



General Faculties Council
RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
Approved Minutes

September 22, 2022, 2:00 p.m.

AD167 Boardroom

Voting Members

Robert Thompson, Co-Chair Designate
Dora Tam, Academic Co-Chair
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Regrets

Alberto de Salvatierra
David Eaton
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Carolyn Emery
Michael Hill
Mary-Jo Romaniuk
Piers Steel

Guests

Jennifer Abel, Research Data Management Specialist, Research Services – present for Item 4
Tiago Lier, Director, Grants, Awards and Ethics, Research Services and Co-Chair of the RDM Strategy Development Working Committee – present for Item 4
Susan Powelson, Associate University Librarian, Technology Discovery & Digital Services and Co-Chair of the RDM Strategy Development Working Committee – present for Item 4

* via Zoom

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 September 22, 2022 Research and Scholarship Committee meeting be approved.

Carried

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

The Co-Chair presented a Territorial Acknowledgement and then included the following in his remarks:

- Members were welcomed and thanked for their service on the Research and Scholarship Committee (RSC). The RSC is an important body for sharing a variety of viewpoints from across disciplines on matters relating to research, and this venue gives the office of the Vice-President (Research) a broader reach to the academic staff at the University.
- There are many major funding programs running at this time, including:
 - Applications to the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) Innovation Fund were submitted in the Summer. The success rate is 35% nationally, and the University is hoping to exceed that. The results of this competition will be known in the new year and will be shared with the RSC.
 - An application to the Canada First Research Excellence Fund (CFREF) was also submitted in the Summer, in the area of Child Health and Wellness. The project is in partnership with the University of Alberta, and the result of the application will be share when known.
 - Canada Excellence Research Chairs (CERC) applications are being prepared this term and will be submitted in October. This program has an approximate 15% success rate.
 - The Government of Alberta has a program that provides funding across ten areas of research focus, for cross-provincial projects including universities, colleges and technical schools. The University is leading a number of applications to this program and is currently finalizing the scope and teams for these.
- The University is one of seventeen institutions that endorsed the Dimensions: Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Canada charter two years ago and was selected to participate in the pilot program. The objective of the Dimensions program is to foster transformational change within the research enterprise at institutions, to embed EDI in research practices. The pilot project is culminating in an awards program to recognize institutions' achievements in this area, and the University will be submitting its application in October.

The Academic Co-Chair welcomed members to this first meeting of the academic year.

3. Committee Orientation

The Academic Co-Chair reviewed the General Faculties Council (GFC) standing committees structure, the composition of the RSC membership, and the role and functions of the RSC.

4. Development and Implementation of an Institutional Research Data Management (RDM) Strategy

Documentation was circulated with the Agenda. Robert Thompson, Associate Vice-President (Research), Jennifer Abel, Tiago Lier, and Susan Powelson presented this item.

Highlights:

- The presenters provided an update on the development of the University's Research Data Management (RDM) Strategy, including information about the Tri-Agency RDM Policy and data management plan requirements, data deposit options, and the timeline for implementation of the University's RDM Strategy

- Discussion included:
 - Students will learn from observing supervisors conducting research data management as part of the research project process
 - Ownership of data is a concern, especially with monetizable intellectual property
- In response to questions, it was reported that:
 - Researchers' data management plans will set out how data will be stored and protected. At this time it is not known if or how the Tri-Agency will monitor compliance, but it is expected that a grant final report will include description of the data deposit.
 - It is known that it will not be possible to deposit some data, such as due to an agreement with an industry partner or due to the sensitivity of the data, and that some research projects will not have any data to deposit
 - The requirement for researchers to have data management plans applies to Tri-Council funding, and not to student-held fellowships and research awards
 - Research Services will be offering training sessions, webinars and Open Educational Resources relating to data management
 - It will take time for institutional culture to change, but effort is being made to have data management work recognized as scholarly output
 - When data is put into a repository, all dataset authors should be cited. Data agreements as part of data management plans, such as with postdoctoral scholars, should be put in place.
 - Deposited data does not necessarily have to be made publicly available. Data management plans are about ensuring responsible conduct of research.
 - Applications for new Tri-Agency funding will require the inclusion of a data management plan. Existing projects will not retroactively require the submission of a data management plan.

5. Other Business

There was no other business.

6. Adjournment

Moved/Seconded

That the Research and Scholarship Committee adjourn the September 22, 2022 meeting.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 3:21 p.m.