
**RESEARCH POLICIES COUNCIL
Minutes of 12 May 2022**

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Western Michigan University Faculty Senate Research Policies Council was called to order at 2:33 on 12 May 2022, via Webex video conferencing by Sarah Summy.

Roll Call

Members in Attendance: Onur Arugaslan, Lori Brown, Steven Carr, Martha Councell-Vargas, Whitney DeCamp, Sunki Hong, Kristina Lemmer, Daria Orłowska, Andre Venter, Robert Wall Emerson

Members Absent: Louai Al Shomaly, Christine Byrd-Jacobs, Listiani Eran (Graduate Student Association), Wanda Hadley, David Huffman

Ex Officio(s) in attendance: Mark Hurwitz (replacing Manuel Bautista on his leave), Sarah Summy

Guest(s): None

Quorum

A quorum was present.

Acceptance of Agenda

It was moved by DeCamp, seconded by Venter, to accept the agenda as amended to include a FRACAA addition to new business. The motion carried unanimously.

Election of officers

It was moved by Summy, seconded by Carr, to nominate Andre Venter as chair. Venter accepted the nomination. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by DeCamp, seconded by Carr, to nominate Onur Arugaslan as vice chair. Arugaslan accepted the nomination. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Carr, seconded by Hurwitz, to approve the minutes of 14 April 2022. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports of Officers

Ex Officio Summy thanked the Research Policies Council for its work and looks forward to the upcoming passing of the Memorandum of Actions.

Reports of University Representatives

Interim Vice President for Research and Innovation Carr noted that he is in the process of transferring duties and responsibilities to the new Vice President for Research and Innovation. Venter asked about the rollover of monies for this council's activities from this year to next year and there was no indication that the monies would not be carried over.

Graduate College Dean Byrd-Jacobs was not present.

Reports of Council/Committee Standing Committees

Research Screening Committee

Ex Officio Hurwitz is still operating as Bautista's replacement.

It was moved by DeCamp, seconded by Venter, to appoint Hurwitz as the official FRACAA chair. The motion passed unanimously.

Ex Officio Hurwitz indicated that the FRACAA awardees have been notified of this year's awards. Hurwitz supports the move to increase the FRACAA award amounts and the SFSA limits. SFSA or PPP&E might be a place where publication subvention funds might be created. DeCamp noted that the PPP&E structure could be revised so that the current structure is maintained but another mechanism is created so faculty could apply for higher amount to cover extensive publication costs. This, in addition to updating the PPP&E guidelines, could be added to the charges for the council next year.

Unfinished Business

Renaming of the Office of Vice President for Research and Innovation

Arugaslan circulated the draft council year-end report prior to the meeting. Feedback was gathered from RPC members.

New Business

Venter noted that the FRACAA amounts have not been updated for quite some time and suggested that raising it to \$15,000 might make sense, as well as changing application requirements so that as soon as a faculty member satisfies the requirements of an award, they would be eligible to apply for another FRACAA. DeCamp suggested that RPC members come to the September meeting with revised dollar amount ideas for each of the four funding mechanisms.

It was moved by DeCamp, seconded by Councell-Vargas, to increase the maximum FRACAA award to \$15,000 as of now. Venter amended the motion to include an SFSA increase to \$3,000 with a re-evaluation of all funding mechanisms in the fall. The amended motion passed unanimously.

Announcements

None.

Adjournment

It was moved by DeCamp, seconded by Carr, to adjourn the meeting at 3:19 p.m. The motion carried unanimously. The Research Policies Council will meet next on 8 September 2022, at 2:30 p.m. virtually via Webex.

Approval

Submitted by Robert Wall Emerson, Secretary

Minutes approved 8 September 2022.