

Strategic Research Plan (2018-2023)
Faculty Feedback Session
Department of Psychology
January 22, 2018

Agenda Item	Notes
Opening remarks	<p>VPRI Rob Haché welcomed faculty members and extended thanks for the invitation to present to the Departmental meeting.</p> <p>Provided an introduction and context, reviewed slides with faculty members. Including institutional and discipline specific metrics, and an overview of the new changes being considered.</p>
Audience Comments/ Discussion	<p>Commented on ‘research intensive university’ designation as it comes up every few years. Felt it may be troubling for York as it may not qualify, as York’s metrics may not elevate us into the research intensive group.</p> <p>Chair underscored the strength of our various research rankings, but noted that the government mainly considers funding rankings. York is one of the seven research intensive universities in the province – we outline that in the SMA2. Mentioned our progress towards research intensity but noted our need to grow.</p> <p>Inquired about recent changes in how research is funded at the federal level. Chair remarked on the previous federal government’s strong increases in research funding, although much more towards targeted research programs, and much more focused on research outcomes- cited CFREF program. Current federal government had commissioned a scientific review, and is now looking forward to building investments in fundamental and discovery research. Hope to welcome investments in Tri-council funding in the next budget.</p> <p>Member commented on Indigenous scholarship – highlighting a real need for that research and encouraging more university supports to support navigation and advocating for research in this area.</p> <p>Chair noted in response that AVP Research C. Haig Brown is currently reaching out to the community to gather input on this area. Regarding supports, Chair noted the importance and cited PIER as addressing this particular research need.</p> <p>Commented that Psychology scholars find themselves in different locations and across disciplines. Highlighted the interdisciplinary.</p> <p>Chair agreed that the interdisciplinary nature is remarkable- psychology personifies that and is a great part of the strength you have as a group. Advised member to look to build on that strength.</p> <p>Encouraged participants to engage via the online feedback portal. Noted that draft SRP will be circulated broadly to the community soon.</p>