

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY
MEETING OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH
Monday, October 4, 2021, 11:00 a.m.

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Research (SCOR) was held virtually, via Webex Meeting, on Monday, October 4, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

In Attendance:

Dr. Svetlana Barkanova
Dr. Anne Burke
Dr. Bing Chen
Mr. Cyr Couturier
Dr. Sulaimon Giwa
Dr. Ray Gosine
Dr. Emmanuel Haven
Dr. Kathleen Hodgkinson
Dr. Edward Kendall
Dr. Chris Kozak
Mr. David Miller, Executive Director
Ms. Marie Murphy
Dr. Roza Tchoukaleyska
Dr. Kelly Vodden
Dr. Amy Warren
Dr. Kim Welford
Dr. Benjamin Zendel

Regrets:

Ms. Alison Farrell
Dr. Kirby Shannahan

1. Election of SCOR Chair (one year term)

Mr. David Miller welcomed all members and asked for volunteers for SCOR Chair and Co-Chair for a one-year term. Mr. Cyr Couturier volunteered to be the next Chair.

Motion 1: To approve Mr. Cyr Couturier (Marine Institute) as the new Chair.

First: Dr. Bing Chen
Second: Dr. Chris Kozak

All members present voted and the motion was carried unanimously

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Chair asked for approval of the agenda.

Motion 2: To approve the agenda for the October 4, 2021 meeting.

First: Dr. Kim Welford
Second: Dr. Chris Kozak

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All members present voted and the motion was carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF May 3, 2021 MEETING

The Chair asked for approval of the minutes of the May 3, 2021 meeting.

Motion 3: To approve the minutes of the May 3, 2021 meeting as is.

First: Dr. Kim Welford

Second: Dr. Chris Kozak

All members present voted and the motion was carried.

4. Election of SCOR Co- Chair (one year term)

The asked for volunteers for SCOR Co-Chair for a one-year term. Dr. Kim Welford volunteered to be the next Co-Chair.

Motion 1: To approve Dr. Kim Welford (Earth Sciences) as the new Co-Chair.

Dr. Welford was appointed as Co-Chair by acclamation.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Mr. Miller said that the largest outstanding business arising is in relation to the presentation that he gave on Tri Council funding for which he had received some feedback. He suggested that he will present on this again at a later meeting, given that with Dr. Gosine's presentation today, there would not be enough time to do both.

6. PRESENTATION ON RESEARCH STRATEGY FRAMEWORK (Dr. Gosine)

Dr. Gosine spoke on the Research Strategy Framework (Draft) that was sent out as part of the SCOR meeting package. He said it is a draft of a research strategy framework, looking forward to the next 5 years from 2022. He said that this document is to replace the current, research strategy framework, which has been in place since 2011, and follows on from the university having gone through and adopted an overarching strategic plan. Dr. Gosine also said it was timely given other things going on to. He said that the framework will go through Senate and the Board of Regents and so will follow a process that was similar to what was followed in 2011.

Dr. Gosine said that the document is a preliminary draft that is intended to provide the basis for the consultation within the internal and external communities of stakeholders, interested in Memorial's research strategy. He said that he was bringing the document to SCOR for information at this stage and to invite any feedback that SCOR would have. He also said that as the document moves through the consultation process, the working group will take the input that's received and will redraft or revise the document and bring it back to a later meeting of SCOR.

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7. NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Kendall asked if it would be feasible for the Chair and Co-Chair to be elected on separate years so there is a bridge. Mr. Miller said that in the past, this was the case. This year was unusual as the previous Chair is no longer on the Committee.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair asked for a motion to adjourn at 11:47 a.m.

First: Dr. Anne Burke

Second: Mr. David Miller

All members present voted and the motion was passed.

Mr. Cyr Couturier, Chair

Mr. David Miller, Executive Secretary