

COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH

Minutes of the Meeting of
Monday, April 6, 2020
Zoom meeting

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

Resource: P. Splett (Research Office), recorder

Regrets: A. Miller, D. Moen, N. Jones, K. Rasmussen, T. Salm, S. Zilles, M. Sanchez

1. Approval to record meeting for more detailed minutes.

2. Agenda

- Adaptation to Research by Raymond Deschamps
- *Post Docs – K. McNutt*
- *Definition of Critical Research*
- *What is time critical Research*

3. Adaptation to Research

Discussion

- This document is will help set the tone about enabling researchers to adapt with their graduate students and postdocs.
 - Supports needed
 - Financial supports
 - Extra licensing
 - Emergency support funds
- The CCR Committee will be used as Research Continuity Planning for the research enterprise.
- Encourage researchers to have postdoc do other work – ie. Data analysis.
- The PostDoc collective agreement start date is May 1, 2020.

- As long as we are in a “:State of Emergency”, labs will continue to be closed.
- MAP can work remotely on “the cloud”
- **April 30, 2020** date for re-assessment of the situation.
- MAP has a few Mitacs Postdocs that continue to do alternate work.
- Engineering has had some renewals and nothing has be said about layoffs.
- Science has had some concerns about layoffs in general but not specific to PostDocs.
- Feedback to Raymond by April 9 for Town Hall.

4. Re-Assessment date April 30, 2020

- May 1, 2020 is the date that most research associates are hired.
- May 15 is decision date on Fall 2020 teaching
- Messaging on re-assessment needs with emphasis on the differences in faculties.

5. Critical Research/Time Critical Research

- Critical research needs to have a narrow scope contained to COVID and maintaining infrastructure.
- Time critical research is long term research or unique or special circumstances.

6. Process to continue research

- Fill out a risk assessment from and proceed.
- If there a question on time sensitive/critical research, the request to go to Assoc Dean, Dean and VPR and be done on a case-by-case basis

7. Funding possibilities: university and federal government for layoffs

- The federal government is offering \$2000 per month to those that earned over \$5000 in the previous year.(CERB Canada Emergency Response Benefit program)
- Innovative ways for the university to raise funds.
 - Supplemental programs for department level graduate students.
 - Potential scholarships
 - Innovation challenge for different work that can be done.
- FGSR looking for potential fund raising for Emergency funding for students
 - Donate APEA funds.
- Need messaging to students about funding that is available.
 - Concerns around the CERB offering more than what our postdoc are paid.

8. Library Access

- The Library has updated their homepage with respect with services.
- Highlighting services and workshops for Grad Students with FGSR.

9. For Monday April 13 Agenda

Raising funds for Emergency Fund

Supports for Graduate International Students – Seniors Research Team

IT – licensing issues

10. Other Business

Library to look into Canopy Streaming licencing for MAP.

If MAP had full access to the product, MAP can package many courses.

Library to follow up MAP

Adjournment