

Strategic Research Plan (2018-2023) Faculty of Science March 13th, 2018

Agenda Item	Notes
SRP Draft for Comment	VPRI R. Haché led APPRC members through the prepared slides and highlighted the differences / emphasis within the new Plan. Stressed the need for an institutional strategic research plan. Underlined overall changes, evolution of the areas of Strength, and framing of the new areas of Opportunity as well as the progress outlined within the existing ones. Noted drivers of research as enablers within new section of the Plan, mainly connecting the Plan to PIER as well as an emphasis on research transfer and translation. Mentioned consultations ongoing and now bringing draft to various Faculties for feedback over the next few weeks. Final version within the next 5 weeks then approval in Senate.
Audience Comments/ Discussion	Member inquired about the time span of the SRP- has there been any consideration beyond the 5 year horizon, suggested a 25 year view. Inquired about robotics specifically VPRI clarified that the SRP's focus was primarily the next 5 years. Trying to take a long view with some of the direction, but 25 years is not a consideration. Robotics is in the Plan
	Question on incorporating the new campus into the plan and the research focus? VPRI – yes, we have included in the Plan. Specifics are more challenging as the new campus is still in the planning phase.
	Member mentioned that at first glance Science seems left out of the Opportunities, particularly investments in Markham going into the future. VPRI commented that he was happy to incorporate feedback on this
	Member pleased to see AI in areas of opportunity however feels that it may be somewhat narrowed to have the integration into society approach- why not just AI?
	VPRI clarified that the integration into society piece is an attempt to broaden this area not narrow it. However, we are also interested in the implications of the technology. The Opportunity provides the emphasis on science and technology but includes the multidisciplinary and ethical areas that are being researched at York.
	Asked members to forward feedback via direct email or web portal