



# Research Advisory Council Timeline of Key Events & Discussions 2004–2019

2004

## UCFV establishes Research Advisory Council (RAC) to advise the AVP Research

- Drafts RAC Terms of Reference
- Introduces discussion of student research excellence awards and Student Research Day
- Sandy Vanderburgh and Adrienne Chan spearhead development of document on Active Research Faculty Designation (ARFD)

2005

- Introduces discussion of research releases, sabbaticals, and the duration of sabbaticals
- Continues developing Undergraduate Research Excellence Awards
- Continues discussing ARFD document

2006

- Senior administration indicates support in principle of ARFD; no documentation is on record

2007

- UCFV releases Campus 2020 report; RAC asks for document to state “research is integral” rather than merely saying the university is “supportive” of research
- Continues discussing research releases

## Typical RAC activities

- Identifying funding opportunities
- Identifying supports for student research
- Reviewing research-related policies and strategies
- Discussing and providing information on grants, student research assistants, research ethics, Research Chairs, and Research Centres
- Round-table on research activities of faculty and Research Centres
- Reporting on research being conducted

2008

- UCFV is granted university status and becomes UFV; RAC encourages discussion of what this new university status means for research
- Introduces discussion of **Rank and Tenure**

2009

- Develops “**Statement Regarding Rank and Tenure**” (**Appendix B**) to discuss with Faculty-Staff Association
- Launches Speakers Corner event, which later becomes **Faculty Microlecture Series**
- Establishes Faculty Research Award funded by the Provost, which later becomes **Research Excellence Award**
- Subcommittee develops **Research Lecture series**
- Subcommittee writes “RAC Statement on Research”

2010

- UFV establishes new **Senate Research Committee (SRC)**, prompting discussion of implications for RAC – *What will the two roles be and how will they differ?*
- Subcommittee submits recommendations for UFV’s current round of **collective bargaining** (**Appendix C**)
- Assists in bringing **NVIVO** and **SPSS** software to Kipp Lab
- Reminds faculty of the role of **Department Research Ethics Committees (DRECs)**

2011

- Hosts first annual **Student Microlectures**
- Circulates document by Sylvie Murray: “**Why Ernest Boyer’s definition of scholarship and ‘creativity contracts’ might be a nice fit for UFV**” (**Appendix D**)
- Scott Sheffield and Adrienne Chan prepare “**The Future of Research at UFV**” (**Appendix E**) for the SRC
- Research Office organizes **Publications and Research Catalogue**
- SRC and RAC establish mutual reporting
- FSA representative attends RAC meetings for ongoing discussions of Rank and Tenure
- Revises RAC Terms of Reference (approved)

2012

- Provost establishes **Task Force on Research and Scholarship**, and funding mechanisms
- Discusses **Intellectual Property Policy** as it relates to students, as well as ways to **promote student research**
- **Centres and Institutes** send annual reports to the SRC
- Research Office organizes first “**How to Get Published**” **event** for faculty



2013

- Revised **Strategic Research Plan (2010-2015)** is approved
- Revised RAC Terms of Reference, including a **Vice-Chair position**, is approved
- RAC representatives participate in Provost's Task Force meetings

2014

- Discusses revisions to the **Centres and Institutes Policy**
- Revises the **Research Option** application and hosts workshops on updated process
- Appoints a **RAC representative** to the Teaching and Learning Advisory Council
- Circulates **Open Access Policy** and **Digital Scholarship** information
- Discusses completed work of Provost's Task Force

2015

- By request, provides input on **UFV's Strategic Research Plan for 2015-2020** and **VISION 2025 plan**
- Revised Terms of Reference, including change for Vice-Chair position, is approved
- Requests input and discussion on **Policy on Ethical and Legal Conflicts for Researcher Confidentiality**
- Research lecture subcommittee agrees to put lectures on hold, but continues with microlectures

2016

- Discusses several projects: **"Blue Skies" Project**, **Research Capture Project** (to identify student projects in a comprehensive list), and possible faculty survey

2017

- By request of the President's Executive Management (PEM), the AVP forms a subcommittee to establish principles and ranking for the **creation, renovation, and allocation of research space**
- Prepares and sends memo of recommendations to the Provost
- Discusses proposed revisions to Terms of Reference (*i.e., RAC is not just a reporting mechanism, but should provide educational purpose, take on research issues, and facilitate discussion*)

2018

- Presentation and discussion of community-based research
- Discusses revision of the **Ed Plan**

2019

- Discusses **policies under review** (Intellectual Property, Research Ethics), and best practices for working with **student research assistants**
- Subcommittee organizes new event, **Researcher Meet-and-Greet**



# Appendices

- Appendix A      **List of RAC Chairs (2004-Present)**
- Appendix B      APRIL 9, 2009  
**Statement Regarding Rank and Tenure**  
*By the Research Advisory Council*
- Appendix C      MARCH 10, 2010  
**RAC recommendations for UFV's current round of collective bargaining**  
*By subcommittee members Olav Lian, Sylvie Murray, Tony Stea, Adrienne Chan, Vladimir Dvoracek, Scott Sheffield, Noham Weinberg*
- Appendix D      APRIL 4, 2011  
**Why Ernest Boyer's definition of scholarship and 'creativity contracts' might be a nice fit for UFV**  
*A case presented by Sylvie Murray*
- Appendix E      MAY 2011  
**The Future of Research at UFV**  
*By Scott Sheffield and Adrienne Chan*