GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL
RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP STANDING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting Held on Tuesday, February 11, 2020

ATTENDEES: 8 members for quorum – * denotes voting Institute members

Voting Members
- Michael Quinn Chair, Vice-Provost and AVP, Academic
- Lynne Lafave Vice-Chair, Faculty Member, Health, Community and Education
- Tala Abu Hayyaneh Student Representative
- Karen Atkinson-Leadbeater Faculty Member, Arts
- Trevor Day Faculty Member, Science and Technology
- Leah Hamilton Faculty Member, Business and Communications
- David Ohreen Chair of MRU Human Research Ethics Board
- Jennifer Pettit Representative, Provost’s Council
- Sara Sharun Faculty Member, University Library
- Erika Smith Faculty Member, ADC and GNED
- Meri Topchieva Student Representative
- Connie Van der Byl* Institute for Environmental Sustainability

Resources
- Margaux Samis Finance Designate
- Melissa Deane Manager, Office of Research, Scholarship and Community Engagement
- Julia Thiessen Marketing and Communications

Recording Secretary
Sheena Jensen Governance Assistant, GFC

ABSENT WITH REGRETS:
- Meagan Bowler Dean, University Library
- Tracy Lee Miistakis Institute
- Michael Uzoka GFC Member at Large

ABSENT:
- Ray De Paul Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- Kathy Offet-Gartner Representative, Student Affairs and Campus Life
- Lena Soots Trico Changemakers Studio
- James Stauch Institute for Community Prosperity
- Michelle Yeo Institute for Scholarship of Teaching and Learning

M. Quinn, Chair of RSSC, convened the meeting at 4:00 p.m. and confirmed quorum.

1.0 APPROVALS

1.1 Agenda for February 11, 2020
Moved by J. Pettit; seconded by M. Topchieva:

THAT the Agenda for the February 11, 2020 Research and Scholarship Standing Committee meeting be approved.

CARRIED.
1.2 Minutes from January 14, 2020
Moved by T. Abu Hayyaneh; seconded by M. Topchieva:

THAT the Minutes of the Research and Scholarship Standing Committee meeting held on January 14, 2020 be approved.
CARRIED.

1.3 Business Arising from the Minutes
There was no business arising from the minutes.

2.0 CHAIR’S REPORT
The Chair gave the following report and responded to questions:

- MRU has launched an internal search for a Tier II Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Studies with potential focal research in Indigenous Epistemologies, Cross-Cultural Learning & Community-engaged Indigenous Research. Applications are due on 21 February 2020. Contact M.Quinn for details.
- A candidate has been selected to be nominated for a Tier II Canada Research Chair in Design Thinking in the Faculty of Business and Communications Studies. ORSCE and a steering committee with the faculty will work with the nominee on an application package to be submitted in mid April 2020 with a decision date later in the fall. The hope is for an appointment for January 2021 and an announcement to the community in November 2020.
- An internal search is being conducted for an Academic Director of the Academic Development Centre. Application packages are due on 28 February 2020. Contact M.Quinn for details.
- Congratulations to Leah Hamilton and Mohammed El Hazzouri as well as presenters Aliyah Dosani, Ada Jaarsman, John Mee and Evelyn Field for the highly successful annual research event - The Art and Science of Love and Lust. Approximately 100 people were in attendance. This is an informative and entertaining way to convene as a scholarly community.
- Testing of a potential new Faculty Annual Reporting System is currently underway. Faculty 180 (Interfolio) was tested last spring and has been updated to address faculty comments and to include information from the most recent FAR input. A final decision on implementation will be made in March. In the interim, the current Faculty Annual Reporting System remains suspended for new input. Detailed communications will follow in late March.
- Reminder - Sheila Watt-Cloutier will be making a Keynote Address entitled *Everything is Connected* on Tuesday, March 3rd at 1:00-2:30 PM at the Bella Concert Hall. Free tickets are available at: [https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/sheila-watt-cloutier-tickets-90235676337](https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/sheila-watt-cloutier-tickets-90235676337)
Please share this information widely and consider bringing classes to the event and/or encouraging student attendance. With a focus on solutions, Watt-Cloutier brings the realities of the Arctic—where Inuit today face profound challenges to their environment, their economy, their health and their cultural well-being—to light. The challenges they face are clearly connected to the industries we support, the disposable world we have become, and the non-sustaining policies we create. Because her Inuit culture faces the most extreme challenges of globalization, Watt-Cloutier speaks from firsthand experience, and couples that with her extensive experiences as a global leader.
- NSERC is launching a pilot funding opportunity to enhance the communications skills of students and researchers in the natural sciences and engineering. Such skills will contribute to science literacy, help counter science-related misinformation, and foster a role for science in evidence-
based decision making. The new pilot program, Science Communication Skills grant (pilot), is targeted at organizations that provide science communication skills training to STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) students, fellows, and faculty from Canadian post-secondary institutions. The training should have as its goal the effective communication of science to the general public. Organizations may request up to $20,000 in funding for a one year period. Applications must be submitted by May 15.

- The New Frontiers in Research Fund 2020 Transformation Competition is now open. The objective of the Transformation stream is to support large-scale, Canadian-led interdisciplinary research projects that address a major challenge with the potential to realize real and lasting change. The challenge may be fundamental, leading to a scientific breakthrough, or applied, with a social, economic, environmental or health impact. Projects are expected to be world-leading, drawing on global research expertise, when relevant. Transformation stream grants will support projects that:
  o Tackle a well-defined problem or challenge;
  o Propose a novel world-leading approach that is different from the current state-of-the-art approaches to the issue;
  o Are interdisciplinary, bringing different perspectives to the defined problem; and
  o Have the potential to be transformative, defined as the potential to create a significant and real change or impact—a noticeable leap or tangible breakthrough rather than an incremental advance.
  o The competition has three stages: a Notice of Intent (NOI), a Letter of Intent (LOI), and (on invitation only) a full application. The internal deadline, to submit your Notice of Intent through the Convergence Portal is noon on Monday, February 10th, 2020.
    Contact ORSCE Director Melissa Deane at mdeane1@mtroyal.ca or (403) 440-5081 if you have any questions (Webinars if you intend to apply).

- The Human Research Ethics Board (HREB) Chair will facilitate Ethics 101 Workshops throughout the year. Each session will consider principles of Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans as required by the Canadian Tri-Council Policy Statement, and will assist researchers planning to apply for Ethics Clearance from HREB. The next Ethics 101 Workshop is scheduled as follows: Monday, March 23, 2020 - 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. - EB2061 (Bissett Boardroom). For more information, please contact the Research Compliance Officer at (403) 440-8470 or via email at hreb@mtroyal.ca.

Additional updates were discussed on the following:
- The upcoming focus for RSSC will be winding down ISOTL and the Centre for Community Disaster Research, and the renewal for the Institute for Community Prosperity.
- Results of the Internal Research Grant Fund (IRGF) awards will be announced this week. The committee discussed the number of applications received this year, as it was lower than in previous years.

3.0 WORKING GROUP UPDATES
3.1 Research and Scholarship Days
MRU.ca/ResearchDays has all the events and schedule posted. A Call for Participation has been sent out.

3.2 International Research
No updates.
3.3 Undergraduate Research and Scholarship
The working group met on January 23 and reviewed the responses received by RSSC members to assist with guiding the group’s work. A brief update was provided on the work in progress that will be presented in a final report to RSSC. Questions were responded to relating to undergraduate research opportunities and promoting those opportunities.

3.4 Research and Scholarship Recognition Awards
A status update was given on the number of applications received to date. A question about the nominations process was responded to for clarification, and a suggestion was made to review this process for next year. As well, it was suggested to review the number of categories for these awards, and in consideration of other institutional awards.

3.5 Research Technologies
A brief status update was given.

4.0 OTHER BUSINESS
4.1 Good News Stories
- Julie-Anne Fritz and colleagues published “The Evaluation of a Health-Based Education and Behavioral Change Retreat on Quality of Life, Physical Activity and Psychosocial Health in Adult Cancer Survivors: An Exploratory Analysis“ in the *Journal of Cancer Education*
- Matthew McLarnon and colleagues published “Challenging the “static” quo: Trajectories of engagement in team processes toward a deadline” in the *Journal of Applied Psychology*
- Jared Fletcher and colleagues published “Cumulative Metrics of Tendon Load and Damage Vary Discordantly With Running Speed“ in *Medicine and Science in Sports and Exercise*
- Peter Choate reviewed the book *Reassessing Attachment Theory in Child Welfare* for the *British Journal of Social Work*
- Tom Buchanan and colleagues published “Status differences in interpersonal strain and job resources at work: A mixed methods study of animal health-care providers” in the *International Journal of Conflict Management*

5.0 ADJOURNMENT
The February 11, 2020 Research and Scholarship Committee meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m. by consensus.