

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH  
AGENDA**

Wednesday, September 13, 2017

Time: 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Location: AH 206

	<b>Agenda Items</b>	<b>Materials</b>
1	Introductions	
2	Approval of Agenda	
3	Approval of the Meeting Minutes of May 11, 2017	<i>Appendix A</i>
4	Chair's Report (Denise Stilling)	
5	Vice-President (Research) Report (D. Malloy) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Announce CCR new membership</li> <li>b. July 2017 Board Report</li> <li>c. Updates CERC and Canada 150</li> <li>d. Research Data Centre Update</li> </ul>	<i>Appendix B</i>
6	Approve Year End Report to Executive Council (Sally)	<i>Appendix C</i>
7	Review CCR Terms of Reference and Update (Denise)	<i>Appendix D</i>
8	Indigenous Research Day Update (Sally)	
	Business Arising: Research Centre reviews (Dena)	
	Other Business	
	Adjournment	

**CCR Sub-Committees**

**Standing**

- CFI
- NSERC Research Tools and Instruments
- Research Trust Fund/Sabbatical Research Grant

**Ad-hoc**

- Research Impact
- Research Space Allocation
- Terms of Reference

**Distribution**

Dave Malloy, VPR  
 Dena McMartin, AVP  
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 Sally Gray, Director of Research Office  
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 Kathleen Irwin, Media, Art, and Performance  
 Darren Candow, Kinesiology & Health Studies  
 Glenn Donnelly, Nursing  
 Cory Butz, Science

Miguel Sanchez, Social Work  
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 Andrew Miller, First Nations University of Canada  
 Mary Hampton, Luther College  
 Ian Germani, Director HRI  
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 Denise Stilling, Chair – Engineering & Applied Science

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH**

Minutes of the Meeting of  
May 11, 2017 (ADHUM 527 Boardroom)

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**Present:** J. Wagner (Chair), T. Bredohl , N. Onder, I. Germani, D. Stilling, K. Irwin, C. Somers, R. Blake, C. Butz , D. McMartin, K. Arbuthnott

Guests: Raymond Deschamps, Cheryl Quewezance

**Resource:** P. Splett (Research Office), recorder

**Regrets:** D. Malloy, M. Sanchez, A. Miller , R. Khanam, D, Candow, C. Bradley, G. Donnelly, G. Grandy , S. Gray, K. Montgomery

**1. Introductions**

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Bredohl/Germani - *moved approval of the agenda*

CARRIED

**3. Approval of the Minutes of January 6, 2017**

Stilling/Onder – *moved approval of the minutes with revisions of approval of January 6, 2017 agenda.*

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**4. Chair's Report (J.Wagner)**

- a. Introductions of guest speakers, Cheryl Quewezance and Raymond Deschamps

**5. VPR Report (D.McMartin)**

- a. PARC - update

- PARC has suspended operations since there was been no external research funding in 5 years.
- PARC will exist as an entity since the lease is established for 5 more years with maintenance fees included in the lease. The lease was a U of R expense not a Centre expense.

- b. Internal Grants Update

- The Curiosity Research Grant and Research Cluster Grants will be annual.
- The Clean Energy Grant funding is done. There is a small amount left.
- New collaborations have been forming because of the Special Advisors networking to show case the strengths of the University of Regina.

- c. Regional Data Centre – Update
  - Funding may be an issue, however the Government of Saskatchewan is interested in having the Data Centre in Regina.
- d. Mexico Partnerships – Update
  - Mexico government is interested in our capacity for “Carbon Capture use and storage.
  - \$60 million in Alberta last year.
  - Planning to target all areas involved in carbon capture.
- e. UR Press - Update from Bruce Walsh
  - U of R Press has published 6 national bestsellers since launching in June 2013 and is approaching a million dollars in revenue (from \$241,000 five years ago).
  - In a lecture last year, John Ralston Saul said our Indigenous publishing program is the University of Regina’s greatest contribution to Canada.
  - With a groundbreaking First Nations Language Reader series, dozens of manuscripts in development by Indigenous authors, Indigenous employees, and four nationally bestselling books on Indigenous issues, we have put the press at the centre of a vital national conversation while advancing scholarship, language acquisition, and culture. We now have books on Wood's Cree, Cree, Lilloite, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, and Gross Ventre in print, with Tlingit coming. We will be releasing two Open Access Cree texts next year. The Guardian and Publisher's Weekly both ran profiles of our Indigenous languages program.
  - We have sold foreign rights to publishers in the UK, Korea, Japan, and China. The Guardian and the TLS have reviewed books we originated.
  - Publisher's Weekly and the Chronicle of Higher Education Review ran articles on the press in April.
  - We are launching the first podcast from a Canadian university press on the night of the SK Book Awards, called "How Books Happen."
  - We have 17 nominations.

**6. Indigenous Research Ethics and Indigenous Research Methodology – Cheryl Quewezance presentation**

- Powerpoint presentation available on request.
- Circulated by email May 18, 2017

**7. Research Centre Review Process – D. McMartin**

- Formal Reviews are scheduled for CETRI and HRI
- The review will consist of a self-study and a review with the committee and Director.
- This is the first time the research centres have been reviewed.
- SIDRU was audited by the internal auditor and is implementing recommendations from the audit so is not being reviewed through centre review at this time.

**8. VPR's Research Portfolio Plan – Raymond Deschamps**

- Presentation on the Vice-President (Research) website:  
<https://www.uregina.ca/president/executive-team/vp-research/projects-initiatives.html>

**12. Adjournment**

Stilling – *moved to adjourn.*

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Item for Information

**Subject:** Report on Research at the University of Regina

***1. Status report on the response to the Provincial Auditor's Report on Research at the University of Regina (PARR) (until implementation is complete)***

The Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy has drafted a definition of its specialized resources. It will be going to faculty council for discussion and approval in the Fall.

Meetings for a review of the Clean Energy Technology Research Institute (CETRI) and the Humanities Research Institute (HRI) have been scheduled for July. All materials have been submitted and the review committees have been chosen.

***2. Report on the status of action plans to actualize the Strategic Research Plan identified in response to PARR Recommendation 4***

Implementation Planning. The Office of the Vice-President (Research) has completed and released a multi-year plan for research-related implementation of the University's strategic plan and the Strategic Research Plan 2016-2021. Presentations to stakeholder groups including the Council Committee on Research, Deans Council and Directors of research centres and institutes have been conducted with more presentations scheduled for June and planned for the fall.

The portfolio plan, "The VPR's Research Portfolio 2016-2021: A Plan for Research Strategy Implementation" has been posted on the University's web site and can be found in the **Research Strategy Implementation** section of this web page: <https://www.uregina.ca/research/strategic-research-plan.html>.

The first quarterly portfolio progress and status report will be issued in September 2017.

**3. Performance measures with respect to the Strategic Research Plan identified in response to PARR recommendation 5: data for each measure, identification of targets, progress with respect to the targets.**

#	Strategic Priority/Strategic Theme	Performance Measure	Performance Measure Definition	2015-16 Final	2016-17 Target	2016-17 Final
5	Research Impact/Sustainability	Tri-Council & Other Provincial/Federal Grants	Total number of tri-council, Canada Council, and other provincial/national funding agency/foundation grants currently held by faculty	195	210	250
6	Research Impact/Sustainability	Research Revenue	Total research funding (contracts and grants) earned from all sources, including awards made directly by Canada Council and other agencies/foundations	\$18.3M	\$22M	\$15.5 M
7	Research Impact	Normalised Citation Impact (NCI)	The NCI measures the quotient of an observed citation rate or impact of an institution and an expected citation rate for the institution or country.	1.46	1.65	n.a. <sup>1</sup>
8	Research Impact	International Collaboration	The proportion of total publications co-authored with researchers outside of Canada. Data obtained from l'Observatoire des sciences et des technologies' (OST) Canadian bibliometric database. Calculated over a multi-year period (2010-14).	55%	56%	56% <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Note – NCI is not available any longer because the University discontinued its subscription to InCites. A recommendation for a comparable replacement metrics is being presented.

<sup>2</sup>UofR ranked highest among the following: Brock, Carleton, Concordia, Memorial, Ryerson, Simon Fraser, UQAM, Guelph, UNB, UofR, Waterloo, Windsor, Wilfrid Laurier, Victoria, and York.

#### **4. Research highlights since the last report: funding, awards, recognition, major publications, partnerships, etc.**

- The Honourable Jane Philpott, Canada's Minister of Health, and Saskatchewan Health Minister Jim Reiter announced a major investment in research to improve patient care in Saskatchewan. The Governments of Canada and Saskatchewan announced a combined \$63 million in funding and in-kind contributions for the launch of the Saskatchewan Centre for Patient-Oriented Research (SCPOR). SCPOR brings together the expertise of its nine provincial partners: Government of Saskatchewan, University of Regina, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatchewan Polytechnic, Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation, Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region, Saskatoon Health Region, eHealth and Health Quality Council. The Indigenous Peoples' Health Research Centre (IPHRC) is leading the Indigenous platform.
- The Queen Elizabeth Scholars program launched a little over a year ago, now has increased funding from federal sources. The U of R is one of 23 universities across Canada to receive this new scholarship funding. Universities were invited to submit research proposals. The U of R's successful proposal focusses on research into climate change to build on the University's excellent reputation in this area of research and includes partnerships with Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM), Mexico; Universidad del Norte, Colombia; Universidad del Magdalena, Colombia and the Mexican Ministry of Energy. Through this new program, the U of R will open doors to 19 fully-funded scholars. This expanded second round of the Queen Elizabeth Scholars program will fund winning projects at the 23 Canadian universities, thanks to a \$10 million contribution by Canada's International Development Research Centre and a \$2.5 million contribution from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council.
- John Barden, Kinesiology and Health Studies, received \$46,000 from the Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation's Collaborative Innovation Development grant program to study whether there is a relationship between the consistency of how a person walks – called gait variability – and the progression of multiple sclerosis (MS), a disease that damages nerve cells and can lead to vision problems, muscle weakness, and mobility impairments.
- The second issue of *Discourse*, the University of Regina's research magazine was released. This issue includes a glimpse at the impacts of University health research focused on older adults, mental health and active living, as well as its potential for long-lasting and widespread social and economic impact.
- Cassandra Opikokew Wajuntah, a PhD candidate at the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy at the U of R received a YWCA Regina Women of Distinction Award in the Cultural Heritage category. Wajuntah was recognized for her work to improve health outcomes for Indigenous peoples in Saskatchewan and Canada through her personal, professional and academic endeavors. She is also the Platform Lead for the SCPOR Indigenous platform.
- This year's Award of Innovation, sponsored by Innovation Place, has been presented to Dr. Raman Paranjape, professor in the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science; Diego Castro-Hernandez, post-doctoral fellow and Edward Stewart a second-year student in Electronic Systems Engineering. Their research, in collaboration with SaskTel, has enhanced telecommunications and data services for mobile users on campus.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH  
ANNUAL REPORT TO EXECUTIVE OF COUNCIL  
JULY 1, 2016 TO JUNE 30, 2017**

The Council Committee on Research met 4 times during this period fulfilling the role of providing recommendations to the VPR. A Summary of the Decision Items and Information Items brought forward to Executive Council follow along with sum of the other activities of the committee.

Summary of Decision Items forwarded to Executive of Council:

1. The Strategic Research Plan 2016-21 was approved by Executive of Council on September 28, 2016. See <https://www.uregina.ca/research/strategic-research-plan.html>.
2. The SaskPower Clean Energy Chair was approved by Executive of Council on September 28, 2016.
3. The Institute for Microbial Systems and Society (IMSS), a new Faculty-based research institute, approved by Executive of Council on November 23, 2016.

Summary of Information Items forwarded to Executive of Council as:

1. The Research Impact Subcommittee Report was forwarded to Executive of Council on September 28, 2016. This report can be found on the Research Impact web page at <https://www.uregina.ca/research/research-expertise/research-impact2/index.html>.

Summary of other activities:

1. The VPR's *Research Portfolio 2016-2021: A Plan for Research Strategy Implementation* was presented as information to CCR on May 11, 2017. Documentation regarding the Portfolio can be found here: <https://www.uregina.ca/president/executive-team/vp-research/projects-initiatives.html>.
2. Cheryl Quwezance, Acting Executive Indigenization Lead, gave a presentation on Indigenous Research Ethics and Indigenous Research Methodology on May 11, 2017.
3. CCR approved a proposal for the internal distribution of the University's John Evans Leadership Fund allocation. This document will be used by the CCR subcommittee that reviews internal proposals and makes strategic decisions regarding usage of the CFI envelope.



## **COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH**

### **Terms of Reference**

#### **Background:**

The Terms of Reference were passed at Executive of Council with one revision: removal of Sabbatical Research Grant application review and approval from CCR's responsibilities. Approved terms of reference are as follows:

#### **Purpose:**

The Council Committee on Research is responsible for providing strategic advice and recommendations on research initiatives, policy and matters at the University to Council and its representatives and the Vice-President (Research).

#### **Membership:**

- Ex officio: Vice-President (Research)  
Associate Vice-President (Academic and Research)  
Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research  
Director, Office for Research, Innovation and Partnership  
Each Faculty's Associate Dean of Research  
(Associate) Director at the U of R campus, Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy
- Appointed: University Library designate  
Each Federated College's designate  
Canada Research Chair designate, appointed by Vice-President (Research)  
Director, Type I Centres/Institutes designate, appointed by the Vice-President (Research)  
Graduate Student designate, appointed by GSA, need not be a member of Council
- Elected: 3 members of Council
- Resources: Office for Research, Innovation and Partnership
- Chair: Normally the elected member of Council serving their third year
- Term: Appointed and elected members' terms run for three years, except for the Graduate Student designate whose term is for one year.

#### **Roles and Responsibilities:**

1. Recommend the establishment of University-wide research centres/institutes and chairs to Executive of Council for recommendation to Senate.
2. Recommend policies related to the University's research endeavors to Executive of Council for recommendation to Senate and to Vice-President (Research) for recommendation to Board of Governors.
3. Develop and review the University's strategic research planning.

4. Advise the Vice-President (Research) and report to Council and its representatives on initiatives and issues related to research endeavors at the University.
5. Review, recommend and report the awarding of grants from University-wide research funding programs (e.g. Research Trust Fund) and funding initiatives established by the Vice-President (Research).
6. Review and recommend applications to external agencies that have an allocated envelope (e.g. Canadian Foundation for Innovation, NSERC Research Tools and Instruments) to the Vice-President (Research).

March 11, 2014