



General Faculties Council
RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
Approved Minutes

Meeting 63
May 19, 2022, 2:00 p.m.

By Zoom platform

Voting Members

Robert Thompson, Co-Chair Designate
Dora Tam, Academic Co-Chair
Lyndsay Campbell
Ariel Ducey
David Eaton – arrived during Item 2
Raafat El-Hacha
Shazia Jinnah
Claire Kamaliddin – arrived during Item 4
Tom Keenan
Campbell Rolian
Shelly Russell-Mayhew
Shane Sinclair
James Steele
Martin Wagner

Non-Voting Members

Thomas Oldenburg

Secretary and Scribe

Elizabeth Sjogren

Regrets

Carolyn Emery
Hamid Habibi
Michael Hill
Cristina Rai
Mary-Jo Romaniuk
Cathryn Ryan
Piers Steel

Guests

Stephen Larter, Associate Vice-President (Research-Innovation) – present for Item 4
John Wilson, President and Chief Executive Officer, Innovate Calgary – present for Item 4

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

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved/Seconded

That the Agenda for the May 19, 2022 Research and Scholarship Committee meeting be approved.

Carried

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

The Academic Co-Chair included the following in her remarks:

- Shaziah Jinnah, Students' Union (SU) Vice-President (Academic), and James Steele, Graduate Students' Association (GSA) Vice-President (Academic), were welcomed on this occasion of their first Research and Scholarship Committee (the Committee) meeting
- Members of the Committee were thanked for their participation this year, and outgoing members were especially acknowledged
- This is Asian Heritage Month and members were encouraged to explore and celebrate the culture

The Co-Chair included the following in his remarks:

- Dora Tam was thanked for her efforts as Academic Co-Chair of the Committee
- The current Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) Innovation Fund round has submissions now due July 15, 2022, rather than in June
- The University has submitted one application to the Canada First Research Excellence Fund (CFREF) and is involved in two other applications. Announcements regarding which proposals can move to full application in August are expected soon.
- Submissions for the Canada Research Excellence Chairs program will be submitted at the end of the summer, with results to be known in early 2023. It is unclear at this time if recently-announced additional funding is for this competition or the next.

3. Approval of the April 21, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Documentation was circulated with the Agenda.

Moved/Seconded

That the Minutes of the Research and Scholarship Committee meeting held on April 21, 2022 be approved.

Carried

4. Innovation Ecosystem Update

Documentation was circulated with the Agenda. Stephen Larter and John Wilson presented this item.

Highlights:

- The presenters provided an update on the University's innovation ecosystem, including information about: the Now Innovating podcast; the Navigate to Innovate interactive online directory of services and programs; the Evolve2Innovate and Academic Entrepreneurs in Residence programs; the Spark Calgary digital health network; the University Innovation Quarter; the University's UCeed fund; and statistics about the Life Sciences Innovation Hub and disclosures, licenses and startups
- Discussion included that:

- Investments in new areas, such as a Deep Tech development hub, are desired
- Innovative research can help in the solution of societal problems
- Many initiatives are long term
- Not all postdoctoral scholars seek a role in academia; some postdoctoral scholars would prefer to work at a startup company
- There is value in connecting with others through networks
- Intellectual property rules can be a concern for some postdoctoral scholars
- In response to questions, it was reported that:
 - Innovate Calgary has metrics relating to student employment
 - Opportunities for undergraduate students include the Haskayne School of Business' embedded certificate in Entrepreneurial Thinking, a variety of programs offered by the Hunter Hub for Entrepreneurial Thinking, the Program for Undergraduate Research Experience (PURE) awards, and positions with startup companies
 - The Bayh–Dole Act is an American law that permits universities, non-profit research entities, and small businesses to own, patent and commercialize inventions developed under government-funded research programs; the Act was put in place to stimulate innovative activity. Canada does not currently have such a law as to date it has not been considered necessary.

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

Documentation was circulated with the Agenda. The Co-Chair and Academic Co-Chair presented this item.

The Committee was given an opportunity to discuss its functioning and Terms of Reference, and discussion included:

- The presentations that the Committee receives on a variety of research-related initiatives at the University, and the subsequent discussions about these, are valuable and appreciated
- It is encouraged that members of the Committee share the information they hear at the Committee's meetings with their colleagues, such as at Faculty Council meetings, and that any feedback provided by colleagues be reported back to the Committee and the presenters

6. Other Business

There was no other business.

7. Adjournment

Moved/Seconded

That the Research and Scholarship Committee adjourn the May 19, 2022 meeting.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

Elizabeth Sjogren
Meeting Secretary