

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY
MEETING OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH
Tuesday, May 9, 2023, 11:30 a.m.

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Research (SCOR) was held virtually, via WebEx Meeting, on Monday, May 9, 2023 at 11:30 a.m.

In Attendance:

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

Regrets:

Dr. Svetlana Barkanova
Dr. Lindsay Cahill
Dr. Steve Carr
Mr. Cyr Couturier
Sanjay Dubey
Dr. Sulaimon Giwa
Dr. Lesley James
Dr. Edward Kendall
Dr. Pierre LeBlanc
Shireen Merchant
Dr. Kirby Shannahan

Invited:

Ms. Karen Follett
Dr. Paul Banahene

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Vice-chair asked for approval of the agenda.

Motion 1: To approve the agenda for the May 9, 2023 meeting.

First: Ms. Alison Farrell

Second: Dr. Kathleen Hodgkinson

All members present voted and the motion was carried.

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2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 6, 2023 MEETING

The Vice-chair asked for approval of the minutes of the March 6, 2023 meeting.

Motion 2: To approve the minutes of the March 6, 2023 meeting with the correction to Ms. Alison Farrell's designation added.

First: Dr. Anne Burke
Second: Dr. Benjamin Zendel

All members present voted and the motion was carried.

3. UPDATE ON REVISED RESEARCH STRATEGY (DR. ALLEN)

Dr. Allen reminded the Committee that Ms. Follett had been appointed to help finalize the research strategy, she then invited Ms. Follett to give the Committee some background information and a little bit of what has happened with the strategy.

Ms. Follett explained that she joined the VPRO's office late last year and was tasked with finalizing the research strategy. She explained that a working draft had been compiled from many people over the past year and a half. She also mentioned that Dr. Bose had done several Town Hall sessions as well. Ms. Follett said that the copy of the strategy she received incorporated feedback, which she went through and spoke with other staff in the VPRO about whether the strategy appropriately incorporated the feedback received as well as whether it aligned with MUN's institutional strategic plan and making sure that considerations were present for commitments to indigenization and EDI.

There followed a discussion by the members and Dr. Allen said that the objective of bringing the document to this Committee was for it to be endorsed to bring to Senate.

Motion 3: To endorse the Research Strategy to be brought forward to the Senate.

First: Dr. Anne Burke
Second: Dr. Kathleen Hodgkinson

All members present voted. There was one abstention, two against and the motion was carried. Dr. Hodgkinson, as a member of Senate on this Committee, agreed to introduce the document at Senate.

4. UPDATE ON PAOR AND URP 2023 (MR. MILLER)

Mr. Miller could not give an update as he had not received any information.

5. REPORT TO SENATE SEPTEMBER 2023

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

6. RECRUITMENT TO SCOR

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This item was deferred until the next meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The Vice-chair adjourned the meeting at 12:03 p.m.

Dr. Kim Welford, Vice-chair

Mr. David Miller, Executive Secretary