
RESEARCH POLICIES COUNCIL

Minutes of 17 March 2022

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Western Michigan University Faculty Senate Research Policies Council was called to order at 2:3 p.m. on 17 March 2022, via Webex video conferencing by Onur Arugaslan, chair.

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

Ex Officio in Attendance: Kieran Fogarty, Mark Hurwitz (substitute for Manuel Bautista)

Quorum

A quorum was present.

Agenda

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

Minutes

An amendment was made to correct Hadley's name.

[MOTION] It was moved by Hurwitz, seconded by Hadley, to approve the 10 February 2022 minutes as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports of Officers

Chair Arugaslan did not provide a report.

Ex Officio Fogarty thanked the committee for the matrix of council priorities and noted that a discussion of ranking priorities for next year would be helpful. Council-Vargas suggested that revamping PPP&E might be a good priority to add. Brown noted that some strategic promotion of the funding opportunities for faculty at WMU is needed, especially for new faculty.

Reports of University Representatives

Interim Vice President for Research and Innovation Carr reported that 15 April will be the Research Spring Convocation. An individual has been hired to manage all internal awards.

Graduate College Dean Byrd-Jacobs outlined the schedule for campus visits of Vice President for Research and Innovation candidates.

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 provided the Research Screening Subcommittee report and stated that reviews are in process for FRACAA.

Unfinished Business

Ex Officio Fogarty noted that this process regarding renaming of the Office of Research and Innovation is ongoing.

Hadley and Huffman left the meeting at 2:57 p.m.

Venter joined the meeting at 3:17

Progress on Charges

Prior to the meeting, Chair Arugaslan had circulated a spreadsheet for members to sign-up to work groups for identified priorities.

Charge 1: Hurwitz noted that as the new chair of the FRACAA subcommittee, he is looking to next year to make changes.

Charge 2: DeCamp noted that looking at new ways to promote the SFSA program in the fall would be beneficial.

Charge 3: Chair Arugaslan stated that this charge is completed.

Charge 4: Orlowska noted that more work needs to be done to fully understand how to best proceed on this charge. A review of what other universities are doing on this topic has been completed.

Charge 5: DeCamp stated that this charge is completed.

Charge 6: DeCamp noted that an MOA on this topic has been approved. Hong is reviewing what was done last year to plan next steps. Interim Vice President for Research and Innovation Carr reiterated aspects of federal policy regarding conflict of interest and conflict of commitment.

Charge 7: Al Shomaly indicated there are no concerns on this charge.

Charge 8: Chair Arugaslan stated that the report will be reviewed by the council next month.

Charge 9: Chair Arugaslan noted that this charge will be acted upon at the May meeting.

Al Shomaly left the meeting at 3:25.

New Business

Interim Vice President for Research and Innovation Carr noted that he had made the suggested changes and resubmitted MOA-19/10: *Revision of Intellectual Property Policy*.

[MOTION] It was moved by Carr, seconded by DeCamp, to approve MOA-19/10. The motion carried unanimously.

Announcements

None.

Adjournment

[MOTION] It was moved by Venter, seconded by Carr, to adjourn the meeting at 3:43 p.m. The motion carried unanimously. The Research Policies Council will meet next on 14 March 2022, at 2:30 p.m. virtually via Webex.

Approval

Submitted by Robert Wall Emerson, Secretary

Minutes approved on 14 April 2022.