

**MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY**  
**MEETING OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH**  
**Monday, September 11, 2023, 2:00 p.m.**

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Research (SCOR) was held virtually, via WebEx Meeting, on Monday, September 11, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

**In Attendance:**

Dr. Paul Banahene Adjei  
Dr. Lindsay Cahill  
Dr. Bing Chen  
Mr. Cyr Couturier  
Ms. Alison Farrell, Delegate for University Librarian  
Dr. Ray Gosine  
Dr. Emmanuel Haven  
Dr. Ronald Haynes  
Dr. Kathleen Hodgkinson  
Dr. Pierre LeBlanc  
Mr. David Miller  
Ms. Marie Murphy  
Dr. Kirby Shannahan  
Dr. Giwa Sulaimon  
Dr. Benjamin Zendel

**Regrets:**

Dr. Mumtaz Cheema  
Dr. Lesley James

**1. ELECTION OF SCOR CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR (one-year term)**

Mr. David Miller welcomed all members and asked for volunteers for SCOR Chair and Vice-Chair for a one-year term. Mr. Cyr Couturier was unanimously elected to continue as Chair. Dr. Lindsay Cahill volunteered to be the next Vice-Chair and was also unanimously elected.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Vice-chair asked for approval of the agenda

**Motion 1:** To approve the agenda for the September 11, 2023 meeting.

First: Dr. Pierre LeBlanc

Second: Mr. David Miller

All members present voted and the motion was carried.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 8, 2023 MEETING**

The Vice-chair asked for approval of the minutes of the June 8, 2023 meeting. Ms. Farrell noted that there were a few names listed under both in attendance and regrets so that would need to be cleaned up.

**Motion 2:** To approved the minutes of the June 8, 2023 meeting with corrections to the attendees.

First: Mr. David Miller

Second: Ms. Alison Farrell

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**4. UPDATE ON PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING RESEARCH (PAOR)/UNIVERSITY RESEARCH PROFESSOR AWARD (URP)**

The Chair said that there was no real update on these awards as they are still being deliberated and evaluated. He did say that with the departure of Dr. Welford from SCOR the Committee needed a volunteer to sit in on the URP Committee. Ms. Farrell volunteered to do this and Mr. Miller said he would pass her name on to the URP Committee.

**5. REPORT TO SENATE SEPTEMBER 2024**

The Chair briefly went over items he would include in the Report to Senate. These included:

- Review of TOR
- Submit Annual Report 2023
- PAOR/URP
- Approved and endorsed Research Strategy
- Plan for upcoming year

**ACTION:** The Chair will send around a draft of the report by email to be reviewed by this committee in the next couple of weeks.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

The Chair said that the adopted research strategy will be presented to Senate tomorrow with the hopes that it will be ratified and forwarded to the Board of Regents for approval.

Ms. Farrell asked if the Committee members could take a look at the Research Data Management Institutional Strategy ([www.mun.ca/research/research-tools-and-resources/research-data-management/draft-of-research-data-management-strategy](http://www.mun.ca/research/research-tools-and-resources/research-data-management/draft-of-research-data-management-strategy)) and provide feedback to the email in the document ([rdmstrategy@mun.ca](mailto:rdmstrategy@mun.ca)).

Mr. Miller mentioned that a pan-Canadian Research Security group meets monthly and he will be attending for Memorial and will be able to bring back information to the Committee on what some of the larger institutions are doing with regards to security.

There then followed a brief discussion on the Research portal during which Mr. Miller said that the project was on pause while waiting for the vendor to have a product for use in Canada. He said that while the animal care/ animal husbandry portion could go live anytime now the rest of the rollout will likely be late 2024 into mid-2025.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:31 p.m.

Mr. Cyr Couturier, Chair

Mr. David Miller, Executive Secretary