**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP**

Date: June 13th 2018

Present: Nirupa Matthan, Virginia Chomitz, Mitch McVey, Rob Jacob, and Misha Eliasziw (new member)

Regrets: Roman Schumann, Brent Cochran, Jette Knudsen, Roger Tobin

**AGENDA ITEMS**

1. **Update CRS website**

Decision was made to include the minutes of the prior meeting but not the faculty survey. The latter decision relates to the small sample size and the fact that the sole purpose of the survey was to identify potential issues related to research related support.

1. **Review of progress to date and potential agenda items for next academic year**

* We have been pro-active and successful in reaching out to relevant individuals in the administration. They know about the CRS and hopefully will continue/start to reach out to us. We have one senate member (Mitch McVey) on the OVPR Barriers to Research Working group. Mitch is co-chair of this group and has kindly offered to provide us with updates over the summer.
* Agenda items for next year
  + Re-invite some of the speakers to discuss progress and see whether/how/why not committee recommendations have been implemented
  + Invite local research support staff (at each school) to better understand the award process and perceived barriers
  + Expand focus of committee to include review of physical facilities (e.g. space allocation)
  + Better understanding of the “Tier 1” status of Tufts University
  + Work on creating R&S “best practices”
  + Consider having an ad hoc member from the Humanities so that we can get a perspective of their needs as they more likely pertain to “scholarship” rather than “research” issues.