

COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH

Minutes of the Meeting of
Wednesday, October 9, 2019
LB 237

Present: C. Yost (Chair), K. McNutt, T. Grande, T.Salm, H. Ibrahim, K. Irwein, J. Wagner, C. Butz, M. Sanchez, C. Bradley, D. Meban, Y. Harrison, F. Freddolini, S. Zilles, I. Al-Anbagi

Resource: P. Splett (Research Office), recorder

Regrets: S. Gray, A. Pitariu, D.Candow, N. Jones, A. Miller

1. Introductions

2. Approval of Agenda

Salm/Ibrahim - *moved approval of the agenda* CARRIED

3. Approval of the Minutes from May 27, 2019

Irwin/Al-Anbagi - *moved approval of the minutes* CARRIED

4. Chair's Report (C. Yost)

The Chair presented the CCR yearend report to E of C in June 2019 with no discussion. The report was discussed at the September E of C in which the committee was very engaged in the discussion of research impact and research challenges.

Chair to ensure action times were acted on at Executive of Council.

- Movement of VPR office out of Pres Office – Chris meeting with Vianne October 10
- VPR to respond to Open Access and Research Impact reports

Agenda setting to continue with the Chair and 2 council members. Chair Yost will send out a moodle 3 weeks before meeting requesting agenda items from faculty researchers.

Moodle will also be used for researchers to respond on information.

Themes from E of C:

Faculty of Graduate Studies has a number a challenges to increase enrollment and graduate students that can drive research.

- Increased tuition fees for international students
- Graduate program cuts

- Decrease in SSHRC grants may be due to decreased number of graduate students.

The committee would like to review the Faculty of Graduate Studies strategic plan in the near future and discuss the trends specifically:

- 5 year report on SSHRC applications versus grad programs by department.
- Include international students that may not qualify for grants.
- Grant applications of professional faculties versus non-professional faculties.

Action: The committee would ask that this report be forwarded to the Executive of Council to respond.

New staff member, Pauline Streete, has joined our team as the Equity, Diverse, and Inclusive Officer. Her role is to help support researchers and supporting CRC committees. The NSERC Discovery grant now must include an EDI component.

For contracts, please contact Jared Pashovitz from the very beginning of a possible idea or project.

5. Vice-President (Research) Report (K. McNutt)

Maclean's Rankings for the University of Regina is a concern

- U of R at the bottom of SSHRC and 9th on the list for NSERC
- even with the cohort program
- should be shoulder tapping new faculty coming in
- give an idea as to how to increase our SSHRC

CFI – we only have ¼ of what we need. Funding is going fast and we are up for new in 2023

CRC – Currently we have 2 or 3 empty seats.

- A new process needs to address: making an offer more attractive, recruitment and retention,
- Possible motion at the November CCR meeting “Flow through if failed application”
- VPR this to ULT.

Send the CCR committee the link for the CRC Policy

6. Health Research Stats

See attached report. It may be helpful to the committee to have the report indicate dollar amounts for each category for CIHR, SHRF, smaller grant and larger grants.

Info Source to be presented at the next meeting using CAUBO data. The CAUBO data compares the U of R to other universities

7. Terms of Reference for CCR Committee

Concerns;

- Council representation is low
- Duplication meeting for associate deans or designates

Goals:

- Complete revision of the CCR Terms of Reference.
- Change the length of term for council members and chair.
- Motion from the committee at next meeting to amend term and send forward to

Executive of

Council.

8. Glenys Sylvester, Mark Brigham & Carlos Londono – Board of Governors discussion

The board is created by an act and members are appointed for a 3 year term. The board's mandate is financial and administrative responsibility and is guided by the University of Regina Strategic Plan. Board decisions generally align with academics.

Strategies to put Research on the Board's mandate:

- Research impact embedded in the strategic plan since benchmarks come from the strategic plan.
- The VPR reports to audit need to include the research goals the university.
- Pose the question of how the board is going to improve the Maclean's rankings for the university.
- Decisions on goals the university needs to achieve in research

9. Business Arising - none

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Adjournment

Wagner/Salm – *moved to adjourn.*