

## SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH

**Minutes of Regular Meeting**

**Tuesday, April 23, 2024**

**2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**MS Teams Online**

<b>Voting Member Quorum: 8</b>		
Brett Favaro, Vice-Chair Daniel Bernstein, Chair Deborah Henderson Gayle Bedard Ishant Goyal June Kaminski	Karen Meijer Leeann Waddington Mandeep Pannu Paul Adams Shelley Boyd Sue Fairburn	Alan Davis
<b>Non-voting</b>		
Catherine Schwichtenberg Taranum Sultana		
<b>Regrets</b>	<b>Senate Office</b>	<b>Guests</b>
Deepak Gupta	Maggie Ding (recorder)	Amit Shukla Bernadine Sengalrayan Victor Martinez

### 1. Call to Order and Territorial Acknowledgement

The Chair, Daniel Bernstein, called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

### 2. Approval of Agenda

**Sue Fairburn moved the agenda be confirmed as circulated.**

**The motion carried.**

### 3. Approval of Minutes, February 20, 2024

**Deborah Henderson moved the minutes be accepted as circulated.**

**The motion carried.**

### 4. Chair’s Report

No report.

### 5. Items for Discussion

#### 5.1. Research Advancement Strategy (RAS)

Bernadine Sengalrayan, Lifespan Cognition Lab Manager, outlined a thorough consultation process involving members within KPU and external partners, presenting two primary models: teaching-focused and research-focused. While recognizing the hurdles each model presents, Bernadine suggested a hybrid KPU model that seamlessly integrates both, underscoring the

institution's unique identity. Subsequently, Victor delved into this vision, presenting a scholarship model anchored on three pillars: Content, Practice, and Research, advocating for a flexible time-release approach and diverse funding sources. He stressed institutional support and accountability for the success of the transformative vision.

During the committee's discussion, members expressed appreciation for a presentation on creating a relationship between practice and scholarship, noting progress in that direction. They discussed the idea of incorporating administrative components into faculty workloads alongside teaching and scholarship, citing examples from other institutions like Royal Roads. There was also dialogue about potential use cases for a proposed model, with an emphasis on involving students and sharing outcomes. Suggestions were made to consider pilots and flexibility in implementing the model, as well as the importance of engaging external partners for funding and innovation. The committee also delved into examples of existing initiatives involving faculty release for projects and student involvement. The discussion highlighted challenges in managing projects and the need for responsiveness and flexibility in timelines. Clarification was sought on the relation between the discussed research advancement strategy and ongoing updates to a White Paper on research. Overall, participants commended the work done and discussed various aspects of implementing the proposed model within the context of their institution.

## **6. Regular Reports**

### **6.1. Associate Vice-President, Research and Innovation**

Amit Shukla, Director, Research, Innovation, Scholarship, and Entrepreneurship Services, presented a written report on behalf of Deepak Gupta, AVP Research and Innovation.

The presentation highlighted the success of a recent research showcase event with over 125 participants, featuring keynote speaker Dr. William Garrett-Petts discussing sustainability in research at Thompson River University (TRU). Other notable events included collaborative meetings with academic institutions, initiatives to support student IP protection, engagement with indigenous communities, and resources being developed for equity, diversity, and inclusion in research. Additionally, updates were provided on funding recipients for research infrastructure and efforts to improve animal care practices at KPU, emphasizing ongoing support for research and scholarship endeavors.

It was clarified that the events listed under "Institute for Sustainable Horticulture" on page 5 of the report were actually from the Institute of Sustainable Food Systems, not the Institute of Sustainable Horticulture.

## **7. Adjournment**

The Chair, Daniel Bernstein, concluded the meeting by announcing that the next one, scheduled for May 28th, would be in person. He also mentioned that it would be his last meeting as he steps off the committee, with Tara Lyons replacing him.

The meeting adjourned at 2:51 p.m.