

RESEARCH ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

Jan. 15, 2026 | 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm | Teams

Present: Noah Schwartz, Cynthia Thomson, Garry Fehr, Ash Lalani, Ronald Adjekum, Victoria Surtees, Shawn Geniole, Opeyemi Adesina, Trevor Beugeling, Janelle Sztuhar, Joanne Robertson, Kathleen Rodgers, Mariano Mapili, Amanda Wurz, Stefania Pizzirani, Wade Deisman, Rita Dhungel, Cindy Jardine, David Dobson, Iris Lesser

Recorder: Natalie Vanderleest

Regrets: Kim Albert, Irwin Cohen, Jacob Spooner, Lenore Newman, Shelley Canning, Janice Nagtegaal, Kim Daley, Leona Oakman, Yvette Fairweather, Allyson Jule, Anastasia Anderson, Barnabe Assogba, Brianna Strumm, Chris Schinckus, Harley Gordon, Homa Rafiei Milajerdi, Jon Thomas, Juliana Schneider Medeiros, Lara Duke, Lauren Erland, Luisa Giles, Martha Dow, Martin Warkentin, Masud Khawaja, Michael Hitch, Olav Lian, Paul Fontaine, Andrea Sator, Zina Lee, Nikki Martyn, Nipuni Jayetileke, Marlie Murphy, Simon Lambek, Ismail El Sayad, Keith Carlson, Geetanjali Gill, Christine Elsey

Welcome and Introductions

1. Items for Adoption

Agenda: Jan. 15, 2026

1:32 1.1 MOTION: THAT the agenda for the January 15, 2026, RAC meeting be approved as presented.

Joanne Robertson, Kathleen Rodgers CARRIED

Minutes: Nov. 13, 2025

1.2 MOTION: THAT the minutes from the Nov. 13, 2025, RAC meeting be approved as presented.

Joanne Robertson, Kathleen Rodgers CARRIED

2. Business

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3. Discussion

1.32 3.1 **Knowledge Mobilization – Iris Lesser & David Dobson**

- Iris Lesser presented a power point presentation titled “Knowledge Translation of Research”.
- David Dobson presented a power point presentation titled “Mobilizing Global Research through Scholarly Conversations”.
- Discussion followed both presentations around the podcasts that David is doing and the imaging and research about postpartum that Iris is doing.
- UFV Faculty Microlectures coming up Feb 26 from 11:30-12:30, followed by Centres, Labs, & Institutes Showcase until 2pm. Please consider presenting a microlecture or talk to your colleagues and see if they want to participate.
- Student Research Day April 1st, 2026. Poster submissions are due March 16th. Reach out to Leona Oakman if you have any questions.

4. Reports

- 2:10 **4.1 Research Office report – see attached**
4.2 Human Research Ethics Board report – no report
4.3 Teaching & Learning Advisory Council report – Victoria Surtees, see attached
4.4 Senate Research Committee report – no report

5. Roundtable Discussion (time permitting)

- Janelle Sztuhar discussed that over January and February, the Library finishes its book orders for the current fiscal year. If there is anything you would like to recommend or request, please let the Library know as soon as possible through your department's faculty contact person or directly through your liaison librarian:
<https://library.ufv.ca/about-the-library/people/liaison-librarians/>.
- Reminder that faculty can recommend or request titles for the library collection at any time of the year. You can also connect with Janelle or your liaison librarian if you are looking for a specific subscription.
- There was discussion around an updated template for CV's for UFV to add things such as podcasts, etc. There is space for these types of things in your tenure and promotion application. Garry will take the suggestions to Alastair Hodges to have an updated CV template to include newer forms of contributions. Other CVs in research (such as SSHRC, NSERC) have places and prompts for how you're contributing to research, so it would be nice if it could be added to UFV's template.
- Janelle provided a link on their events page for Open Education Week, first week in March
<https://ufv.libcal.com/calendar/events?>
- Janelle provided Open Access Publishing link.
<https://libguides.ufv.ca/OpenAccessPublishing/openaccessjournals>
You can connect with Janelle if you have a desired publisher to see if they are on the list.
- There was discussion around library access. When there are approved research associates, Garry gives them access to the library. For visiting scholars, library access needs to be confirmed by the department or Dean.

6. Information Items

- 6.1 Library Orders – Janelle Sztuhar**
6.2 Faculty Microlectures & Centres, Labs, & Institutes Showcase – February 26, 2026

7. Adjournment: 2:27pm

MOTION to Adjourn – Garry Fehr, Victoria Surtees

7.1 Next meeting: March 19, 2026, 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

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