

Research and Scholarship Committee
December 13, 2023 at 3pm – 5pm
Virtual (Google Meet)

IN ATTENDANCE:

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
Melissa Deane	Director, Office of Research, Scholarship & Community Engagement
Lynne Lafave	Chair, Human Research Ethics Board
Ray DePaul	Institute/Centre Director
Samanti Kulatilake	Academic Staff Member (Arts)
Reza Chowdhury	Academic Staff Member (Business and Communication Studies)
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

Resources

Gwen O’Sullivan	Associate Dean/Vice Dean responsible for research
Kearon Nyandoro	Finance designate
Sheena Dyer	Assistant University Secretary, GFC, RECORDING SECRETARY

Guests

Anita Kemp	Office of Research, Scholarship and Community Engagement
Ethan Ward	Office of Research, Scholarship and Community Engagement

NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Jared Fletcher	Academic Staff Member (Health, Community and Education)
Kenna Olsen	Associate Dean/Vice Dean responsible for research
Luis Rios	Student Representative

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:00PM.

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Agenda for the December 13, 2023 Research and Scholarship Committee meeting be approved.

Motion carried

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- 2.1. Minutes from November 8, 2023

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Minutes of the November 8, 2023 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. Working Group Updates

3.1. Community Engaged Research

The working group has met to discuss their goals for this year and understanding how community engaged research is defined to help guide their work.

3.2. Research Data Management and Dissemination

The working group has met to identify topics and activities to undertake this year. Items identified included developing a document outlining external elements MRU researchers are responsible for (e.g. TriAgency policies around open access), and listing the groups and policies within MRU that have an impact on open access and open data. The aim would then be to identify gaps and ways to advance various areas within research data management and dissemination.

3.3. Research and Scholarship Days (RSD)

The event has been communicated to the community, which will take place from March 25 until April 5, 2024. The working group is working on the schedule of activities. A website will be launched to organize all of the material and information. Discussions are taking place regarding coordinating oral presentations within Faculties and poster presentations for the broader community. The group is actively seeking additional student volunteers to support the event. It was also shared that RSD will have a connection to the LaunchPad event taking place on April 3, 2024.

C. Van der Byl shared an update on the Research Scholarship and Recognition Awards that will be combined with other awards, such as the Distinguished Faculty Awards, at an event in mid-May.

3.4. Undergraduate Research and Scholarship

The working group met to adjudicate this semester's Undergraduate Research Dissemination Fund. They discussed their work plan for the year, including gathering information on undergraduate research opportunities at MRU to further support and engage students, and collecting resources to share on the Library and ORSCE's website for students. They are also looking at ways to provide recognition and advertise current student research.

4. Research and Scholarship Plan Development Working Session

C. Van der Byl and A. Kemp gave an update on the Research and Scholarship Plan development, and led a working session (breakout groups) to discuss and share feedback on the draft plan objectives presented, as guided by the following questions presented:

- Reaction to the Scholarly Challenges – what is missing?
- Initial thoughts on the objectives – strengths? gaps?
- Actionable ideas to implement the objectives
- Impactful ways to measure the objectives

Next steps in the development process will be to focus on actions to bring to the next RSC meeting for discussion and feedback, and plans for engaging with Faculties for their feedback is forthcoming.

5. Committee Chair Report

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

6. Good News Stories

The following items were received for information:

- 6.1. Faculty Publications (attached)
- 6.2. [ORSCE Newsletter](#)

7. New Business

There was no new business.

8. Adjournment 4:25PM

ATTACHMENT: Good News Stories

- **Head, G. W.** (2023). Envisioning SoTL Through a Lens of Indigenous Cultural Continuity. *Imagining SoTL*, 3(1), 14-27.
- **Willekes, C.** (2023). Army and Warfare. In Ogden, D. (Ed.). (2023). *The Cambridge Companion to Alexander the Great*. (pp. 243-256) Cambridge University Press.