

## RESEARCH ADVISORY COUNCIL AGENDA

Sept. 19, 2024 | 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm | Teams

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**Present:** Garry Fehr, Wade Deisman, Rita Dhungel, Victoria Surtees, Christine Elsey, Lauren Erland, Sandra Gillespie, Noah Schwartz, Trevor Beugeling, Cynthia Thomson, Shawn Geniole, Irwin Cohen, Opeyemi Adesina, Geetanjali Gill, Gillian Hatfield, Michael Hitch, Keith Carlson, Ash Lalani, Martin Warkentin, Chris Schinckus, Trevor Embury, Allyson Jule, Lara Duke

**Recorder:** Jasleen Rakkar

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**Regrets:** Paul Fontaine, Albert Kim, Mariano Mapili, Luisa Giles, Masud Khawaja, Barnabe Assogba, Lenore Newman, Satwinder Bains, Martha Dow, Jon Thomas, Shelley Canning, Anastasia Anderson, Olav Lian, Jacob Spooner, Cindy Jardine, Tetsuomi Anzai, Lin Long

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### Welcome and Introductions

#### 1. Items for Adoption

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1:35 1.1 MOTION: THAT the agenda for the May 09, 2024, RAC meeting be approved as presented.  
Rita Dhungel, Noah Schwartz CARRIED

1:38 1.2 **Minutes: May 09, 2024**  
MOTION: THAT the minutes from the March 14, 2024, RAC meeting be approved as presented.  
Irwin Cohen, Noah Schwartz CARRIED

#### 2. Business

1:40 2.1 **Election of Chair**

- Gillian's term as RAC chair has ended and a new chair for a 2 year term is needed
- MOTION: THAT Noah Schwartz be the chair of RAC for the upcoming term  
ALL IN FAVOUR CARRIED

#### 3. Discussion

1:50 2.1 **RAC Mixer – Gillian Hatfield**

- The RAC Mixer event was well attended. There were 47 registered participants and other attendees that dropped in as well.
- The event had a good combination of structured activity and mingling which encouraged faculty to meet new people and develop connections outside of their department.
- Positive feedback was received

2:00 2.2 **ROSA increase request update – Garry Fehr**

- Changes to ROSA funding will have to go through the Collective Agreement

2:10 2.3 **Library resources for researchers – Martin Warkentin**

- Martin provided an overview of several library resources which may be beneficial to faculty.
- See presentation attached
- Please reach out to Martin if you have any questions about the resources

2:25 **2.4 New BERRI Lab – Lauren Erland**

- Lauren provided an overview of the new BERRI lab in Chilliwack
- The purpose of the lab is to enhance sustainability and resilience of berry eco- and horticultural systems
- See presentation attached

**4. Information Items**

2:40 **4.1 New Animal Care Committee form – Gillian Hatfield**

- Please use this form to Notify the Animal Care Committee (ACC) about animal-based activities that do not require an animal use protocol.
- The committee can then confirm that these activities fall under the CCAC's mandate without needing formal approval.
- The form can be found in the agenda package

2:45 **4.2 Tangram Journal update - Martin Warkentin**

- The committee intends to do a call for proposals. The poster has been created and can be seen attached to the agenda pkg.
- A submission process is currently being drafted for the first issue

2:50 **4.2 Research Office report – see attached in agenda package**

**4.3 Human Research Ethics Board report – see attached in agenda package**

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

- Online Course Guidebook available as a resource for teaching faculty
- A new learning management system will be announced soon with implementation planned for Summer 2025
- [SOTL Resource](#) available in the TLC to consult or borrow

3:00 **4.5 Senate Research Committee report – no report**

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

**6. Adjournment:**

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

Please see the [Research Office website](#) for more information on events and funding opportunities.