

COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH

Minutes of the Meeting of
Thursday 8 October 2020
2:30 – 4:00 pm

Present: I Al-Anbagi (Chair), R Blake, C Butz, S Gray, A Henni, L Hoerber, N Jones, K McNutt, D Meban, G Novotna, S Petty, C Ramsay, T Salm, J Wagner, L Watson, C Winter, C Yost, S Zilles

Regrets: F Freddolini, S Manoharan, D Moen, N Reid, B Schneider

Resource: L Todd

Guests: S Sawa, T Stecyk, B Webb

INTRODUCTIONS

Roundtable introductions were conducted.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ramsay/Watson

Moved that the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM AUGUST 24, 2020

Watson/Ramsay

Moved that the minutes from August 24, 2020 be approved as presented.

1 ABSTENTION - CARRIED

PAST CHAIR'S REPORT

C Yost briefly reviewed the highlights of the Chair's Annual Report to Executive of Council, which will be presented as an Information Item at the October meeting.

Jones/Watson

Moved to accept the report as presented.

CARRIED

CHAIR'S REPORT

I Al-Anbagi advised that the CCR is becoming more of a decision-making body and proposed holding meetings every month rather than every two months. We are doing a lot of policy renewal work now that hasn't been completed for some time. The November and December meetings are scheduled; new meetings will be set up for 2021. The committee supported this idea.

I Al-Anbagi suggested the theme for this academic year be "Research Impact". Discussion took place regarding expanding the title to include graduate students. K McNutt advised that the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research has a committee to look at the impact of research for graduate students, so we don't have to duplicate this. There will be further discussion at the December CCR meeting.

VICE-PRESIDENT (RESEARCH) REPORT

K McNutt welcomed C Yost to his new position as Associate Vice-President (Research). She advised her report is an Information Item for your review. If you have any questions, please contact K McNutt.

TOR AND MOTION TO ESTABLISH THE PRESIDENT'S RESEARCH CHAIR AND THE CHANCELLOR'S RESEARCH CHAIR AT THE U OF R

C Yost reviewed the Terms of Reference (Appendix 7) for both Chairs. Discussion took place on the following:

- potential candidates
- criteria
- eligibility
- course buy-outs and retention of colleagues
- adjudication committee

The candidate recommendations will go through CCR, Executive of Council, Senate and to the Board in February 2021 for approval.

Yost/Petty

Moved to present the Terms of Reference for the President's Research Chair and the Chancellor's Research Chair at the next Executive of Council Meeting, with the correction of one typing error on the first page.

CARRIED

INDIGENOUS RESEARCH REPORT

S Gray provided an update on the proposed changes to the Indigenous Showcase that is held in September. She advised that she will work with the Associate Deans to hold events over the course of the year, rather than just one week.

CCR TERMS OF REFERENCE/MEMBERSHIP

Terms of Reference

C Yost reviewed the changes to the CCR Terms of Reference. Discussion took place regarding the removal of the Research Trust Fund and the Sabbatical Research Grants. Further discussion took place on the three elected members of Council. K McNutt will follow-up with University Advancement & Communications regarding the Research Trust Fund.

Watson/Salm

Moved to accept the changes identified in the document as well as the removal of the Sabbatical Research Grants.

CARRIED

Membership

Discussion took place regarding increasing the membership of the CCR from three to four or five elected members. After consideration, the committee agreed to have three members for the foreseeable future. May return this to the agenda of a future meeting.

CCR POLICY REVISIONS

S Gray advised that the Research Office has been working on improving the Research Institute and Centres Policy. She reviewed the proposed changes (Appendix 6b).

Yost/Salm

Moved to accept the new policy as presented.

CARRIED

CCR DECISION ON DISSOLVING SUBCOMMITTEES

This item will be tabled at the next CCR meeting.

U OF R WEBSITE REDESIGN PROJECT UPDATE

I Al-Anbagi welcomed S Sawa, T Stecyk and B Webb to the meeting. S Sawa shared what research content will be on the new site. She advised that it has been shared with UET, K McNutt and the Web Team as well. The new website will focus on the recruitment of students.

Discussion took place on the following:

- Research Impact page
- links for research on specific faculty pages
- timeline for launch is spring 2021
- mobile friendly design
- updating/maintaining information on the web pages

CCR members liked the overall design and gave the green light to proceed. It was suggested they return to a future meeting during the design phase.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

L Watson moved that the meeting be adjourned at 3:54 pm.