



**SENATE RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

Friday 20 October 2023 10:00-11:30 a.m. via Zoom

**Attendance:** Wendy Norman (Chair), Guy Faulkner (Vice-Chair), Brenna Bhandar, Andre Ivanov, Emily Jenkins, Greg Martyn, Gail Murphy, James Olson

**Regrets:** Meigan Aronson, Chris Overall, Mitchell Prost, Siddharth Rout, Amy Wang

**Senate Staff:** Michael Jud

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Senate Research and Scholarship Committee (the “Committee”) was called to order at 10:04 a.m. on 20 October 2023 by M. Jud, Senate Staff.

**ITEM 1: ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The agenda was adopted by general consent.

**ITEM 2: ADOPTION OF LAST MEETING’S MINUTES**

The meeting minutes of 20 October 2023 were adopted by general consent.

**ITEM 3: INTRODUCTIONS**

Committee members were provided an opportunity to introduce themselves and discuss their role at UBC and interest in the Committee’s work.

**ITEM 4: OVERVIEW OF COMMITTEE MANDATE**

Senate staff provided a brief overview of the Committee’s mandate, terms of reference and common items of business. It was noted that the Committee has few standing agenda items and as such the Committee’s work varies considerably from year to year. It was also noted that there is room to further explore the Committee’s areas of responsibility and undertake work that interests the Committee.

**ITEM 5: ELECTION OF CHAIR**

W. Norman was acclaimed Chair.

**ITEM 6: ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR**

G. Faulkner was acclaimed Vice-Chair.

### **ITEM 3: REVISIONS TO POLICY V-5: RESEARCH CENTRES AND RESEARCH INSTITUTES**

Senate staff provided an introduction to draft Policy V-5 for the benefit of the Committee's new members. The draft Policy has been a recurring item of business over the past year and has undergone a number of significant revisions. In May of 2023 the draft was presented to the Committee of Deans and met with a largely favourable response. One minor revision was made to the text based on feedback received from the Deans:

- Section 1(a)(v) was amended to allow for the possibility of undergraduate academic-credit programs being offered through institutes and category 1 centres.

Committee members raised a number of discussion topics in relation to the draft policy, including:

- What is the policy meant to accomplish? What need does it serve? This question has been asked previously and it will be important to have a clear answer when the Policy is presented to the full Senate.
- The term "academic unit" is undefined in the policy and is not used consistently across campus or in other Senate and Board policies. It would be desirable to add greater clarity around the precise implications of the use this term.
- The Policy needs to be clear with respect to what difference Senate approval makes for a centre or institute. What does Senate approval actually 'do' in practice?

The Chair indicated that the draft policy would be brought back to the Committee's next meeting for further discussion. In the meantime, Committee members were encouraged to reflect on what they had learned about the policy and be prepared to discuss further in the near future.

### **ITEM 7: 2023-2024 TENTATIVE MEETING SCHEDULE**

Committee members agreed to finalize the tentative meeting schedule with the following meeting dates:

- November 17, 2023
- December 8, 2023
- January 19, 2024
- February 16, 2024
- March 15, 2024
- April 10, 2024

### **ITEM 8: MEETING FORMAT**

The Committee will continue to hold meetings virtually for the immediate future.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.