

Strategic Research Plan (2018-2023)

Faculty Feedback Session

LA&PS- joined by members of the Committee on Research Policy & Planning, and

Department Level Research Coordinators

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Agenda Item	Notes
Chair Welcome	<p>Professor Fuyuki Kurasawa chaired the meeting as a member of the SRP Advisory Committee</p> <p>Chair welcomed Faculty members and extended thanks for joining.</p> <p>Gave members an overview of the current SRP and the consultation process being undertaken. Outlined new changes being considered and some of the feedback that has been received so far. Encouraged members to take note of the SRP website and feedback portal.</p> <p>(10 Faculty members attending)</p>
Audience Comments/ Discussion	<p>Chair gave further overview on the purpose of the Strategic Research Plan- both external and internal uses and audiences. Clarified the distinction between the SRP and the Plan for the Intensification and Enhancement of Research (PIER).</p> <p>Member inquired about the proposed area of Opportunity on Indigenous research as a stand-alone area, replacing the Scholarship of Socially Engaged Research. Chair clarified that in recent discussions there had been no consensus reached among SRP Advisory Committee members. There is still an ongoing discussion.</p> <p>Member suggested that internationalization is also important and should be included in the opportunity areas in some regard.</p> <p>General comments around inclusion of areas such as globalization, immigration, geography of migration. Suggested that the labels in the areas of strength be 'demobilized' and changed to be less active in tone.</p> <p>Question as to why 'Just and Sustainable World' is represented in both the areas of strength and the areas of opportunity. Suggested that underrepresented populations should be captured within the areas of opportunity.</p> <p>Remarked on the label 'Sustainable' - considered very problematic term. Suggested that the environment be included in the "Building Healthy Lives and Communities" as a non-human health impact area.</p> <p>Suggested that within the research opportunity areas 'Inequity' should be represented – it permeates many areas of York research. Commented that 'A Just World' isn't quite accurate in representing research broadly- "relations of inequalities" could be used, and is a common thread among many at York.</p> <p>Generally felt that LA&PS research is absent and should be much more visible within the Plan. Should critically re-think "Integrating Entrepreneurial Innovation</p>

for the Public Good”. Stressed integrating the power and inequality dynamic- should be represented in both strengths and opportunities.

Member noted that the way the areas are represented in the slides (semi-overlapping bubble type diagram) is confusing and projects the image that only some areas overlap - whereas the Plan describes six intersecting themes. Also inquired as to the rank or weight of each area within the Plan.

Inquired about recent feedback on the areas of strength – understood that there is no appetite to change these, rather only update? Chair clarified that most notable feedback has focused on the change in the areas of opportunity, as the Plan is a more forward looking document.

Some suggested change in area titles: “Forging a Just **and Equitable** world” “Building Healthy lives, Communities **and Environments**”, “Integrating Entrepreneurial Innovation **in the** Public Good” (noted title grammatically incorrect “for the public good” – should be “in the public good”)

Suggested that research opportunities were too narrowly focused- cited AI and Digital Cultures. Recommended AI include areas like philosophy. Supported a title change to AI - “Knowledge, data and technological futures, and social change”

Members reflected on images in the current SRP brochure- the pictures are sending distinct messages. Ensure they are representative of the broader community and its diversity.

Recommended maintaining the area of “Scholarship of Socially Engaged Research”. Questioned the “public engagement” for a just and sustainable world.

Suggested that there should be more incentive to hire more Indigenous faculty members in hopes of increasing Indigenous research by Indigenous researchers at York.

Stressed that the ‘de-colonizing’ should be included in the Plan text when reflecting the Indigenous research happening at York.

Once again strongly encouraged mention of internationalization within the Plan opportunity areas. However, mention should go beyond just encouraging collaborative relationships, but highlight the work happening on the global south and inequality.

Felt that the areas of opportunity would be very representative of York’s research if they were broadened – content focusing on ‘individuals, the environment and the third on could be more socially focused’. With Digital cultures and AI being outliers.