

RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

February 15, 2022

VIRTUAL

IN ATTENDANCE:

Michael Quinn	CHAIR, Vice-Provost and AVP, Academic
Kenna Olsen	VICE-CHAIR, GFC Academic Staff Member
Francine May	Designate for Dean, University Library
Melissa Deane	Director, Office of Research, Scholarship and Community Engagement
Lynne Lafave	Chair, Human Research Ethics Board
Michael Roberts	Associate Dean responsible for research
Ranjan Datta	Academic Staff Member (Arts)
Uthpala Tennakoon	Academic Staff Member (Business and Communication Studies)
David Legg	Academic Staff Member (Health, Community and Education)
Carolyn Willekes	Academic Staff Member (Teaching & Learning)
Madelaine Vanderwerff	Academic Staff Member (University Library)
Angela Galeos	Student Representative
Nabeel Muhammad	Student Representative

Resources

Liza Choi	Associate Dean responsible for research
Ray DePaul	Institute/Centre Director
Danah Duke	Institute/Centre Director
Connie Van der Byl	Institute/Centre Director
Marta Mankiewicz	Finance designate
Julia Thiessen	Marketing and Communications designate
Sheena Jensen	RECORDING SECRETARY, Assistant University Secretary, GFC

Guests

Cari Merkley	Librarian, University Library
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NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Trevor Day	Academic Staff Member (Science and Technology)
James Stauch	Institute/Centre Director

M. Quinn, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:02pm and confirmed quorum.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Agenda for the February 15, 2022 Research and Scholarship Committee meeting be approved.

Motion carried

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Minutes of the January 18, 2022 Research and Scholarship Committee meeting be approved.

Motion carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

INSTITUTE RENEWAL FOR RECOMMENDATION TO GFC – INSTITUTE FOR INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Ray DePaul, Director, presented an overview of the 5-Year Institute Review for the Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, and responded to questions on how students get into the program and recruitment.

Moved and seconded:

THAT RSC recommend to GFC for approval the continuation of the Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship for five years (2027).

Motion carried

WORKING GROUP UPDATES

International Research

The working group circulated a draft “Resource Document for Faculty on International Travel for Research” to members to provide feedback. It was explained that the document will also be shared with other resources and the subject matter experts referenced in the document for feedback.

Research Policies

A written report from the working group was circulated to members and highlighted at the meeting that provided an overview of the group’s purpose, policy streamline and redundancy, and research policy stakeholders. Also included was a draft proposed investigation process that members were encouraged to share with their Faculty Council for feedback.

Research and Scholarship Days

The working group gave an update on the preliminary event schedule on the website and on encouraging students to participate in the campus-wide celebration of research by sharing a poster, creative work or oral presentation. Students can submit their research abstract and register online: mru.ca/ResearchDays.

Research and Scholarship Recognition Awards

The working group gave an update that 20 nominations have been received and they are in the process of having nominees accept their nomination. Their team of adjudicators includes one representative from each Faculty and will have their first meeting on March 21.

Undergraduate Research and Scholarship

A written report from the working group was circulated to members that gave an updates on:

- The Undergraduate Research Dissemination Fund
- Feedback on Student Job Board
- Other Undergraduate Research News and Events

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT

The Chair's Report was presented and is attached to the minutes. David Legg was recognized for his induction into the Alberta Sports Hall of Fame for his contribution to sport in Alberta.

GOOD NEWS STORIES

The Good News Stories were received for information and are attached to the minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT

4:15PM

ATTACHMENT: Committee Chair's Report – February 15, 2022

- **CIHR Success.**
 - Congratulations to Aliyah Dosani, School of Nursing and Midwifery, for being awarded a \$100,000 CIHR Project Grant for a project entitled 'Using Photovoice and Critical Social Theory to Help Develop Culturally Safe Services for Perinatal Depression in Rural India'.
 - Congratulations to Mohammed El-Hussein, School of Nursing and Midwifery, for being a co-investigator on a successful CIHR Grant (University of Toronto) \$218,026 for work entitled 'What are the experiences and needs of informal caregivers of fracture patients in a rehabilitation setting'.
- **Book Award.** Assistant professor Karen Pheasant-Neganigwane's book, *Powwow: A Celebration Through Song and Dance*, was awarded the 2021 [Norma Fleck Award](#) for Children's Non-Fiction — considered to be one of Canada's most prestigious recognitions for children's books. Selling out during its first print run in just three months, the book is a semi-autobiographical account of her life as a powwow dancer travelling through North America.
- **Undergraduate Research Information.** ORSCE and the Library are collaborating on providing information related to undergraduate research on the MRU campus. A wealth of resources is available via this [link](#).
- **Research and Scholarship Days.** The Office of Research, Scholarship and Community Engagement and the University Library are proud to present this year's Research and Scholarship Days from April 4 – 8, 2022. This week-long event is a celebration of undergraduate and faculty research, showcasing the breadth and depth of what research looks like at Mount Royal. There are many ways to participate in the events. An initial schedule is posted [here](#).

TriAgency Updates

- The National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (NCTR) and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) are partnering on a national research program to advance understanding of reconciliation. The new partnership further responds to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) of Canada's Call to Action 65 and supports Calls to Actions 71 to 76. The collaboration will foster research on reconciliation and residential schools, done by and with First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities. It will leverage the skills and knowledge of both parties — the NCTR's expertise and ability to safeguard the truths of Survivors, their families, communities and others affected by the residential school system, and SSHRC's role to promote and support research and training in the humanities and social sciences and commitment to support Indigenous-led research. More information to follow.
- The [Synergy Awards for Innovation](#) honour strong, complementary and collaborative teams who have generated new knowledge and accelerated the application of research results to create benefits for Canada and Canadians. The award recognizes outstanding teams who have combined their expertise and resources to create partnerships resulting in significant impacts. Changes have been made to these Awards, which include:
 - Broadened partner eligibility to include public and not-for-profit partner organizations, in addition to private sector ones
 - Expanded scope of the Synergy Awards to include social and environmental benefits to Canada and Canadians
 - Increased voucher value to \$50,000 for winning partners (previously \$30,000 for university partnerships), and this voucher is now open to most research partnerships programs

In addition to the above, the parameters around nominators have also expanded - now all Canadian citizens or permanent residents can submit a nomination. The submission deadline for this year's nominations is April 19, 2022 at 8 p.m. (EDT). Please read the [call for nominations](#) carefully to learn about all of the changes and to ensure that your nomination meets the requirements.

- The Canadian Institutes of Health Research Institute of Aging are currently working on a renewed Strategic Plan and are looking forward to releasing it in mid-2022. We have been listening carefully to priorities for research on aging over the past year and would now like to hear specifically from the research community on research to improve the health and wellbeing of older adults. You are invited to join for an overview of key research priorities for the coming years and engage in a discussion on your thoughts and needs for the future of research on aging in Canada. Please register by selecting one of four date options: [CIHR Institute of Aging Research Community Engagement Session](#). Note that the session on March 17, 2022 is a bilingual session with simultaneous interpretation provided.
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Other Opportunities

Call for Proposals for World Class Day 5, taking place on 27 & 28 May, 2022. World Class Day (WCD), a free online symposium, highlights research carried out by students worldwide. Via live video link, participants introduce their projects to an international audience. Within a limit of five minutes, they accomplish these goals:

- Ask an important new question that is grounded in the theory or method best suited for their own inquiry;
- identify a key insight that they have reached;
- predict the next steps for the research trajectory.

This symposium is designed for undergraduate students to share their individual research across distances, disciplines, and cultures. They come together to share and discuss their work with their international audience. Student researchers can bring their research to an international sphere of discussion at no cost. Student researchers can engage in illuminating dialogue about their work. To apply, please direct student researchers to complete the google form: [World Class Day 5](#). Applications are due by midnight (your local time) on 28, February 2022. For questions or comments about this call for proposals and the application process, please email: 2022wcd@gmail.com or contact us through our website at: <https://worldclassday.wordpress.com/>

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- Professor of Religious Studies, Steven Engler, PhD, is the lead editor of the just-released, substantially-revised second-edition of [The Routledge Handbook of Research Methods in the Study of Religion](#). It remains the only comprehensive survey in English of methods and methodology in the discipline. Engler authored the chapter on Grounded Theory and co-authored three others: Research Ethics; Coding; and Theorizing and Analysis (the latter written with MRU professor of philosophy, Mark Gardiner, PhD).
- Paul Johnston, associate professor in the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences, [made an impressive discovery](#) of tiny three-dimensional shells in 505-million-year-old rocks dating from the Cambrian Period in southeastern B.C. This discovery is an important piece of the Burgess Shale puzzle that illuminates how life evolved on Earth.
- Dr. David Legg, a Professor in the Department of Health and Physical Education, is one of 11 honoured members who will join the [Alberta Sports Hall of Fame](#) at an official Induction Ceremony to be held on October 21, 2022. Dr. Legg helped found the Children's Adapted Physical Activity (CAPA) program, a play-based physical activity program for children with disabilities here at MRU. He is also the founder and lead organizer of the Calgary and Area ParaSport and Recreation Collective; and has worked with Wheelchair Sports Alberta, the Canadian Paralympic Committee, and the International Paralympic Committee. Congratulations on this achievement, David! Engler, S. & Whitesides, K.A. (2022) Emic concepts and etic paths. *Religion*, 52:1, 1-5, DOI: 10.1080/0048721X.2021.2011090
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