

**MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY**  
**MEETING OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH**  
**Monday, March 6, 2023, 2:00 p.m.**

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Research (SCOR) was held virtually, via WebEx Meeting, on Monday, March 6, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

**In Attendance:**

Dr. Tana Allen  
Dr. Anne Burke  
Dr. Lindsay Cahill  
Ms. Alison Farrell, Delegate for University Librarian  
Dr. Kathleen Hodgkinson  
Dr. Edward Kendall  
Dr. Pierre LeBlanc  
Mr. David Miller  
Ms. Marie Murphy  
Dr. Kim Welford (Vice-chair)  
Dr. Benjamin Zendel

**Regrets:**

Dr. Svetlana Barkanova  
Dr. Meghan Burchell  
Dr. Steve Carr  
Mr. Cyr Couturier  
Sanjay Dubey  
Dr. Sulaimon Giwa  
Dr. Lesley James  
Shireen Merchant  
Dr. Kirby Shannahan

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Vice-chair asked for approval of the agenda.

**Motion 1:** To approve the agenda for the March 6, 2023 meeting.

First: Dr. Edward Kendall  
Second: Dr. Pierre LeBlanc

All members present voted and the motion was carried.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 15, 2022 MEETING**

The Vice-chair asked for approval of the minutes of the November 15, 2022 meeting.

**Motion 2:** To approve the minutes of the November 15, 2022 meeting with the correction to Ms. Karen Follett's designation added.

First: Ms. Alison Farrell  
Second: Dr. Edward Kendall

All members present voted and the motion was carried.

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**3. UPDATE ON PAOR AND URP TIMELINES FOR 2023 (DR. ALLEN)**

Dr. Allen said that given the recent labour action, there will be additional time available to accommodate the need to put together good, strong files, so that will be communicated in due course.

**4. UPDATE ON UNIVERSITY RESEARCH CENTRES DESIGNATION**

Dr. Allen said that things are moving through the pipeline as the policy requires. Dr. Kendall said that the policy did go to the Board and that they made a minor change to the wording. Aside from that, the policy is the one the committee would have seen and it is now posted as well. With respect to who is going to review all of the centres and the progress reports, Dr. Kendall said that the Planning and Budget Committee will continue to do the review.

**5. BRAINSTORMING SESSION FOR COMMUNICATIONS AMONG THE RESEARCH COMMUNITY**

Dr. Allen started off the discussion by reassuring the committee that the comments from the March 29, 2022 meeting were taken quite seriously. She added that the feedback informed the way that she developed some of the labour action communications.

The highlights of the full discussion are as follows:

- The concept of Collegial Governance as a way for the Vice-President Research Office (VPRO) and faculty to communicate
- The fact that lessons learned from Covid helped form the communications around the recent labour action (though much of that was driven by MUNFA's collective agreement)
- There are challenges in having a centralized communication network
- Dr. Allen would be willing to have a standing item on the agenda: Updates from VPRO
- Another agenda item - representative from the IT Committee could provide an update quarterly

**6. OTHER**

Ms. Farrell mentioned that the Institutional Strategy will be up on the research page very soon. She also mentioned that copyright laws in Canada have changed. She said that the things that are published going forward are going to go into the public domain seventy years after the death of the author, rather than fifty years.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The Vice-chair adjourned the meeting at 3:02 p.m.

Dr. Kim Welford, Vice-chair

Mr. David Miller, Executive Secretary