

Strategic Research Plan (2018-2023) York Research Chairs December 6, 2017 12:00pm – 1:00pm

Agenda Item	Notes
Review current SRP	Rebecca Pillai Riddell, AVP Research gave members an overview of the SRP and the current process being undertaken. Chair highlighted PIER as the document that puts into action the intensification of research.
Audience Comments/ Discussion	Member cautioned against focusing on just the innovative-partnered component of research, as funding bodies may not be supportive of that. The SRP needs to recognize that partnering with the government is also important. The next SRP should prioritize ORUs to a greater extent as the mechanism through which to promote the strategic themes and interdisciplinary research. Member asked whether there will be mention of basic research versus applied research in the SRP. The government emphasizes that Canadians need to be more innovative, but if researchers just focus on translational research and knowledge mobilization, then basic research takes a backseat. Recognize that knowledge mobilization is our strength, but should be careful selling our image based on what we are good at. Cannot think of an institution that excels in applied research that does not also have good fundamental research — it builds the foundation that leads to generation and mobilization of knowledge. All research at different stages should be worthy of support. Member suggested removing the "partnered" wording in "innovative partnered research" and keeping it to just "innovative research".