SENATE RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Friday 16 February 2024 10:00-11:30 a.m. via Zoom

Attendance: Wendy Norman (Chair), Emily Jenkins Greg Martyn, Gail Murphy, Chris Overall,

Regrets: Guy Faulkner (Vice-Chair), Brenna Bhandar, Andre Ivanov, James Olson, Mitchell Prost,
Siddharth Rout, Amy Wang

Guests: Paul Evans, Karen Smith

Senate Staff: Michael Jud

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Senate Research and Scholarship Committee (the “Committee”) was called to order at 10:03 a.m. on 16 February 2024 by W. Norman, Chair.

ITEM 1: ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The meeting agenda was adopted by general consent.

ITEM 2: ADOPTION OF LAST MEETING’S MINUTES

The meeting minutes of 19 January 2024 were adopted by general consent.

ITEM 3: GOVERNMENT OF CANADA POLICY ON SENSITIVE TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH AND AFFILIATIONS OF CONCERN

In attendance to discuss this item were two guests:

• Dr. Paul Evans, School of Public Policy and Global Affairs, UBC China Council
• Ms. Karen Smith, Faculty of Science, Chair of the Senate Teaching and Learning Committee

The Chair provided a summary of the Committee’s previous discussion on this matter and reiterated the underly purpose:

To work towards an approach to ensuring that UBC is an engaged and collaborative University locally, nationally and globally, and resilient to geo-political changes while adhering to changing governmental requirements. Recommendations arising from this work may be presented to the full Senate for adoption.

Dr. Evans then addressed the Committee, setting out a range of concerns that various stakeholders have raised with respect to the Policy on Sensitive Technology Research and Affiliations of Concern. Dr. Evans
stated that the federal government is likely to impose additional restrictions of this type going forward. He suggested that there is a need to both take steps to adapt to the new restrictions, while also assessing where it is appropriate to push back in association with peer institutions. He emphasized the importance of drawing on our academic expertise and involving research community in the process of identifying sensitive sectors and problematic partner institutions.

Dr. Murphy indicated that the Provost is planning to form a committee with a mandate to review UBC’s partnerships with other institutions. It was suggested that care should be taken to avoid duplicating the work that will be done by the Provost’s committee.

Senate staff undertook to gather more information on the status of the Provost’s committee and report back.

The Committee can expect a further presentation on this topic from the Director of Research Security at an upcoming meeting.

**ITEM 4: DISESTABLISHMENT OF THE PETER WALL INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDIES**

By general consent, this item was postponed to March meeting due to lack of quorum.

**ITEM 5: LONG-TERM ITEMS**

The Chair provided a brief update on the following long-term agenda items, which the Committee may expect to come forward in future months:

a. Joint meeting with Okanagan Senate Learning and Research Committee  
b. Presentation from Institute for the Study of Teaching and Learning  
c. Facilitated discussion on the Indigenous Strategic Plan

**ITEM 6: NEXT MEETING**

The Committee’s next meeting will be held on Friday 15 March 2024 from 10:00-11:30am.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.