COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH
Minutes of the Meeting of
December 11, 2017 (Classroom Building Boardroom)


Resource: P. Splett (Research Office), recorder


1. Introductions

2. Approval of Agenda
   Hampton/Butz - moved approval of the agenda  CARRIED

3. Approval of the Minutes of September 13, 2017
   Bradley/Bredohl – moved approval of the minutes  CARRIED

4. Chair’s Report (D. Stilling)
   a. Terms of Reference for the CCR – 3 year review
   b. Terms of Reference to be distributed at next CCR meeting.
   c. Proxys can be sent for information only and have no voting rights.

5. VPR Report (D. Malloy)
   a. Space Allocation.
      - There was a sub-committee 3 years ago that has since been disbanded.
      - There is a need for sharing resources. Engineering has a demand.
      - Facilities Management has registry of equipment through assets that may be a useable list that can be accessed through Financial Services.
   b. Update on CRC’s and Canada 150’s
      - Canada 150 - 5 applications were eligible and 3 were submitted. Decisions by January 30, 2018
      - CRC’s – 3 applications are in Ottawa for decisions to be made by April 2018.
   c. Report on RCMP Project Operation Stress Injury
      - Announcement of a 3 year contract - $8.9 million with PTSD with the option of renewal every year after.
      - This contract will create more opportunity within the University of Regina.
      - CIPSRT is a direct benefit from the RCMP.
d. Update on Congress
   • Congress is being held May 26 to June 1, 2018 at the University of Regina.
   • Largest academic conference in Canada
   • 600 scholarly graduates to attend.
   • City of Regina has agreed to free shuttle service.
   • Key notes: Margaret MacMillan, Melina Laboucan-Massimo, Marie Wilson, Alla Murabit, Francoise Baylis.
   • Emily Grafton may be interested in presenting Indigenous Ethics workshop at congress

e. HRI Review Information
   • Larena Hoeber to review budget and extra funding
     Future reviews of research centre budgets will be different for each one.

f. Research Centres – Review Schedule – See Attached

g. SSHRC Leader
   • There are no terms of reference now.
   • We are looking at terms of reference at other educational institutions eg. Lakehead
   • Terms of Reference will be developed and brought back to the CCR Committee

6. Report on Cohort Program (S. Gray)
   • See Attached.
   • The Cohort Program has created more readiness for intake of external applications.

7. Indigenous Research Day Update – (P. Splett)
   • See Attached
   • Meeting with First Nations University, Campion College and Luther College to be scheduled for February 2018 to include their ideas for this event.

8. Canada Research Chair – Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Plan (S. Gray)
   • The leads are Michelle Beitel, Neil Brotheridge, Sally Gray and Larena Hoeber.
   • Our action in diversity is for no equity gaps at the University of Regina.
   • Human Resources to clearly define preference, possibly a policy created.
   • Next Step: Post on website and update new information as it become available.

9. Business Arising: - Collection of Research Data at the University of Regina
   • May be some discrepancies in research data due to counting awards in the year they are awarded and/or the timing of the reports.

10. Adjournment
    Bredohl/Salm – moved to adjourn.
2017 Tri-Agency Cohort Program Update

Applications from the Tri-Agency Cohort Program were submitted between September and November 2017. There were 17 NSERC Discovery Grants; 7 SSHRC Insight Grants; and 4 CIHR Project Grants submitted. Twelve SSHRC participants are submitting to the Insight Development Grant competition in February 2018. Despite tight timelines, two of the SSHRC applications were sent out for external review through the ACCRU network and four applications were reviewed by internal peer reviewers. The comments received were helpful and very much appreciated by the applicants.

The Cohort Program improved the quality of applications, particularly for SSHRC, and is now being assessed by the Research Office. Meetings have been set up separately with mentors and participants to discuss their experience in the program and identify best practices that can be incorporated in the next iteration of the program starting in spring 2018.
Indigenous Research Day Update

The Indigenous Research Day was held on Thursday, October 26 with a kick off to the event the evening before with a book launch by Douglas Stewart, professor emeritus. Book Titles: The Regina Indian Industrial School (1891-1910): Historical Overview and Chronological Narrative. This was paired with the film screening by Janine Windloph and Trudy Stewart, RIIS From Amnesia.

At the Indigenous Research Day there were 21 presentations, 3 poster presentations, Library information table and maps that researchers could mark where they have done indigenous research.

The presentations ran from 9:30-3:30 pm. The presentations in the RIC building were well attended and the feedback was positive.

We will be starting to plan 2018 Indigenous Research Day starting in February 2018. Part of our planning process this year will be to meet with the federated colleges in Feb-March 2018 for their input. We would also like to incorporate research ethics as part of the Indigenous Research Day.