

RAC Minutes

May 6, 2022 | 1:30pm-3:30pm | Zoom

Present: Edward Akuffo, Tetsuomi Anzai, Barnabe Assogba, Satwinder Bains (chair), Jerri-Lynne Cameron, Shelley Canning, Irwin Cohen, Christine Elsey, Garry Fehr, Shawn Geniole, Gillian Hatfield, Cindy Jardine, Masud Khawaja, Lucy Lee, Lenore Newman (vice-chair), Leona Oakman, Cynthia Thomson.

Recorder: Tracy Morrison.

Regrets: Mai Anh Doan, Paul Fontaine, Peter Geller, Sandra Gillespie, Claire Hay, Catherine Liao, Sylvie Murray, Martin Warkentin.

Welcome and Introductions –

Satwinder Bains welcomed everyone to the RAC meeting.

1. ITEMS FOR ADOPTION

1.1 Agenda: 2022 MAY 06

MOTION: THAT the agenda for the May 06, 2022 RAC meeting be approved as presented.
Garry Fehr, Christine Elsey CARRIED

1.2 Minutes: 2022 MAR 11

MOTION: THAT the minutes from the March 11, 2022 RAC meeting be approved as presented.
Shelley Canning, Christine Elsey CARRIED

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 Centre for Global Development (CGD) – Edward Akuffo

- The vision of the Centre is to work collaboratively and extend the practice of community development beyond the Fraser Valley region into a global context.
- The major goal of the CGD is to promote and encourage research and programs on sustainable human and community development and to build local, national and international partnerships.
- The main research themes of the centre are good governance, peace, justice and strong institutions; children and development; environmental sustainability; education and training; food security; gender equality; and health.
- Current faculty associates of the centre include Satwinder Bains, Cherie Enns, Darrell Fox, Geetanjali Gill, Catherine Liao, Hayli Millar, Jeffrey Orr, Stefania Pizzirani and Jessica Price.
- One current project is with Abbotsford Archway Community Services' food bank. The project is exploratory and looks to strengthen existing services, identify new and innovative ways to expand services to new areas, build long-term partnerships, draw on research findings to seek out larger funding opportunities, provide research experiences for students, and develop a model partnership that can be replicated not only locally, but nationally and abroad.
- CGD is having current discussions on rebranding to fairly reflect the research expertise of their research associates, and their research/scholarly trends, as well as a name change.

2.2 Research Centres and Institutes Conference – Garry Fehr

- All of the research centre, lab, and institute directors met on April 8 to discuss the possibility of a conference.
- The outcome of the meeting was to host two events:

- One will be a showcase of all the centres, labs and institutes for UFV faculty, staff, students and senior administrators. There will be poster displays for each area, and either the director, senior student or faculty associate will be on site to answer questions. This will take place the second or third week in September of 2022.
- The second event(s) will be held at a later date with lab tours if applicable, for donors and external stakeholders.

2.3 University Press Update – Martin Warkentin

- The UFV journal plans to use an instance of the Open Journal Systems (OJS) as its platform (<https://pkp.sfu.ca/ojs/>) offered by the BC Electronic Network.
- Martin has confirmed that BCELN expects to continue offering this OJS shared service through BC academic libraries for the foreseeable future. As long as institutions continue to be relatively self-sufficient in their management of their journals, the direct cost will likely remain at or near \$0.00.
- Martin is confident we will not require much additional support based on his assessment of the platform several months ago. There is just some administrative documentation to complete and then a journal shell will be set up for UFV.

2.4 Research Data Management Plan – Garry Fehr

- The plan is required to be in place by March of 2023.
- The plan will have an impact on research, not just tri-council funded research.
- Some journals are asking to have data publicly available, which will impact a lot of researchers and faculty.
- The working group putting together the Research Data Management Plan is a joint effort between the Research Office, ITS and the Library.
- Each researcher in the future will need a data management plan.
- UFV will be offering workshops, manuals and guides, and a place to store the data with a late fall/early winter rollout.
- The Research Office can assist in putting together data management plans for the fall if required by the funding agency.
- Data Management Plans are important to ensure compliancy with agencies and journals, and to ensure that data is protected and consistent.
- UFV is purchasing a license for Dataverse for storing and sharing data long term.
- Not all data can be shared, and there will be templates and guidelines to assist with this.
- Please see the library website for open sources and related information to assist you: <https://libguides.ufv.ca/c.php?g=320278&p=2141422>.

3. BUSINESS

3.1 RAC new chair and vice-chair for fall – Garry Fehr

- A new chair and vice-chair are needed for fall semester on a two year term.
- MOTION: THAT Gillian Hatfield be the Chair of RAC for fall 2022.
- All in favour CARRIED
- A vice-chair is still needed and will be discussed at the September meeting.

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 [Resources – Accessibility and eliminating systemic ableism](#) - CIHR

4.2 Special support for major grant holder applicants – Jerri-Lynne Cameron

- The Research Office is rolling out more formal support for major Tri-Council grants applicants.
- This program will require that applicants work with the Research Office, submitting at least three drafts leading up to the application deadline, and in exchange, if they are not funded, they will receive a funded Research Assistant (equivalent to a workstudy) in the subsequent year to support their research while they revise their proposal for resubmission.
- Any Type B faculty who would like to apply for an eligible tri-council grant can take part in this program.

4.3 Research Office Report – Garry Fehr

- Student Research Day took place on March 31, with 50 poster entries, 16 students presented microlectures, and 11 award recipients. The event was the first back in person research event since 2019, and it was a very successful day with lots of incredible research on display.
- There were six awarded NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Awards with five working in summer semester, and one in fall semester.
- There are several grants available for students:
 - Student-led research grant – up to \$1500.
 - Student presentation grant – from \$500 to \$1500 depending on location of presentation.
- The Research Office is available to assist students applying for Canada Graduate Scholarships, please have them contact us at REGS@ufv.ca for more information.
- The **Undergraduate Research Excellence Awards** are being held on May 31 to honour our excellent student researchers and their supervisors. Please see our website for more information.

4.4 Human Research Ethics Board (HREB) 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 – 2:45 pm

5.1 Next meeting: September 22, 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

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