

COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH

Minutes of the Meeting of
September 21, 2015 (AH 527)

Present: A.Volodin (Chair, Math/Stats), S.Gray (Research Office), D.Candow (KI), M.Sanchez (SW), D.Malloy (VPR), A.Eberlein (FGSR), R.Camp (BU), C.Bradley (LI), D.McMartin (AVPAR), A.Sterzuk (ED), C.Somers (CRC), C.Butz (SC), N.Onder (AR), G.Donnely (NU), J.Wagner (NU), M.Hampton (LU)

Resource: J.Speed (Research Office), recorder

Regrets: K.McNutt (JSGSPP), A.Miller (FNUniv), K.Irwin (FA), A.Henni (EN), C.Riegel (HRI), J.Butt (GSA)

1. Introductions

2. Approval of Agenda

Camp/Eberlein - *moved approval of the agenda.*

CARRIED

3. Approval of the Minutes of January 28, 2015

Once change was recommended:

Item 5. Tri-Council Leaders' Report

- There is a spelling mistake. It should read: "All applications to the SSHRC Insight Grants *must* submit a CCV."

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

CARRIED

4. Chair's Report (A.Volodin)

a. Replacement of K.Montgomery's Position on CCR Subcommittees

- Filling the position of Chair for the Research Impact Subcommittee.
- N.Onder volunteers.
- Two or three people needed for a sub-subcommittee on Non-Traditional Research Impact. M.Spooner is part of committee, however, is not a member of CCR.

5. VPR Report (D.Malloy)

a. Directional Plan

- Developing a Directional Research Plan that focuses on research and research-related plans.
- Directional Research Plan should satisfy the same requirements as a Strategic Plan.
- Four step process for completion.
- VPR put forward as a motion, then open for discussion.

Sanchez – *moved approval of the motion.*

CARRIED

- Discussion involved the name of the Plan. Since other universities all name their Plan the Strategic Plan, concern was raised that although the new name might resonate at the U of R, it may confuse those outside of the University. Uniformity of the name was suggested to ensure the document is recognizable to other universities.
- The content of the Plan and the procedures to move it forward are supported by members of CCR.

Sanchez/Eberlein – *moved approval to amend title to Strategic Plan.* CARRIED

b. Update on Research Cluster Activity

- Sylvia Waterer will create brochures we can provide to external stakeholders about clusters.
- Health Equity Cluster has been renamed. The cluster's name has been changed and the content expanded to encompass a broader range and audience. Input was solicited on the name of the cluster. Initially, feedback suggested a separate, additional cluster; instead it was decided to expand on the original cluster. The new name is: Integrated Human Health: Equity, Disease and Prevention.
- Significant announcements regarding clusters will be coming in Fall.

6. Draft Policy on Research Chairs (D.McMartin)

- Looking to recommend policy to the Board.
- Policy defines the procedures for establishment and termination of Research Chairs, making significant distinctions between Research Chair and Research Chairholder.
- The Policy has been shared with HR and lawyers to ensure we're in accordance with employee agreements.
- The Policy is new, so includes having processes in place for allocation and establishment.
- Both VPs are owners of the Policy, however, the entire committee was in favour of the VPR being listed before the Provost on p.4 of the Policy, under Roles and Responsibilities.

7. Draft Written Process on Research Trust Fund (S.Gray)

- The written process reflects a change to how we administer the funds for the award, but nothing else regarding the RTF is changing. Faculty used to submit reimbursement claim forms through VPR's office, but now we administer the funds like other internal funding and open a new FOAPAL so that researchers are responsible for their own accounts.
- The RTF is defined under the Collective Agreement; faculty members can donate to the fund as well as apply to use funding.
- Bob and Murray, Research Financial Analysts, will be doing FAST training sessions so faculty can learn about monitoring accounts through FAST.

8. Canada First Research Excellence Fund (S.Gray)

- Results from last round of Canada First funding were surprising, as 5 grants were awarded, ranging between \$33 million – \$117 million. We altered our expression of interest based on this information and asked applicants to create a proposal to meet the parameters of a larger grant. We will be going forward with a re-application.

- Michelle Beitel, Research Office, sent a message to the research list as well as direct invitations asking researchers to help in the Fossil Fuels area, as well as the social, economic and political dimensions of capturing, storing and reusing carbon. These researchers will help move the proposal forward and shape it.
- The Letter of Intent is due at the end of October; the full application is due March 2016.

9. CFI Subcommittee Report (S.Gray)

- The CFI Subcommittee met twice regarding institutional allocations and putting applications forward.
- There will be further CFI John Evans Leadership funding in 2017, but we do not know our allocation yet.
- Call for NSERC RTI has gone out. Liz Vanderlinde, Research Office, will look after the process for the RTI.

10. Other Business

- None.

11. Adjournment

Butz – moved to adjourn.

CARRIED