

General Faculties Council
RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
Approved Minutes

Meeting 34
January 23, 2018, 2:00 p.m.

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Voting Members

John Reynolds, Co-Chair Designate
Eric Donovan – left during Item 5
Carolyn Emery – left during Item 6
Thomas Hickerson
Tom Keenan
Andy Knight
Alan McLuckie – arrived during Item 2
Tina Miller
Sylvie Roy
Hermann Schaetzl – left during Item 6
Ashkan Tehrani
Karen Then
Roger Thompson
Annette Timm
Lisa Young – arrived during Item 2
Gerald Zamponi *

Regrets

Andre Buret
Jasmine Girgis
Alain Verbeke
Run Ze Yang

Guests

Tiago Lier, Specialist, Research Awards – for Item 4
Janaka Ruwanpura, Vice-Provost (International) – for Item 5

* by telephone

Non-Voting Members

Jeremy Haasdyk
Hamid Habibi – left during Item 6
Rose Tobias

Secretary

Susan Belcher

Scribe

Elizabeth Sjogren

The Co-Chair called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. and confirmed quorum.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved/Seconded

That the Agenda for the January 23, 2018 Research and Scholarship Committee meeting be approved.

Carried

2. Remarks of the Co-Chair

The Co-Chair included the following in his remarks:

- Nancy Arthur, Academic Co-Chair of the Committee, is leaving the University and is on administrative leave as of January 1, 2018. She was thanked for her service to the University.
- The University hosted a meeting last week, attended by persons from across the prairie provinces, to consider the Tri-Agency's statement of principles regarding the management of digital data, and to engage in consultation for the development of defined policy and processes. In addition to the overarching policy and processes, the Tri-Agency will require that institutional strategies for digital data management be developed, and individual researchers are encouraged to include data management plans with their grant applications.
- The Research Plan was approved by the General Faculties Council on January 18, 2018, and the Academic and Research Plans will be officially launched at a town hall event on February 8, 2018
- Peter Garrett has been appointed as the University's Associate Vice President Research (Innovation). He will be involved with innovation-related initiatives currently underway at the University, and will focus on industry engagement, development of the University Research Park, compiling a database of research being done at the University, and leading Innovate Calgary (the innovation transfer and business incubator centre for the University).

3. Approval of the December 12, 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 December 12, 2017 be approved.

Carried

4. Research Awards Initiative

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Tiago Lier presented this item.

Highlights:

- The Committee received a presentation on the Research Awards Initiative, which involves a decanal Research Awards Steering Committee and a Research Awards Working Committee to direct and invigorate efforts relating to research awards across the University
- The Committee learned that the Research Awards Steering Committee will set targets and measures at the Faculty and institutional levels, that Faculties will designate representative(s) to develop plans to improve the quantity and quality of external research award nominations for their faculty members, and that a "College of Reviewers" will be established to aid in the review of nomination packages and the selection of nominees when the number of University nominations is quota-based
- The RSC discussed that:
 - The University's overall awards success went down in 2017, but that the University did

have some prestigious successes in 2017, such as ASTech Awards (the highest science and technology honours in Alberta) and Royal Society of Canada Fellowships

- The University needs to develop a culture that celebrates excellence and is organized and focused in seeking research awards

5. International Update

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Janaka Ruwanpura presented this item.

Highlights:

- The Committee received a presentation on internationalization at the University. The presenter reviewed the priorities and targets set out in the 2013 International Strategy, and updated the Committee on activities related to these.
- The Committee was informed that an International Development Plan will be launched in April, and International Research Plans tied to the University's strategic research themes will be developed
- The University's International Partnership Assessment Rating Index and Updating Records of International Research Agreements and Connections initiatives were described, and the Committee learned that Weekly Opportunity Tracking Reports are generated by University of Calgary International (UCI), which serve to connect researchers with international opportunities
- The Committee discussed:
 - The limitations of the Scopus database in generating data on research done at the University, and it was observed that UCI should access additional sources of information regarding faculty members' publications, as the Scopus database does not encompass all disciplines
 - That publications in languages other than English should also be tracked by UCI
- The Co-Chair remarked that a representative of the Provost's office would be invited to speak to the Committee about how international efforts are identified and recognized within the Academic Performance Report process

6. Other Business

There was no other business.

7. Adjournment

The January 23, 2018 Research and Scholarship Committee meeting was adjourned by consensus.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:38 p.m.