

**RAC Minutes**

**May 6, 2021 | 1:30pm-3:30pm | Zoom**

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**Present:** Edward Akuffo, James Bedard, Jerri-Lynne Cameron, Shelley Canning, Irwin Cohen, Mai Anh Doan, Christine Elsey, Garry Fehr, Shawn Geniole, Sundeep Hans, Claire Hay, Mary Higgins, Cindy Jardine, Selena Karli, Masud Khawaja, Albert Kim, Lucy Lee, Amanda McCormick, Danielle Mijo-Burch, Lenore Newman (Co-Chair).

**Recorder:** Tracy Morrison.

**Regrets:** Satwinder Bains (Chair), Gillian Hatfield, Noham Weinberg.

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**Welcome and Introductions –**

Lenore Newman welcomed Sundeep Hans, the new EDI Director to the RAC meeting.

**1. ITEMS FOR ADOPTION**

**1.1 Agenda: 2021 MAY 06**

MOTION: THAT the agenda from the May 06, 2021 RAC meeting be approved as presented  
Christine Elsey, Shelley Canning CARRIED

**1.2 Minutes: 2021 MAR 11**

MOTION: THAT the minutes from the March 11, 2021 RAC meeting be approved as presented  
Shelley Canning, Christine Elsey CARRIED

**2. DISCUSSION**

**2.1 Centre for Education and Research on Aging (CERA) – presented by Shelley Canning**

- CERA was one of the first research centres at UFV, which began as a Social Work group.
- The work initially was related to the community and research on all things aging.
- Now CERA is interdisciplinary including areas such as nursing, kinesiology, psychology, sociology, MACS and CIS.
- CERA is engaged in the community, with students and directed studies as well.
- CERA has a small lab space at CEP campus.
- One of CERA's main focuses is to look at how we understand and perceive older people, which also determines how they are treated.
- COVID-19 has exposed a lot of work to be done around aging. There is a need now for more social and intergenerational connections and the WHO is calling for more work to be done on ageism.
- We do have a responsibility to seniors. Teaching students to see ability instead of inability is so important and valuable.
- CERA has co-created a podcast called *Gero Nurses: Tales from the Front* with co-host, Dr. Lillian Hung, President of GNABC & UBC School of Nursing. The podcast will be available on PodBean in the next month or two.
- CERA's goal is to have the label of an "age friendly university" for UFV in the near future.

**3. BUSINESS**

**3.1 RAC I+EDI subcommittee update – Jerri-Lynne Cameron**

- The EDI+I subcommittee recently met and discussed how they will participate in RAC as items come up.

- There was a lengthy discussion on the Research Strategic Plan and how to embed EDI in the consultation plan.

### **3.2 FAI Cubic Farms Collaboration – Lenore Newman**

- The FAI is collaborating with an industry partner, Cubic Farms.
- There is a lot of applied research that is done internally in industries, and many are finding power in partnering with universities.
- Cubic Farms and the FAI are now able to apply for joint grant initiatives through the federal government.
- When working with industry partners, read the non-compete clauses carefully, as this can affect dissemination of research and further projects for faculty.
- Define and determine the relationship early regarding areas such as intellectual property rights.
- Industry partnerships can be great for students as it is a new opportunity for research assistants, and a way for companies to hire new grads as employees.

## **4. INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **4.1 Research Strategic Plan consultations – Jerri-Lynne Cameron**

- Consultations began to take place with Jerri-Lynne presenting at Faculty Council meetings.
- The online platform for the blue skies consultation will take place on Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup> beginning at noon. An email with the link will be sent out.
- There will be a set of questions for faculty and staff, and a separate set of questions for students.

### **4.2 Student Research Day results – Danielle Mijo-Burch**

- This year was the second year that Student Research Day was held online through the Research Office website.
- There were a total of 54 projects, completed by 80 students (some were group submissions).
- There were a total of 48 volunteer judges, as each poster requires 3-4 judges.
- Posters ranged by faculty: 27 science, 14 arts, 8 trades, 5 health sciences, and 2 professional studies.
- 17 projects required research ethics for human participants.
- 42 posters were led by full-time undergraduates, 10 by part-time, and one post-graduate.
- For 36 of these students, it was their first time participating in Student Research Day, and 18 had previously participated.

### **4.3 Library Report: Publish Open Access Articles in Sage Journals – Selena Karli**

- Please see the attached document in the agenda package for further information.
- The Research Office will include this information in their monthly newsletter as well.
- UFV is now paying for a subscription. UFV authors do not have to pay a publishing fee for most journals in the Sage Open Access forum.
- Please contact Selena Karli ([Selena.Karli@ufv.ca](mailto:Selena.Karli@ufv.ca)) with any questions.

#### **4.4 Research Office Report – Jerri-Lynne Cameron (attached to agenda package)**

- In addition to the attachment in the agenda package, there will be two EDI workshops being held this month by Gwen Hill from Royal Roads University.
- The first workshop will be on Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> 10:00am to 11:30am, and will be based on EDI and research fundamentals.
- The second workshop will be on Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup> 11:30am to 1:00pm, and will be focused more on building EDI into grant proposals.

#### **4.5 Human Research Ethics Board Report – James Bedard (no report)**

#### **4.6 Teaching and Learning Advisory Council Report – Claire Hay (attached to agenda package)**

#### **4.7 Senate Research Committee Report – Shelley Canning (no report)**

### **5. Roundtable discussion**

Masud Khawaja – is currently working on a paper related to assisted suicide and the comfort level of physicians who administer.

Lenore Newman – currently working on government policy and regulations to be more farmer friendly. Have to be cautious with policy revisions as it goes to every single office at the Premier's level for review to ensure it will not affect anything else in the many various areas of government.

Christine Elsey – continuing work on Métis identity within a social anthropological approach. Christine will be retiring in June after 26 years at UFV.

Selena Karli – no report except that Kim Isaac is retiring at the end of June which is challenging and represents an exciting opportunity for change.

Shelley Canning – preparing for sabbatical leave, while working on getting UFV age friendly status, and stay tuned for the podcast.

Garry Fehr – a project is wrapping up on the economic impact of the non-profit sector in the Lower Mainland. Currently in discussions with two universities in India regarding farming innovation.

Edward Akuffo – CGD project is underway and includes community engagement. Edward just finished a chapter for the Canadian Handbook on International Affairs online.

Cindy Jardine – completing research on COVID-19 data analysis. Also working on a co-project with SASI and CHASI regarding COVID-19 and the effects on temporary foreign workers. Also just hired a post-doc from New Zealand and waiting to get her onboard with her specialization in gender characteristics in research.

Claire Hay – there is an open invitation from Teaching & Learning for research in education and this area would like to engage with others.

Albert Kim – in Korea accessing a private dataset on Korean universal healthcare. Will be starting a new project soon on looking into Korean's in their 20-30's and why their cancer rates are 8 times higher than average.

James Bedard – analyzing data for genomics research. In winter semester he had 12 projects with 26 students involved. Currently working on new hereditary BC Cancer Agency projects and three new manuscripts.

Mary Higgins – this is the 5<sup>th</sup> and final year of their media longitudinal study on students. Next will be research looking into cohort-based teaching.

Amanda McCormick – working on a project on elder abuse and neglect by using RCMP investigations. This was done through an online survey at 11 different detachments, but did not have enough response, so they are now mailing out hard copies of the survey.

Lucy Lee – has five current students assisting with research, which is being conducted in the Biology-teaching lab, until fall semester.

## **6. Events**

### **6.1 [UFV Faculty Publication Celebration 2021](#)**

Multi-media online showcase celebrating peer-reviewed scholarly works of UFV faculty published within the past two years (ongoing)

### **6.2 [UFV Student Research Day 2021](#)**

Student research poster online showcase & award competition (ongoing)

### **6.3 [UFV Undergraduate Research Excellence Awards 2021](#)**

Winners to be announced soon!

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

## **7. ADJOURNMENT – 3:15 pm**

**6.1 Next meeting: September 16, 2021, 1:30 pm, on Zoom.**