

RAC Minutes

March 11, 2021 | 1:30pm-3:30pm | Zoom

Present: Edward Akuffo, Satwinder Bains (Chair), James Bedard, Jerri-Lynne Cameron, Shelley Canning, Irwin Cohen, Christine Elsey, Garry Fehr, Dieter Geesing, Shawn Genoile, Sandra Gillespie, Gillian Hatfield, Mary Higgins, Cindy Jardine, Selena Karli, Masud Khawaja, Lucy Lee, Mariano Mapili, Amanda McCormick, Sylvie Murray, Robert Newell, Joanna Sheppard,

Recorder: Tracy Morrison.

Regrets: Lenore Newman (Co-Chair).

Welcome and Introductions

Satwinder (Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. ITEMS FOR ADOPTION

1.1 Agenda: 2021 MAR 11

MOTION: THAT the agenda from the March 11, 2021 RAC meeting be approved as presented
Shelley Canning, Amanda McCormick CARRIED

1.2 Minutes: 2021 JAN 14

MOTION: THAT the minutes from the January 14, 2021 RAC meeting be approved as presented
Shelley Canning, Amanda McCormick CARRIED

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 Food and Agriculture Institute (FAI) – presented by Robert Newell

- Robert Newell is the new Associate Director of FAI.
- The institute recently updated their website to include the areas of research and projects they are currently working on: <https://www.ufv.ca/food-agriculture-institute/>.
- Rob reviewed the areas of research that FAI is currently working on including Cellular Agriculture, Indoor Agriculture, Agriculture Land Use, and Integrated Planning.
- Integrated planning is a main objective in the FAI to engage research with a social, economic and environmental perspective.
- Rob also emphasized that FAI would encourage anyone interested to contact him if they would like to learn more, create a partnership, or work with FAI on any project.

3. BUSINESS

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

- The EDI+I subcommittee recently met and will be inviting the new EDI director to their next meeting. They would like the Director's feedback on evaluating barriers for working in research at UFV.
- The committee will also be looking at the action items that are outlined in the [UFV's EDI Guiding Principles](#) that were created by the President's working group. The RAC subcommittee will highlight the EDI action items that touch on research.
- There will be two workshops toward the end of term that will assist with grant writing with an EDI lens and looking at EDI in research.
- A suggestion made was to have EDI ethics training for HREB. The Research Office will look into this opportunity.

3.2 Research Strategic Plan consultations – Jerri-Lynne Cameron

- The consultation process will be underway soon for the Research Strategic Plan.
- The Research Strategic Plan consultation is using a new method with a team approach. Shirley Hardman will be providing an Indigenous perspective, and Satwinder Bains with an EDI lens.
- An external consultation firm has been hired to assist on the consultations – Domain7.
- An Indigenous advisory committee will review the plan and provide feedback.
- The RAC EDI+I subcommittee will act as an advisory committee as well for the plan.
- There was a discussion around including data from research releases, as well as those not funded to see where research is being done at UFV. The releases will be captured in the consultations.
- The strategic plan consultations will be done at a departmental level as well, but the best approach is still being determined so everyone has an opportunity to partake in the process.

3.3 Online discussion on systemic racism in Canada’s health research funding system – open until April 9, 2021 – Satwinder Bains

- Satwinder encourages everyone to register and participate in the online discussion on systemic racism in Canada’s health research funding system.
- The conversation is important to learn more about systemic racism in Canada and to be a part of the discussion.

3.4 UFV Centre for Philosophy for Children Proposal – Anastasia Anderson

- Anastasia Anderson presented the proposal for establishment of a UFV Centre for Philosophy for Children.
- There is a current centre within the Philosophy department, but the proposal is to move the centre to be housed under the Research Office.
- Past activities within the Philosophy department for this centre have included summer camps, and training past attendees as junior counselors.
- The camps use philosophical inquiry in community settings with stimulus materials such as stories, films, arts and activities.
- There is a UFV course in Philosophy for Children which is also creating partnerships in local schools for further research.
- The proposed centre will support research and bring the community together.

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 Japanese government invests \$95 billion in own research universities and are looking for partnerships – Garry Fehr

- If you are interested, please connect with UFV International to see who UFV has current relationships with in Japan.
- Connect with UFV International if you do have connections in Japan and would like to establish a formal partnership.

4.2 Research Office Report – Jerri-Lynne Cameron

- In addition to the attachment in the agenda package, ROSA application adjudication has been completed for the year.
- A survey was sent out to all ROSA applicants to review the application process. Jerri-Lynne is currently putting together the results.
- The Faculty/Student Research and Scholarly Activity Fund applications have ended and the result letters will go out later this week.

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

4.4 Teaching and Learning Advisory Council Report – no report

4.5 Senate Research Committee Report – attached to the agenda package

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

5. Events

- **Mar 25** – [Scholarly Sharing Initiative](#): Michelle LaFlamme (English) and Anna Griffith (Theatre), "Embodying Race, Space, and Place." Edward Akuffo (Political Science), "Beyond Peacekeeping Operations: A Study of Canada's Support for Security Governance in West Africa."
- **Apr 06** – [ScienceTalks](#), Dr. Shelley Canning: "Ageism: Challenges of staying engaged..."
- **Apr 08** – **UFV Student Research Day**
 - Online registration forms available online
 - Registration deadline: Thursday, March 25 [extended]
 - Poster deadline: 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 – 3:00 pm

6.1 Next meeting: May 6, 2021, 1:30 pm, on Zoom.