

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY
MEETING OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH
Tuesday, March 29, 2022, 2:00 p.m.

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Research (SCOR) was held virtually, via WebEx Meeting, on Tuesday, March 29, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

In Attendance:

Dr. Svetlana Barkanova
Dr. Meghan Burchell
Dr. Anne Burke
Mr. Ken Carter
Dr. Bing Chen
Mr. Cyr Couturier
Ms. Alison Farrell
Dr. Sulaimon Giwa
Dr. Emmanuel Haven
Dr. Kathleen Hodgkinson
Dr. Edward Kendall
Dr. Chris Kozak
Ms. Marie Murphy
Dr. Brent Myron
Dr. Roza Tchoukaleyska
Dr. Kelly Vodden
Dr. Kim Welford
Dr. Benjamin Zendel

Regrets:

Dr. Ray Gosine
Dr. Kirby Shannahan

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Chair asked for approval of the agenda.

Motion 1: To approve the agenda for the January 11, 2022 meeting.

First: Dr. Bing Chen
Second: Dr. Benjamin Zendel

All members present voted and the motion was carried.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 11, 2022 MEETING

The Chair asked for approval of the minutes of the January 11, 2022 meeting.

Motion 2: To approve the minutes of the January 11, 2022 meeting as is.

First: Mr. Ken Carter
Second: Dr. Bing Chen

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3. Feedback on New Research Framework – Dr. Gosine

Dr. Gosine was not at the meeting – this item will be forwarded to the next meeting.

4. UPDATE ON PRESIDENT’S AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING RESEARCH/ UNIVERSITY RESEARCH PROFESSOR AWARD UPDATE

The Chair said that the adjudication committees for both awards met in early March to assign readers to each file, second meeting is planning to be held in June. Mr. Couturier is the observer for the President’s Award for Outstanding Research and Dr. Welford is the observer for the University Research Professor Award.

5. OTHER

The Chair said he would bring the Annual Report forward to the May/June meeting.

It was suggested that Terry Malone come to the next meeting to update the Committee on the updates to the Researcher Portal.

There was a discussion on communications coming from the Vice-President Research’s office, the result of this discussion was that Dr. Kendall would be given a copy of the minutes and he would create a White Paper to be brought forward to the VPR’s office.

Discussion points:

- Concern among some committee members that the University does not understand what people are doing in their research projects, and what is involved. Somewhat more specifically in the context of field work in the face of COVID-19 restrictions, and how those restrictions disproportionately impacted their research.
- Faculty will be/are being asked by funding bodies to explain the support that was provided by Memorial during the pandemic. Some committee members expressed that they feel that there was none to speak of.
- Many questions about the Research Impacting Indigenous Groups (RIIG) Policy, now that Ms. Ford has left the University. Some committee members were not aware that she had left the position. Committee would like to know who the contact for the RIIG policy will be in the short term.
- A discussion about the departure of senior academic and administrative leadership led to a general discussion about pressures and frustrations being felt by faculty members. The lack of support for implementation of CFI grant applications was highlighted as an example, where the PI and department must bear the burden of repairing building deficiencies. General sentiment was that other Universities fix problems and provide information, while Memorial points out problems and obstacles but does not provide solutions.

6. ADJOURNEMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:57 p.m.

Mr. Cyr Couturier, Chair

Mr. David Miller, Executive Secretary