
RESEARCH POLICIES COUNCIL

Minutes of 10 February 2022

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Western Michigan University Faculty Senate Research Policies Council was called to order at 2:31 p.m. on 10 February 2022, via Webex video conferencing by Onur Arugaslan, chair.

Members in Attendance: Onur Arugaslan, Lori Brown, Christine Byrd-Jacobs, Martha Councell-Vargas, Whitney DeCamp, Listiani Eran, Wanda Hadley, Sunki Hong (substitute for Paul Solomon), David Huffman, Julia Mays (substitute for Steven Carr), Rick Meyer (substitute for Kristina Lemmer), Daria Orlowska, Andre Venter

Members Absent: Robert Wall Emerson

Ex Officio in Attendance: Kieran Fogarty, Mark Hurwitz

Ex Officio Absent:

Guest(s): Louai Al Somaly, Graduate Student

Quorum

A quorum was present.

Agenda

An item was added regarding the Faculty Research and Creative Activities Award (FRACAA) chair position.

[MOTION] It was moved by Byrd-Jacobs, seconded by Hadley, to accept the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

Election of Officer

[MOTION] It was moved by Fogarty, seconded by DeCamp, to elect Hadley as vice chair. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes

The Support for Faculty Scholars Award Application (FSAA) review section was removed from the 13 January minutes to keep with past practice.

[MOTION] It was moved by Fogarty, seconded by Hadley, to approve the 13 January minutes as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports of Officers

Chair Arugaslan welcomed substitute members to the meeting.

Ex Officio Fogarty stated that all topics he had to report would be covered in other agenda items.

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

Reports of University Representatives

The council discussed a concern regarding who would be the appropriate representative from the FRACAA Committee to this council. Hurwitz is shadowing the current chair and will take over the role in May or June, but is not yet the chair. The council agreed that it is the chair's responsibility to fulfill all duties of the position, but he may designate Hurwitz to represent him on this council. Chair Arugaslan will follow up with the FRACAA chair to clarify.

Mays, as substitute for Interim Vice President for Research and Innovation Carr, reported on the transition to Cayuse. Faculty and staff should have automatic access, but students must request access to the system. Retired faculty and staff will have to agree to be granted access.

Graduate College Dean Byrd-Jacobs reported the search committee for the Vice President for Research and Innovation would soon be reviewing the application pool. Virtual interviews are scheduled for 24 and 25 February, with on-campus visits on 21 March. Applications are open for graduate student assistantship and fellowship opportunities. She asked the council to encourage applications. Byrd-Jacobs also reported that the three-minute thesis competitions are scheduled for 11 February. Discussion was held regarding international travel restrictions.

Reports of Council/Committee Standing Committees

Hurwitz provided the report of the Research Screening Subcommittee. Deadlines for FRACAA submissions have passed, and reviews are ongoing.

Unfinished Business

Hurwitz stated that he was unaware of the Faculty Research and Creative Activities Award/Support for Faculty Scholars Awards Memorandum of Action. The council noted that it is not an MOA and the topic had been completed at the December meeting.

New Business

Ex Officio Fogarty noted that there is a desire to rename the office of the Vice President for Research and Innovation (ORI) given that ORI is also used for the federal Office for Research Integrity. Discussion was held. The council will review names at other universities and consult with stakeholders.

The council discussed the purpose of having the top three priorities and what priorities would be feasible in the time remaining in the academic year. The council agreed to make MOA-19/10 a priority and to examine funding levels, as well as identify workgroups for next year to address priorities that will require more time than remaining in this year. Chair Arugaslan will circulate a spreadsheet for sign-ups for workgroups.

Due to the absence of the interim Vice President for Research and Innovation, nothing was reported regarding MOA-19/10: *Revision of Intellectual Property Policy*.

Announcements

None.

Adjournment

[MOTION] It was moved by DeCamp, seconded by Venter, to adjourn the meeting at 3:43 p.m. The motion carried unanimously. The Research Policies Council will meet next on 17 March 2022, at 2:30 p.m. virtually via Webex.

Approval

Submitted by Whitney DeCamp, Secretary *Pro Tem*

Minutes approved on 17 March 2022.