

RESEARCH ADVISORY COUNCIL AGENDA

September 21, 2023 | 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm | Teams

Welcome and Introductions

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2. Business

1:40 2.1 Call for RAC Vice Chair position for 2023-24 academic year

3. Discussion

1:50 3.1 Scholarship of Teaching and Learning - Victoria Surtees

2:10 3.2 Research Security Centre – Ash Lalani

2:15 3.3 Open Access Publishing – Garry Fehr

2:20 3.4 Process for Research Centre Proposals and Space Allocation – Garry Fehr

2:30 3.5 Research Space Allocation – Garry Fehr

4. Information Items

2:35 4.1 UFV Press update – Gillian Hatfield

2:40 4.2 Research Office report – See attached

2:45 4.3 University-wide research pool – Shawn Geniole

4.4 Human Research Ethics Board report – no report

4.5 Teaching and Learning Advisory Council report – no report

4.6 Senate Research Committee report – no report

5. Roundtable Discussion (time permitting)

6. Adjournment: 3:30 pm

6.1 Next meeting: November 16, 2023, 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

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Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SOTL) Workshop (virtual)

Hosted by Teaching and Learning Specialist Victoria Surtees, this initial interactive session will feature guests from the Research Office as well as SOTL practitioners from a variety of disciplines.

Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2023, 12:00 – 1:00 pm

To register, email: TLCevents@ufv.ca

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- Two applications were submitted on May 8th, 2023, for the new NSERC-SSHRC Sustainable Agriculture Research Initiative. Preparatory funding allows applicants to receive up to \$50,000 of seed funding to work on the full application due November 1st. The applicants were from the School of Computing and the Agriculture Department. One of the applicants was successful in receiving seed funding at \$35,000 and will proceed to the full application stage due on November 8th, 2023.
- One CFI JELF (John Edwards Leaf Foundation) grant was awarded on June 30, 2023. The applicant was from the Chemistry department. The funding received was \$208,557 for the Canadian Federal Government portion and it was matched by the BC Provincial Government for a total of \$417,114. This funding will be used for a Centre for High Pressure Research.
- One MSHR (Michael Smith Health Research) Scholar Award was approved for funding on July 6th, 2023. The applicant was from the Kinesiology Department. This award is for 5 years of funding for a total of \$450,000.
- One grant for the Sustainable Agriculture AGRI Science initiative was submitted mid July and UFV was the co-applicant on it. The co-applicant is a member of the Food and Agriculture Institute. Results to be announced in the next month or two.
- One grant was submitted for the Queen Elizabeth Scholars (QES) funding mid July. The applicant was from the Global Development Studies department.
- Eleven NSERC Discovery Grant Notification of Intent (NOI) were submitted on August 1st, 2023. The applicants are from Chemistry, Psychology, Biology, Computing Math, and Agriculture. The applicants will submitting a full application on November 1st, 2023.
- Two SSHRC Connection Grants were submitted on August 1st, 2023, to host an event or outreach activity. The applicants were from the English department and Philosophy Department. Results should be out within 4-6 weeks. The next SSHRC Connection grant competition will be held on November 1st, 2023, as this is a grant that has 4 application intakes per year (February, May, August and November).
- One travel grant was submitted on August 31st, 2023 to the Shastri Faculty Collaboration and Internationalization Project grant for \$5,000 travel expenses. The applicant was from EPCIE (Esposito Family Centre for Innovation & Entrepreneurship).

- One LOI (letter of intent) was submitted on September 1st to the Dana Foundation for their program Civic Science Fellowship. UFV was the co-applicant on the LOI and the co-applicant that applied was through the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice.
- One CCS (Canadian Cancer Society) application was submitted on September 4th. The applicant was from the Kinesiology Department. The amount requested for 5 years was \$444,996.
- There were two additional competitions held for the following internal grants: Faculty/Student Research and Scholarly Activity Fund and the SSHRC Explore Grant. These were both due on September 5th 2023. The adjudication is underway with the committees and results will be out by the end of the month.
- Two SSHRC NFRF (New Frontiers in Research Fund) International stream applications were submitted on September 12th, 2023. These were large scale international grant collaborations. The applicants were both from the Global Development Studies department.
- One CIHR Project grant was submitted on September 14th, 2023. The applicant was from the Faculty of Health Sciences and the amount requested was \$670,000.
- One Banting Postdoctoral Fellowship Award will be submitted on September 20th. The applicant is from the Luminescence Dating Lab. The fellowship is for 2 years and awarded at \$70,000 per year.
- The [2023 Robbins-Ollivier Award for Excellence in Equity](#) second competition has been announced and is due on November 7th, 2023. This is a total of \$100,000 granted over 1 year with a maximum of three awards per year. See link for more details and please contact either the AVP RGS or Director Research Services and Industry Engagement if you are interested in this award.
- Over the summer, two student led research grants and five student presentation grants were awarded to support student research initiatives.
- A reminder that all researchers who are applying for Tri-Agency (CIHR, NSERC, SSHRC) grants this Fall are eligible for a work-study student if they are NOT successful in their application, provided that they work with the Director, Research Services and Industry Engagement on their applications with 3 drafts back and forth. This is not mandatory but a bonus if you apply and are not successful. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Ash Lalani ash.lalani@ufv.ca
- If any faculty members are working on any grants (Tri-Agency or other funding organizations) please contact Ash Lalani ash.lalani@ufv.ca ASAP to help review your application and provide guidance on next steps, submission process etc.
- The Director, Research Services and Industry Engagement will be hosting a workshop for all UFV students interested in pursuing graduate studies. The Canada Graduate

Scholarship- Master's program is valued at \$17,500 for 12 months. The deadline is December 1st, 2023. The workshop will be held on September 27th, 2023 from 1-3pm at the Abbotsford Campus in Room B121. Pre-registration is not required.

- Under the Research Data Management Strategy UFV is required to establish a Research Data Management Advisory Committee to ensure that research remains in compliance. The RDMAC met on August 29th for the first time. The RDMAC will meet once per semester to provide guidance on implementing the strategy to formalize RDM best practices. The RDMAC comprises of three faculty representatives along with representatives from the Library and the Office of the Chief Information Officer. The Director, Research Services and Industry Engagement is the Chair of this committee. The next meeting will be held in January and the committee will review some of the resources that will be put together to help guide researchers on how to navigate this.
- The Associate Vice President, Research and Graduate Studies and the Director, Research Services and Industry Engagement met with the Regional Advisor for the Research Security Centre regarding an update and resources pertaining to the Public Safety Canada Research Security Centre. The following resources have been advertised in the research newsletter:
 - [Safeguarding Your Research](#). On this page, you'll find links to some introductory training courses related to research security, as well as general information on conducting due diligence, mitigating security risks, and links to other resources. ISED (Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada) regularly adds content to this portal, and we expect a significant amount to be published here following the publication of the upcoming lists and policy implementation guidance.
 - [Safeguarding Science](#). This link provides a general overview of Safeguarding Science and will be re-vamped with more content as time goes by.
 - [ASPI China Defence Universities Tracker](#). Though Canada's guidance that is set to come out and will be based on the government of Canada's methodology, this tracker will remain a helpful tool for conducting basic due diligence.

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March 16, 2023 | 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm | Teams

Present: Barnabe Assogba, Shelley Canning, Irwin Cohen, Rita Dhungel, Christine Elsey, Garry Fehr, Shawn Geniole, Gillian Hatfield (chair), Allyson Jule, Karun Karki, Lucy Lee, Olav Lian, Mariano Mapili, Chris Schinckus, Noah Schwartz, Cynthia Thomson, Martin Warkentin and Amanda Wurz.

Recorder: Naveen Singh.

Regrets: Tetsuomi Anzai, Mai Anh Doan (vice-chair), Claire Hay, Ash Lalani.

Welcome and Introductions

Gillian Hatfield welcomed everyone to the RAC meeting.

1. Items for Adoption

1.1 Agenda: March 16, 2023

MOTION: THAT the agenda for the March 16, 2023 RAC meeting be approved as presented.
Amanda Wurz, Irwin Cohen CARRIED

1.2 Minutes: January 26, 2023

MOTION: THAT the minutes from the January 26, 2023 RAC meeting be approved as presented.
Allyson Jule, Lucy Lee CARRIED

2. Discussion

2.1 Research Participant Database – Shawn Geniole

- Shawn discussed the idea of giving students at intro level 4% of grade by participating in studies and get credits granted and teacher would get report on which students participated. Giving bonus to students to participate in pool would allow higher student participation in research.
- He also mentioned the database would boost research productivity at UFV as there would be an increase in participants per study and there's a benefit with university wide participant pool.
- Lucy Lee proposed the idea of Office of VP Students advertising this in a monthly student newsletter as it would reach lots of students.
- Shawn also suggested the idea of giving students a badge or something they could put on their CV as participant to motivate them such as bronze, silver & gold badge to highlight on their CV.
- Garry mentioned he met with Victoria Surtees in Teaching and Learning Centre, and she was interested in encouraging research with student participation and he could ask her if there's a badge that can be given to students.

- Chris Schinckus shared that in UK he interacted with Oxford university press, and they agreed to fund one prize per semester per student. It saw increase in student interest for these types of projects as students were given a prize. He plans to interact with some publishers and hopes the same could also be replicated at UFV.
- Christine Elsey suggested the idea of using UFV press Tangram to stimulate research amongst students. A competition could be held occasionally to have article published in UFV journal according to disciplines and this could lead to interest in student research.

2.2 Research Data Management Strategy – Garry Fehr

- Garry informed the group that research data management strategy was submitted to tri council, and they accepted it before the March 1 deadline.
- A research data management steering committee has been initiated and will be chaired by Ash Lalani, Camille Callison and Katie Tuck.
- The committee will meet thrice a year and won't implement strategy rather ensure strategy is going forward and that new information and practices are incorporated. Also, the committee will have to agree to terms of reference.
- Garry mentioned that committee is seeking two faculty volunteers to agree to three meetings a year where they would watch, guide, and steer the committee. Those interested can reach out directly to Garry.

2.3 Update on University Press – Mai Anh Doan

- Martin Warkentin spoke on behalf of Mai Anh as she couldn't attend the meeting.
- Martin informed the group that the Naming Contest is over and official announcement of name will be made soon.
- The application for platform for open journal is now finished and platform is activated.
- Martin stated that they're seeking individuals willing to be reviewers once or couple times a year for various subject matters and would also love to hear from people that have editorial board experience. Those interested in volunteering as reviewers can send their names directly to Mai Anh.
- Trevor Embury from Graphic Design Dept. has been brought in to help with look and feel of journal.

2.4 Bifurcated Newsletter – Garry Fehr

- Our research newsletter had two audiences: one was internal with grant deadlines and important items for researchers & students and the other audience was community.
- Now we have one newsletter for all external facing content, exciting news, publications, and events etc. and another copy with all that same information plus internal deadlines and important announcements for researchers.

- People that don't want internal newsletter can email Leona and inform her they just want to receive external facing newsletter otherwise everyone will automatically receive internal facing newsletter.
- Garry encouraged group to share citations for their publications and good news. For example, if their student won an award or attended a big event to be included in newsletter.

3. Information Items

3.1 Research Office report – Garry Fehr

- Since mid January research office has received \$263,000 confirmed funding plus another grant to be determined.
- \$7 million worth of proposals were sent between October and January.
- Internal funding deadlines for NSERC & USRAs are due March 17 and decisions will be made by early April.
- Accelerate Grants and SSHRC Explore Grants deadlines are April 1 & 15 respectively.
- Student Research Day is April 4 and this year we have 70 research posters compared to 51 posters last year which is a big jump and good news.
- Also, this year there will be 24 micro-lectures compared to 15 last year demonstrating excellent participation by students.
- Few more judges are required for posters on Student Research Day and those interested in volunteering as a judge can contact Leona.

3.2 Human Research Ethics Board report – Gillian Hatfield (See attached)

3.3 Teaching and Learning Advisory Council report – No report

3.4 Senate Research Committee report – Shelley Canning (See attached)

- Shelley stated the big takeaway is that Research Excellence Award committee met.
- Nominee that is being forwarded to senate rewards and honours committee to be announced soon.

4. Roundtable Discussion

- Karun shared with the group that two of his student research assistants have received student research presentation awards and will participate in Metropolis conference in Ottawa on Saturday, March 18.
- Noah Schwartz is a new Assistant Professor in Political Science and introduced himself to the group.
- Lucy Lee informed the group that research excellence award winner has been informed but formal announcement is yet to be made.
- Shawn mentioned that he did study on Artificial Intelligence (AI) to look for red flags on Tinder wherein individuals did a dating simulation and rejected less threatening people.
- Chris shared that there has been a significant increase in number of publications in School of Business which is a good sign.
- Lucy Lee mentioned that three of her students submitted posters for Research Day. Also, as Lucy is retiring this year the new Dean, Faculty of Science & her successor will be Michael Hitch who is also a very active researcher.
- Gillian shared that her Kinesiology student Gurneesh Purba works with elderly people and provides them rides on rickshaw ion bike cycling them along Vedder River in Chilliwack.
- Garry informed the group that some travel funds are provided by research office to attend conferences and they can reach out if they're interested in availing the same.

5. Adjournment: 2:30 pm

MOTION to Adjourn – Lucy Lee

5.1 Next meeting: May 11, 2023, 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

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