
Research and Scholarship Committee

April 15, 2026 at 3pm – 5pm

University Boardroom A341

IN ATTENDANCE:

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
Cass Foursha-Stevenson	Chair, Human Research Ethics Board
Kenna Olsen	Associate Dean/Vice Dean responsible for research
Ray DePaul	Institute/Centre Director
Reza Chowdhury	Academic Staff Member (Business, Communication Studies & Aviation)
Jared Fletcher	Academic Staff Member (Health, Community and Education)
Tatiana Rogasevskaia	Academic Staff Member (Science and Technology)
Brian Jackson	Academic Staff Member (University Library)
Ambreen Abdul-Majid	Student Representative
Meekena Erkin	Student Representative

Resources

Leah Hamilton	Associate Dean/Vice Dean responsible for research
Sonya Jakubec	Associate Dean/Vice Dean responsible for research
AnneMarie Dorland	Institute/Centre Director
Monazza Shabbir	Finance designate
Scott Corner	Marketing and Communications designate
Sheena Dyer	Assistant University Secretary, GFC, RECORDING SECRETARY

Guests

Rabia Haider	Office of Research, Scholarship and Community Engagement
Cherie Woolmer	Undergraduate Research and Scholarship Working Group (non-RSC member)

NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Lin Young	Academic Staff Member (Arts)
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The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:02PM.

1. Approval of Agenda***Moved and seconded:***

THAT the Agenda for the April 15, 2026 Research and Scholarship Committee meeting be approved.

Motion carried**2. Approval of Meeting Minutes****2.1. Minutes from March 4, 2026**

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Minutes of the March 4, 2026 Research and Scholarship Committee meeting be approved.

Motion carried**2.2. Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

3. Intellectual Property and Commercialization Policy and Procedures

The draft Intellectual Property and Commercialization Policy and Procedures that have been worked on by the RSC Research Impact Working Group were provided for review. The policy and procedures will be approved by the Board of Governors.

Discussion:

- Connie Van der Byl highlighted the main changes
- Comments were made in support of the documents

4. Updates on Implementation of Research and Scholarship Strategic Plan 2024-30

Connie Van der Byl and Melissa Deane shared updates on the following:

- Number of SSHRC Insight MRU Applications: 6; Number of MRU Awards: 1; Success Rate: 16.7%; Total Amount Awarded: \$173,250
- NSERC Discovery competition: Number of MRU Applications: 12; Number of MRU Awards: 3; Success Rate: 25% - 1 Discovery Developmental Grant (DDG) and 2 DG renewals - Total Amount Awarded: \$439,000
- MRU has filled $\frac{7}{8}$ free spots through our Research Impact Canada membership for the [Mobilize U course](#).
- Opportunities for faculty to engage with Royal Roads University via our MOU in the areas of research collaboration and Master's thesis supervision - if interested, please fill in this [form](#).
- Tri-Agency Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) Framework revised and currently receiving feedback.
- Renewed CRC and CFI allocations received.
- Institute for Community Prosperity - [Catamount Showcase](#) and [Map the System MRU Campus Final](#).
- Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship - [LaunchPad](#)
- [Faculty Excellence Awards](#) - Research Recognition Awards - Apr 29, 2026 .
- [Not the Ivory Tower podcast](#).

5. Working Group Updates**5.1. Undergraduate Research and Scholarship**

Brian Jackson and Cherie Woolmer presented the report on the Undergraduate Research Engagement project for feedback and discussion. The working group pulled together a composite analysis of the various surveys that have been conducted over the past three years. The report provided an outline of UGR activity at MRU, summarized the survey data, gave

examples of practice at comparator institutions, and provided recommendations for consideration at RSC. Observations from members about survey results and recommendations were shared.

5.2. AI In Research

In recognition that AI is increasingly used in research and the need for MRU guidance supporting its responsible use, the AI in Research Working Group asked that RSC review the Draft Recommendations for the Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Research. For brief, practical guidance for researchers, an accompanying Tips for Researchers Using AI at MRU was also shared. Kenna Olsen gave an overview of the development of the documents provided in the meeting package.

5.3. Research Data Management

The working group submitted their Final Report. An overview of the working group's activities for the year and recommendations for 2026/27 provided in the meeting package was shared.

5.4. Research and Scholarship Days

A recap of the Research and Scholarship Days event was shared. A final report will be circulated to members prior to submitting it to GFC with the RSC Annual Report.

5.5. Research Impact

The working group's update was shared as part of Item 3.

6. RSC Committee Charter Review

The RSC Committee Charter was reviewed. No changes were recommended.

7. Draft RSC 2025-26 Annual Report

The draft RSC 2025-26 Annual Report was reviewed, and members provided suggestions for revision. The Chair will finalize the report and circulate it to members by email for feedback in advance of submission to the GFC May meeting. Working Group Final reports will be included.

8. Committee Chair Report

A copy of the most recent Committee Chair's Report to GFC was provided for information.

9. For Information

The following items were provided for information:

9.1. Draft RSC Membership List 2026-27

10. New Business

In response to a question, the Library shared an update about The Open Access Fund and publishing options as communicated on the website and upcoming newsletter.

11. Adjournment 4:09PM