

**Research and Scholarship Committee (RSC) Annual Plan for General Faculties Council  
2023-2024**

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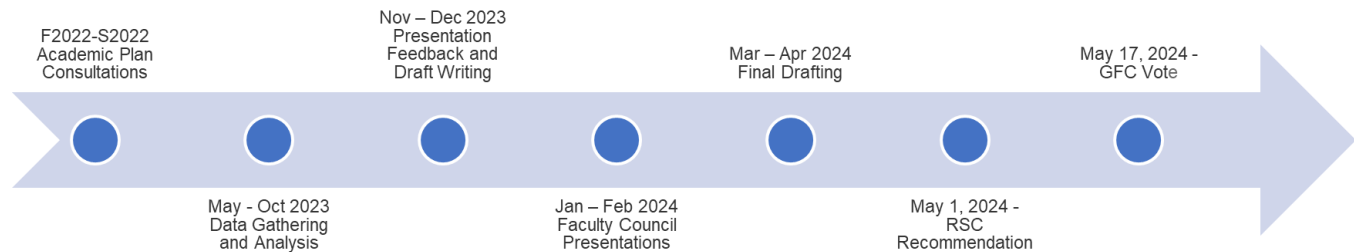
**SUBMITTED BY:** Connie Van der Byl, RSC Chair

**PRIORITIZED SUMMARY OF PROJECTED ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES**

**Advise on the contents, objectives and orientation of the University’s Strategic Research Plan and review annually (RSC Charter Responsibility 4.1).**

Of highest priority this academic year (23/24) will be development of the 2024-2029 Research and Scholarship Plan (RSP). This plan will be developed building on the existing plan, “DISCOVERY AND CHANGEMAKING THROUGH RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP Strategic Research and Scholarship Plan 2018 – 2023”, and information gathered through extensive MRU engagement for development of the 2023 Academic Plan. The AVP Research, Scholarship and Community Engagement (RSCE) along with the Associate and Vice Deans of Research and the Research and Scholarship Committee (RSC), with input from the Offices of RSCE, EDI and Indigenization and Decolonization, will draft the RSP while engaging with the broader MRU faculty community. Updates will be provided to GFC monthly.

Proposed Draft Schedule:



**Establish, as required, subcommittees/work groups to address emerging issues as they relate to research, creative, and scholarly activities and develop proposals for addressing them. Provide advice on their content, interpretation and implementation (RSC Charter Responsibility 4.6).**

The Working Groups established for 2023-24 reflect areas of importance to the RSP and where the Committee has highly valuable expertise and knowledge:

- Community Engaged Research
- Research Data Management and Dissemination
- Research and Scholarship Days
- Undergraduate Research and Scholarship

**Review existing research-related policies and proposed new ones, if necessary, and provide advice on their content, interpretation and implementation (RSC Charter Responsibility 4.2).**

RSC will review Intellectual Property and Commercialization Policies and Procedures this year for minor editorial changes. The HREB policy and procedure will be finalized this year.

**Provide a forum where new research, scholarly initiatives and ideas can be discussed, reviewed in an inter-disciplinary context (RSC Charter Responsibility 4.3).**

Ongoing.

**Provide, through its members, an internal communication mechanism built on the existing institutional structure to broadly communicate information concerning research, funding opportunities, institution research initiatives, etc (RSC Charter Responsibility 4.4).**

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**Review and recommend to the GFC on all proposals for the establishment, continuation, discontinuation or requirement for independent review of institutes at Mount Royal University (RSC Charter Responsibility 4.5).**

Institute Annual Reports were reviewed at the September 27, 2023 meeting. The Institute for Environmental Sustainability will be discontinued given achievement of its mandate with initial funding - recommendation to be made to GFC at the November 24, 2023 meeting.

#### **SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND PROJECTED ACTIVITIES**

1. Wednesday, September 27, 2023
  - Review MRU Institute Annual Reports
2. Wednesday, November 8, 2023
3. Wednesday, December 13, 2023
4. Wednesday, February 28, 2024
5. Wednesday, April 3, 2024
6. Wednesday, May 1, 2024

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

Connie Van der Byl, AVP, Research, Scholarship and Community Engagement, CHAIR

Trevor Day, GFC Academic Staff Member, VICE-CHAIR

Sara Sharun, Designate for Dean, University Library (*Fall semester; Francine May – Winter semester*)

Melissa Deane, Director, Office of Research, Scholarship & Community Engagement

Lynne Lafave, Chair, Human Research Ethics Board

Kenna Olsen, Associate Dean/Vice Dean responsible for research (*October – present*)

Ray DePaul, Institute/Centre Director

Samanti Kulatilake, Academic Staff Member (Arts)

Reza Chowdhury, Academic Staff Member (Business and Communication Studies)

Jared Fletcher, Academic Staff Member (Health, Community and Education)

Jeella Acedo, Academic Staff Member (Science and Technology)

Carolyn Willekes, Academic Staff Member (Teaching & Learning)

Brian Jackson, Academic Staff Member (University Library)

Angela Faye Galeos, Student Representative

Luis Rios, Student Representative

#### Resources

Leah Hamilton, Associate Dean/Vice Dean responsible for research

Gwen O'Sullivan, Associate Dean/Vice Dean responsible for research

Maggie Quance, Associate Dean/Vice Dean responsible for research

Danah Duke, Institute/Centre Director

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Lena Soots, Institute/Centre Director

James Stauch, Institute/Centre Director

Michelle Yeo, Institute/Centre Director

Kearon Nyandoro, Finance designate

Scott Corner, Marketing and Communications designate

Sheena Dyer, Assistant University Secretary, GFC, RECORDING SECRETARY

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