

RAC Minutes

January 14, 2021 | 1:30pm-3:30pm | BlueJeans

Present: Edward Akuffo, Satwinder Bains (Chair), James Bedard, Jerri-Lynne Cameron, Shelley Canning, Keith Carlson, Irwin Cohen, Mai Anh Doan, Christine Elsey, Garry Fehr, Shawn Genoile, Sandra Gillespie, Gillian Hatfield, Claire Hay, Selena Karli, Lucy Lee, Mariano Mapili, Amanda McCormick, Lenore Newman (Co-Chair).

Recorder: Tracy Morrison.

Regrets: Dieter Geesing, Mary Higgins, Olav Lian.

Welcome and Introductions

Satwinder (Chair) and Lenore Newman (Co-Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. ITEMS FOR ADOPTION

1.1 Agenda: 2021 JAN 14

MOTION: THAT the agenda from the January 14, 2021 RAC meeting be approved as presented
Shelley Canning, Christine Elsey CARRIED

1.2 Minutes: 2020 NOV 12

MOTION: THAT the minutes from the November 12, 2020 RAC meeting be approved as presented
Christine Elsey, Jerri-Lynne Cameron CARRIED

2. BUSINESS

2.1 South Asian Studies Institute (SASI) – presented by Satwinder Bains

- SASI's mandate is focused on conducting and disseminating research with a goal to address the community's needs and challenges, to affect and influence strategies in the development of government policy, and to restore the Canadian public record.
- SASI has applied to over 74 funding sources.
- SASI has the Canada India Studies Certificate, which is comprised of 32 courses across seven disciplines, with six faculty members.
- SASI is involved in multiple activities including community engagement, exhibit curation, awards and recognition, and media responses.
- For further information on the multiple projects and activities of the SASI, please see the PowerPoint attached.

2.2 EDI expert best practices update – Garry Fehr

- This is still in discussion but the Research Office would like to provide training and/or a workshop in hiring processes and considerations for grant applications. Jerri-Lynne and Garry have put out a call to colleagues across Canada to see if anyone would be interested in hosting training or a workshop for UFV faculty.
- Even though experts are still being sought after, an EDI subcommittee will be organized and chaired by Jerri-Lynne to take over the project of forming information guidelines for EDI in research.

3. DISCUSSION

3.1 RAC EDI+I subcommittee call for members –

Jerri-Lynne Cameron

- Volunteers are needed to continue the work on developing institutional education on EDI+I.
- Volunteers: Lenore Newman, Lucy Lee, Shelley Canning.
- Jerri-Lynne will follow up and continue the discussion.

3.2 How to identify potential student research assistants

- Teaching has changed with COVID-19 and it has become challenging to find students for research assistant positions due to teaching online and restrictions on in-person interactions.
- There is concern that students are not having equal opportunity. There was a question of how researchers can be fair to the student body and not just favour students who come forward.
- The Council brainstormed on how to connect with students and find research assistants.
- Some had success in the past by going to the Student Union and having them promote information on their social media platforms.
- Others have had students contact them through their research/biography webpages. Also, there has been success by using student associations, student networks (word of mouth) and asking professors to promote opportunities in their classes.
- Students tend to get involved in research in their fourth year. The information needs to get out to students in their first or second year so they do not miss out.
- Some areas have had success in having department emails sent out to students at the beginning and end of semester with different research opportunities.
- Having a faculty research panel where members speak for five minutes about their research can help get the information out there. Students can then have the opportunity to ask questions about faculty research and student involvement.

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 Research Office Report – Jerri-Lynne Cameron

- Please see attached.

4.2 Human Research Ethics Board Report – attached to the agenda package

4.3 Teaching and Learning Advisory Council Report – attached to the agenda package

4.4 Senate Research Committee Report – attached to the agenda package

4.5 Scholarship Opportunities for Students from Southeast Asia – attached to the agenda package

5. Events

UFV Faculty Publication Celebration

- Online exhibit launches **Wednesday, February 24, 12pm PST**
- Open to UFV faculty with peer-reviewed scholarly work published or presented within the last 2 years (2019-present)

A notification will be sent later this week when the online submission form is up and running.

Contributors will be asked to provide:

- A few personal details and a photo / headshot
- For each submission: Title, format/type, date of publication, a few keywords, citation (formatted per discipline), and a link or attachment of the scholarly work
- A brief video discussing an aspect of their piece, or summarizing its significance for a general audience (2 min. max)

Publication(s) will be accepted through February 5!

UFV Student Research Day

Similar to [last year's event](#), Student Research Day 2021 will be an online showcase launching **Thursday, April 8, 2021**. Check back to our [Events page](#) in late January for logistics, eligibility criteria, how to register as a participant or judge, poster guidelines, FAQs, etc.

Please begin notifying students of these deadlines!

Deadline to register: Thursday, March 18

Deadline to submit poster: Thursday, April 1

Online event: Thursday, April 8

Please see Research Newsletters at the bottom of the [Research Office website](#) for more information on events and funding opportunities.

6. ADJOURNMENT – 2:21 pm

6.1 Next meeting: March 11, 2021, 1:30 pm, on Zoom.