

RESEARCH ADVISORY COUNCIL AGENDA

March 14, 2024 | 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm | Teams

Present: Christine Elsey, Shawn Geniole, Amanda McCormick, Noah Schwartz, Cynthia Thomson, Trevor Beugeling, Martin Warkentin, Gillian Hatfield, Irwin Cohen, Olav Lian, Keith Carlson, Cindy Jardine, Ash Lalani, Victoria Surtees, Michael Hitch, Allyson Jule, Tetsuomi Anzai

Recorder: Jasleen Rakkar

Regrets: Paul Fontaine, Albert Kim, Mariano Mapili, Sandra Gillespie, Luisa Giles, Opeyemi Adesina, Masud Khawaja, Rita Dhungel, Barnabe Assogba, Karun Karki, Lenore Newman, Satwinder Bains, Martha Dow, Jon Thomas, Keith Carlson, Shelley Canning, Anastasia Anderson, Geetanjali Gill, Jacob Spooner, Lauren Erland, Garry Fehr, Lara Duke, Chris Schinckus, Teresa Kisilevich

Welcome and Introductions

Gillian Hatfield welcomed everyone to the RAC meeting.

1. Items for Adoption

1.1 Agenda: March 14, 2024

MOTION: THAT the agenda for the March 14, 2024, RAC meeting be approved as presented.
Noah Schwartz, Olav Lian CARRIED

1.2 Minutes: January 18, 2024

MOTION: THAT the minutes from the January 18, 2024, RAC meeting be approved as presented.
Michael Hitch, Noah Schwartz CARRIED

2. Discussion

2.1 Research overloads – Ash Lalani

- According to the new collective agreement, researchers can take up to 3 teaching releases per year if the funder allows for it.
- Tri agency funding does not allow for teaching releases to be built into the research budget.
- Funding is received by the Research Office and then transferred to researcher's department.
- Coverage for teaching releases is arranged by the department, not the Research Office.
- Please check funder guidelines to see if they allow for teaching releases.

2.2 Research Mixer – Gillian Hatfield

- A planning committee consisting of the following members with support from the Research Office will be organized:
 - Cynthia Thomson, Allyson Jule, Noah Schwartz, Victoria Surtees, Shawn Geniole, Gillian Hatfield
 - An event will likely be planned for some time in September.

2.3 Ideas for future RAC meetings – Gillian Hatfield

- Suggestions:
 - Professional development opportunities to learn about different research methods.
 - How to promote and make research accessible beyond academia

2.4 Open access publishing fee (APC) discounts– Martin Warkentin

- The library is a part of a new 2024-2026 licensing agreement that offers open access publishing fee (APC) discounts or waivers.
- Please reach out to Martin Warkentin if you are interested in learning more.

2.5 Community Scholars Program (CSP) - Martin Warkentin

- The UFV Library is a member of program that provides eligible charitable and non-profit organisations access to some of the same paywalled resources as academic institutions.
- The CSP is ideal for organisations that need to conduct research as part of their operations but do not have the budgets to subscribe to proprietary information resources. The program is led by SFU: <https://www.lib.sfu.ca/about/overview/services-you/community-scholars>
- Please contact Martin Warkentin if you are aware of any organisations that may benefit from this resource.

3. Business

3.1 Updated Terms of Reference (TOR) Review

- No revisions for updated TOR

4. Information Items

4.1 Research Office report – see attached

4.2 Human Research Ethics Board report – no report

4.3 Teaching and Learning Advisory Council report – see attached

4.4 Senate Research Committee report – no report

4.5 Student Research Day on Thursday, March 28

	START	END
Doors Open	9.30	
Microlectures	10.00	11.00
Lunch	11.15	11.45
Poster contest	11.45	2.15
Break	2.00	3.00
Awards	3.00	3.30

5. Roundtable Discussion (time permitting)

- Shawn Geniole inquired as to whether there are any resources to support complex statistical analysis/computing.
- Members suggested SFU West Grid and contacting the computing department at UFV.

6. Adjournment: 2:40 pm

6.1 Next meeting: May 9, 2024, 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Motion: Noah Schwartz

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