
**RESEARCH POLICYIES COUNCIL
Minutes of 4 March 2021****Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Western Michigan University Faculty Senate Research Policies Council was called to order at 2:30 on 4 March 2021, via Webex video conferencing by Onur Arugaslan, chair.

Roll Call

Members in Attendance: Onur Arugaslan, Christine Byrd-Jacobs, Steven Carr, Chris Coryn, Martha Councell-Vargas, Wanda Hadley, David Huffman, Terri Kinzy, Heather Petcovic, Jessica Rocheleau, Susan Steuer, Andre Venter, Robert Wall Emerson, German Zarate-Sandez (substitute for Mercedes Tubino-Blanco)

Members Absent: Lori Brown, Melissa Rajter, Paul Solomon

Ex Officio: Manuel Bautista, Anthony DeFulio

Guest(s): Jennifer Bott, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Quorum

A quorum was present.

Agenda

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

Minutes

It was moved by Huffman, seconded by Kinzy, to approve the minutes of 11 February 2021. The motion carried unanimously.

Bautista joined the meeting at 2:42 p.m.

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Jennifer Bott addressed perspectives on research.

Venter joined the meeting at 3:09 p.m.

Arugaslan left the meeting at 3:29 p.m.

Reports of Officers

Chair Arugaslan had departed the meeting therefor no report was given.

Ex Officio DeFulio did not provide a report.

Reports of University Representatives

Vice President for Research and Innovation Kinzy provided a report that included reference to a new video demonstrating how faculty can review balances on grants, an upcoming report on Higher Education Research and Development (HERD) survey data, and a general lack of expenditures in FRACASF programs.

Graduate College Dean Byrd-Jacobs provided a report that included results of the 3-minute thesis competition, planning for the virtual research day, awarding of graduate college fellowships, potential for recently graduated and new graduating doctoral students to take part in hooding activities.

Reports of Standing Committees

Ex Officio DeFulio provided information regarding the Grant Management Workgroup Formation. Given that Office of Research and Innovation (ORI) has developed a video that addresses the issue that the Executive Board reviewed, the creation of a Workgroup may not be needed. Faculty review of the ORI video will be completed before a final decision is made.

Unfinished Business

Bautista reported on the FRACAA/SFSA Memorandum of Action (MOA), noting that 28 FRACAA applications have been received. Discussion was held regarding previous FRACAA winners that have not satisfied requirements. Bautista will draft and distribute language for discussion at the next meeting regarding a mechanism to instruct faculty that are out of compliances with FRACAA submission requirements to become compliant.

Wall Emerson left the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

Vice President for Research and Innovation Kinzy discussed the Conflict of Interest Policy which will include a requirement for Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) once every four years for all faculty submitting grants and contracts to outside agencies.

Ex Officio DeFulio reported on Charge #8: Identify approaches and methods used to increase civility and respect in order to create a safe environment both within the Faculty Senate and the University.

Ex Officio DeFulio reported on Charge #1: Review the scope and description of the council's role and assess the effectiveness of the council's practices. Address any continuing or outstanding issues or initiatives as directed by the Faculty Senate Executive Board.

New Business

None.

Announcements

None.

Adjournment

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The Research Policies Council will meet next on 8 April 2021, at 2:30 p.m.

Approval

Submitted by Robert Wall Emerson, Secretary

Minutes approved this eighth day of April 2021.