University of Regina

COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH
Minutes of the Meeting of
Monday, March 2, 2020
AH 527

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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 Canada
   Researchers 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 bee 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 polies 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.