

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

Meeting 41  
January 22, 2019, 2:00 p.m.

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***Voting Members***

Robert Thompson, Co-Chair  
Andy Knight, Academic Co-Chair  
Raylene Reimer-De Bruyn  
Elena Favaro  
Cindy Graham  
Regine King  
Dawn Kingston  
Seok-Woo Kwon  
Jessica Revington  
Mary-Jo Romaniuk  
Hermann Schaetzl  
Annette Timm  
Lisa Young

***Non-Voting Members***

Jeremy Haasdyk  
Rose Tobias

***Secretary***

Susan Belcher

***Scribe***

Elizabeth Sjogren

***Regrets***

Hamid Habibi  
Tom Keenan  
Sylvie Roy  
Roger Thompson  
Gerald Zamponi

***Guests***

Andre Buret, Interim Vice-President (Research) – present for Item 4  
D’Arcy Moynagh, Chief Information Officer – present for Item 5

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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 22, 2019 Research and Scholarship Committee meeting be approved.

**Carried**

## **2. Remarks of the Co-Chair and Academic Co-Chair**

The Co-Chair included the following in his remarks:

- Robert Thompson introduced himself and reported that he will be serving as the Committee's Co-Chair going forward
- In response to a poll of the Research and Scholarship Committee (RSC) and Teaching and Learning Committee (TLC) members regarding the future scheduling of the Committees' meetings, it has been decided to switch RSC meetings to Thursdays and TLC meetings to Tuesdays starting in the 2020-2021 meeting year

The Academic Co-Chair made no remarks.

## **3. Approval of the December 11, 2018 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 11, 2018 be approved.

**Carried**

## **4. Major Provincial and Federal Research Initiatives**

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Andre Buret presented this item.

Highlights:

- The Committee received a presentation on the 2018-2019 provincial Major Innovation Fund and the Tri-Council's inaugural New Frontiers in Research Fund, including information about the programs' goals, areas of focus, criteria and eligibility, and timelines
- In response to a question, the presenter reported that the notices of intent to apply for the next round of Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) grants will be due in approximately one month's time

## **5. Information Technologies Strategic Plan**

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. D'Arcy Moynaugh presented this item.

Highlights:

- The Committee received a presentation on the Information Technologies (IT) Strategic Plan, which was approved by the Board of Governors on December 14, 2018
- The presenter reported that the IT Strategic Plan will:
  - Continue the University's transition from a decentralized model/high risk profile to a hybrid centralized model/managed risk profile

- Support the achievement of the goals of the University's Eyes High Strategy, Academic Plan, and Research Plan
- Focus on impactful change, and the improvement of data storage and computing power, usage of common platforms (e.g. Desire2Learn, Destiny One), and various supports
- The presenter emphasised that effective customer service is a priority
- Discussion included:
  - How improved in-house computing power could affect researchers' relationships with Compute Canada
  - That the University's Research Computing Services unit can assist researchers with their computing needs
  - That greater usability of tools such as Skype or Zoom videoconferencing and Drop Box or One Drive storage is desired
  - That the new Collective Agreement component that academic staff members may obtain a PC or Mac laptop or desktop computer is appreciated
  - That metrics will be needed in order to assess the success of the IT Strategic Plan
- In response to questions, the presenter reported that:
  - One of IT's greatest current challenges is to engage the University community centrally because IT functions have been decentralized and siloed for so long
  - The University is currently engaging with a provider to improve the University's telecom-networks
  - IT is aware that some members of the University community need to log in to both the University's systems and Alberta Health Services/Covenant Health systems. Integration is possible, and one user-ID should work for both systems.

## 6. Other Business

There was no other business.

## 7. Adjournment

### **Moved/Seconded**

That the Research and Scholarship Committee adjourn the January 22, 2019 meeting.

**Carried**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:14 p.m.