



General Faculties Council
RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
Approved Minutes

Meeting 50
October 22, 2020, 2:00 p.m.

By Zoom platform

Voting Members

Robert Thompson, Co-Chair
Andy Knight, Academic Co-Chair
Semhar Abraha
Lyndsay Campbell – left during Item 5
David Eaton
Carolyn Emery
Sabine Gilch
Michael Hill – arrived during Item 2
Claire Kamaliddin – left during Item 5
Tom Keenan
Sylvie Roy – left during Item 4
Cathryn Ryan
Dora Tam
Annette Timm

Non-Voting Members

Hamid Habibi
Thomas Oldenburg

Secretary

Susan Belcher

Scribe

Elizabeth Sjogren

Staff

Jaclyn Carter

Regrets

Dawn Kingston
Seok-Woo Kwon
Alex Paquette
Mary-Jo Romaniuk
Robin Yates

Guests

Herman Barkema, Cumming School of Medicine – present for Item 4
Amber Bedard, Manager, Indigenous Research Support Team – present for Item 6
Bill Ghali, Vice-President (Research) – present for Item 4
Jessie Kubes, Director, Industry Liaison Office, Innovate Calgary – present for Item 5
John Wilson, President and Chief Executive Officer, Innovate Calgary – present for Item 5

The Co-Chair called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m. and confirmed quorum.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved/Seconded

That the Agenda for the October 22, 2020 Research and Scholarship Committee meeting be approved.

Carried

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

The Co-Chair remarked that members will have opportunities to provide feedback as the Growth Through Focus vision (GTF) continues to develop, and noted that the Research Plan's strategic research themes align with the GTF priorities.

The Academic Co-Chair made no remarks.

In response to a comment about the GTF, the Co-Chair indicated that he would relay the feedback that more inclusive examples of GTF transdisciplinarity are needed.

3. Approval of the September 17, 2020 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 September 17, 2020 be approved.

Carried

4. One Health at UCalgary Strategic Plan

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Herman Barkema, Michele Anholt, and William Ghali presented this item.

Highlights:

- The presenters reported that One Health is the second of two emerging cross-cutting research themes selected by the Vice-President (Research) following a competitive process. The presenters gave a presentation on the One Health at UCalgary Strategic Plan, which has been developed over the past year, including its vision, mission, strategic directions, grand challenges, implementation and engagement strategies, and funding received.
- Discussion included:
 - The concept of “thought leaders” and that this ties into the language in the University’s Research Plan and the call-for-proposals for emerging research themes
 - The three components of One Health transdisciplinary study (people, animals, and the environment), and that some disciplines such as Nursing, Psychology and Kinesiology are not obviously represented in the Healthy Communities grand challenge. The presenter confirmed that all persons who identify with One Health are welcome to connect.
 - How researchers across disciplines will be brought together
 - That the involvement of undergraduate students in One Health can be grown over time, such as through the Program for Undergraduate Research Experience (PURE)

5. Industry Liaison Office

Jessie Kubes and John Wilson presented this item.

Highlights:

- The presenters provided an introduction to the Industry Liaison/Solutions Office and its role in connecting industry and research partners, and then spoke to how this is done, including through a website and database of contacts and opportunities, marketing material, partnership and areas of interest maps, strategic outreach through conferences and trade shows, coordinating the development of project proposals and budget plans, and assisting with the execution of contracts
- Discussion included:
 - That intellectual property and related matters are negotiated when a partnership is struck
 - That social innovation is a focus in addition to science and technology innovations
 - That care must be taken to ensure that partnerships do not have a negative impact on the University's reputation
 - That, as the Office's name is finalised, consideration be given to using the phrase "Knowledge Transfer" as this is inclusive and generally understood

6. Indigenous Research Support Team

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Amber Bedard and Robert Thompson, Associate Vice-President (Research), presented this item.

Highlights:

- The presenters introduced the Indigenous Research Support Team (IRST), which has been established to support the Indigenous research enterprise at the University, and presented on its mandate, key functions, composition, and framework
- In response to questions, it was reported that:
 - The IRST's webinars and events are open to all persons with interest, and that persons who wish to engage can contact the IRST
 - The IRST's ability to assist in connecting persons with Indigenous communities is dependent on the Indigenous community's needs, interest and history

7. Research Services Updates

Secretary's Note: This item was postponed until the next meeting.

8. Approved 2020-2021 RSC Work Plan

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

9. Other Business

There was no other business.

10. Adjournment

Moved/Seconded

That the Research and Scholarship Committee adjourn the October 22, 2020 meeting.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

Susan Belcher
University Secretary