COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH
APPROVED Minutes – Nov. 10, 2016

Present: Jenny O (chair), Kate Bell (secretary), Jiming Wu, Jeff Seitz, Helen Zong, Jeffra Bussmann, Reza Akhavian, Xeno Rasmusson, Cristian Gaedicke

1. Approval of the agenda
   a. JB, JW

2. Approval of 10/27/16 minutes
   a. Correction – 4c title should be changed to Director for Grant Administration
   b. Amended minutes: Helen Zong moved; Jeffra Bussmann second

3. Report of the Chair
   a. All matters moved to discussion section of agenda

4. Report of the Presidential appointee
   a. The new director of the Centre for Student Research will be Jenny O.
   b. The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs staffing – Search for Director for Grant Administration is now closed.

5. Discussion
   a. Committee was asked to make a decision on a possible FSG extension from 2015-16. Collaborative grant awarded in fall 2015. Recipients requested an extension into this year because of delay getting necessary software for research. Helen Zong suggested CR could develop a policy for dealing with extensions. Jeff Seitz suggested it might be difficult to create a standard policy to cover all circumstances. JS – moved to recommend to the provost that the FSG be extended, subject to budget adjustment to exclude overseas travel if necessary. XR second. Passed.

   b. “Teacher-Scholar” program draft.

   JO-JS will speak to Provost Inch about this program to get his thoughts as it is an idea that came up under a previous provost.
c. Planning for strategic planning discussion. The committee would like to capture and characterize the research culture on campus. There are data from multiple sources. Committee members suggested we look at the existing data first to see what other data the committee might collect to inform a strategic planning report. The committee could develop an online survey to be sent to all Unit 3 faculty, based on an earlier survey and adapted to current circumstances on campus. This would provide longitudinal data to get a sense of how the research climate has changed. The committee discussed how to capture faculty who don’t do research in a strategic planning document. Discussion of sites that might support a research climate – ResearchGate, Academia.edu, Pivot. Committee will take this up next meeting.

d. FSG Reviews.
   i. Engagement in student research: Moved JB, second XR, that all proposals for Engagement of Students in research be funded. Passed (JS abstain). Passed.

6. Adjournment – 3:50 p.m.