

RAC Minutes

November 7, 2019 | 1:30pm-3:30pm | A225

Present: Jerri-Lynne Cameron, Christine Elsey, Sandra Gillespie, Selena Karli, Albert Kim, Lucy Lee, Zina Lee, Olav Lian, Amanda McCormick, Joanna Sheppard (Vice-Chair), Jon Thomas (Chair).

Recorder: Tracy Morrison.

Regrets: Shelley Canning, Irwin Cohen, Garry Fehr, Mary Higgins, Cindy Jardine, Masud Khawaja, Lenore Newman, Jacqueline Nolte.

Welcome and Introductions

Jon Thomas (Chair) welcomed new members and introductions were made around the room.

1. ITEMS FOR ADOPTION

1.1 Agenda: 2019 NOV 07

MOTION: THAT the agenda from the November 7, 2019 RAC meeting be approved as presented
Christine Elsey, Sandra Gillespie CARRIED

1.2 Minutes: 2019 SEPT 12

MOTION: THAT the minutes from the September 12, 2019 RAC meeting be approved as
presented
Christine Elsey, Joanna Sheppard CARRIED

2. BUSINESS

2.1 UFV HarvestIR Institutional Repository – Brenda Philip and Martin Warkentin: presentation

- Brenda Philip and Martin Warkentin presented on UFV's institutional repository.
- HarvestIR provides access to faculty and student research outputs in an open source format.
- Please see attached presentation for more information.
- The Library does adhere to legal and copyright regulations before documents are included in the repository.
- Please contact Martin or Brenda for more information, or if you would like to have a Scholar Profile added to HarvestIR at martin.warkentin@ufv.ca or brenda.philip@ufv.ca.

2.2 Fundamental research is anything but basic – article

- Olav Lian discussed personal experiences within fundamental research and how it is difficult to prove the benefits of research when there is usually no immediate result.
- Jon Thomas shared the evolution of the academic and policy conversation on basic and applied research over the past century. He suggested that academic scientists are best positioned to translate and communicate the importance of their research for society.
- Please see the attached presentation from Jon Thomas for more information.

2.3 Terms of Reference Review

- The committee reviewed the past terms of reference, including the last approved TOR from 2017.

- It was noted to update the titles of positions listed in the most current TOR, as well as to remove the listing of Centres and Institutes titles, as they change often and new ones are added frequently.
- The TOR will be put out for revisions for the next meeting in January to vote on.

3. INFORMATION ITEMS

3.1 Research Office report – Jerri-Lynne Cameron

- Please see attached.

3.2 Human Research Ethics Board report – no report

3.3 Teaching and Learning Advisory Council Report – no report

3.4 Senate Research Committee Report – Shelley Canning (read by Jon Thomas)

- At SRC's first meeting it was determined that Shelley Canning will be chair, and Jonathan Hughes will be vice-chair for the current academic year.
- The Research Excellence Award selection committee was formed.
- All research faculty are encouraged to consider nominating one of UFV's strong researchers for the REA award.
- The SRC continues to seek participation from a graduate student, otherwise there is a full membership.

3.5 RAC Timeline Project – Adrienne Chan, Olav Lian, Shelley Canning, and Sylvie Murray

- The RAC subcommittee is creating a timeline to show all of the major items that came through RAC to advise the AVP of Research, Engagement & Graduate Studies.
- The timeline and significant additional documents are being put together to show the purpose of RAC moving forward and to encourage others to bring significant items forward.
- The Board of Governors needs to know the relevance of research which the timeline can assist with.

3.6 Reminder: TCPS 2 tutorial will be required starting January 1, 2020 for all team members on Research Ethics applications (contact Yvette Fairweather for more information)

4. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

4.1 Research updates from your faculty or department

- The discussion went around the room and each member who did attend the meeting spoke to what was going on in their area concerning research:
 - Albert Kim spoke to his current research on how refugees and immigrants in British Columbia impact labour rates and how trauma affects the general population. There is also a faculty member in his department of economics who is assisting on theoretical algorithms to track the rates.
 - Olav Lian reported on the Geography department and how they are currently undergoing renovations in their area, and are in various temporary spaces. Olav told

the committee about Lenore Newman's new book, *Lost Feast: Culinary Extinction and the Future of Food* and how it discusses the history of the foods we have loved to death and what that means for the culinary paths we choose for the future. Olav also mentioned that Jonathan Hughes is working on a Stó:lō natural history project. Olav himself has now joined with Parks Canada and a professor from Arizona State University to look at the threatened environment of Sable Island and how it is affected the wild horses' population, and to see if this environmental effect is historically cyclical. Olav plans to get more students involved on this project as well as apply for an NSERC Alliance grant.

- Amanda McCormick and Zina Lee from Criminology stated that they are just wrapping up a lot of projects that had been ongoing, and had nothing else to report.
- Lucy Lee recently gave a talk to Abbotsford Learning Plus Society and to the Rotary Club on her research on fish cells. The faculty in her area are doing well, and updates can be read on the UFV Blog page. Science also has a new communications specialist, Carin Bondar who has worked internationally and locally with large corporations such as the David Suzuki Foundation. Her role will be making the department information and stories publically available. Sandra Gillespie, a professor from Biology, gave a talk on bee pollination at SFU, and is doing some community outreach.
- Christine Elsey from Social, Cultural and Media Studies, gave a brief summary of research in her area. Darren Blakeborough is working on research in aging and seniors' activities; Martha Dow is looking at death and dying; Gabriela Pechlaner is working on a project involving security, sovereignty, Métis identity through S35 rights, land use and occupancy; Nicola Mooney is continuing her research on migration and the globalization of Indigenous people.
- Adrienne Chan spoke about the research being conducted in Social Work and Human Services. Robert Harding is writing a paper that is framing Indigenous land issues; he presented on the issues of treaties and self-governance. Brianna Strumm is a new faculty member in their area, but has already shown interest in research. Adrienne herself, just presented at an international Indigenous health conference on youth suicide prevention.
- In the School of Business, Masud Khawaja made a conference presentation on the topic of "Enhancing Inclusivity and Success rate of International Students" in Terrace, BC. Jon Thomas presented his research on star-scientist-entrepreneurs at the 2019 Technology Transfer Society Annual Conference at the Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy, University of Toronto. Jon was part of a panel discussion on "Bringing Fraser Valley to the World" for the graduate students from the Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts. Jelena Brcic recently presented in Washington, DC at the 70th International Astronautical Congress: Space, The Power of the Past, The Promise of the Future.

5. ADJOURNMENT – 3:15 pm

5.1 Next meeting: January 16, 2020, 1:30 pm, room A225.