

RESEARCH ADVISORY COUNCIL AGENDA

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

Present: Opeyemi Adesina, Tetsuomi Anzai, Irwin Cohen, Diane Cruickshank, Lara Duke, Christine Elsey, Lauren Erland, Garry Fehr, Shawn Geniole, Geetanjali Gill, Sandra Gillespie, Gillian Hatfield, Michael Hitch, Cindy Jardine, Ash Lalani, Olav Lian, Mariano Mapili, Tracy Morrison, Chris Schinckus, Noah Schwartz, Jacob Spooner, Victoria Surtees, Cynthia Thomson

Recorder: Jasleen Rakkar

Anastasia Anderson, Barnabe Assogba, Satwinder Bains, Shelley Canning, Keith

Regrets: Carlson, Paul Fontaine, Albert Kim, Masud Khawaja, Rita Dhungel, Lenore Newman, Martha Dow, Jon Thomas, Allyson Jule, Teresa Kisilevich, Martin Warkentin

Welcome and Introductions

Gillian Hatfield welcomed everyone to the RAC meeting.

1. Items for Adoption

1.1 Agenda: September 21, 2023

MOTION: THAT the agenda for the Sept. 2023, 2023 RAC meeting be approved as presented.
Noah Schwartz, Shawn Geniole CARRIED

1.2 Minutes: March 16, 2023

MOTION: THAT the minutes from the March 16, 2023 RAC meeting be approved as presented.
Irwin Cohen, Noah Schwartz CARRIED

2. Business

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

- Cynthia Thompson has been acclaimed Vice Chair of the Research Advisory Council for the 2023-24 academic year.

3. Discussion

3.1 Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SOTL) - Victoria Surtees

- Victoria, a Teaching and Learning Specialist at UFV, delivered a presentation on SOTL.
- SOTL is the methodological study of teaching and learning.
- SOTL can enhance student learning experience and improve teaching methods.
- See presentation attached.

3.2 Research Security Centre – Ash Lalani

- The Research Office met with the Regional Advisor for the Canada Research Security Centre regarding how to safeguard our data/research.
- Resources for data security have been shared in the September issue of the Research Office Newsletter.
- Some workshops will be hosted in November regarding data security. More details will be shared once finalized.
- Researchers applying for the NSERC Alliance grant must complete a risk assessment form related to research security. Please contact Ash at Ash.Lalani@ufv.ca when completing this form. This is the only grant that requires this form.

3.3 Open Access Publishing – Garry Fehr

- The Research Office can provide up to \$1000 to cover approved publishing related costs. Researchers should have approval from the Research Office and ensure the journal is credible before paying any fees.
- The Faculty of Science also provides some funding to cover journal related fees for their faculty members.
- Please reach out to AVP, Garry Fehr, or your Dean if you are unsure about journal credibility.

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

- If researchers are interested in forming a new research centre, please create a proposal using the following template:
<https://ufv.ca/media/assets/research/centres--institutes/2015-Proposal-Template-for-Establishing-new-University-Research-Centres-or-Institutes.pdf>
- Please consult with Garry Fehr when writing your proposal.
- The process can take up to three months or longer depending on if physical space is required.
- Benefits of a Research Centre:
 - Potential for greater access to funding as a recognized establishment versus just individual researcher(s).
 - Opportunity for interdisciplinary collaborative research to tackle larger issues.
 - Engagement with community partners

3.5 Research Space Allocation – Garry Fehr

- As we continue to grow, it is increasingly challenging to find space on campus for research related activities.
- If researchers are interested in acquiring space to conduct research, please reach out to Garry.

4. Information Items

4.1 UFV Press update – Gillian Hatfield

- The winner of the journal naming contest was Sarah Lee, a UFV student. Sarah won a \$100 prize for her name suggestion, “Tangram”. Sarah stated in her submission that the name should link to “the core values and mission of the University.” The reference to “thousands of unique configurations” can also speak to differing viewpoints and experiences of the students and articles within.
- This name was chosen from 37 suggestions submitted by 14 contest entrants.

4.2 Research Office report – See agenda package

- If you are applying for any grants, please connect with Ash as soon as possible at Ash.Lalani@ufv.ca.

4.3 University-wide research pool – Shawn Geniole

- The university wide research pool is an effort to increase research participants and have a more representative research pool.
- Presently, Shawn is trying to determine how to incentivize/reward students for participating in research, possibly through CECE Career Links.

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

4.7 Update on Research Mixer – Cynthia Thomson

- This event is still in the planning stages.
- If anyone is interested in joining the planning committee, please reach out to Cynthia at Cynthia.Thomson@ufv.ca.
- More information will be shared soon.

5 Roundtable Discussion (time permitting)

- Cynthia inquired about funding for covering smaller research related costs. Garry suggested utilizing the Student Led Research Grant (\$1500) if working with student researchers.
- Researchers may also be able to utilize the Inclusive Community Fund (\$1000) for equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) related initiatives and research.
- Postdoc Talk event scheduled for November 22, 2023.

6 Adjournment: 3:00 pm

MOTION to Adjourn – Noah Schwartz

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