



General Faculties Council
RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
Approved Minutes

January 19, 2023, 2:00 p.m.

Zoom

Voting Members

Robert Thompson, Co-Chair Designate
Dora Tam, Academic Co-Chair
Stephanie Bishop – left during Item 5
David Eaton – left during Item 5
Raafat El-Hacha – arrived during Item 2, left during Item 4
Sheri Madigan
Raylene Reimer De Bruyn
Mary-Jo Romaniuk – arrived during Item 3
Shelly Russell-Mayhew
Alberto de Salvatierra
Shane Sinclair

Non-Voting Members

Thomas Oldenburg
Cristina Rai
Lindsay Tedds

Secretary

Courtney McVie

Scribe

Elizabeth Sjogren

Regrets

Ariel Ducey
Michael Hill
Shaziah Jinnah Morsette
Piers Steel
James Steele
Rudiger Tscherning

Guests

Jennifer Abel, Research Data Management Specialist, Research Services – present for Item 4
Tara Barnas, Manager, Social Innovation, Office of the Vice-President (Research) – present for Item 5
Karen Benzies, Director, Social Innovation Initiative, Office of the Vice-President (Research) – present for Item 5
Tiago Lier, Director, Grants, Awards and Ethics, Research Services – present for Item 4
Susan Powelson, Associate University Librarian, Technology Discovery & Digital Services – present for Item 4

The Co-Chair called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m. and confirmed quorum.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved/Seconded

That the Agenda for the January 19, 2023 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:

- The University's proposal to the Canada First Research Excellence Fund (CFREF) for the health and wellness project 'One Child, Every Child' has made it to the final interview stage of the competition
- The University's research security team has launched and information about this will be presented to the Research and Scholarship Committee (RSC) at an upcoming meeting
- A research security blitz will be held February 14-15, 2023, and invitations to a series of sessions will go out to the University community soon. National security partners will be on campus to discuss the intersection between national security and research in the current geopolitical context, and steps to protect against research theft and espionage. Members may contact Martha Wallace, Director - Research Security, University Research Services, for information about this.

The Academic Co-Chair showed the RSC the SharePoint site for the Transdisciplinary Collaboration group and encouraged interested members to join this site and participate in the gatherings.

3. Approval of the December 15, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Documentation was circulated with the Agenda.

Moved/Seconded

That the Minutes of the Research and Scholarship Committee meeting held on December 15, 2022 be approved.

Carried

4. Institutional Research Data Management (RDM) Strategy

Documentation was circulated with the Agenda. Robert Thompson, Associate Vice-President (Research), Susan Powelson, Associate University Librarian, Technology Discovery & Digital Services, Tiago Lier, Director, Grants, Awards and Ethics, Research Services, Jennifer Abel, Research Data Management Specialist, Research Services, and Mary-Jo Romaniuk, Vice-Provost (Libraries and Cultural Resources), presented this item.

Highlights:

- The presenters provided an update on the development of the University's Institutional RDM Strategy, including that:
 - The 2016 Tri-Agency Statement of Principles on Digital Data Management includes that, in order to continue to receive Tri-Council funding, institutional RDM strategies must be posted on institutional websites by March 1, 2023, researchers will need to have data management plans (being piloted in 2022-2023), and in future researchers will be required to deposit their data
 - A steering committee and a working committee have been developing the University's Institutional RDM Strategy, and this will be approved by the Vice-President (Research) soon. There has been feedback gathering and awareness-raising about this, including

through presentations to various University bodies, a Qualtrics survey, webinars, and direct emails to academic staff and postdoctoral scholars.

- Based on feedback received, the draft Institutional RDM Strategy was revised to: make clearer that this is a roadmap for future work and not a policy or operational document, strengthen commitments to Indigenous data sovereignty, include a section dedicated to EDI data as well as mentions of EDI data throughout the document, re-word the Oversight and Review section to ensure inclusion of representatives from the Natural Sciences and Engineering (NSE) and Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) disciplines, explicitly state expectation that institutional policies and procedures will set out respect for the diversity of research, indicate that the RDM expectations/requirements of external partners will be determined, incorporate additional definitions such as for data management plans, data repositories, metadata, Indigenous data sovereignty, and add text relating to RDM and cybersecurity and research security
- In response to questions, it was reported that:
 - There is awareness that some researchers will need assistance in developing data management plans and with their data deposit, and additional resources for these research services will be requested
 - Matters relating to Indigenous data sovereignty will be addressed during the implementation phase, and researchers will be supported in this

5. Social Innovation Initiative

Documentation was circulated with the Agenda. Karen Benzies, Director, Social Innovation Initiative, Office of the Vice-President (Research), and Tara Barnas, Manager, Social Innovation, Office of the Vice-President (Research), presented this item.

Highlights:

- The presenters reported on the University's Social Innovation Initiative, including that:
 - The Social Innovation Initiative is a new initiative in the Vice-President (Research) Office to advance Social Innovation-based work, research, and projects at the University. The Social Innovation Initiative grew from recommendations proposed by the University's multi-disciplinary Social Innovation Taskforce in February 2021.
 - There is considerable interest in and funding for Social Innovation, but it was identified that there is need for meaningful community engagement, a clear definition of Social Innovation for postsecondary institutions, an operational framework to integrate the Social Innovation ecosystem, and support for Social Innovation activities and research
 - The following definition of Social Innovation has been developed: "Social innovation is the intentional implementation of an initiative to address a social need that is enabled through collaborative action leading to new or improved relationships and capabilities that are more effective, efficient, just, and sustainable."
 - The University's Social Innovation Initiative has a strategic leadership team and four working groups (Social Innovation Framework working group, Education/Experiential Learning working group, Partnership working group, and Innovation/Knowledge Mobilization working group)
 - A Certificate in Social Innovation, linked to the Master's degree in Transdisciplinary

Studies, is in development and will likely be offered starting in September 2023

- Social Innovation Week was held at the University from October 11-14, 2022, a Social Innovation Summit will be held in Banff in May 2023, and there is potential for the University to host an international Social Innovation conference in September 2025
- The committee discussed that there is great value in taking a multi-disciplinary approach to research and finding solutions to societal problems.
- In response to questions, it was reported that:
 - The Social Innovation team is trying to help researchers make connections with others, such as the Urban Alliance and other community groups, the Hunter Hub for Entrepreneurial Thinking, and Innovate Calgary
 - Social Innovation is not about corporate social responsibility, which has different drivers. Social Innovation is broadly inclusive, and activities including community engagement and knowledge engagement are subsumed within Social Innovation. Business principles, social enterprise, and technology can enable Social Innovation.

6. Other Business

There was no other business.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:23 p.m.

Courtney McVie
University Secretary