

General Faculties Council  
**RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**  
Approved Minutes

Meeting 30  
May 30, 2017, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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***Voting Members***

John Reynolds, Co-Chair Designate  
Thomas Hickerson  
Tom Keenan  
Andy Knight  
Tina Miller  
Michael Nesbitt  
Hermann Schaetzi  
Karen Then  
Run Ze Yang  
Gerald Zamponi

***Non-Voting Members***

Jeremy Haasdyk  
Hamid Habibi  
Anne Katzenberg

***Secretary***

Susan Belcher

***Scribe***

Elizabeth Sjogren

***Regrets***

Nancy Arthur, Academic Co-Chair  
Thomas Baumgartner  
Alan McLuckie  
Tannin Schmidt  
Joseph Sparling  
Roger Thompson  
Rose Tobias  
Alain Verbeke  
Lisa Young

***Guests***

Ed McCauley, Vice-President (Research) – present for Item 4

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The Co-Chair called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. and confirmed quorum.

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

The Agenda for the May 30, 2017 Research and Scholarship Committee meeting was approved by consensus.
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## 2. Remarks of the Co-Chair

The Co-Chair included the following in his remarks:

- Tina Miller, Students' Union representative, was welcomed to her first Research and Scholarship Committee meeting
- Nancy Arthur, Werklund School of Education, has been re-appointed as the Academic Co-Chair of the Committee for a two year term
- Members of the University community have had recent funding successes, such as a number of Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) Discovery Grants
- The University has submitted two applications to the current Canada First Research Excellence Fund (CFREF) competition. The results should be known in approximately six months.
- The results of the 2017 Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) Innovation Fund competition will be announced in June 2017
- The University's Research Management System will pilot a grant application submission module this Fall, and then the module will be available widely in the Spring. A publications module is in development and may be available in 2019.
- A joint meeting of the Committee and the Associate Deans Research Council (ADRC) will be hosted by the office of the Vice-President (Research) on June 19, 2017, and an invitation will be sent to the members of the Committee soon. Topics for discussion at the meeting will be the Naylor Report on federal funding for fundamental science and the recent changes to the Post-Secondary Learning Act with respect to labour relations.

The Vice-Provost (Libraries and Cultural Resources) and University Librarian reported that the University has applied for an ORCID iD institutional account, which will provide access to a system that generates a unique identifier for a researcher and allows the researcher to link to their publications and professional activities. This will improve the annual reporting process.

A member of the Committee remarked that the requirement for the University to be in compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation goes into force on May 25, 2018. The regulation protects the personal data of Europeans, and extends to all foreign entities processing the data of Europeans.

## 3. Approval of the April 25, 2017 Minutes

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda.

### **Moved/Seconded**

That the Minutes of the Research and Scholarship Committee meeting held on April 25, 2017 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 reminded the Committee that the Comprehensive Institutional Plan (CIP) Appendix C: Research, Applied Research, and Scholarly Activities is in a different format this year and has prescribed content, and reported that the feedback and suggestions given by the Committee at the April 25, 2017 meeting have been considered and incorporated in the document where appropriate
- The Committee discussed the document, including how it relates to the University's Academic Plan (AP) and Strategic Research Plan (SRP), and expressed overall satisfaction with the document
- In response to a question, the proponent indicated that the AP and SRP are currently being renewed, and therefore care was taken not to be too specific in the CIP Appendix C about future institutional research priorities

#### **Moved/Seconded**

That the Research and Scholarship Committee recommend the Comprehensive Institutional Plan, Appendix C: Research, Applied Research and Scholarly Activities to the General Faculties Council (GFC), and authorize the proponent to make non-substantive changes to the appendix prior to its presentation to GFC.

**Carried**

#### **5. Annual Committee Performance Review and Review of the RSC Terms of Reference**

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. The Co-Chair and the University Secretary presented this item.

Highlights:

- The Committee discussed that:
  - While all of the responsibilities in its Terms of Reference appear appropriate, the Committee's work over this year has not included some of the listed responsibilities
  - When the Committee develops its 2017-2018 work plan in the Fall, the Terms of Reference will be referred to
  - The business of the Committee overlaps with that of the ADRC, but the Committee holds strong discussions, contributes formally and meaningfully to the research enterprise, and serves to disseminate important information relating to research
- The Committee brainstormed ways to identify agenda items, such as holding round-table sessions at each meeting during which members could share current research-related initiatives in their Faculties or raise topics of interest, or inviting Deans or Associate Deans to present to the Committee on their Faculty's research strengths

**6. Other Business**

There was no other business.

**7. Adjournment**

**Moved/Seconded**

That the Research and Scholarship Committee adjourn the May 30, 2017 meeting.

**Carried**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

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Susan Belcher  
University Secretary