

## RESEARCH ADVISORY COUNCIL AGENDA

January 18, 2024 | 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm | Teams

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**Present:** Christine Elosey, Shawn Geniole, Amanda McCormick, Noah Schwartz, Luisa Giles, Rita Dhungel, Karun Karki, Trevor Beugeling, Martin Warkentin, Gillian Hatfield, Irwin Cohen, Shelley Canning, Geetanjali Gill, Olav Lian, Cindy Jardine, Lauren Erland, Garry Fehr, Ash Lalani, Victoria Surtees, Michael Hitch, Lara Duke, Cynthia Thompson.

**Recorder:** Natalie Vanderleest, Tracy Morrison.

**Regrets:** Paul Fontaine, Albert Kim, Mariano Mapili, Sandra Gillespie, Opeyemi Adesina, Masud Khawaja, Barnabe Assogba, Lenore Newman, Satwinder Bains, Martha Dow, Jon Thomas, Keith Carlson, Anastasia Anderson, Jacob Spooner, Tetsuomi Anzai, Chris Schinckus, Teresa Kisilevich.

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### Welcome and Introductions

Gillian Hatfield welcomed everyone to the RAC meeting.

#### 1. Items for Adoption

##### 1.1 Agenda: January 18, 2024

MOTION: THAT the agenda for the January 18, 2024, RAC meeting be approved as presented.

Shelley Canning, Noah Schwartz

CARRIED

##### 1.2 Minutes: September 21, 2023

MOTION: THAT the minutes from the September 21, 2023, RAC meeting be approved as presented.

Geetanjali Gill, Lara Duke

CARRIED

#### 2. Discussion

##### 2.1 Patient Orientated Research – Cynthia Thomson

- Feb. 2, 2024, POR (Patient Orientated Research) Zoom webinar at 1pm-2pm. Please register at [bit.ly/POR\\_20240202](https://bit.ly/POR_20240202)
- POR is about engaging patients as research partners. Instead of studying patients, the research is being done with the patients as partners. POR is not only being conducted in clinical research but community-based research as well.
- Benefits found by including patients is having knowledge translation from all angles, including care givers, medical providers, patients, and researchers.

## 2.2 Research Security – Garry Fehr

- Garry presented information on Policy for Sensitive Technology Research and Affiliations of Concern. This is a new Research Security policy.
- Slides and other resources will be shared on the UFV Research website under “Research Security” once we are allowed to share them.
- This policy only applies if you are “advancing” technology in your research.
- There is a Named Research Organizations list of 100+ names that we are not to be affiliated with for advancing technology research.
- Currently it is only for CFI and Tri-Agency grant applications that will be asking if you are advancing technology. If you are, everyone associated with the project will be asked to complete attestation forms.
- Currently the concern is affiliations with research institutions with links to the military in China, Iran, and Russia.

## 3. Business

### 3.1 Terms of Reference (TOR) Annual Review

- The list of RAC membership is found on the website and lists who are voting and non-voting members:  
<https://www.ufv.ca/media/assets/research/rac/2023-2024-RAC---Membership.pdf>

MOTION: THAT the Terms of Reference be approved as presented, with an update to faculty names in the document.

Shelly Canning, Gillian Hatfield

CARRIED

## 4. Information Items

### 4.1 NSERC USRA update – Ash Lalani

- Applications for the NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Awards (USRA) for the 2024-2025 academic year will be accepted until Monday, **March 18, 2024**.
- These awards provide students with funds for a 16-week supervised project up to \$6000. Supplementary funds are required to bump up the amount to meet the minimum wage requirement in BC, but a supervisor may pay a higher wage. Please email [rgs@ufv.ca](mailto:rgs@ufv.ca) to discuss wage rates.
- ONGOING Pilot Project from the Government of Canada: SSHRC and CIHR USRA program for students of Black heritage. Each university has been given one allotment for SSHRC and one for CIHR. The applications must be submitted using the [NSERC USRA portal](#). The deadline is **March 18, 2024**, and decisions will be made by the end of April 2024.

### 4.2 Research Office report – see attached.

- Reminder Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for Work-Study applications.

**4.3 Human Research Ethics Board report – no report**

**4.4 Teaching and Learning Advisory Council report – see attached.**

- If anyone is looking to create learning outcomes for work study applications, creating a plan for the learning outcomes, or needs support with writing, please reach out to the TLC.

**4.5 Senate Research Committee report – no report**

**4.6 Faculty Microlectures on Feb. 15, 2024, at 11:30am in the Spirit Bear Café in A building, Abbotsford campus. Please email [Leona.Oakman@ufv.ca](mailto:Leona.Oakman@ufv.ca) if you are interested in participating in the 2-minute challenge.**

**5. Roundtable Discussion (time permitting)**

**6. Adjournment: 2:57 pm**

MOTION to adjourn – Irwin Cohen

**6.1 Next meeting: March 14, 2024, 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm**