

M E E T I N G M I N U T E S
October 15, 2007

Present: Marcus Dickson, Tej Mattoo, Boris Mordukhovic, Bo Shen, Harley Tse,
Olivia Washington, Colleen Price.

Absent with notice: Ivan Avrutsky, Tamara Bray, Domenico Gatti, Michael Goldfield,
Guangzhao Mao, Eileen Trizinski, Antoinette Wozniak, Judith Whittum-Hudson.

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:10 pm when a quorum was reached.

2. Meeting frequency

The Committee would meet once a month. A meeting could be cancelled if no specific issues arose for discussion. The availability sheets submitted by members indicated that Wednesdays could be the best days for future meetings. Which Wednesday of the month and the exact time of the meeting would be determined at the time of scheduling.

3. Human Investigation Committee (HIC)

The Chair brought to the attention of the Committee that faculty from the College of Education had raised issues about HIC procedures related to protocol approval for Education students to conduct research in the classroom. Faculty had difficulties in conducting and collecting student assent forms and were confused about the definition of "exemption" of certain procedures. Numerous meetings between Education faculty and HIC chairperson had not resolved the issues. Academic Senate President had requested that the Research Committee looked into this matter. The Chair had since presented these concerns to the Assistant Vice President of Research, Dr. Dorothy Nelson, who oversaw the HIC. He was still waiting for responses from Dr. Nelson. Two members of the Committee had previous experience and knowledge with HIC procedures. After discussion, these two members agreed to assist, if necessary, faculty of the College of Education in reaching a solution.

4. University-wide survey of faculty to identify problems related to research

Last year's Research Committee conducted a survey to identify problems faculty might encounter when conducting research. According to the Chair of last year's Research Committee, there was no response to the survey. The Committee decided that such a survey would be useful, only that the methods to collect data should be improved. One suggestion was to draw up a list of possible areas of concerns for faculty to identify. Narrowing down these areas would enable design of a more detail questionnaire to identify specific problems. It was further suggested that Pipeline could be used to collect the data. The Committee would continue to discuss the survey in future meetings.

5. Research Incentive Program

Two years ago, the Provost instituted a Research Incentive Program to encourage further enhancement of the research enterprise at Wayne. It was a three-year pilot program which would end in 2008. The Committee endorsed the program but wondered how the program would be evaluated at the end of the pilot period. One way to know would be to put this

question to the Provost in the next Senate meeting.

6. New Business

There was no new business.

7. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 3:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Harley Tse
Chair, Research Committee