
RESEARCH POLICIES COUNCIL

Minutes of 2 December 2021

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Western Michigan University Faculty Senate Research Policies Council was called to order at 2:34 p.m. on 2 December 2021, via Webex video conferencing by Onur Arugaslan, chair.

Members in Attendance: Onur Arugaslan, Lori Brown, Steven Carr, Whitney DeCamp, Listiani Eran, Wanda Hadley, David Huffman, Kristina Lemmer, Daria Orlowska, Andre Venter, Robert Wall Emerson

Members Absent: Christine Byrd-Jacobs, Martha Councell-Vargas, Sunki Hong (substitute for Paul Solomon), Mercedes Tubino-Blanco

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

Guest(s): Steve Webber, Research and Innovation; Mark Hurwitz, Political Science

Quorum

A quorum was present.

Agenda

The agenda was amended to include approval of the November meeting minutes.

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

Minutes

Amendments were put forward to correct the November meeting minutes, as provided to the Faculty Senate staff.

[MOTION] It was moved by Huffman, seconded by Lemmer, to approve the minutes of 11 November 2021 as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports of Officers

Chair Arugaslan congratulated DeFulio and Hadley on recent news stories featuring them.

Ex Officio DeFulio reported that MOA-19/09 and MOA-21/06, which had been from the November Senate agenda, have been reviewed, put out for comment, and are on the December meeting agenda.

Comments that had been that were related to the process but not the specific MOAs, except for one comment that will be brought to the floor of the Senate as a friendly amendment to MOA-19/09.

Reports of University Representatives

Interim Vice President for Research and Innovation Carr welcomed Steve Weber, who was attending as a guest, to provide input on MOA-19/10. A call has been put out to replace Sarah Pratt. The next newsletter from ORI will note the altered SFSA changes. Venter requested the loss of Web of Science; Carr obtained information on the cost and usage statistics of Web of Science and Scopus to share with the RPC.

Due to the absence of Graduate College Dean Byrd-Jacobs, she did not provide a report.

Reports of Council/Committee Standing Committees

Bautista provided the report of the Research Screening Committee. He noted that the proposers' workshop will be held on Monday. He asked for volunteers to serve on the mentor group for new FRACAA writers. Brown and Venter will continue to serve, and Lemmer volunteered.

Unfinished Business

Bautista stated there was nothing new to report about the Faculty Research and Creative Activities/Support for Faculty Scholars Award.

New Business

Interim Vice President for Research and Innovation Carr introduced MOA-19/10: *Revision of Intellectual Property Policy*. DeCamp made suggestions for changes which were discussed and addressed by Weber. DeCamp will provide a written copy of all his suggestions to Weber and DeFulio for further review. If changes are acceptable, they will be incorporated into the MOA, and it will be moved forward in the approval process. The council postponed a vote until revisions are available.

Announcements

None.

Adjournment

[MOTION] It was moved by Huffman, seconded by DeFulio, to adjourn the meeting at 3:42 p.m. The motion carried unanimously. The Research Policies Council will meet next on 13 January 2022, at 2:30 p.m. virtually via Webex.

Approval

Submitted by Robert Wall Emerson, Secretary

Minutes approved on 13 January 2022.