

**MINUTES OF MEETING #2 (2008 - 2009) OF THE  
SENATE RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP POLICY COMMITTEE**

**HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 AT 1:30PM - 3:00PM**

**IN MC D350-L**

**PRESENT:** Professor Gary Pickering (Chair), Ms. Melissa Barnard, Dr. Terry Boak, Professor Sandra Bosacki, Dr. Ian Brindle, Ms. Frances Chandler, Professor Tamara El-Hoss (Vice-Chair), Interim Dean Joffre Mercier, Professor Tom O'Neill, Professor Lynn Rempel, Dean Marilyn Rose, Professor Matthew Royal, Professor John Sivell, Professor Angus Smith, Ms. Judy Maiden (Recorder)

**GUESTS:** Professor Debbie Inglis, Director, CCOVI

**REGRETS:** Ms. Margaret Grove, Mr. Hassan Khalid, Professor Tim O'Connell, Professor Bulent Menguc

**Introductions / Welcome**

Professor Pickering welcomed members to the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the year and mentioned Professor Debbie Inglis; new Director of the Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute (CCOVI) would be joining the meeting in progress to present the new structure.

**1. Approval of Agenda**

**MOVED** (Mercier/Brindle)

**THAT** the agenda be accepted as circulated

**CARRIED**

**2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**MOVED** (Mercier/Boak)

**THAT** the minutes of the #1 (2008 - 2009) Senate Research & Scholarship Policy Committee held on September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2008 be approved.

**CARRIED**

**3. Business Arising**

**i. Research Unit for Global Education (RUGE) approval process**

Dr. Brindle noted according to the Faculty Handbook (FHB), Section III: Academic Regulations, 25. Policy on the Establishment and Review of Research Units, Centres and Institutes - the Faculty of Educations' Research Unit if established within a department does not need a director or a budget and does not need to be approved by the committee. The committee needs only to be made aware of this Research Unit and to forward it on to Senate for informational purposes only.

**ACTION** The Chair to forward the document to Mike Farrell for information to Senate for the upcoming docket

**ii. Policy on Centers, Institutes and Research Units (Pickering)**

Professor Pickering met with Professor Cheel, Chair of the Governance Committee who was uncertain where this issue is in the governance process. Professor Pickering is waiting for Professor Cheel to get back to him with further information.

**ACTION** The Chair to report back to the committee once he hears from the Governance Committee

**4. New Business**

**Restructure of sub-committees for 2008-09 (Pickering/El-Hoss)**

The Chair and Vice-Chair met to discuss reassigning members and restructuring the subcommittees. Through this meeting a document was created outlining a proposal on the collapsing and renaming of the sub-committees 'Identify Key Researchers for External Recognition/Raising our Profile' and 'Best Practices' and where members should be distributed. The document was distributed to the committee. The rationale to merge these sub-committees was based on the overlap previously identified and the desire for closer collaboration between these two sub-groups.

It was decided to retain both the 'Policies and Procedures' and 'Financial' sub-committees. The rationale is that important issues relevant to these sub-committees remain outstanding including rationalization of the University's Intellectual Property policies, clarification on the roles and definitions of Research Centres, Institutes and Units, and equitable and adequate resourcing of research.

Volunteers were sought for the sub-committees and identified. Ms. Barnard volunteered to be placed where Professor Pickering saw a need. People still

unassigned to a sub-committee will be assigned by Professor Pickering at the next meeting.

**4.1 The Best Practices and the Identify Key Researchers for External Recognition/Raising our Profile**

The two sub-committees were collapsed and the new name proposed was "Profile Raising". Volunteers are as follows; Interim Dean Mercier, Professor O'Neill, Ms. Chandler, Professor Bosacki. Professor Angus Smith has agreed to Chair this committee.

**4.2 Policies and Procedures**

Intellectual property and research is viewed as being important and Dr. Brindle is the proposed Chair. Professors Rempel and El-Hoss have volunteered to participate on the sub-committee.

**4.3 Financial**

Professor Pickering told the committee that Professor Menguc will only miss the September and November meetings and should be available to chair the financial sub-committee should he agree. It is to be determined who will sit on this committee.

**ACTION** The Chair will determine where unassigned members will be placed on the sub-committees and report back to the larger committee.

**5. Updates and Information Items**

Dean Rose noted the Graduate Plenary/Public Lecture was moved to the first week in February rather than being held on November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The Graduate Research Conference committee still wishes to hear from people who can demonstrate how they have built their careers in non-traditional ways to this year's student conference participants for the 'Pathways and Options for Today's Graduate Students' plenary.

**Restructuring of CCOVI (Dr. Debbie Inglis, CCOVI Director)**

Professor Inglis presented a Power Point overview of the new Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute (CCOVI) structure which was approved by Dr. Boak, Vice-President Academic on March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008. In order to devise a new structure, information accumulated over two years was put together from various reports. The CCOVI Governance Review Committee which was headed by Dean Siegel looked at the information from the reports, conducted their own research, and prepared a document containing recommendations. Interim Dean Mercier put together the new CCOVI structure, which was approved by Dr. Boak.

As a research unit, CCOVI felt they were successful and strong in their research performance with over three million dollars in grants and sixty-five publications. Their current projects addressed four of six priorities which were summarized in

the 2007 Ontario Grape and Wine Research and Services Sub-committee Report. They had developed a reputation for research and training students and have strong and successful education programs including courses and conferences.

Challenges faced were to expand CCOVI's research mandate into all areas for the grape and wine industry value chain including non-science areas such as business, marketing and tourism. The previous focus was on research in the sciences, but there are areas other than the sciences that should be included. Another challenge is to look at how to better improve communication of research outputs to industry stakeholders. There was no clear avenue to address current industry problems. Also, core researchers within the CCOVI lab were located in CCOVI, but had no CCOVI affiliation. The Director's role was not clearly defined for the industry and there is no written strategic plan. There was a need to access new funding opportunities through the Ontario Grape and Wine Research Inc. and to build the Ontario Grape and Wine Cluster and build on current collaborations with other research institutes and with the new Vineland Research and Innovation Centre.

With the old structure, the CCOVI Director reported to the Dean of Mathematics and Sciences, but in the new structure the Director will report directly to the Vice-President Research. It was felt since CCOVI is a research unit and not an academic unit it should not report to a faculty dean. A new structure was needed that would allow the inclusion of all researchers across faculties and Faculty who wish to work in CCOVI are appointed as CCOVI researchers, but will still retain their primary appointments to protect their academic freedom within their home departments. People may have been reluctant to seek appointments because CCOVI was based in the Faculty of Mathematics & Science, but by putting it under the Vice-President Research it opens up to a broader group as it had previously been felt that reporting to the Faculty of Mathematics and Science made it sciences-based, but now it does not seem so. The budget still needs to be extracted from the Faculty of Mathematics and Sciences and is in progress now.

To help to address the outreach to the community, CCOVI are looking at two Senior Scientists' staff appointments pending federal funding approval. One position will be in Oenology and the other in Viticulture. An Agri-Canada and Brock University agreement was developed to facilitate these appointments. Half of their time would be spent on research and the other half on addressing outreach problems and analytical issues.

Changes are that the CCOVI Director will have a research mandate and be appointed for a three year term. The Director will report to the CCOVI Advisory Council. A new Executive Committee was created and is a smaller committee which will meet more regularly as needs dictate. The Vice-President Research will Chair this committee. The Director will provide the Executive Committee with summaries of research, liaison and outreach activities and obtain information from the Executive Committee on needs and communicate these to CCOVI. It is important to hear directly from researchers to address some of the industry

concerns, so their input will be sought to develop a five year research plan. Long term research is needed to ensure future growth. The yearly Annual General Meeting is meant to improve and help to promote the research programs of the individuals.

Workload issues were discussed and questions were asked; if someone is cross appointed how the university will deal with the workload. In terms of research outputs, to be approved as a CCOVI researcher or fellow, the deans will have to agree with the appointment because there may be an additional administrative load through CCOVI if the deans agree to have their faculty member associated with it.

It was noticed there is no mention of Graduate Students and Post Doctoral Fellows in this model. It was suggested that they need to be able to claim their affiliation to this unit as their current connection is with their departments. Designated Post Doctoral Fellows are people whose careers could be enhanced with this affiliation.

It was observed that institutes can struggle, but the changes to CCOVI could help other institutes as a potential model.

## **6. Other Business**

It was noted that a donor was profiled recently in the business section of the Globe and Mail who had donated funds for a graduate scholarship in history. This can be used by the Niagara Historical Society as they are hoping it will be a Niagara based history project. Dr. Brindle said monies were matched by the province. Brock University's share is 2.5 million dollars. This can not be university money but donated money because no student is allowed to make more the \$4000 pay out. It was mentioned that Brock University has a rapidly expanding graduate scholarship and is still relatively young. The goal for us is to move to 50/25/25 to get our research up if researchers in all faculties would be willing to support graduate students through their research this could be done. People may want to donate to the "Bricks and Mortar" campaign and there may be some interested in supporting graduate students, but we need to see how we can help give international students a boost because international students are important to support over time as well.

When a faculty member died of leukemia a graduate scholarship was set up in her name to allow students to travel. There is about 1.5 million dollars left in this fund. This can be a wonderful memorial. There is still room to create graduate awards, but endowments have taken a hit because of the market.

Professor Pickering talked with Professor Cheel regarding the policy with centers and units. He wondered what needs to be tightened in regard to this policy. Dr. Brindle felt the problem is with what people want to call themselves, whether a

centre, unit, or an institute. It was noted institutes are research entities without teaching attached to them. Teaching is not built into the language in how Post Doctoral Fellows are aligned with the centers, institutes – do students accrue to the institute and are institutes suppose to have students? The graduate students in CCOVI accrue to the Faculty of Mathematics and Sciences. Interim Dean Mercier said the division between institute and centre is supposed to be clearer and we need clarification as to what constitutes a unit, centre and institute.

Date of Next Meeting:

**Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup> - 1:30pm – 3:00pm**

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

**7. Adjournment**

**MOVED** (Mercier/El-Hoss)

**THAT the meeting be adjourned**

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 2:40pm