

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY
MEETING OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH
Friday, June 17, 2022, 3:00 p.m.

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Research (SCOR) was held virtually, via WebEx Meeting, on Friday, June 17, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

In Attendance:

Dr. Tana Allen
Dr. Svetlana Barkanova
Dr. Meghan Burchell
Dr. Mumtaz Cheema
Ms. Paula Clarke
Mr. Cyr Couturier
Dr. Sulaimon Giwa
Dr. Emmanuel Haven
Dr. Kathleen Hodgkinson
Dr. Edward Kendall
Ms. Marie Murphy
Dr. Kim Welford

Regrets:

Dr. Anne Burke
Dr. Bing Chen
Ms. Alison Farrell
Dr. Chris Kozak
Dr. Kirby Shannahan
Dr. Benjamin Zendell

Invited Guests:

Dr. Paul Banahene Adjei
Ms. Eileen Bruce
Ms. Peggy Walsh

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Chair asked for approval of the agenda.

Motion 1: To approve the agenda for the June 17, 2022 meeting.

First: Dr. Edward Kendall
Second: Dr. Mumtaz Cheema

All members present voted and the motion was carried.

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2. RIIG POLICY

Dr. Paul Banahene Adjei, interim Associate Vice-President, Indigenous Research introduced himself and the other two members of his team, Ms. Eileen Bruce and Ms. Peggy Walsh. He presented the RIIG Policy, which is attached to these minutes, as Appendix I, for reference. There was a brief discussion after the presentation and Dr. Banahene Adjei was invited to come back by the Chair.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 24, 2022 MEETING

The Chair asked for approval of the minutes of the May 24, 2022 meeting.

Motion 2: To approve the minutes of the May 24, 2022 meeting as is.

First: Dr. Kim Welford
Second: Dr. Edward Kendall

All members present voted and the motion was carried.

4. DISCUSSION ON PAOR AND URP PROCESS

Dr. Welford said that the URP process has been moved to September at the earliest, because they can't get all the letters of support needed. Dr. Allen stated that there were definitely some issues around getting letters because there were some conflict of interest concerns that were raised and in order to ensure that all candidates had a fair and equitable evaluation, the process has been delayed.

The Chair said that with regards to the PAOR process, it has concluded. He said it was a fair process and a recommendation from that group was made and that he will send a letter on behalf of the committee to the President stating that this committee deems the process to be fair and balanced.

5. ANNUAL REPORT TO SENATE – WHAT TO INCLUDE

The Chair said that he would go through the minutes of the last year and make bullet notes of the highlights and send them around to the committee as a draft.

6. OTHER

Dr. Allen wanted to stress the fact that Research Strategy is underway and that it hasn't fallen off the radar with the shifting of roles.

7. ADJOURNEMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:41 p.m.

Mr. Cyr Couturier, Chair

Mr. David Miller, Executive Secretary

RESEARCH IMPACTING INDIGENOUS GROUPS POLICY

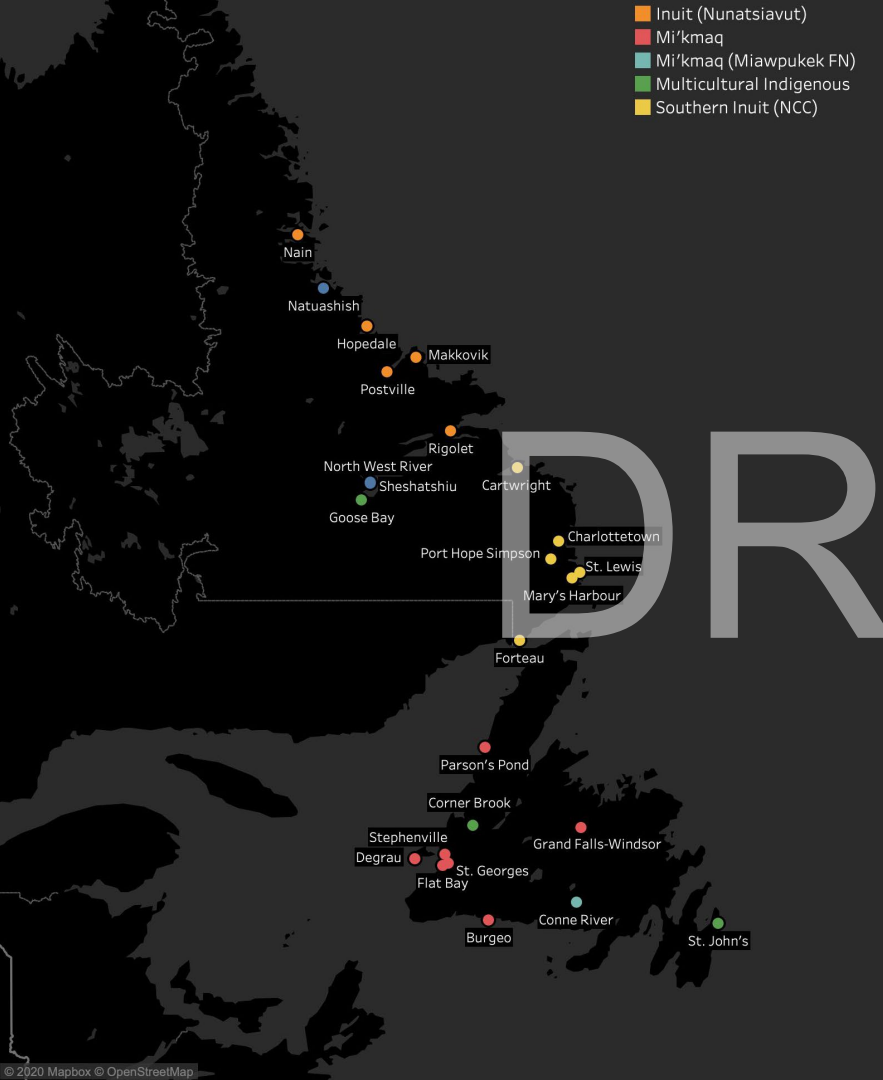
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Dr. Paul Adjei, Interim Associate Vice-President (Indigenous Research)

RESEARCH IMPACTING INDIGENOUS GROUPS ORIGINAL POLICY DEVELOPMENT

Engagement

- Phase 1 (2018-19): Preliminary research
- Working Group (October 2019-present): Draft & revise the policy & procedures
- Phase 2 (2020): Consultation and revision on written policy & procedures.



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RESEARCH IMPACTING INDIGENOUS GROUPS

Overall, over 2,000 people were involved in feedback and development of this policy.

ORIGINAL POLICY DEVELOPMENT

External stakeholders including other universities & Tri-Agency Secretariat, looked at using this policy as a potential model.

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RESEARCH IMPACTING INDIGENOUS GROUPS

KEY MECHANISMS

IF a researcher is conducting Indigenous Research

THEN they need Agreement in Principle

AT the concept development stage

FROM the appropriate Indigenous authority

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RELATIONSHIP TO TCPS2 CH9

Main ways this policy is different from TCPS2 Chapter 9

- Includes Indigenous people worldwide, not just Canada
- The definition of “First Nations, Inuit or Métis lands” (9.1.a) is extended to include land with asserted rights
- Uses a sovereignty framework throughout
- Only addresses the very first stage of engagement, while TCPS2 Ch 9 includes respect for community customs, specific research agreements, recognizing the role of Elders, dissemination of results, intellectual property, and Traditional Knowledge, among other topics

RESEARCH IMPACTING INDIGENOUS GROUPS APPROVAL

The Research Impacting Indigenous Groups (RIIG) Policy was approved by Senate on June 9, 2020 and the Board of Regents on July 9, 2020. The Policy was based on extensive internal and external consultations conducted in 2018 and 2019.

A scan of policies that dealt with Indigenous research ethics and university compliance with the Tri-Agency's TCPS2 Chapter 9 ("Research Involving the First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples of Canada") at the time of RIIG's development showed that Memorial was a leader in Canada with this policy. Other universities in Canada and the Tri-Agency Secretariat also expressed interest in the status of this policy as a model.

RESEARCH IMPACTING INDIGENOUS GROUPS POLICY INTENT

The Policy's intent and commitment is to ensure that all research impacting Indigenous communities, cultures, and lands be grounded in ethical and respectful conduct paying a particular attention to Indigenous protocol of engagements.

The policy and related procedures are constructed to provide guidelines to achieve appropriate collaboration, consultation and partnership with the Indigenous groups for research of this nature. RIIG intended for researchers to carry out appropriate engagement with Indigenous groups, starting at the research design stage.

RESEARCH IMPACTING INDIGENOUS GROUPS COMMITMENT TO REVIEW

It was recognized at the concept stage that a ground-breaking policy of this nature would need to be reviewed before the standard four-year period as it was a first-of-its-kind and impacted both internal and external stakeholders.

As stated in the Policy Development Report submitted as part of the final, original policy submission to the Board of Regents, the commitment was made to have the RIIG policy and procedures evaluated eighteen months after approval “in a holistic, consultative manner led by the Office of the Vice-President (Research), and every five years thereafter”.

RESEARCH IMPACTING INDIGENOUS GROUPS CURRENT REVIEW PROCESS

Approval was granted by the President's Advisory Team (PAT) at its May 31 meeting to undertake a two-phased approach for consultations involving internal and external stakeholders.

Phase One will involve bringing the current RIIG Policy forward to targeted internal and external stakeholders /groups for review.

Phase Two will provide an opportunity for internal and external stakeholders to review the final revised draft policy documents before going to the Board of Regents for approval. Open consultations will occur during Phase Two.

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Questions or Comments?

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