

COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH

Minutes of the Meeting of
March 9, 2016 (110.3 Paskwāw Tower)

Present: A.Volodin (Chair, Math/Stats), C.Butz (SC), D.Candow (KI), M.Sanchez (SW), K.Irwin (FA), N.Onder (AR), J.Longo (JSGSPP), S.Gray (Research Office), C.Somers (CRC), M.Hampton (LU), C.Bradley (LI), A.Henni (ENGG), D.Malloy (VPR), A.Sterzuk (ED), C.Riegel (HRI), R.Camp (BU), C.Bradley (LI),

Resource: J.Speed (Research Office), recorder

Regrets: D.McMartin (AVPAR), A.Eberlein (FGSR), J.Wagner (NU), G.Donnely (NU), A.Miller (FNUiv), J.Butt (GSA), A.Mudde (CA)

Visitors: R.Caines (MAP), K.McNutt (JSGSPP), P.Schmeiser (JSGSPP)

1. Introductions

2. Approval of Agenda

Butz/Hampton - *moved approval of the agenda.*

CARRIED

3. Approval of the Minutes of September 21, 2015

Gray/Somers – *moved approval of the minutes.*

CARRIED

4. Chair's Report (A. Volodin)

a. Approval of Research Chairs Policy at Executive of Council

- Dena presented this item at Executive of Council and it was approved.

5. VPR Report (D. Malloy)

a. CRC Competition

- The CRC Policy has been approved. The VPR and Provost will meet to review the recommendations from the committee.
- D. Malloy will follow up with further information regarding the CRC.

b. Strategic Research Plan

- The final touches are being added to the Strategic Research Plan. It will then be distributed across campus for feedback.

c. Canada First Research Excellence Fund (CFREF)

- We are nearing the CFREF deadline. Sally and Raymond have been steering the \$97 million dollar proposal. The first draft is together, containing information from a variety of sources. We have received a letter from Innovation Saskatchewan and they have promised \$3.5 million for the project. A total of 51 universities applied at the LOI stage and we are one of 30 universities chosen to move forward and complete a proposal.

d. Carbon Capture Conference

- The Carbon Capture Conference was held two weeks ago in Scotland with representatives from around the world. We are working with University of Melbourne and University of Edinburgh.

6. Policy on Ad-Hoc Committee (N. Önder)

- N. Önder is currently chairing CCR Subcommittee on Research Impact. Since there is nothing in the Terms of Reference about creating such subcommittees, there are questions around who can be on ad-hoc subcommittees. Some subcommittees have included members who are not members of CCR but are university council members. It needs to be clear whether CCR or the subcommittee decides these matters. CCR will prepare a policy/brief statement regarding this for follow up.

7. Research Impact Subcommittee Report (N. Önder)

- The Research Impact Subcommittee met on February 8, 2016 to discuss the working document. They will meet again next week, and once a month subsequently, until the document is complete. The subcommittee is currently looking at different Faculty Criteria Documents. The report on Research Impact will be complete by June.

8. MAP: Regina Improvisation Studies Centre (Approval of new faculty-based research centre) (R. Caines)

- The Centre has been in existence since 2013, with 10 researchers and a growing team of community partners. There is a now a desire to formalize the Centre.
- The Centre has six institutional partners and several community partnerships in Regina.
- Right now there are no plans to move to a University-based centre, however, this could be a future possibility.

Butz/Irwin - *moved to recommend the Centre to Executive of Council for consideration*

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9. JSGSPP: Canadian Institute for Science and Innovation Policy (CISIP) (Approval of new research centre) (K. McNutt & P. Schmeiser)

- JSGSPP has consulted with research centres and both Provosts at the U of S and U of R to develop a centre that is focuses on science policy and translation into public good and social learning. Across both campuses, lots of researchers are working on community engagement and science policy projects. The centre will be collaborative across the two campuses.
- For the first four years the Director will be at the U of S and the following four years the Director will be at the U of R, in accordance with JSGSPP governance structure across both campuses.
- Many partnerships are available with Arts, Science and the School of Environment and Sustainability. The Centre will bring academics together from across a variety of disciplines, and priorities will be developed to manage the size.
- The Centre supports the U of R Strategic Plan, especially in areas of Indigenization and sustainability.

Longo/Camp - *moved to recommend the Centre to Executive of Council for consideration*

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10. Other Business

- None.

11. Adjournment

Hampton – moved to adjourn.

CARRIED