
RESEARCH POLICIES COUNCIL

Minutes of 8 September 2022

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Western Michigan University Faculty Senate Research Policies Council was called to order at 2:33 p.m. on 8 September 2022, via Webex video conferencing by Venter, chair.

Members in Attendance: Onur Arugaslan, Martha Councell-Vargas, Whitney DeCamp, Wanda Hadley, Kristina Lemmer, Daria Orlowska, Remzi Seker, Paul Solomon, Andre Venter, Robert Wall Emerson

Members Absent: Lori Brown, Christine Byrd-Jacobs

Ex Officio(s) in Attendance: Anthony DeFulio, Mark Hurwitz

Guest(s): Sarah Summy, Faculty Senate President; Eriz Hughey, Faculty Senate Office

Quorum

A quorum was present.

Acceptance of Agenda

An item was added to the agenda under Unfinished Business to set the annual Preparation and Publication of Papers Exhibition and Faculty Research Travel Fund funding amounts.

[MOTION] It was moved by DeCamp, seconded by Hurwitz, to accept the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

[MOTION] It was moved by Wall Emerson, seconded by Hurwitz, to approve the minutes of 12 May 2022 as presented. With one abstention, the motion carried.

Reports of Officers

Faculty Senate President Summy presented the Research Policies Council 2022-23 charges and noted that Charge #5 should focus on recommendations decided by the council regarding what is available in library resources.

President Summy left the meeting at 2:39 p.m.

Chair Venter did not provide a report.

Ex Officio DeFulio noted that RPC has two vacant seats that the Executive Board is working on filling.

Reports of University Representatives

Vice President for Research and Innovation Seker noted that he would like more information about the council's role and activities. The current Faculty and Administrative rates will be in effect for two more years. Starting in fiscal year 2027, the F&A rate will be increased to 52%. The current rate is 51%.

Solomon joined the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

Due to Byrd-Jacobs' absence, a Graduate College report was not provided.

Reports of Council/Committee Standing Committees

Ex Officio Hurwitz is now the official Faculty Research and Creative Activities Award (FRACAA) Research Screening chairperson. The system is up and running, with the competition launching on 1 December 2022. Applications are due in February 2023. A discussion was held regarding the use of mentors for FRACAA applicants.

Unfinished Business

Discussion was held regarding whether to set PPP&E and FRTF levels at this meeting or wait until the next meeting. It was questioned what the possible amounts for these funds are and what factors may impact them.

[MOTION] It was moved by Hurwitz, seconded by Solomon, to establish the maximum PPP&E annual amount as

\$2,000 for an individual faculty member and to establish the maximum FRTF annual amount as \$2,500 total, but allow it to be used for multiple trips. With one abstention, the motion carried.

Venter reviewed details regarding potential confusion between the WMU Office of Research and Innovation (ORI) and the National Institutes of Health Office of Research Integrity. Seker noted that other academic institutions are using ORI.

New Business

None.

Announcements

None.

Adjournment

[MOTION] It was moved by DeFulio, seconded by Solomon, to adjourn the meeting at 3:47 p.m. The motion carried unanimously. The Research Policies Council will meet next on 13 October 2022 at 2:30 p.m. virtually via Webex.

Approval

Submitted by Robert Wall Emerson, Secretary

Minutes approved on 13 October 2022.