

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY
MEETING OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH
Tuesday, June 11, 2024, 2:00 p.m.

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Research (SCOR) was held virtually, via WebEx Meeting, on Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

In Attendance:

Dr. Tana Allen
Mr. Enoma Aruevbose
Dr. Lindsay Cahill
Dr. Mumtaz Cheema
Dr. Bing Chen
Mr. Cyr Couturier
Dr. Colin Farquharson
Dr. Anges Juhasz-Ormsby
Dr. Edward Kendall
Dr. Pierre LeBlanc
Dr. Erika Merschrod
Mr. David Miller
Ms. Marie Murphy
Mr. Ryan Murphy
Dr. Kirby Shannahan
Dr. Amy Warren

Regrets:

Dr. Benjamin Barootes
Dr. Anne Burke
Dr. Rochelle Côté
Dr. Zahra Farahnak
Ms. Alison Farrell, Delegate for University Librarian
Dr. Sulaimon Giwa
Ms. Heather Harris
Dr. Kathleen Hodgkinson
Mr. John Harris
Dr. Emmanuel Haven
Dr. Lesley James
Dr. Pavan Kakumani
Dr. Heloise Therien-Aubin
Saanvi Saxena
Dr. Benjamin Zendel

By Invitation:

Ms. Ellen Steinhauer

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Chair asked for approval of the agenda

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Motion 1: To approve the agenda for the June 11, 2024 meeting with a change to item #5 which should be Research Strategy instead of Research Framework.

First: Dr. Edward Kendall
Second: Dr. Bing Chen

All members present voted and the motion was carried.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF March 25, 2024 MEETING

The Chair asked for approval of the minutes of the March 25, 2024 meeting.

Dr. Allen noted that item #3 should be Status of Research Strategy Implementation Plan.

Motion 2: To approve the minutes of the March 25, 2024 meeting with changes noted above.

First: Dr. Edward Kendall
Second: Dr. Bing Chen

3. UPDATE ON URP/PAOR TERMS OF REFERENCE (MS. STEINHAUER)

Ms. Steinhauer spoke about the revisions to both Terms of Reference (ToR) for the University Research Professorship (URP) and the President's Award for Outstanding Research (PAOR) as the awards are 40 years old now. She said that the ToR were missing some of the things that have become important to Memorial now such as EDI-AR and Indigenization and so the ToR have been updated to include this as well as career interruptions. She also mentioned some changes made to the actual terms of the awards in that they will no longer be giving any more than 2 awards at a time for both PAOR and URP and the amount of the awards have changed for both as well. She said that with regards to the URP, they have always come with teaching release but after much discussion with the Deans and the Awards Advisory Committee, it was decided that this would no longer be offered.

Please see Appendix A for the updated Terms of Reference.

4. UPDATE ON RESEARCH STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (VPR)

Dr. Allen reported that as of June 11th VPRO had completed 14 Research Strategy Implementation Sessions. We have 3 more left – Pharmacy (June 19th), Medicine (June 18th) and Dean of Students (June 13).

5. RESEARCH POLICY CONSULTATION UPDATES (VPR)

Dr. Allen reported that there were 4 policies currently in various stages of review, they are as follows:

Institutional Animal Care – in preliminary stages of review.

Reallocation, Renewal and Reduction of Canada Research Chairs (CRCs) at Memorial University – Led by Dr. Gosine, the proposal to review the policy was approved by PEC mid-March. Notice was made via the VPR website, newslines, and targeted emails to key user groups that requested feedback from members of the university community who are knowledgeable users of the current policies with respect to areas where the current policies are particularly effective or where they require improvement (incl. SCOR). Feedback was collected until mid-April. Currently in the

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research phase and drafting a revised policy. We are working closely with RIS staff who best know the policy in practice. The draft revised policy will be posted online for open consultation. Minimum is four weeks but we anticipate longer as well as targeted emails to user groups such as SCOR.

Integrity in Scholarly Research – Led by Dr. Gosine, the proposal to review the policy was approved by PEC mid-March. Notice was made via the VPR website, newswire, and targeted emails to key user groups that requested feedback from members of the university community who are knowledgeable users of the current policies with respect to areas where the current policies are particularly effective or where they require improvement (incl. SCOR). Feedback was collected until mid-April. Currently in the research phase and working with the President’s Office - this policy’s Authority is the President and they manage the policy’s procedure “Procedure for Investigating Reports of Misconduct in Research.” This policy and it’s procedure will require significant updating to align with requirements of the Tri-Agency Framework (Memorial is mandated to have such a policy). Once a draft policy is ready, it will be circulated to key user groups (e.g. SCOR, MUNFA, Faculty Relations, RIS, etc.) and posted on the policy website for open consultation.

Research Impacting Indigenous Groups – Led by Dr. Adjei, the RIIG policy review is ongoing. It is a 2-phase extensive review process. Since Dr. Adjei last met with SCOR (Nov. 27, 2023) , PEC was provided a progress update on Phase 1 and approved the draft revised policy to proceed to Phase 2 open consultation. Also as part of Phase 2, previously-consulted groups were met with again, all consultation feedback was gathered and considered, and a final policy has been prepared. Work has now shifted to the policy’s procedures and ensuring good operationalization of the revised policy. The timeline for RIIG has shifted multiple times. The latest forecast shows going to SCOR again in the fall, then to Senate and finally to the December meeting of the Board of Regents.

6. ITEMS FOR SENATE REPORT FOR DISCUSSION

The Chair stated that he would itemize the items for the upcoming Senate report and send them to the Committee.

7. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:58 p.m.



Mr. Cyr Couturier, Chair

Mr. David Miller, Executive Secretary