

**MINUTES OF MEETING #6 (2010 - 2011) OF THE
SENATE RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP POLICY COMMITTEE
HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 19th, 2011 AT 10:00AM - 11:30AM
IN PLAZA 312**

PRESENT: Professor Tamara El-Hoss (Chair), Dr. Ian Brindle, Dean Tom Dunk, Ms. Margaret Grove, Professor Francine McCarthy, Professor Michelle McGinn, Professor Steven Renzetti, Dean Marilyn Rose, Ms. Judith Maiden (Recorder)

REGRETS: Professor Tansu Barker (Vice-Chair), Professor Cheri Bradish, Professor Charles Conteh, Dr. Murray Knuttila, Mr. Christopher Lindley, Professor James Mandigo, Professor Meri Jean Morrissey, Ms. Ellen Robb

Introductions / Welcome

1. Approval of Agenda

MOVED (Dunk/McCarthy)

THAT the agenda be accepted as circulated.

CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

MOVED (Renzetti /Dunk)

THAT the minutes of the #5 (2010 - 2011) Senate Research & Scholarship Policy Committee held on March 16th, 2011 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Update/Information

a. Sub-Committee

i. Nomenclature

1. Report (Rose)
2. Process FHB 3.25 – Policy on the Establishment and Review of Research Units, Centres and Institutes.

(Committee)

The sub-committee met to look at the existing Policy on the Establishment and Review of Research Units, Centres and Institutes. A new policy was drafted with the changes outlined. This document was submitted to the committee for their review and comments. It was explained that the sub-committee felt it necessary to sort out the wording in the policy before submitting all changes in a single document to Senate at its next meeting. With the addition of the new Strategic Plan to the university environment, it is considered important to sort this matter out speedily. Upon review of the document and through much discussion, it was decided that the word 'research' be retained throughout the document when associated with the word 'Centre'. It was recognized as important to retain this word in the new policy and questioned whether this would be the right

committee to oversee this policy if the word 'research' was taken out of it. It was recognized that centres should automatically be considered a research body and questioned if something does not have anything to do with research if it should come to this committee. Professor El-Hoss felt the solution was to keep the word 'Research' before 'Centre'. The committee agreed. Regarding the word 'teaching', it was thought teaching should be assumed and so the word was to be omitted in the policy, but the word 'scholarship' would be retained as it can be accepted to cover teaching. The intent is to not be exclusionary while creating the protocols around the research directives. It was agreed to keep the definition for 'Institute' the same. It seemed cleaner to leave units out of the revised policy and the committee agreed that it could add a definition for units if needed at a later date (since units are under the direction of their home faculties).

After a long discussion, it was also agreed that in the section 25.3.2 "for approval following consultation with all affected departments and programs" be changed to "for approval following discussion with interested departments and programs".

Discussion was generated in regard to how best to make it an open and inclusive process that is seen as being transparent. It was thought that it would be best if a group that wishes to establish either a research centre or an institute should be requested to post their plans on the web to ensure people are aware of the intent and a consultative process can be achieved. It was concluded that the Dean of the Faculty needs to be able to use his/her own discretion to ensure that an open and consultative process with his/her faculty members has been achieved.

Professor El-Hoss suggested this discussion be continued at the next meeting since further revisions to the policy were necessary. Dean Rose agreed to update the document, keeping in mind the comments of the committee, and resubmit it for a final review prior to the May 2nd meeting.

4. Report from Vice-President Research (Brindle)

No time remained

5. Other Business

None

Date of Next Meeting:
Monday, May 2, 2011 - 10:00 – 11:45am

The above meeting will be held in the Research/Graduate Studies Boardroom (MC D350-L)

1. Adjournment

(McCarthy/Renzetti)

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 11:30am