

**Research and Scholarship Committee (RSC) Annual Report for General Faculties Council
2022-2023**

DATE: May 10, 2023

SUBMITTED BY: Connie Van der Byl, RSC Chair

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES

The RSC had a tremendous year with highly productive Working Groups, policy advancement and valuable meeting discussions.

Topics covered at monthly meetings included:

- Indigenous Research (dr. linda manyguns guest)
- EDI for Researchers (Dr. Moussa Magassa guest)
- Undergraduate Research Experience (Sarah Imran guest)
- [DORA](#)
- [Chat GPT](#)

Policy review, recommendation and outcomes:

- The Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR and previously Integrity in Research) policy and associated procedures (RCR Procedure; Procedure for Conflict of Interest in Research; Collection, Storage and Authenticity of Research Data) were amended based on the RSC Policy Working Group (2022/23) suggestions. RSC recommended the materials for approval of GFC. GFC approval was received at the February 17, 2023 meeting. Board rescindment of the Conflict of Interest in Research Policy occurred at the March 16, 2023 board meeting.
- Institutes Policy, Institutes Procedure and Affiliated Institutes Procedure as well as the Standard Operating Procedure for Establishment and Recognition of Research Collaborations other than Institutes were reviewed by the RSC and recommended for approval by the ELT. ELT approval was received at the Tuesday, April 11, 2023 Dean's Council meeting.
- The RSC provided feedback on the Draft Ethics of Research Involving Human Participants Policy and Procedures. These documents will move to 30 day consultation in September followed by RSC recommendation for approval by GFC and ultimately GFC approval.

Working Groups:

- The Research Data Management (RDM) Working Group met the Tri-Council deadline for posting a RDM Strategy to the institution's website by March 1, 2023. The Group also created an oversight document to support implementation of the Strategy. Work will continue next year.
- The International Research Working Group finalized a document on conducting international research that was reviewed by the RSC and forwarded to Faculty Associate Dean's of Research (ADRs) to be shared with faculty members.
- The Undergraduate Research Working Group has identified two critical actions moving forward: maintain ongoing conversations with Career Services to make sure that undergraduate research is accurately

captured in the E-career portfolio (ECP); develop an action plan for examining how undergraduate research is taught at MRU.

- Research and Scholarship Days were a tremendous success! From March 27 to April 6, 13 events were held across campus with 234 student and faculty submissions and around 850 attendees. [Student poster session winners](#) and [Research Recognition Award recipients](#) have been announced. Web stories on faculty and student research were also disseminated on the Calgary Herald site and LinkedIn. The Research Recognition Awards working group has now moved to the Associated/Vice Deans Research group.

A sincere thank you to all RSC members for their engagement in meeting discussions and for their leadership and dedication to Working Group activities.

MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

The priority area for Fall 2023 will be the Mount Royal University Research and Scholarship Plan (RSP). Building on the University Strategic Plan and the Academic Plan, the RSP will outline priorities to 2028. The RSC will play an important role in informing the plan. The following Working Groups will continue or be created to provide input to the RSP:

- Research Data Management and Data Security
- International Research - processes for international visitors, student RAs, hires.
- Undergraduate Research
- Indigenous Research
- Community Engaged Research
- EDI and Research

The Research and Scholarship Days Working Group will build on this year's success and the feedback provided to develop a successful event in the Spring of 2024. A key recommendation is to begin work earlier - ie in October.

Decision on DORA signatory.

Other research and scholarship policies and procedures requiring updates include:

- Ethics of Research Involving Human Participants Policy and Procedures
- Animal Care Policy
- Commercialization of Intellectual Property
- Intellectual Property Policy
- Research Overhead and Indirect Costs Policy

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

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

Trevor Day, GFC Academic Staff Member, VICE-CHAIR

Francine May, Designate for Dean, University Library

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

Lynne Lafave, Chair, Human Research Ethics Board

Michael Roberts, Associate Dean responsible for research

James Stauch, Institute/Centre Director

Ranjan Datta, Academic Staff Member (Arts)
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David Legg, Academic Staff Member (Health, Community and Education)
Yasaman Amannejad, 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
Joseph Nguyen, Student Representative

Resources

Maggie Quance, Associate Dean responsible for research
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Michelle Yeo, Institute/Centre Director
Marta Mankiewicz, Finance designate
Scott Corner, Marketing and Communications designate
Sheena Jensen, Assistant University Secretary, GFC, RECORDING SECRETARY

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

- Tuesday, September 13, 2022
- Tuesday, October 11, 2022
- Tuesday, November 15, 2022
- Tuesday, January 17, 2023
- Tuesday, February 14, 2023
- Tuesday, March 14, 2023
- Tuesday, May 9, 2023

For additional information and meeting minutes, visit the [RSC](#) webpage.