

**Strategic Research Plan (2018-2023)
Faculty of Education Council Meeting
November 30, 4:00pm – 5:00pm**

Agenda Item	Notes
Chair Welcome	Celia Haig-Brown, AVP Research, spoke to the importance of the SRP and emphasized the importance of collegial feedback in the development of the new SRP.
Review current SRP -	<p>Chair gave an overview of the SRP and the current process being undertaken. Chair noted that Digital Cultures is an area where Education is very involved.</p> <p>Referenced SRP website and encouraged members to provide comments through the website feedback portal following the meeting.</p>
Audience Comments/ Discussion	<p>The relationship between PIER and the SRP is unclear. Audience member asked whether the existing PIER will still be integrated with the new SRP.</p> <p>Chair answered that PIER has only been in place for about a year, and thus will continue to play a significant role in ensuring research enhancement under the new SRP. Member suggested that some of the PIER recommendations should be rolled into the new SRP, and make them the core and strategic priorities of the institution.</p> <p>Artificial Intelligence is far too limiting a category as a proposed research opportunity, although it is important, the category should be at a higher level. Must focus on the social responsibility side of AI as well.</p> <p>Moving from “socially engaged research” to “innovative partnered research” suggests something different from our social engagement model, it removes the sociology piece that was encompassed in the last SRP.</p> <p>Member suggested using “collaboration” instead of “partnered” because partnership is a term used often in economic language and is troubling in the academic context. Collaboration on the other hand, suggests more of an equal ground.</p> <p>Chair clarified that the opportunities are not the strategic strengths, they are strategic directions that will be attractive to some of our researchers but are not intended to restrict anyone.</p> <p>Member emphasized the need to build the SRP from York’s strengths, which are clear in the Timers Higher Education World University Rankings:</p> <p>“You may see York is strong in humanities and social sciences subjects: Arts and Humanities #126-150 in the world (#4 in Canada), Law #44 in the world (#4 in Canada), Business and Economics #72 in the world (#5 in Canada), and Social Sciences #151-175 in the world (#7 in Canada). In sum, in humanities and social</p>

sciences fields, York is not only a national leading university but also a world class one. The question is how we are going to retain and advance such strength of ours.” Source: <https://www.timeshighereducation.com/world-university-rankings/by-subject>

Member asked whether Faculty research plans are considered. University Academic Plan and IIRP themes and goals should also be reflected in the SRP, including the focus on internationalization.