

Meeting Minutes
University Enrichment Committee
Monday, November 18, 2019

Attendees: Luc Boisvert, Lisa Johnson, Andy Rex, Linda Williams, Renee Watling, Bianca Wolf, Isha Rajbhandari, Tanya Stambuk, Moose Abdirahman

Secretary of the day: Tanya Stambuk

Luc convened the meeting at 9:05am.

Luc reminded us of the deadline for faculty research applications is December 1, 2019. We will meet on December 9th and announcements will be made by December 15th. Students are not expected to come to the faculty research proposal meeting on December 9, 2019.

The minutes from October 14, 2019 UEC meeting were approved at 9:07am.

The committee welcomed Moose Abdirahman as our student representative for the UEC.

Three student research fall proposals were reviewed. Two were approved.

The committee continued to work on Senate charge #4. The UEC reviewed the online application guideline form for student research proposals and continued work on integrating the guidelines for student summer research applications and UEC funded research.

Committee members discussed the need for students to write proposals for the layperson, as outlined in the guideline. The committee also discussed if there was a need to address whether student proposals were part of a team project or an individual undertaking on the application form. Committee members agreed that team projects occur more often in graduate level proposals. The criteria for the undergraduate level research tend to be clearer due to the nature of it being overseen by a faculty member. Members discussed putting questions regarding past funding and multiple team member funding in the online application form. As more graduate level submissions occur, the UEC may need to revisit the need for the distinction between collaborative and independent proposals, and between undergraduate and graduate submissions. The committee also discussed if there was a need to include questions regarding applicants who may be reapplying for funds for continuation of a project. The final draft will be sent to the UEC committee members for feedback.

The meeting adjourned at 9:46.

Respectfully submitted,
Tanya Stambuk