

**Strategic Research Plan (2018-2023)
Advisory Committee**

<p>Meeting December 15, 2017 1:00pm- 3:00pm 921 Kaneff Tower</p> <p>Attending: R. Haché (Chair), Karen Drake, T. Loebel, R. Lee, D. Zaharieva, B. Edwards (VPRI) Phone: T. Noseworthy, J. Laurin, C. Fisher, Regrets: J. Orbinski, C. Haig-Brown, H. Wu, S. Flicker, C. Young, D. Ipperciel, G. Wakefield, Y. Munro, J. Chu</p>		
Agenda Item	Notes	Action Item
<p>Consultation Engagement Feedback- Ongoing/ Upcoming Sessions</p>	<p>Chair spoke to the various feedback sessions that have been ongoing as well as member-led consultations. Noted the broad capture of constituencies around the university. Reviewed a synopsis of what we have been hearing as part of the consultations.</p> <p>Chair noted that we are now considering a new format as a result of our consultations “enablers of research” that would include “Innovative Partnered Research” – previously being considered as an area of opportunity. Suggested that some focus be given to Indigenous research as a possible area of opportunity. Suggested that it could possibly be “<i>indigenous research and bilingualism</i>”.</p> <p>VPRI discussed the ADRC notes. In particular mentioned the need expressed to be cautious about the term Entrepreneurship as it has in the past been perceived by some to express an externally motivated push towards public/private partnerships and viewed as a threat to socially engaged research. Chair noted that we should be mindful of this, but have never intended to have one area replace another area.</p> <p>Chair has requested that ADRs provide a list that could be used for consideration on each Faculty’s major scholarly achievements over the last five years. This content will help ensure VPRI thoroughly captures the distinctive research being undertaken within each Faculty as we begin the process of updating the Strategic Research Plan.</p> <p>Member commented that a similar exercise is being done by APPRC as well as reflected in the Strategic Mandate Agreement.</p> <p>Faculty of Health session as per notes submitted to VPRI from November 1st – Chair noted some commentary. SRP should better capture the range of faculty research</p>	

	<p>interests including non-clinical; should highlight creative professional activity and community/ socially engaged scholarship and related metrics to be developed to fully capture these. Chair remarked on traditional metrics vs. non-traditional- pointed out the need to continue to pay close attention to traditional metrics due to government reporting requirements and general university comparison standards as we work to expand our overall scope of metrics that we capture.</p> <p>Member commented that it is important to note well-known specific research achievements at York, but cautious not to confuse money raised with scholarly outputs of the university. What makes an intellectual community is those who are considered good scholars in their field. Stressed a need to balance between those two things. Chair agreed balance is key.</p> <p>Member noted that AMPD is a good example of where there has been impact without major dollars.</p> <p>Continued discussion on feedback from sessions: Indigenous research at York- question on whether to introduce as a stand-alone area- no consensus reached based on broader community feedback. However, some felt it would become marginalized if a separate area. Question-how would the scholarly opportunity be articulated as an aspiration for York? Comments- if separate area to be flushed out, it should be articulated broadly. Suggested that it could be framed as <i>"Indigenous relations and ways of knowing"</i> or <i>"indigenization and languages"</i>. Member will take it back to the Indigenous Council as a question to consider. Further discussion on Indigenous within an urban setting- exercising jurisdiction but in an urban environment. Eg: Population specific Aboriginal homelessness is included in the research being done by Prof. Stephen Gaetz and others at York. Commented that York's Indigenous student population is low especially compared to other universities- hoping the research would translate to improving access to York U. Member further questioned if there is a reasonably large Indigenous research base for a separate opportunity, is it achievable for intensification over 5 years, is there support for this research from York? Member remarked that it might be premature at this point. Member responded noting that Indigenous focus is a priority for Osgoode as a strategic research emphasis, as well as funding for faculty led initiatives. Osgoode feels compelled to lead in terms of reconciliation. Members further questioned about an Indigenous focus as</p>	
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	<p>an opportunity area. Inquired about research hiring in this area, specifically CRCs.</p> <p>Chair clarified that the thinking is around a research focus rather than a CRC hire at this time, although future CRC recruitment in an appropriate area is certainly a possibility. Asked if York has the critical mass and do we have a common pull in this direction- it has to be strategic in terms of movement and coordination in the field.</p> <p>Member remarked on reconciliation- noted that it will be a major issue of scholarly focus over the next few years- however, are we going to fall behind if we don't focus on this? Inquired about how the resource allocation will occur in this new area- noted that it would send a strong signal if we were going to have willingness to commit resources.</p> <p>Members agreed that the Indigenous opportunity would be significant for York. Discussed a bilingualism approach, questioned if combining with Indigenous research would be right- some at York may be resistant, however, member noted the importance of bilingualism at York as a defining area, but wasn't sure how to combine these areas.</p> <p>Chair raised the issue of leadership in this area and remarked that if Indigenous research is featured then it would be as an opportunity area within the Plan.</p> <p>Underlined that VPRI is mindful of Indigenous research within all areas of the Plan, but asked members to think about if we would like to be considered a leader in this area how would we articulate our vision for becoming a leader.</p> <p>Members agreed that York would be unique among other universities if we do decide to highlight Indigenous research as an opportunity area. Would project a balance and show York's breadth of research. However, no consensus was reached among Advisory Committee members on the question of standalone versus integrated research opportunity in this area.</p> <p>Osgoode consultation feedback – noted a strong reaction to innovative partnered research. 'Innovative' is perceived as a push towards industry and science. Suggested change to "Advancing Fundamental <u>Understanding</u> and Critical Knowledge" (understanding instead of discovery).</p> <p>Comment- at the York Research Chair session there was push back on fundamental research from natural sciences- resistant to 'entrepreneurship/ partnered' research not enough emphasis on fundamental research.</p> <p>Lassonde- mentioned several consultations have taken place within the Faculty. Member will send VPRI the notes. Asked that Lassonde's own SRP be reflected in the institutional SRP. Agreed with the change of format to include enablers, an emphasis on industry or partnered</p>	
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	<p>research will help to enable their research. Pleased to see Artificial Intelligence included in the Plan. Lassonde will provide more information in areas where they will be growing – mentioned there will be holding another consultation in January.</p> <p>Schulich- commented areas of opportunity as areas where York should distinguish ourselves and lead the field.</p> <p>AMPD- consultation will be January 12th. Will have an update at the January meeting.</p> <p>Consistent comments – key interest in SRP to try to make sure that it captures the kind of research that is being done. Promotion of the key research that is happening within the Faculty – especially with international awards and major recognition.</p> <p>Next meeting may focus on research translation.</p>	
Other Business	Barbara Edwards will be in touch to schedule the December meeting shortly	VPRI to canvass for next meeting dates