

General Faculties Council
RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
Approved Minutes

Meeting 22
February 23, 2016, 2:00 p.m.

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Voting Members

Ed McCauley, Co-Chair
Carolyn Emery, Academic Co-Chair
Nancy Arthur
Thomas Baumgartner
Vina Goghari
Tom Hickerson
Andy Knight
Danica MacDonald
Alan McLuckie
Marco Musiani
Hermann Schaetzel
Joseph Sparling
Gerald Zamponi

Non-Voting Members

Paddy Campbell
Anne Katzenberg
Michael Sideris
Rose Tobias

Regrets

Jasmine Girgis
Stephan Guscott
Karen Then
Alain Verbeke
Lisa Young

Guest

Elizabeth Cannon, President and Vice-Chancellor – present for Item 5

Secretary

Susan Belcher

Scribe

Elizabeth Sjogren

The Co-Chair called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. and confirmed quorum. Danica MacDonald, Graduate Students' Association, was welcomed to her first Research and Scholarship Committee (RSC) meeting.

1. Approval of the Agenda

The Agenda for the February 23, 2016 Research and Scholarship Committee meeting was approved by consensus.
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2. Remarks of the Co-Chair and Academic Co-Chair

The Co-Chair included the following in his remarks:

- The University has enjoyed many recent research-related successes, such as Tri-Council funding, and members of the Committee are encouraged to share news of these successes with their colleagues
- The next Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) process is underway. Proposals to be put forward by the University will be chosen on the basis of excellence, not by Faculty.
- The University submitted a letter of intent to seek Canada First Research Excellence Fund (CFREF) funding, and the full CFREF proposal is due on March 29, 2016
- At a future meeting, the Committee will discuss the Digital Strategy for Canada, which will address how to make publicly-funded research data openly available. The Tri-Council currently has guidelines relating to this, but not a formal policy.

3. Approval of the December 15, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda.

Moved/Seconded

That the Minutes of the Research and Scholarship Committee meeting held on December 15, 2015 be approved.

Carried

4. Comprehensive Institutional Plan, Appendix C: Research, Applied Research and Scholarly Activities

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Ed McCauley, Vice-President Research, presented this item.

Highlights:

- The proponent reported that the University's Comprehensive Institutional Plan (CIP) is submitted annually to the provincial government. The format is different this year, and the Committee is being asked to offer feedback on the CIP's Appendix C: Research, Applied Research and Scholarly Activities (the appendix).
- The Committee discussed a template for inclusion with the appendix, which requires institutions to identify their capacities and targets in relation to a number of provincial research priorities, and how the University's initiatives and priorities could be incorporated into this and the appendix.
- The Committee specifically suggested that:
 - The appendix should describe the variety of research strengths of the University, and not place stronger emphasis on health-related research. The appendix should also speak to all of the six research themes set out in the University's Strategic Research Plan.
 - In addition, the value of trainees and community partnerships should be addressed in the appendix, including examples of how trainees and community partners are involved in

the University's research initiatives

- The proponent requested that any additional feedback be sent to him directly

5. Energizing the Eyes High Strategic Direction

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Elizabeth Cannon, President and Vice-Chancellor, presented this item.

Highlights:

- The proponent reported that the *Eyes High* strategy was approved in 2011 with a five-year timeframe, and that a process to update the University's strategy has been initiated. The initial consultation will determine the scope, principles, and timeline for this.
- The Committee discussed the desirability of the word "energizing", and also that the University should build on the foundational commitments of the *Eyes High* strategy rather than developing an entirely new strategy
- The Committee agreed that the *Eyes High* narrative should be updated to reflect the current post-secondary and economic climates, and should speak to the University's role in driving diversification
- The Committee suggested that, during the process to develop the *Eyes High* strategic direction, the University's relationships with alumni and the community should be carefully considered
- In response to a question, it was reported that actions such as identifying new priority research themes will be considered after the strategic direction is approved
- The Committee then discussed the proposed membership of the *Eyes High* Strategic Oversight Committee
- The proponent requested that any additional feedback be sent to her directly

6. Approved 2016-2017 GFC and GFC Standing Committees Meeting Schedule

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda for information only.

7. Other Business

There was no other business.

8. Adjournment

Moved/Seconded

That the Research and Scholarship Committee adjourn the February 23, 2016 meeting.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 3:09 p.m.