

**RESEARCH POLICIES COUNCIL
Minutes of 20 May 2021**

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Western Michigan University Faculty Senate Research Policies Council was called to order at 2:31 p.m. on May 20, 2021, via Webex video conferencing by Onur Arugaslan, chair.

Roll Call

Members Attending: Onur Arugaslan, Lori Brown, Christine Byrd-Jacobs, Steven Carr, Chris Coryn, Martha Councill-Vargas, Wanda Hadley, David Huffman, Terri Goss Kinzy, Daria Orłowska (substituting for Susan Steuer), Andre Venter, Robert Wall Emerson

Members Absent: Melissa Rajter, Jessica Rocheleau, Heather Petcovic, Paul Solomon, Mercedes Tubino-Blanco

Ex Officio Attending: Anthony DeFulio

Ex Officio Absent: Manuel Bautista,

Quorum

A quorum was present.

Agenda

It was moved by Huffman and seconded by Hadley, to accept the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes

Corrections were made for typos.

It was moved by DeFulio and seconded by Hadley, to approve the minutes of 8 April 2021 as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports of Officers

Chair Arugaslan thanked the members for their service and Vice President Kinzy for her leadership.

Ex Officio DeFulio did not provide a report

Reports of University Representatives

Vice President for Research and Innovation Terri Goss Kinzy thanked the members for their service this year. She reported that large balances exist for all accounts which will be carried over at \$220,000 to \$250,000 across all funds. The Cayuse research administration system is being implemented. IRB will be online by the end of summer. In October the PAF system will decommissioned and WMU will move to the Cayuse system.

Graduate College Dean Christine Byrd-Jacobs provided a summary of the virtual graduate student poster session and awards. Fall graduate student enrollment is down 5%, which is not as much as expected.

Reports of Council/Committee Standing Committees

Vice President Kinzy provided the report of the Research Screening Subcommittee including the FRACAA activity. The panel recommended funding 20 proposals. It was moved by Kinzy, seconded by DeFulio, to fund the 20 proposals at the levels recommended by the FRACAA review committee. The motion carried unanimously.

Huffman left the meeting at 2:56 p.m.

Unfinished Business

Vice President Kinzy led a discussion regarding the Conflict of Interest Policy, noting that WMU was audited by the federal government and certain issues were found. Faculty that apply for external funding must renew conflict of interest training every four years. The RPC is being made aware of changes in the policy so that WMU can be in compliance with federal mandates. Input is welcome when the policy posts on the University Policy Committee website for comment.

DeFulio shared that the most recent version of MOA-19/09: Revision of Research Misconduct Policy did not go to the floor of the Senate at its May meeting, so it has not yet been approved. The current AAUP leadership has asked to review the MOA. The RPC might need to take this MOA up again next year.

Martha Councill-Vargas joined the meeting at 3:12 p.m.

New Business

It was moved by Venter, seconded by DeFulio, to elect Onur Arugaslan as chair. The motion carried unanimously. It was moved by Carr, seconded by Brown, to elect Chris Coryn as vice chair. The motion carried unanimously. The election of a secretary was not conducted.

PPP&E

Vice President Kinzy noted that recent changes due to COVID-19 has necessitated changes in Preparation and Publication of Papers, and Exhibition of Creative Works policies. She encouraged RPC to review PPP&E definitions and policies next year.

It was moved by DeFulio, seconded by Coryn, to cancel the RPC June 2021 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Announcements

Adjournment

It was moved by Venter, seconded by Councill-Vargas, to adjourn the meeting at 3:33 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval

Submitted by Robert Wall Emerson, Secretary

Minutes approved this ninth day of September 2021.