The meeting was called to order by Dr. Unil Perera.


Motion for Chantel DeLions to replace Jana Ooley as Administrative Assistant was approved. The minutes for the October 2020 meeting were approved.

**Speaker/ Presenter:** Timothy Denning – VP for Research shared Slide Presentation: “GSU A Next- Generation Research Institution”

- **Overview of Office his office Research Funding, Expenditures & Initiatives for 2021 moving forward.**
  - Spoke of his new role
  - Nation’s fastest – growing research portfolio from FY2009 – FY 2018
  - Shared annual research FY20 diagram, Award amounts graph, total awards received per GSU campus, notable investments, diversity of award recipients’ (All of this information can be pulled from the research portal).
  - What helps build GSU diverse portfolio is GSU amongst the top 5 most innovative Uni., GSU is a Carnegie Foundation leader, w/ 79 research centers & 7 Uni. Level Ctr’s. They focus on cutting edge research, innovation. GSU is home to level 4 Bio safety labs (researching viruses & pathogens) GSU is part of the research pipeline partnership program, & 1 out of 45 Uni. Designated a National Ctr. for Academic excellence & Cyber defense.

- **What’s Next?**
  - GSU is working to bring to bring new facilities that will meet the growing demand of research space
  - BSL-3 Labs = Lab space for faculty studying existing & emerging diseases. (NSC)
  - bioBUBBLE = Flexible and adaptable high containment space. (Petit Science Ctr.)
  - Research Tower = research programs (GSU seeking state funds for New 108,000sq ft. Space)
  - New Equipment + New Bio Core & 7T MRI Machine (delivery for Spr. 2021)

- **From Innovation to Impact**
  - Getting great ideas out of the lab or course of study to whom of those that need the innovation the most.
  - 100+ inventions disclosed by GSU faculty, 50 issued US patents, 11 Options/licenses, 6 companies formed by GSU innovations.
  - Continued growth with community using research.
Unil Perera, opened up group discussion re: ORP –vs- TRS website update.

➢ HR has list of recommendations to the website that outlines the differences between the TRS vs. ORP plans.
➢ Enhancing & enriching HR website w/o having new faculty/staff going to multiple different sites.
➢ Joann asked to send earlier (and/or if any new) drafts to group members as reminder.

Next Committee will meet on February 17, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:17 pm

Respectfully submitted by Chantel DeLions