COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH
Minutes of the Meeting of
Tuesday, November 6, 2018
AH 527

Present: R. Blake (Chair), K, McNutt, A. Pitariu, C. Bradley , N. Jones, I. Al-Anbagi , C. Yost, S. Gray, T. Salm, K. Irwin, Y. Harrison, C. Butz, K. Rasmussen, D. Meban

Resource: P. Splett (Research Office), recorder

Regrets: D. Malloy, G. Donnelly, A. Miller, D.Candow, A. Henni, Raghavi Kemala Rajakumar,M. Sanchez

1. Introductions

2. Approval of Agenda

Jones/Irwin   - *moved approval of the agenda*   CARRIED

3. Approval of the Minutes from September 10, 2018

Yost/Salm   – *moved approval of the minutes*   CARRIED
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4. Chair's Report (Raymond Blake)

The Chair reported that throughout the academic year 2018-2019, CCR will continue the discussion of the various items identified in the minutes of the September 10, 2018 meeting as members re-evaluate the role and function of CCR to make the committee responsive to the needs of the University of Regina research community.

Discussion: The reports of the Chair and VP (Research) will be provided with the agenda. The following items were discussed:

- CCR purpose – To provide advice to the VPR;
- Associate Deans of Research can send a representative to CCR;
- CCR will consider possible changes to the composition of committee
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- Motion- CCR Agenda to be set up 3 members of CCR elected by Council: CARRIED.

5. Vice-President (Research) Report – (Kathy McNutt – Associate Vice-President (Research) and Dean of Graduate Studies

AVP (Research) pointed out the Terms of Reference for CCR: Responsible for providing strategic advice and recommendations on research initiatives, policy and matters at the University Council and its representatives and the Vice-President (Research)

AVP (Research) continued the discussion of various agencies that rate universities raised by the Chair:

- Research Info Source – R & D Intelligence University of Regina ranked 38 out of 50, down from 35 in 2017, based on sponsored research.
- Maclean's Magazine ranked U of R 13 of 15 overall.
- Info Source Data uses a different type of ranking:
  1. Rank only on dollar amounts
  2. Use overall Tri-Council provincially and federally funded
  3. Research intensity

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It was noted that the University has issued a call for the appointment of several Chair Research Chairs (CRC). In the discussion that followed, it was noted that 1. Sally Gray, Kathy McNutt and Michelle Beitel are considering the transition of faculty into new CRC positions and those that are transitioning out to regular faculty positions do transitions in and transitions out.
  4. 2. There must be support for CRCs moving to regular faculty positions; and
  5. 3. The University of Regina has a favourable gender and equity distribution in its allocation of CRCs.

- AVP (Research) report of a Town Hall on November 9, 2018 on Research and Teaching Synergies

6. Business Arising
   In a general discussion, several concerns were raised:
- It was noted that researchers were not being profiled on The URegina homepage as frequently as had been the case.
  1. It was agreed that a discussion should begin with External Relations on how we can have more research stories profiled.
  2. Research Office will have input from researchers on a monthly basis (Starting Feb 2019)
  3. It was asked if it was possible to access Annual Information Forms in order to share research stories.
  4. CCR agreed to consider if it should make its own report card as Macquarie University in Australia has done.
       i. Sub-committee of Irfan Al-Anbagi, Nick Jones and Kathleen Irwin was created to consider this option and provide a preliminary report to January 2019.

7. Direct Open Access Publishing – Tabled for January 2019

8. Research Challenges. FOR INFORMATION ONLY. This is a list of challenges that were identified but will guide CCR in its discussion throughout the academic year. The list will be update at subsequent meetings.
- Limited Resources
  o Humanities research need more time – possibility of course releases
  o Only SSHRC has funding for course releases
  o Acknowledgment of Research and Teaching - graduate courses, volunteer work, and supervisory work
  o Taking into account time spent on committees by researchers.
  o Timetabling is too restrictive to give more time for research

- - Reduce committee commitments or include on performance reviews
  - Equipment under-utilized due to the concerns of graduate students using expensive, sensitive equipment.

- Promote research to students:
  - Create pride in our university – student and faculty
  - Close the gap between teaching and research
  - Highlight the work of our graduate students
  - Need student testimonials in the grad program to recognize supervisors

- Supports Needed for Researchers
  - Connection Gants for NSERC and CIHR
  - Cross-training of research facilitators
  - More mentoring programs
  - Remove difficulties for indigenous research
  - Create a culture of safety in labs

9. Adjournment

Salm/Meban – *moved to adjourn.*