

RAC Minutes

January 14, 2022 | 1:30pm-3:30pm | Zoom

Present: Edward Akuffo, Tetsuomi Anzai, Barnabe Assogba, Satwinder Bains (Chair), Shelley Canning, Irwin Cohen, Mai Anh Doan, Garry Fehr, Paul Fontaine, Peter Geller, Shawn Geniole, Gillian Hatfield, Cindy Jardine, Masud Khawaja, Albert Kim, Lucy Lee, Amanda McCormick, Cynthia Thomson, Martin Warkentin, Noham Weinberg, Amanda Wurz.

Recorder: Tracy Morrison.

Regrets: Christine Eley, Dieter Geesing, Sandra Gillespie, Catherine Liao, Lenore Newman (Co-Chair).

Welcome and Introductions –

Satwinder Bains welcomed everyone (new and current members) back to the new academic year and to the RAC meeting.

1. ITEMS FOR ADOPTION

1.1 Agenda: 2022 JAN 14

MOTION: THAT the agenda from the January 14, 2022 RAC meeting be approved as presented
Gillian Hatfield, Amanda McCormick CARRIED

1.2 Minutes: 2021 SEPT 17

MOTION: THAT the minutes from the September 17, 2021 RAC meeting be approved as presented.
Lucy Lee, Paul Fontaine CARRIED

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 Centre for Public Safety and Criminal Justice Research (CCJR) – Irwin Cohen and Amanda McCormick

- Irwin and Amanda presented on the research that the CCJR has completed or is near completion from the past year (Please see PowerPoint attached).
- The [CCJR website](#) is used to disseminate research that has come out of the Centre and provide the community and students with access to important information on various subjects such as police, fire, public safety, youth and community, and gambling.
- The Centre hires many students each semester to assist on various projects that are funded by internal and external grants.
- Many of the Centre's projects are requested by community partners.
- The Centre completed seven major projects in 2021:
 - The use of imitation firearms among youth and how youth are glorifying possession of said firearms on social media.
 - The effectiveness of school liaison officers as marginalized youth and people of colour (POC's) had feelings of fear and intimidation from having liaison officers present in the schools.
 - Review of police responses to lower priority calls lead to making recommendations of using an appointment system, promotion of online reporting, and integrating bylaw officers to assist.

- A project examined the impact of court rulings on police investigation time and resources. The Jordan Project which looked at the time between when a person is convicted compared to when they are charged – the Jordan Project is a law that now states the time between a conviction to a first appearance in court, can take no longer than 18 months, and 30 months for Supreme Court cases. This has put strain on investigators to have all evidence in place prior to the time restrictions. The project brought attention to the issues and complexities courts are facing and the dangers it poses to the community.
- Understanding dial-a-doping project and developing profiles of dial-a-dopers in BC investigated how the drug market has moved online, making it easier for dealers to recruit youth into gang life via text, phone, DM's, etc. They found most recruits were young Caucasian males.
- An investigation into prolific offender management programs found that the majority of jurisdictions were not implementing any of the programs which produces a constant cycle of catch and release without providing the resources to address the underlying issues of why reoffenders continue the cycle of offending.
- There are already more than 12 contracts with the Centre for the new year in topic areas including:
 - Domestic and gender-based violence
 - Hate crimes especially those that have increased recently for Indigenous and LGBTQ2+ communities, as well as the increase in antisemitism and islamophobia
 - Elder abuse and neglect
 - Responses to intimate partner violence

2.2 University Press Update – Paul Fontaine

- The University Press has had one meeting so far and the outcome was a draft statement of purpose:
 - To help facilitate conversation between and among students and faculty about issues they care about. The journal will serve as a training ground and intellectual hive of activity for all of the publics that the university serves; early career researchers, students, and faculty working through new ideas and approaches. The journal will offer book reviews, articles, research notes, working papers and opinion pieces.
- The idea is to publish once per semester and to be a possible hub for student and faculty collaborations.
- Paul put out a call to the council for two more members to join to promote and assist the University Press.
- Noham Weinberg and Shelley Canning both volunteered to join the committee.

2.3 Research Events Update – Garry Fehr

- Due to the current health restrictions, the Research Office is postponing the speed dating event for researchers that was originally planned for Feb. 17.
- The microlectures will be moved to an online forum.
- It was suggested to have an incentive for students to attend the faculty microlectures.
- Student Research Day will be held in person on March 31, 2022.

2.4 Research Strategic Plan – Garry Fehr

- There were more than a thousand submissions during the Research Strategic Plan consultations.
- The strategic plan is currently being reviewed for Indigenization and will then go to the Board of Governors for review.

2.5 Research Data Management Plan – Garry Fehr

- The Research Data Management Plan is part of a larger strategy at UFV.
- This is a collaboration project of a working group that is comprised of the Research Office and the Library.

2.6 CRC EDI Action Plan Update – Garry Fehr

- All universities with more than three Canada Research Chair (CRCs) positions are required to have an EDI action plan in place before hiring.
- The CRC program required there to be unbiased recruitment training and the action plan to be approved and in place prior to posting for a new CRC position.
- There is currently a posting for a CRC tier 2 position in berry horticulture at UFV.

3. INFORMATION ITEMS

3.1 Software and Subscription Updates – Tracy Morrison

- All software and digital subscriptions must be approved by ITS prior to purchase.
- Please contact Tracy Morrison or Kelly Tracey in the Research Office if you are considering any of these types of purchases with grant funds.
- Please do not have students purchase any large monetary items as it can take a while for reimbursement from Accounts Payable. Also, if an expense is not approved – such as a dropbox subscription which is a restricted item, the student will not receive reimbursement.
- With FOIPPA legislation changing in BC, dropbox will soon not be able to be used whatsoever at UFV. The data management plan is looking at Dataverse which will be a dropbox alternative.

3.2 [The Centre for High Pressure Research \(CHPR\)](#) was approved in Senate in November and a director will be named soon

3.3 Research Office Report – attached

3.4 Human Research Ethics Board (HREB) Report – Gillian Hatfield

- The current TCPS 2: CORE tutorial is being replaced with a new version- TCPS 2: CORE-2022, which has been updated to include the most current information and interpretations of the TCPS2. Migration to this new tutorial is taking place this week (Jan 10-14), and during this time neither version will be available. Starting next week, only the new version will be available. The UFV HREB will be requiring all researchers to complete the new version of the TCPS2 Core tutorial by January 2023 (so, within the year). Researchers will get a reminder in January 2023, as well as on any new HREB applications to update their TCPS2 if they have not done so already. The new tutorial is expected to take approximately 4 hours to thoroughly complete.

- UFV's participation in the BC harmonized research ethics program has been delayed, and the HREB will provide information on that when they know more.

3.5 Teaching and Learning Advisory Council Report – attached

3.6 Senate Research Committee Report – (no report)

4. ADJOURNMENT – 3:07 pm

4.1 Next meeting: March 11, 2022, 1:30 pm, on Zoom.

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