

Strategic Research Plan (2018-2023) Advisory Committee

Meeting January 23, 2017 2:00pm- 4:00pm 901 Kaneff Tower

Attending: R. Haché (Chair), T. Loebel, T. Noseworthy, C. Haig-Brown, R. Lee (representative), F. Kurasawa , B. Edwards (VPRI)

Phone:, J. Laurin, C. Fisher, G. Wakefield

Regrets: K. Drake, D. Zaharieva, J. Orbinski, H. Wu, S. Flicker, C. Young, D. Ipperciel, J. Chu,

Agenda Item	Notes	Action Item
What we are	Chair noted most of the feedback is now complete.	
Hearing (update)	Reviewed new feedback that the VPRI has received	
	through consultations- some evolution to the areas of	
	strength and updates noted, and the addition of 'research	
	transfer' to the research intensification enabler section.	
	Noted increasing validation of AI as an area within	
	consultations	
	Chair commented that the proposed Indigenous research	
	area of opportunity- noted C. Haig-Brown is taking a lead	
	on this. Will be reaching out to the community and getting	
	a sense on how to have an impact, where the critical mass	
	is.	
	Member commented that socially engaged research should	
	be included in the Indigenous research area- noted	
	synergies. Chair mentioned that efforts will be made to	
	feature Indigenous research across a broad range of areas.	
Consultation	LA&PS feedback session highlights- within research	
Engagement	strengths, strongly emphasized equitable rather than	
Feedback- Ongoing/		
Upcoming Sessions	opportunities.	
	The notion of sustainability implies a lack of challenge with	
	mainstream, focus on social equity and distribution of	
	resources instead. Emphasized that there will be strong	
	pushback from LA&PS if sustainability is used.	
	Other member noted sustainability has many facets and is	
	not quite so narrow, dependent on the discipline. Stressed	
	that it is important to clearly define the word within the	
	surrounding text.	
	Chair noted that we should be careful within the plan and	
	not overuse the term.	
	Other notables- 'Exploring the Frontiers of Science and	
	Technology'-should be 'Exploring and Interrogating the	
	Frontiers of Science and Technology'.	
	Areas of power and inequalities are a focus and strength at	

	York- this should be flagged as an area of research strength. Noted that those in LA&PS didn't necessarily consider the areas fully reflective of the research within their Faculty. Suggested 'Forging a Just and <u>Equitable</u> World' – other members noted their agreement with the addition of 'equitable'. Chair asked F. Kurasawa to write a paragraph or two to help define the "Forging a Just and Equitable World" Areas of research opportunity- added 'environments' to the healthy individuals area- suggesting 'Healthy Individuals, Healthy Communities, Global Health and <u>Environments'</u> AI & society – LA&PS suggested that this opportunity area be framed broadly with new forms of knowledge to be included. Also noted that the focus of the Digital Cultures area is perceived to be too narrow.	
	Indigenous research – excitement within AMPD about focus, but also a sense that there should be a cluster of hires to sustain leadership in this area. Suggested the addition of an area focused on 'Research Creation'- could be framed as a larger space where York has been a leader, especially in AMPD. Both a strength and opportunity. Recommended that socially engaged research not be folded into other sections rather than be highlighted separately.	
Applied Research & Research Translation	Chair framed the question "how do we deal with the increase in applied and translational research activities in the new SRP?" Member cautioned using the terms entrepreneurship and innovation, but recommended building in the narrative a focus on the benefits of research. Commented that the framing of the knowledge mobilization is too narrow. The idea is that we are generating benefits for civil society and the public good-involving all kinds of users. The language of 'market' as a placeholder for society within the framing of knowledge mobilization at York should be expanded, shouldn't be the sole encapsulation of this area. Suggested speaking to about the user base, 'communities' rather than 'markets'. Schulich would use the word market but open to other framing. Chair suggested 'audiences, public and markets' to further contextualize it. Further commented that translation from knowing to doing – that relationship of knowledge creation to making better and changing outcomes– that lifecycle has been translational for scholars.	

	here?"	
	Commented that at York social engagement is a differentiator. Chair noted that greater consideration of the uptake and impacts of knowledge is a defining characteristic	
	Highlighted Osgoode as socially responsible/ socially engaged, and noted scholarship has responsibility to the broader public. Member noted the staleness of social justice- we need	
	something more dynamic, old phrasing doesn't capture the energy of the work created Member suggested interdisciplinarity as a unique	
	differentiator. Chair agreed it is important and hope that we don't lose that as a characteristic – continues to have a large impact. Chair asked if members think of York as young in age?	
	Commented that many think of York as big rather than young. Member suggested that we are young in our endowment levels in comparison to others.	
	Chair mentioned that the research transfer narrative be moved more upfront in the Plan. Application of the scholarship is having a real impact on society- recognition that we are a broad community.	
	How do we speak about research transfer with Indigenous research?	
	Commented that reciprocity is one of the major tenants in Indigenous research- noted that it is articulated within the tri-council policy too. Clarified that it is not a hierarchical system.	
	Commented that the direction received from a variety of feedback from the community has been to name the opportunity "Indigenous Furturity"- recognizing and focusing on the future but not losing sight of the past. Agreement from other members.	
	Member noted that Engineering is looking at infrastructure within Indigenous communities being built, industry development and business.	
	Next steps- draft Plan to be expected before the next Advisory Committee meeting.	
Other Business	Barbara Edwards will be in touch to schedule the February meeting shortly	VPRI to canvass for next meeting dates