

RESEARCH ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

May 09, 2024 | 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm | Teams

Present: Shawn Geniole, Amanda McCormick, Noah Schwartz, Cynthia Thomson, Opeyemi Adesinda, Masud Khawaja, Rita Dhungel, Trevor Beugeling, Martin Warkentin, Gillian Hatfield, Irwin Cohen, Shelley Canning, Jacob Spooner, Cindy Jardine, Garry Fehr, Ash Lalani, Victoria Surtees

Recorder: Jasleen Rakkar

Regrets: Paul Fontaine, Christine Elsey, Albert Kim, Mariano Mapili, Sandra Gillespie, Luisa Giles, Barnabe Assogba, Karun Karki, Lenore Newman, Satwinder Bains, Martha Dow, Jon Thomas, Keith Carlson, Anastasia Anderson, Geetanjali Gill, Olav Lian, Lauren Erland, Michael Hitch, Allyson Jule, Tetsuomi Anzai, Lara Duke, Chris Schinckus, Michael Hitch, Teresa Kisilevich

Welcome and Introductions

1. Items for Adoption

1.1 Agenda: May 09, 2024

MOTION: THAT the agenda for the May 09, 2024, RAC meeting be approved as presented.
Shelley Canning, Cynthia Thomson CARRIED

1.2 Minutes: March 14, 2024

MOTION: THAT the minutes from the March 14, 2024, RAC meeting be approved as presented.
Irwin Cohen, Noah Schwartz CARRIED

2. Discussion

2.1 ROSA Increase Request – Cynthia Thompson

- Cynthia put forward a request for an increase in ROSAs available to faculty.
- Given the increase in the number of faculty at UFV conducting research, as well as the requirement of research for rank and tenure it has been suggested that RAC advocate for additional ROSAs
- MOTION: THAT the committee support a request to increase ROSAS available to faculty.
Cynthia Thomson CARRIED
- Gillian Hatfield will prepare a memo request to the Provost on behalf of the committee.

3. Business

4. Information Items

4.1 Research Mixer Update – Gillian Hatfield

- Research Mixer will take place Tues. Sep. 17th 2024 from 12:00 – 2:00 pm

4.2 Research Successes – Garry Fehr

- UFV has been awarded over 3 million in recent grant funding from several projects.

- See table with current projects and awarded grants in agenda package.

4.3 Research Office report – see attached in agenda package

- There will be a second [SSHRC Explore](#) competition.
 - Two awards available for up to \$4500 each
 - Deadline: Monday, June 3rd, 2024, 11:59 pm
- Ash can provide guidance on writing letters of support. Please reach out if you require assistance.

4.4 Human Research Ethics Board report – no report

4.5 Teaching and Learning Advisory Council report - no report

4.6 Senate Research Committee report - see attached in agenda package

5. Roundtable Discussion (time permitting)

5.1

- Shawn Geniole inquired as to whether there are any alternative ways, besides ROSAS, that researchers may be assigned more time to conduct research.
- Garry Fehr advised that changes relating to workload likely must go through Collective Agreement Bargaining or possibly the Dean.
- Shelley Canning suggested in the future we may adopt the dual stream appointment model held by larger institutions in which research and teaching activities are divided equally

5.2

- Victoria Surtees shared that ConnectED 2024 – Teaching and Learning Conference was a success.
- The event had a great turnout and there are several SOTL projects underway

6. Adjournment: 2:07 pm

6.1 Next meeting: September 19, 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.