
RESEARCH POLICIES COUNCIL

Minutes of 14 October 2021

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 14 October 2021, via Webex video conferencing by Onur Arugaslan, chair.

Members in Attendance: Onur Arugaslan, Lori Brown, Christine Byrd-Jacobs, Steven Carr, Chris Coryn, Martha Councell-Vargas, Listiani Eran, Wanda Hadley, Sunki Hong, David Huffman, Kristina Lemmer, Daria Orlowska, Paul Solomon, Mercedes Tubino-Blanco, Andre Venter, Robert Wall Emerson

Members Absent: Akshay Hiremath

Ex Officio(s) in Attendance: Manuel Bautista, Anthony DeFulio

Guest(s): Shellie Mosher, Assistant Director for Grants and Contracts; Amy Naugle, Psychology; Sarah Pratt, Office of Research and Innovation; Steve Weber, Director of Technology for the Office of Research and Innovation

Quorum

A quorum was present.

Agenda

Unfinished Business item Memorandum of Action-21/06: Conflict of Interest Policy was moved to the beginning of the agenda following approval of minutes.

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

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A correction was made to read: *"Interim Vice President Carr stated that the Agency Required Reports Policy will establish deadlines that investigators must follow when a report requires input or review from other WMU departments such as grants and contracts and that specific deadlines must be abided."*

[MOTION] It was moved by Huffman, seconded by Bautista, to approve the minutes of 9 September 2021 as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

Carr, Naugle, and Weber presented the history of the conflict of interest policy and stated that it has been drafted as MOA-21/06. Discussion was held. It was suggested that the disciplinary action section be modified.

[MOTION] It was moved by DeFulio, seconded by Byrd-Jacobs, to approve MOA-21/06 with the suggested amendments.

Arugaslan, Huffman, and Pratt left the meeting at 3 p.m.

Naugle and Weber left the meeting at 3:08 p.m.

Reports of Officers

Due to Chair Arugaslan's absence, no report was provided.

Ex Officio DeFulio did not provide a report.

Reports of University Representatives

Interim Vice President for Research and Innovation Steven Carr asked the council for any questions on the previously presented reporting procedures.

Tubino-Blanco joined, and Mosher left the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

Carr noted that Cayuse implementation has been delayed until November. Discussion was held. He noted that historically WMU has undercounted research expenditures, but a system is being developed to properly count faculty research time and associate expenditures.

Graduate College Dean Christine Byrd-Jacobs reported that the graduate college is now open for in-person interaction. She described writing circles and dissertation writing supports that the graduate college is undertaking. She also noted that as WMU begins a new strategic plan, assistance in supporting and representing graduate education and research is appreciated.

Reports of Council/Committee Standing Committees

The Research Screening Committee report was not provided.

Unfinished Business, Cont.

Bautista reported that the Faculty Research and Creative Activities Awards deadline is in February.

New Business

MOA-19/10: *Revision of Intellectual Property Policy* was postponed to the next meeting.

Announcements

None.

Adjournment

[MOTION] It was moved by DeFulio, seconded by Hadley, to adjourn the meeting at 3:33 p.m. The motion carried unanimously. The Research Policies Council will meet next on 11 November 2021, at 2:30 p.m. virtually via Webex.

Approval

Submitted by Robert Wall Emerson, Secretary

Minutes approved on 11 November 2021.