
RESEARCH POLICIES COUNCIL

Minutes of 13 January 2022

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 13 January 2022, via Webex video conferencing by Interim Vice President for Research and Innovation Steven Carr.

Members in Attendance: Onur Arugaslan, Lori Brown, Christine Byrd-Jacobs, Steven Carr, Martha Councell-Vargas, Whitney DeCamp, Listiani Eran, Wanda Hadley, David Huffman, Daria Orlowska, Andre Venter, Robert Wall Emerson

Members Absent: Sunki Hong (substitute for Paul Solomon), Kristina Lemmer

Ex Officio in Attendance: Kieran Fogarty

Ex Officio Absent: Mark Hurwitz

Guest(s): Julie Garrison, Dean, University Libraries; Kay Mortellaro, Research Development Admin, Office of Research and Innovation; Louai Al Somaly

Quorum

A quorum was present.

Agenda

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

Wall Emerson joined the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

Mortellaro left the meeting at 3:03 p.m.

Library Research Support

Dean Garrison presented information on collections in the libraries, especially in light of the decision to eliminate Web of Science. She replied to questions from council members. Web of Science cost \$200,000 a year while Scopus cost about \$78,000.

Arugaslan joined the meeting at 3:07 p.m.

Election of Officer

With no nominations, the election was postponed. Arugaslan will solicit volunteers to serve as vice chair.

Minutes

[MOTION] It was moved by DeCamp, seconded by Wall Emerson, to approve the minutes of 2 December 2021 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports of Officers

Chair Arugaslan reported that the membership of the council is being updated based on conflicts due to teaching schedules.

Ex Officio Fogarty reported on the MOAs that were approved.

Reports of University Representatives

Interim Vice President for Research and Innovation Carr reported that Steve Weber has left the University and his duties are being parceled to other ORI staff, as well as some outsourcing, until a replacement can

be found. Candidates for Vice President of Research and Innovation are encouraged to apply. The first round of interviews is scheduled for late February.

Venter joined the meeting at 3:26 p.m.

Graduate College Dean Byrd-Jacobs reported that nominations for All University Teaching and Research Awards are being accepted through February. Writing circles are continuing with strong support from students. The graduate faculty status policy is being reviewed with a focus on making sure the criteria are stringent enough for all levels of graduate faculty status. Input on criteria is appreciated.

Library Research Support, Cont.

Dean Garrison addressed additional questions of the council since additional members had joined the meeting. Discussion was held regarding the merits of Scopus versus Web of Science and use of each by faculty.

Reports of Council/Committee Standing Committees

Due to Hurwitz's absence, there was no report of the Research Screening Subcommittee.

Unfinished Business

The Faculty Research and Creative Activities/Support for Faculty Scholars Award discussion was postponed to the next meeting.

New Business

Interim Vice President for Research and Innovation Carr noted that Weber had not implemented the edits to MOA-19/10: *Revision of Intellectual Property Policy* prior to his leaving. Further discussion was postponed to the next meeting.

Huffman joined the meeting at 3:56 p.m.

Announcements

Ex Officio Fogarty asked for two to three primary tasks of the council for completion this academic year to be identified at the next meeting.

Adjournment

[MOTION] It was moved by Councell-Vargas, seconded by Wall Emerson, to adjourn the meeting at 4:02 p.m. The motion carried unanimously. The Research Policies Council will meet next on 10 February 2022, at 2:30 p.m. virtually via Webex.

Approval

Submitted by Robert Wall Emerson, Secretary

Minutes approved on 10 February 2022.