

**SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING (SASC)**

**November 17, 2016 Thursday**

**9:00 am in Room A253**

**MINUTES**

Attendees: Ian Humphreys, Indira Prahst, Julie Longo, Kelly Sveinson, Margaret Heldman (Chair),  
Natasha Mrkic-Subotic, Philip Robbins, Wanda Pierson, Veronica Yeung (minutes)

Regrets: Heather Workman, John Falcus, John Russell, Lynn Kitchen, Margo Nelson, Vivian Feng

Guests: Danielle Rockel, Marlene Dong, Bridget O'Donnell

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The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am.

**1. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda of November 17, 2016 was approved by consensus.

**2. Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on October 28, 2016 were approved by consensus with the following amendment -

5. 201630 RSAF Grant – Recommendation from the RSAF Committee

It was noted that K. Sveinson excused himself from the meeting at that time and did not participate in the voting and passing of the motion.

**Review of Action Items of October 28, 2016 meeting:**

Action Item # 1: Scholarship Café re: Debrief – Completed – on agenda for discussion.

Action Item # 2: Guideline from J. Russell was distributed at the meeting – on agenda for discussion.

Action Item # 3: Implementation Plan – M. Heldman invited M. Nelson to join the working group (K. Sveinson and V. Feng). The working group will present the revision at the meeting in January.

**3. Report from CIGan Applied Research and Innovation Forum**

M. Heldman welcomed Danielle Rockel from Management Programs to the meeting.

D. Rockel and K. Sveinson gave a presentation of CIGan Applied Research and Innovation Forum which they attended in Toronto. Both of them shared their learning, ideas and recommendations brought back from the forum with the committee. Entrepreneurship and Social Innovation are the focus of the CIGan forum. The forum was well-attended. They met with mentors and students with very creative ideas who showcased their project work. CIGan is actively pushing the agenda forward with provincial and federal governments.

Some conflicting feedback was noted as follows:

Options for Success:

- Domain specialization or agnostic approach?
- Building future entrepreneurs or intrapreneurs (have students interact more)?
- Tangible benefit or extracurricular?
- Partnership or independence?
- Build top down or grassroots?

Recommendations:

- Take a wide agnostic approach
- Build intrapreneurial strength (get students in front of employers, marketing, word of mouth)
- Provide tangible benefit (pay to students / instructors)
- Independence (keep it in the family)
- Build momentum at the grassroots level

Next Steps:

- Try to get 3 external future projects running by end of 2017
- Ensure projects all have leverage points
- Ensure a tangible benefit – paid work for students and instructors
- Empower a “director” to drive the agenda forward on full time basis
- Strike a multi-department team to shepherd and evangelize

Some key discussion points from the committee:

- Funding – from industry partners or government?
- How to get people engaged and committed? How to identify the champion?
- How to communicate the opportunities, success stories, projects and ideas to faculty? Marketing, Word of Mouth – internal and external and use of physical space - Makerspace

**Action Item # 1:** CIRC info/link re: success stories to be posted in Idealogue and on-screen display at the Scholarship Café in Spring 2017.

**ACTION: M. Dong**

M. Heldman thanked both D. Rockel and K. Sveinson who have reinforced some of the philosophy of the committee:

- Need to grow from the bottom up
- Need to have faculty engagement
- Need to change the culture
- They have provided a call for action for the committee to think about the next steps in pushing the agenda forward re: our applied research and social innovation activities.

The presentation was well-received by the committee. M. Heldman thanked D. Rockel and K. Sveinson for the presentation.

### **Community and Industry Research Centre (CIRC) Coordinator – Updates**

K. Sveinson referred the committee to his November report which was distributed at the meeting outlining the main projects status and other attended events, meetings and initiatives from October 27 to November 15 2016.

### **Main projects status:**

- Wifi/Smartwatch (via NSERC Engage) – \$25K
- Wifi/Smartwatch (via BCIC Ignite) – \$600K
- HoloLens App via BCARIN seed - \$5K
- IE group work with D. Smith, R. Wong and Kyra Garsen at TRU via Vancouver Foundation.
- Ocean Plastic, Heiltsuk Nation and 3D printing with P. Robbins via SSHRC Connections.
- Biostill and T. Stuckless via NSERC Connect
- Tanzania and F. Williams Via?

### **Other attended events, meetings and initiatives October 27 to November 15, 2016:**

- Attended CIGan “Applied Research, Entrepreneurship, and Innovation Forum” in Toronto (Outcomes presented with fellow attendee Danielle Rockel).
- Received word that our application to participate with Kim’s WiFi/smartwatch project in the BCTECH Summit has been approved. March 14-15, 2017. This event is the second annual, provincially sponsored, promotional and networking tradeshow/conference. We have also been asked to provide digital art, and participate in “wearable runway” with Kim’s project and any other tech/wearable project (garment from an early café?)
  - Wearable project: Suzi Webster, Fine Arts – Beating Heart Dress (exhibition in previous Scholarship Café)
  - Digital Art: P. Robbins, Fine Arts will provide assistance to K. Sveinson.
- Met with freelance writer Paul Herarty to provide content and concepts for Ideologue.
- Met with librarian Allison Sullivan and Margaret to discuss digital collections for “Arca” repository. Likely RSAF grantee reports will serve as the test batch for posting to this academic/scholarly collection site.
  - M. Dong will start the archive process with Allison re: abstracts for the Scholarship Café.
- Represented SASC on the Langara Makerspace steering committee.
- Met with Riz Kheraj, NRC IRAP ITA, to keep in the loop. He identified informatics as one of the key growth/need areas in local tech.

M. Heldman mentioned Riz has a very extensive network and is well respected in the field. She thanked Riz for finding support for the proposed Bioinformatics Applied Degree. She also let him know that the Kinesiology (KINS) Applied Degree is coming forward in the hope that he will start thinking about finding potential industry partners for KINS.

M. Heldman thanked K. Sveinson for his continued efforts in identifying potential projects/partnerships with faculty and exploring funding opportunities for Langara.

#### **4. Spring 2017 Scholarship Café on March 30, 2017 Thursday - Updates**

M. Heldman thanked the working committee: Kevin Smith (event coordinator) and M. Dong (C&M) for their preparation work for the Fall 2016 Scholarship Café scheduled for November 26, 2016.

Unfortunately the event has been cancelled due to withdrawal of some of the faculty exhibitors. However, she received good feedback from faculty and will incorporate the ideas into the next Café.

A debrief meeting has been conducted with K. Smith (event coordinator), M. Dong (C&M), V. Yeung and M. Heldman. It was decided the next Scholarship Café will be held in Spring 2017:

- Date: March 30, 2017 Thursday
- Venue: T Building Gallery – new Science Building 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor
- Time: 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

- Working Committee: Kevin Smith (Event coordinator); Carly (C&M contact - taking over from M. Dong); Bridget O'Donnell (Dean's Office main contact); V. Yeung (Dean's Office).
- Timeline for roll-out and preparation work: Work-in-progress.
- The Spring 2017 Scholarship Café will be featured in the next Ideologue and College Compass (M. Dong).
- The event is open to industry and community partners and the creation of external partnership was encouraged - members who have ideas or suggestions on creating external partnership should touch base with the Academic Dean's Office.

**Action Item # 2:** The working committee will provide updates at the next meeting in January.

**ACTION: K. Smith/M. Dong**  
**AGENDA: January 2017**

## 5. Implementation Plan Review

M. Heldman invited M. Nelson to join the working group (K. Sveinson and V. Feng) to review the Implementation Plan.

**Action Item # 3:** The working group will present the revision of the Implementation Plan at the next meeting in January.

**AGENDA: January 2017**

## 6. Langara Research Ethics Board (LREB) – updates: Provincial Guideline on Ethics Review of Case Studies

M. Heldman advised that J. Russell has prepared the “provisionally approved” case study guideline which was distributed at the meeting.

The guideline has been sent to all REB applicants, department chairs and instructors who have submitted their applications for course-based research. J. Russell has asked Ramon Rodrigo to circulate his note and the document to program directors and applied research listserve for comments by December 15, 2016. J. Russell suggested that the guideline to be circulated generally. The committee has no objection to the suggestion.

**Action Item # 4:** J. Russell to report responses to the committee at the next meeting in January 2017.

**ACTION: J. Russell**  
**AGENDA: January 2017**

## 7. Chair's Report

BCARIN

- BCARIN's strategic goals include engaging in external advocacy and to look for funding from the provincial government to create applied research centres at different colleges of the network. They are working closely with BC Colleges in lobbying for applied research & social innovation as one of their top priorities. One of their significant activities is working on a value proposition paper with recommendations to look for infrastructure, opportunities and mandate that will allow us to engage in creating more opportunities for students. More updates will be provided.

## Research & Scholarly Activity Fund (RSAF) Spring 2017

- Roll-out Date: November 18, 2016 via Chairlist and Applied Research Listserv, iWeb site will be updated.
- Submission Deadline: December 12, 2016.
- RSAF Lunch & Learn Information Session will be scheduled – Facilitators: M. Heldman and K. Sveinson.

**Action Item # 5:** RSAF Lunch & Learn Information Session for RSAF to be scheduled.

**ACTION: V. Yeung**

**Action Item # 6:** M. Dong to post the announcement via College Compass.

**ACTION: M. Dong**

- Adjudication Committee Meeting to review proposals: December 13 or 14, 2016
- Adjudication Committee: M. Heldman invited the previous committee members (W. Pierson, V. Feng and J. Longo) to provide their support. As J. Longo will not be available during that time, M. Heldman asked for volunteer from the SASC committee to replace J. Longo on the Adjudication Committee.

**Action Item # 7:** M. Heldman to find a replacement for J. Longo on the 201710 RSAF Adjudication Committee.

**ACTION: M. Heldman**

## 8. New Business

No new business.

## 9. Date of Next Meeting

December 15, 2016 Thursday meeting will be cancelled.

Date of next meeting: January 26, 2017 Thursday at 9:00 am in B236.

## 10. 2017 SASC Meeting Schedule – 2 options: Alternate Thursday & Friday or Friday only

It was agreed the alternate Thursday and Friday option (start time: 9 am) will be adopted.

## 11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:14 am.