

RESEARCH ADVISORY COUNCIL AGENDA

March 16, 2023 | 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm | Teams

Present: Barnabe Assogba, Shelley Canning, Irwin Cohen, Rita Dhungel, Christine Elsey, Garry Fehr, Shawn Geniole, Gillian Hatfield (chair), Allyson Jule, Karun Karki, Lucy Lee, Olav Lian, Mariano Mapili, Chris Schinckus, Noah Schwartz, Cynthia Thomson, Martin Warkentin and Amanda Wurz.

Recorder: Naveen Singh.

Regrets: Tetsuomi Anzai, Mai Anh Doan (vice-chair), Claire Hay, Ash Lalani.

Welcome and Introductions

Gillian Hatfield welcomed everyone to the RAC meeting.

1. Items for Adoption

1.1 Agenda: March 16, 2023

MOTION: THAT the agenda for the March 16, 2023 RAC meeting be approved as presented.
Amanda Wurz, Irwin Cohen CARRIED

1.2 Minutes: January 26, 2023

MOTION: THAT the minutes from the January 26, 2023 RAC meeting be approved as presented.
Allyson Jule, Lucy Lee CARRIED

2. Discussion

2.1 Research Participant Database – Shawn Geniole

- Shawn discussed the idea of giving students at intro level 4% of grade by participating in studies and get credits granted and teacher would get report on which students participated. Giving bonus to students to participate in pool would allow higher student participation in research.
- He also mentioned the database would boost research productivity at UFV as there would be an increase in participants per study and there's a benefit with university wide participant pool.
- Lucy Lee proposed the idea of Office of VP Students advertising this in a monthly student newsletter as it would reach lots of students.
- Shawn also suggested the idea of giving students a badge or something they could put on their CV as participant to motivate them such as bronze, silver & gold badge to highlight on their CV.
- Garry mentioned he met with Victoria Surtees in Teaching and Learning Centre, and she was interested in encouraging research with student participation and he could ask her if there's a badge that can be given to students.

- Chris Schinckus shared that in UK he interacted with Oxford university press, and they agreed to fund one prize per semester per student. It saw increase in student interest for these types of projects as students were given a prize. He plans to interact with some publishers and hopes the same could also be replicated at UFV.
- Christine Elsey suggested the idea of using UFV press Tangram to stimulate research amongst students. A competition could be held occasionally to have article published in UFV journal according to disciplines and this could lead to interest in student research.

2.2 Research Data Management Strategy – Garry Fehr

- Garry informed the group that research data management strategy was submitted to tri council, and they accepted it before the March 1 deadline.
- A research data management steering committee has been initiated and will be chaired by Ash Lalani, Camille Callison and Katie Tuck.
- The committee will meet thrice a year and won't implement strategy rather ensure strategy is going forward and that new information and practices are incorporated. Also, the committee will have to agree to terms of reference.
- Garry mentioned that committee is seeking two faculty volunteers to agree to three meetings a year where they would watch, guide, and steer the committee. Those interested can reach out directly to Garry.

2.3 Update on University Press – Mai Anh Doan

- Martin Warkentin spoke on behalf of Mai Anh as she couldn't attend the meeting.
- Martin informed the group that the Naming Contest is over and official announcement of name will be made soon.
- The application for platform for open journal is now finished and platform is activated.
- Martin stated that they're seeking individuals willing to be reviewers once or couple times a year for various subject matters and would also love to hear from people that have editorial board experience. Those interested in volunteering as reviewers can send their names directly to Mai Anh.
- Trevor Embury from Graphic Design Dept. has been brought in to help with look and feel of journal.

2.4 Bifurcated Newsletter – Garry Fehr

- Our research newsletter had two audiences: one was internal with grant deadlines and important items for researchers & students and the other audience was community.
- Now we have one newsletter for all external facing content, exciting news, publications, and events etc. and another copy with all that same information plus internal deadlines and important announcements for researchers.

- People that don't want internal newsletter can email Leona and inform her they just want to receive external facing newsletter otherwise everyone will automatically receive internal facing newsletter.
- Garry encouraged group to share citations for their publications and good news. For example, if their student won an award or attended a big event to be included in newsletter.

3. Information Items

3.1 Research Office report – Garry Fehr

- Since mid January research office has received \$263,000 confirmed funding plus another grant to be determined.
- \$7 million worth of proposals were sent between October and January.
- Internal funding deadlines for NSERC & USRAs are due March 17 and decisions will be made by early April.
- Accelerate Grants and SSHRC Explore Grants deadlines are April 1 & 15 respectively.
- Student Research Day is April 4 and this year we have 70 research posters compared to 51 posters last year which is a big jump and good news.
- Also, this year there will be 24 micro-lectures compared to 15 last year demonstrating excellent participation by students.
- Few more judges are required for posters on Student Research Day and those interested in volunteering as a judge can contact Leona.

3.2 Human Research Ethics Board report – Gillian Hatfield (See attached)

3.3 Teaching and Learning Advisory Council report – No report

3.4 Senate Research Committee report – Shelley Canning (See attached)

- Shelley stated the big takeaway is that Research Excellence Award committee met.
- Nominee that is being forwarded to senate rewards and honours committee to be announced soon.

4. Roundtable Discussion

- Karun shared with the group that two of his student research assistants have received student research presentation awards and will participate in Metropolis conference in Ottawa on Saturday, March 18.
- Noah Schwartz is a new Assistant Professor in Political Science and introduced himself to the group.
- Lucy Lee informed the group that research excellence award winner has been informed but formal announcement is yet to be made.
- Shawn mentioned that he did study on Artificial Intelligence (AI) to look for red flags on Tinder wherein individuals did a dating simulation and rejected less threatening people.
- Chris shared that there has been a significant increase in number of publications in School of Business which is a good sign.
- Lucy Lee mentioned that three of her students submitted posters for Research Day. Also, as Lucy is retiring this year the new Dean, Faculty of Science & her successor will be Michael Hitch who is also a very active researcher.
- Gillian shared that her Kinesiology student Gurneesh Purba works with elderly people and provides them rides on rickshaw ion bike cycling them along Vedder River in Chilliwack.
- Garry informed the group that some travel funds are provided by research office to attend conferences and they can reach out if they're interested in availing the same.

5. Adjournment: 2:30 pm

MOTION to Adjourn – Lucy Lee

5.1 Next meeting: May 11, 2023, 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

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