

## **RESEARCH ADVISORY COUNCIL AGENDA**

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**January 26, 2022 | 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm | Teams**

**Present:** Tetsuomi Anzai, Barnabe Assogba, Shelley Canning, Irwin Cohen, Ehsan Daneshi (Guest), Mai Anh Doan (vice-chair), Rita Dhungel, Christine Elsey, Garry Fehr, Shawn Geniole, Cindy Jardine, Allyson Jule, Karun Karki, Ash Lalani, Lucy Lee, Catherine Liao, Mariano Mapili, Amanda McCormick, Janelle Sztuhar, Cynthia Thomson, Kelly Tracey, Martin Warkentin and Amanda Wurz.

**Recorder:** Naveen Singh.

**Regrets:** Gillian Hatfield (chair), Claire Hay.

### **Welcome and Introductions**

Garry Fehr welcomed everyone to the RAC meeting.

### **1. Items for Adoption**

#### **1.1 Agenda: January 26, 2023**

MOTION: THAT the agenda for the January 26, 2023 RAC meeting be approved as presented.  
Allyson Jule, Rita Dhungel CARRIED

#### **1.2 Minutes: November 17, 2022**

MOTION: THAT the minutes from the November 17, 2022 RAC meeting be approved as presented. \_\_\_\_\_, Allyson Jule CARRIED

### **2. Discussion**

#### **2.1 Mitacs Programming - Ehsan Daneshi (See presentation attached)**

- Ehsan gave a presentation on the Mitacs program and spoke about the organization and the different programs & grants offered.
- Mitacs offers many different programs to support research that includes partnerships with business, opportunities for international undergraduate students, post docs and more.

#### **2.2 Post Doctoral Fellows and CRC positions at UFV – Garry Fehr**

- The establishment of research chairs require approval from the Board and high levels of funding to enable research chairs to conduct their work.
- The research chairs need to learn how to leverage their time and funding by hiring students, collaborating with other researchers, and supporting Post Docs.

- UFV receives \$200,000 in support for a Tier 1 Canada Research Chair And \$100,000 for a Tier 2 CRC.
- Generally, the more Tri-Council funding we receive the more Chairs are allotted to us.
- At present, we have two Tier 1 Chairs at UFV:
  - 1) Cindy Jardine (Canada Research Chair in Health and Community)
  - 2) Keith Carlson (Canada Research Chair in Indigenous and Community-Engaged History)
- Endowed chairs come in different shapes and sizes and are mostly externally funded by a combination of external and internal funding.
- The BC Regional Innovation Chair in Canada-India Partnership Development is Dr. Jon Thomas. He is also an Associate Professor, in the School of Business at UFV. His position is fully funded by BC Regional Innovation Council. Funding for Chair started 15 years ago and is now a permanent externally funded research chair.
- Funding for these positions can also be funded externally by an industry association or by another organization.

#### **Post Doc Scholars**

- UFV has had Post Doc positions for 11 years. They are funded externally for terms of one to two years.
- At present, UFV has 6 post docs and Jon Thomas is working on securing a two year post doc position for 2 years by spring.
- The post doc is a dedicated training position, paid at \$45,000 – 70,000 annually.
- Banting Fellowships are the most prestigious in Canada and are valued at \$70,000 annually.
- Post docs are also funded through NSERC, SSHRC, and CIHR.
- To hire a Post Doc you will need to contact Garry early in process. Research office had to work with HR and Finance to find process and solutions that work with people.

#### **2.3 Recruiting Research Participants – Shawn Geniole**

- Shawn spoke to the group about the difficulty in getting research participants. As an example, he mentioned that the Kinesiology department is having trouble getting participants.
- He discussed the idea of setting up a system for researchers interested across different departments at UFV and asked the group if they had colleagues in their department that would want to develop such a network.
- He also proposed the idea of making it a part of bonus to incentivize participants and have email exchange beginning of each semester.
- Garry proposed the idea of email discussion, meeting or spreadsheet accessible to those who sign up for it so that one has admin support.
- Shawn asked the group to email him with their ideas and suggestions and that he will start a group email for the same.

### 3. Information Items

#### 3.1 Research Office report – Ash Lalani (See agenda package)

#### 3.2 Human Research Ethics Board report – See attached

- A reminder that beginning in January 2023, all active researchers on ethics applications need to have completed the updated [TCPS2 CORE tutorial](#).
- The HREB will be coming out with some guidelines on research using social media in the coming months. Related to this, any questions that pertain to the use of materials from social media or internet media sites should be directed to [copyright@ufv.ca](mailto:copyright@ufv.ca).

#### 3.3 Teaching and Learning Advisory Council report – No report

#### 3.4 Senate Research Committee report – See attached

#### 3.5 NSERC USRA program for 2023-24 – Kelly Tracey

- Normally the allotment is only for NSERC disciplines however, this year there's a new pilot project from the Government of Canada: SSHRC and CIHR USRA program for students of Black heritage.
- Each university across Canada has been given one allotment for SSHRC and one for CIHR.
- The criteria for eligibility: 1) Student must be a Canadian citizen, 2) Must be a registered student.
- Other criteria: Student would need a faculty supervisor and the latter must have external grant funds to supplement the award of \$6000 with at least \$2764 as the funds are for 16 weeks of compensation at the minimum wage rate.
- This year all faculty are required to email the Research Office a "USRA Faculty Supervisor Form".
- To apply, students will be asked to complete the NSERC USRA online application found on the NSERC website.
- The deadline for student applications is March 17, 2023. Decisions will be made by the end of March 2023.

#### 3.6 Researcher meet and greet – Mai Anh

- Mai Anh informed the group that she met with the Research Office team and decided to delay the meet and greet to the fall semester instead of this semester as it will be less busy time for faculty to attend and allow her team more preparation time.
- Sub committee will meet in April to go over details of event and new time & date.

### **3.7 UFV Press: Naming Contest reminder – Mai Anh**

- Mai Anh stated that Martin and Janelle from the Library have been active in pushing the naming competition.
- The competition closes on Friday and the prize is a \$100 bookstore voucher.
- Mai Anh also mentioned that there was a very productive meeting amongst members for submitting the proposal to an online journal hub to host our university press (our academic journal).

### **3.8 Student Research Day will be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2023**

- UFV Student Research Day 2023 will be an in-person event, held in Evered Hall on the Abbotsford Campus, on Tuesday, April 4.
- Doors open at 10 am and events begin with Microlectures at 11 am. Award recipients will be announced at the Awards Ceremony at 3 pm.
- The deadline to register for Student Research Day is Wednesday, March 15, 2023.
- More information regarding registration, eligibility and the event can be found on our website: <https://www.ufv.ca/research/students/student-research-day/>

### **3.9 Faculty Micro-lectures & Publication celebration – February 9, 2023**

- UFV Faculty Microlectures 2023 will be an in-person event, held in A219 (Spirit Bear Cafe), Abbotsford Campus on Thursday, February 9.
- UFV Faculty interested in presenting a microlecture should email [RGS@ufv.ca](mailto:RGS@ufv.ca) with their name, title, department, and title/topic by Monday, January 30.

## **4. Roundtable Discussion**

- Rita informed the group that she and Geetanjali received a new grant towards research to understand mental health and psychological well being of trafficking survivors and women living with HIV in Nepal.
- The grant amount is \$472,442 for 2 years.
- Rita also mentioned that she and Karun have received \$30,000 towards knowledge synthesis grant. This will be a 1-year project.

## **5. Adjournment: 3:30 pm**

### **MOTION to Adjourn – Garry Fehr**

#### **5.1 Next meeting: March 16, 2023, 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