▪ Interested in finding a solution and will advocate on behalf of students</li><li>▪ Request for C. BRADLEY to send a summary of what solutions have been explored to further address with A. EXNER (IS).</li><li>▪ No specific software support grant, and not feasible due to the diversity in students and difference disciplines, perhaps funding between different areas to pool resources together is an option.</li></ul>

J. XUE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Notice this challenge in Engineering re: Microsoft Office – had to purchase license and EndNotes required individual purchases</li> <li>▪ If there is an institutional substitutions that would be great</li> <li>▪ Specialized software would be great although it may not serve everyone needs</li> <li>▪ Simulator software for water treatment was needed and IS was able to install this on one device, located centrally so that all of Engineering could access, to avoid multiple licenses, but dependent on needs.</li> </ul>
S. HIRANI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Appreciate the initiative and collective efforts towards this discussion</li> <li>▪ <b>Future CCR item:</b> A. EXNER (IS) re: challenges, Q&amp;A and advice on how other universities are doing this (parked for now)</li> <li>▪ Thank you A. EATON for adding this item and everyone's contribution</li> </ul>

#### 8. 2021-2022 CCR REPORT TO EXECUTIVE OF COUNCIL (DRAFT)

- For submission to the October 26 Executive of Council meeting
- Feedback – N.REID: Missing University Advancement & Communications (UAC) from the list of guest presentations, suggest referencing past agendas to confirm when in early 2021 UAC attended and update CCR Chair report accordingly
- Admin Support to check date and revise report
- Finalized report will be circulated to members for final review via email prior to submission to Executive of Council

#### 9. UR SOURCE – MOVE CCR MATERIAL (S.HIRANI/S.HANSVALL)

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- Communication as per Sarah Stewart, Registrar's Office
- Over the past year began moving Council Committee agendas/minutes to UR Source. Due to the sensitivity of the information contained in the agendas/minutes of the various Council Committees, we are approaching the Council Committee on Research to move to using the UR Source page as opposed to the public facing website. This still allows for transparency to the internal UR community and ensures that sensitive communication i.e.) meeting discussions, briefing notes, etc. are not publicly posted. The Council Committee on Research currently has a site created on UR Source for this purpose (Access to be granted to EA support to update.
- Committees that have been moved to UR Source:
  - Council Committee on Budget
  - Council Committee on Academic Mission
- Committees that are in the process of moving:
  - The Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions & Studies
  - The Council Committee on the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research
- As always, Executive of Council, Council, Senate and Board agenda/minutes and will be publicly posted.

#### 10. BUSINESS ARISING

- Executive of Council update requested re: Motion - Centre for Socially Engaged Theatre (C-SET) Foundation
  - Approved June 2022

#### 11. REMARKS FROM CHAIR (S. HIRANI)

- Thank you to C.YOST for his continued support
- Reviewed the intention of having a roundtable as a standing item for new members
- Brought to attention and encouraged members to submit suggestions, interesting topics, questions or other various items
- Opportunity to get direct responses and/or direction by having C. YOST present at these meetings

## 12. ROUNDTABLE

NAME	DESCRIPTION
A.DOUAL:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Organizing Grad Students conference - spread the word and engage your students<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Re: Learn presentation skills</li><li>Announcement and link will be shared with CCR</li></ul></li></ul>
L.HOEBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Open Call for CRC Tier 2 has this be allocated?<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Follow up with C. YOST at the next CCR meeting</li></ul></li><li>Dismay on the various cuts to communications and access to knowledge, understand the economical aspect but there will be significant impacts and is not good for UR re: recruitment, reputation.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Hopeful for an alternate option to be presented</li></ul></li></ul>
S.HIRANI:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Library Budget Implications – for further discussion at the October meeting and C. YOST can provide insight and/or more information.</li></ul>
S.GRAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Worked with N. Onder to create Graduate Research Fund for Metis Graduate students for all areas of research, share with students</li><li>First time competition has been run, approx. \$5000, see Research webpage/Internal funding</li></ul>
C.BRADLEY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Unfortunately faced with impacts from the increased exchange rates and publisher fees</li><li><b>Future CCR item</b> – invite the Collections &amp; Assessment team to share analysis on the process of this decision<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Open access initiatives, suspect to eventually see but not known how it will play out</li><li>Changing landscape, more and more need to have discussions on how to manage this</li><li>Library is an advocate for open access</li></ul></li><li>Committee gathered re: what Tri-Agencies require, work to soon begin</li></ul>
T.DAHMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Future CCR item:</b> Research Data Management invite to CCR to provide an update</li></ul>

## 13. OTHER BUSINESS

- Research Ethics Board (REB) - Converis Update (S.GRAY)
  - All configuring is done with a few exceptions
  - A. STEININGER is creating different manuals to be based on the user (Research, chair, ethics office)
  - Testing system and manuals is underway
  - Test plans are being created by M.PANDYA, these will be vigorous to ensure as many errors can be located before system launches
  - Call for volunteers will come out again
  - Found out that when moving from the test environment to production everything had to be reconfigured as there is no copy/paste option
  - Roll-out anticipated by end of year, a bit later than originally planned but better to address all testing now rather than later
  - Converis team is very proud and excited for the launch

## 14. ADJOURNMENT

S.HIRANI moved that the meeting be adjourned at 11:52 a.m. | MOTION APPROVED

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Meeting Minutes – S. Hansvall