

COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH

May 7, 2020
1:30-3:00 pm
Zoom meeting

	Agenda Items	Materials
1	Approval to record meeting for more detailed minutes – 2 minutes	
2	Introductions – 3 minutes	
3	Approval of Agenda –3 minute (3 minutes)	
4	Website Redesign – Research Considerations (S. Sawa) – 20 minutes	
5	Approval of the Meeting Minutes of March 2, 2020 – by email COVID 19 Meeting April 27	Appendix A Appendix B
6	Chair's Report (C. Yost) - 10 minutes	
8	Vice-President (Research) Report (K. McNutt) – 10 minutes	Appendix C
10	Unionization of Research Employees (Group Discussion) – 10 minutes	
11	Phase 1 Return to Research (Group Discussion) – 20 minutes	
13	Business Arising – 5 minutes TOR, Chair Policy approved at EofC	
14	Adjournment	

CCR Sub-Committees	
Standing - CFI - NSERC Research Tools and Instruments - Research Trust Fund/Sabbatical Research Grant	Ad-hoc - Research Impact - Research Space Allocation - Terms of Reference

Distribution	
Kathleen McNutt, VPR Sally Gray, Director of Research Office Troni Grande, Arts Saqib Khan, Business Administration Twyla Salm, Education Amr Henni, Engineering & Applied Science Kathleen Irwin, Media, Art, and Performance Laurena Hoeber, Kinesiology & Health Studies Joan Wagner, Nursing Cory Butz, Science Doug Moen, Johnson Shoyama Graduate School Miguel Sanchez, Social Work Nicholas Jones - Dean and Associate Vice President (Research)	Cara Bradley, Library David Meban, Campion College Andrew Miller, First Nations University of Canada Yvonne Harrison, Luther College Francesco Freddolini, Director HRI Sandra Zilles, CRC Rep. Chris Yost, Chair, Science TBA, GSA Irfan Al-Anbagi – Council Member, Engineering & Applied Science Sheila Petty, – Council Member, Media, Art, and Performance

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Minutes of the Meeting of

Monday, March 2, 2020

AH 527

Present: C. Yost (Chair), K. McNutt, T. Grande, A. Henni, K. Irwin, D. Meban, L. Hoeber, I. Al-Anbagi, N. Jones, S. Gray, S. Khab, S. Petty, J. Wagner, C. Butz, K. Rasmussen, C. Bradley, P. Streete, Y. Harrison

Resource: P. Splett (Research Office), recorder

Regrets: A. Miller, M. Sanchez, T. Salm, F. Freddolini, S. Zilles

1. Approval to record meeting for more detailed minutes.

2. Introductions

3. Approval of Agenda

Wagner/Al-Anbagi

- moved approval of the agenda

CARRIED

4. Approval of Meeting Minute of January 8, 2020

Jones/Irwin

- moved approval of the minutes

CARRIED

With correction of #6 b) “central has not funded a number of positions we are acquiring from NSERC”.

5. Chairs Report - Update

a) Motions from last CCR meeting forwarded to Executive of Council meeting on January 22, 2020.

- Establishment of Child Trauma Research Centre as a university-based centre and Canadian Institute for Public Safety Research and Treatment as a university-based centre – Recommended to go to the next level of Senate.
- Disestablishment of Centre for International Education and Training faculty-based centre – Recommended to go to the next level of Senate.

- b) Open Access
 - Chair to send out “Roadmap for Open Science” by Mona Nemer, Chief Science Advisor of CanadaResearchers may benefit from this
- c) Terms of Reference
Change Chair term and elected members term. To be approved by Glenys before going forward to Executive of Council.

6. Vice-President (Research) Report – K. McNutt

Included is the Response to the Board of Governors on the research enterprise

- a) The information provided shows concerns with SSHRC awards decreasing.
 - The Research Office will provide an analysis of SSHRC applicants vs. awards.
 - EDI training will be rolling out this fall.
- b) Discussion on performance measures on research.
 - Take response that VPR office prepare to E of C.
 - VPR and director of Research Office looking at a different performance measures provider.
 - Current PMF is not providing the kind of data that is relevant
 - Recommendation to go forward to BOG of what we are going to be measuring for research in the next year.
 - An RFP for vendors for a new products for demo.
 - The University of Regina strategic plan to be launched late April.
 - Then a research action plan will be developed to provide strategic focus.

7. FGSR Strategic Plan draft (N. Jones)

- a) Purpose:
 - CCR to provide feedback.
 - This is a response to the FGSR unit review.
 - Align FGSR strategic plan to the U of R strategic plan.
- b) Questions:
 - How are we succeeding in Graduate Studies and Research across the different disciplines.
 - Need to address funding
 - Needs more measurable.
- c) Discussion
 - Draft of strategic plan is more driven by internal operations.
 - Plan needs aspirations about improving quality of graduate studies.
 - Possible focus ideas:
 - i. Thesis based

- ii. Quality
- iii. How and what to grow
 - New proposed competitive funding models
 - Needs to be more weight placed on mentorship
 - Foster interdisciplinary programs
 - Since PostDocs will be unionized, would FGSR be a logical home for PostDocs as a centralized unit for them.
 - Work this into the strategic plan
 - Mentorship for undergrad research – mentorship
 - Can FGSR funding be used for undergraduate research.
 - Potential problem with “time to finish” grad programs.
 - Some of our programs are heavily weighted with International Students.
 - We need more supports in place for the international students.
 - Feedback on aboriginal part – highest priority on specific policies and issues.

8. Research Stats on Grads (N. Jones)

- a) Challenges to be part of the strategic plan
 - a. Type of data captured.
 - b. Reports needed and how to get this information
 - c. Find trends happening if we have the correct data.
 - d. Time to completion concerns.
 - e. Issues with extensions.
 - f. Part-time vs full time programs. This is dependent on the individual programs.
 - g. Domestic vs International also depends on the individual units and programs.
 - h. Removing some of the barriers for international students ie tuition
 - i. Attracting good, qualified international students.
 - j. Need to make our program/university attractive to succeed as a small institution.

9. Research chair policy (S. Gray)

-Amendment to include role of the deans.

One sentence was added to indicate that the deans have a role to play when funding is from an external organization as opposed to advancement.

Motion 1: CCR approves the amendment to the Research Chairs policy RCH-010-020 of the deans role when funding is from an external agency.

Gray/McNutt

- moved approval of motion

CARRIED

10. Update on Terms of Reference for the committee

Motion 1: CCR approves the elected members term from 3 years to 4 years.

Al-Anbagi/Pitariu

- moved approval of motion

CARRIED

Motion 2: CCR approves the chair term and be up to 2 years.

Salm/Irwin

- moved approval of motion

CARRIED

a) CCR Role and Responsibilities

- Currently the CCR Terms of Reference role is to establish and disestablish.
- The committee recommends that the CCR terms of reference include to receive or participate in the performance or the opportunity to comment on university centre reviews.
- Possible motion:
CCR approves the addition to reviews all centre performance reviews before sign off.
- Bring forward to the next meeting for correct language before presented to E of C.
- Start with University centres – think about the faculty-based
- Collaborative Centre for Justice and Safety will be under review soon. The completed review will be brought forward to the CCR meeting as information until the TOR have been revised and approved by the necessary committees.
- Typically the university centres are reviewed on a 5 year cycle.

Motion 1: CCR recommend the establishment and disestablishment of University-wide research centres/institutes and chairs to Executive of Council for recommendation to Senate.

Yost/Jones

- moved approval of motion

CARRIED

Motion 2: CCR participates in the research centre reviews and provides input in recommendation to the Vice-President of Research.

Salm/Irwin

- moved approval of motion

CARRIED

11. Business Arising

- Follow up at next meeting “The funding Formula” for business Arising.
- CCR Year End report to elevate discussions on removing barriers for international graduate students.
 - Differential fees
 - Supports for international students
- Discussion on increasing committee elected members or remain the same.
- Open Access – Standing item

Adjournment

– moved to adjourn.



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Zoom meeting

Present: C. Yost (Chair), K. McNutt, , K. Irwin, D. Meban, L. Hoeber, , I. Al-Anbagi, S. Gray, S.Khan, S. Petty, J. Wagner, C. Butz, P. Streete, , C. Bradely, , A. Henni, N. Jones, K. Rasmussen, T. Salm, S. Zilles, T. Grande, Y. Harrison

Resource: P. Splett (Research Office), recorder

Regrets: A. Miller, , F. Freddolini, D. Moen, , M. Sanchez, R. Deschamps

1. Approval to record meeting for more detailed minutes.

2. Discussion of Phase 1 - attached

No motion needed. This is a guide for Vice-President (Research)

General Discussion

- Phase 1 is most restrictive for both the U of R and the government.
- The university has a 4-phase plan with our phase 1 & 2 equating provincial phase 1 of 5.
- VPR will take the CCR recommendations and includes risk mitigation, informed consent form for graduate students to sign and a mandatory 1 hour training on COVID-16 research protocols.
- VPR to share this document with University Executive Team and April 30 Town Hall.
- There will be an informed consent for graduate students added by VPR.
- The university needs to do a supply check on masks, sanitizer, gloves ect.
- A centralized scheduling system for labs/studios to be coordinated with IS.
- Phase 1 will include opening up 3 buildings – Riddell Centre, PTRC and Research Innovation Centre in order to have some control.
- Reason for opening RIC – it is multi-disciplined and multi-facultied.
- No research can be done face-to-face.
- Sub-committee will continue meeting to devise plans for phase 2.
- Phase 2 will likely open up Lab Building and Education Building.
- Risk Assessment Applications will need to be done by every researcher by project if they wish to continue research.

- VPR to make these announcements at Town Hall April 30, 2020.

Risk Assessment

- Regardless of which phase research falls into, it's better to do a risk assessment form and have it reviewed in advance.
- Risk assessments will need to be done for any research in labs, office space (wet labs, dry labs), field work or studios.
- Risk assessments for student office needs to be clear on why
- Risk assessments generally to be project based, but may be done for a research program.
- Clear instruction and messaging needs to be communicated. Chris Yost will work with Risk Assessment committee on messaging.
- Each risk assessment must be accompanied with a detailed schedule.

Scheduling Discussion:

- Concerns from Town Hall last week:
- Council Committee on Research role:
- Some faculty deans are already doing some work on this.

VPR

- IT software licensing – VPR office has funds for the purpose of purchasing licenses

Adjournment

UNIVERSITY OF REGINA

Board of Governors

Item for Information

Subject: Report on Research at the University of Regina

1. Research enterprise features

Newly Funded Research in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Dr. Gordon Asmundson (Psychology) was awarded a \$399,700 federal grant for his study, *COVID-19: The Role of Psychological Factors in the Spreading of Disease, Discrimination, and Distress*. The funding was part of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research's Canadian 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Rapid Research Funding Opportunity. The research is critical to better understanding the common psychological responses to COVID-19 and the 'new reality' it has imposed on our daily lives. Importantly, it will help Canadians and others be better prepared if and when we are faced with a future coronavirus outbreak.

Dr. Asmundson was also awarded \$10,000 from the Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation's Research Connections COVID-19 Rapid Response program for his study, *Understanding and Managing COVID Stress Syndrome*.

Dr. Nathalie Reid from the Child Trauma Research Centre and Dr. Lise Milne from the Faculty of Social Work were awarded \$10,000 from the Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation's Research Connections COVID-19 Rapid Response program for their study, *Creating a Digital Connections Hub to Support Children in Care in Saskatchewan During COVID-19 and Beyond*. The Hub will comprise current, evidence-based child welfare research and resources related to COVID-19 and other potential health crises. It will facilitate easy access for Saskatchewan stakeholders who share a concern for children in care.

Dr. Gordon Pennycook, Hill/Levene Schools of Business, is part of a team of researchers led by Dr. Timothy Caulfield, University of Alberta, awarded a \$381,708 federal grant for their study, *Coronavirus Outbreak: Mapping and Countering Misinformation*. The funding was part of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research's Canadian 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Rapid Research Funding Opportunity. The research will assess how false cures and conspiracy theories spread online, and recommend ways to contain potentially harmful misinformation.

Support for Faculty Researchers During the COVID-19 Pandemic

The Vice-President (Research) has begun to offer virtual research town halls using Zoom. Three have been held so far in April. The purpose of the town hall sessions is to provide a forum for faculty to ask questions and/or voice concerns about the impact the pandemic and the measures put in place to protect health and safety are having on research plans. Additionally, a document detailing support available to faculty for adapting research plans to the realities of the COVID-19 pandemic has been prepared and distributed.

Also, the Research Office has begun weekly virtual drop-in sessions to answer questions related to research grants.

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Funding Results

The 2019 SSHRC Insight Grants had 7 applicants and 4 were successful for a total value of \$690,718. In 2018, there were 8 applicants and 2 were successful for a total value of \$311,033.

2. Research highlights since the last report: funding, awards, recognition, major publications, partnerships, etc.

- Dr. R. Nicholas Carleton was awarded \$989,925 by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research's (CIHR) Mental Wellness in Public Safety Team Grants in support of key research to protect the mental health of all public safety personnel. In addition, the three-year project received a variety of additional support, including \$47,250 from the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency to support its technology needs, as well as a total of almost \$795,000 of in-kind support from public safety partners in police, fire, and paramedics, along with the RCMP, and the University of Regina.
- Dr. Gordon Pennycook, Hill/Levene Schools of Business, received the Canadian Society for Brain, Behaviour and Cognitive Science (CSBBCS) Vincent Di Lollo Early Career Award. Pennycook's research into why people believe and spread fake news, as well as how to use reason to fight the urge to do both, has been featured in media across the globe. The CSBBCS is a not-for-profit organization that advances Canadian research in experimental psychology and behavioural neuroscience. The Early Career Award recognizes the exceptional quality and importance of the contributions of a new researcher to knowledge in brain, behaviour, and cognitive science in Canada. The recipient of this major national award must be within 10 years of receiving their PhD.
- As reports of personal protective equipment shortages for health care workers continue to top the headlines around the world, members of the University of Regina research community have banded together to help find a solution. Amid the chaos and confusion that has been caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, a team from the University has been collaborating to produce face shields for front line health care workers by using 3D printing technology. Rising to a challenge initially proposed by Dr. Kathy McNutt, Vice-President (Research), a team of researchers, faculty, and staff primarily from the Faculty of Science and Department of Physics have been working together to mobilize and move the desperately needed face shields into production. The first face shield prototype was produced on April 2. The Department of Physics had recently purchased a 3D printer to create parts for a physics detector; however, repurposing the printer to respond to the national shortage of face shields was done in short order.