
**RESEARCH POLICIES COUNCIL
Minutes of 30 November 2023****Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Western Michigan University Faculty Senate Research Policies Council was called to order at 2:30 p.m. on 30 November 2023 via Webex by Andre Venter, Chair.

Members in Attendance: Onur Arugaslan, Christine Byrd-Jacobs, Lofton Durham, Angela Groves, Wanda Hadley, Kristina Lemmer, Daria Orłowska, Selim Ozyurek, Alessandro Santos, Remzi Seker, Leslie Solares, Bilinda Straight, Julian Vasquez Heilig, Kevin Wanner

Members Absent: None

Ex Officio in Attendance: Anthony DeFulio, Mark Hurwitz

Guests: None

Quorum

A quorum was present with 16 members in attendance, of the 10 needed to establish a quorum.

Agenda

[MOTION] It was moved by Lemmer, seconded by Wanner, to accept the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes

Amendments were made to the 9 November 2023 minutes:

- Report by Hurwitz that the Faculty Research and Creative Activities Award (FRACAA) is due 9 February, not 15 February
- Change Byrd to Byrd-Jacobs for the minutes of the previous meeting approval

[MOTION] It was moved by Durham, seconded by Ozyurek, to approve the minutes of 9 November 2023 as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports of Officers

Chair Venter reported the number of Support for Faculty Scholars Award (SFSA) applications, which are currently four.

Ex Officio DeFulio did not provide a report.

Reports of University Representative

Seker reported on the Office of Research and Innovation budget and on the recent departure of two research officers.

Vasquez Heilig did not provide a report.

Byrd-Jacobs reported on the following:

- Graduate College is preparing a number of professional development workshops.
- In the summer of 2024, the Graduate College will begin the hiring process for a faculty fellow to support graduate student professional development.
- \$48,660 was provided to graduate students to support research and travel grants.

Ex Officio Hurwitz joined the meeting at 2:46 p.m.

Reports of Council/Committee Standing Committees

Ex Officio Hurwitz reported that FRACAA opens on 30 November 2023. There will be an informational

meeting on 1 December 2023 that will be recorded and posted. Reminders:

- If you are submitting a FRACAA, you cannot be a reviewer
- Encouragement for people to become reviewers
- Faculty are not allowed to receive financial remuneration for serving as a reviewer for FRACAA.

Charge 1: FRACAA Policy: Chair Venter reported that there are discussions on a suggestion that faculty apply for travel in the semester prior to travel, and applications get ranked. Another suggestion was that, as a condition for receiving FRACAA, faculty will have to review FRACAA.

Charge 2: FRACAA Effects: Ozyurek reported data from ORI about FRACAA, and some of the data were presented.

Charge 3: Strategic Information Distribution: Arugaslan did not provide a report.

Charge 4: Microbio safety: Santos reported that he is searching for help with the charge, but expected it to be completed by the winter closure. Santos reported that the policy was last reviewed in 2018 and that the next review should be in September 2024. Chair Venter questioned whether a committee at ORI should address this MOA.

Charge 5: Export Control: Lemmer is waiting for James Center's input from ORI.

Charge 6: Emeriti space use for professional activities: Ex Officio DeFulio reported that the Emeriti Association did not respond, and the emeriti faculty in the philosophy department had no issues. **[MOTION]** It was moved by Ozyurek, seconded by DeFulio, to keep Charge 6 as is. The motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

None.

Announcements

Chair Venter announced the need for someone to take over the position of secretary for RPC.

Adjournment

[MOTION] It was moved by DeFulio, seconded by Ozyurek, to adjourn the meeting at 3:08 p.m. The motion carried unanimously. The Research Policies Council will meet next on 11 January 2024 at 2:30 p.m. in Walwood Hall Room 112W.

Approval

Submitted by Kristina Lemmer, Secretary

Minutes approved on 11 January 2024.