

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY
MEETING OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH
Friday, September 25, 2020, 3:30 p.m.

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Research (SCOR) was held virtually, via GoTo Meeting, on Friday, September 25, 2020, at 3:30 p.m.

In Attendance:

Dr. Robert Bailey
Mr. Jin Chen
Dr. Emmanuel Haven
Dr. Edward Kendall
Dr. Chris Kozak
Mr. David Miller, Executive Director
Ms. Marie Murphy
Dr. Maisam Najafizada
Ms. Mary-Beth Smith
Dr. Nancy Pedri,
Dr. Aimee Surprenant
Dr. Roza Tchoukaleyska
Dr. Kelly Vodden
Dr. Kim Welford
Dr. Benjamin Zedel

Regrets:

Dr. Neil Bose
Dr. Ray Gosine
Dr. Abul Hassain
Dr. Darron Kelly
Mr. Kryston Munnings
Dr. Arthur Sullivan

1. Election of SCOR Chair and Co-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. Dr. Nancy Pedri volunteered to be the next Chair. As there were no volunteers for Co-Chair, this was tabled until the next meeting.

Motion 1: To approve Dr. Nancy Pedri (Department of English) as the new Chair

First: Dr. Edward Kendall
Second – Dr. Benjamin Zedel

All members presented voted and the motion was carried unanimously

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2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Chair asked for approval of the agenda.

Motion 2: To approve the agenda for the September 25, 2020, meeting.

First - Dr. Edward Kendall

Second - Dr. Chris Kozak

All members present voted and the motion was carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF May 1, 2020 MEETING

The Chair asked for approval of the minutes of the May 1, 2020 meeting.

Motion 3: To approve the minutes of the May 1, 2020 meeting as is.

First - Dr. Chris Kozak

Second - Mr. David Miller

All members present voted and the motion was carried.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Welcome new members and Terms of Reference (Chair)

The Chair asked all members present to introduce themselves and said that as the Terms of Reference had been reviewed last year, it was not necessary to review them at this meeting again. She suggested that new members review the Terms of Reference on their own and bring any questions they may have to the next meeting.

Action: Marie/Mary-Beth to send Jin Chen the Terms of Reference to review

B. Review memo to Senate Committees

i) Work Plans or Goals

Strategic planning consultations will begin in October, and it was agreed that the SCOR should invite the Strategic Planning Committee consultants to the next meeting in November. The impact of Covid-19 on research was raised generally, with the impact on equity in relation to research identified specifically. This was identified as a topic for further discussion with a view to developing recommendations to the VPR and Senate, particularly regarding how award committees might acknowledge Covid-19 impacts in the coming year.

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Action: Invite the consultants on the Strategic Planning Committee to attend the next SCOR meeting.

Action: Draft the goals for SCOR and circulate by email for committee members to review by October 22, 2020.

ii) **Annual Report**

Dr. Pedri and Dr. Bing Chen will work on the Annual Report over the next two weeks and circulate by email for committee members to review.

C. Vacant Seats

The presence of vacant seats was questioned by one committee member. Mr. Miller advised that from the most recent list, which is posted on the Senate website, there are three vacant seats.

Action: Solicit ASMs to join the Senate Committee on Research.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair asked for a motion to adjourn at 3:54 p.m.

First – Dr. Chris Kozak

Second – Dr. Kelly Vodden

All members present voted and the motion was passed. Further meeting times will be scheduled in due course.

Dr. Nancy Pedri, Chair

Mr. David Miller, Executive Secretary