

**Strategic Research Plan (2018-2023)
Consultation with Canada Research Chairs
December 8th**

Attending:

Rebecca Pillai Riddell (Chair), Leah Vosko, Thomas Baumgartner, Chris Caputo, Rosemary Coombe, Christopher Kyriakides, Doug Van Nort, Raymond Huang, John Tsotsos, Joshua Fogel, Regina Rini Michael Charles (Centre for Human Rights, Equity and Inclusion)

Agenda Item	Notes
Audience Comments/ Discussion	<p>Member noted that use of “Artificial Intelligence” drops out the social dimension of engineering research.</p> <p>Regarding the proposed opportunity of “Innovative Partnered Research”, member commented that they would rather see wording such as community-based research. Innovative Partnered Research is a corporate term that speaks to the Federal government’s innovative agendas and private partnerships, but is not reflective of our institution’s socially engaged research.</p> <p>Member expressed concern that LA&PS undergraduate students are not given opportunities and information on moving onto graduate studies after graduation. Students tend to have no perception of the possibility of moving up within the academics in the social sciences, whereas students in other Faculties have a clearer sense of what is available. Should try to enhance the student experience while harnessing our research strength through the next SRP.</p> <p>Member suggested using customized metrics to appropriately measure all that York does, which is not captured properly by traditional metrics. However, also recognizes that students often consult rankings when choosing an institution to pursue their education, which is based on traditional metrics, so must still dedicate effort in making York competitive in that realm. Leadership at York and perhaps through the new SRP should aim to properly support and incentivize an attitude that leads to those desired results.</p> <p>Member expressed that faculty members’ capacity to supervise graduate research has declined significantly since they must now pay for the graduate students’ health insurance, which is unaffordable for many. CRCs are unable to carry out the job they have been appointed to do. Undergraduate students are hired through the Research at York (RAY) program, which is solely based on financial need and not research interest. Postdocs are also not being properly supported at York.</p> <p>Member stated that innovation is not supported at the university, the institution should be supporting risk-takers instead of having them go through multiple committees and red tape where ideas get stalled/ shelved. There should be pilot funding available for launching research.</p> <p>Open access repositories are now critical for research impact and dissemination, but member states that there is no assistance at the institution in this regard.</p>

