

Research and Scholarship Committee
February 26, 2025 at 3pm – 5pm
University Boardroom A341

IN ATTENDANCE:

Connie Van der Byl	AVP, Research, Scholarship and Community Engagement, CHAIR
Francine May	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, Communication Studies & Aviation)
Jeella Acedo	Academic Staff Member (Science and Technology)
Brian Jackson	Academic Staff Member (University Library)
Isabella Carinelli	Student Representative
Annie Swenson	Student Representative

Resources

Leah Hamilton	Associate Dean/Vice Dean responsible for research
Mark Lafave	Associate Dean/Vice Dean responsible for research
Danah Duke	Institute/Centre Director
Michelle Yeo	Institute/Centre Director
Scott Corner	Marketing and Communications designate
Sheena Dyer	Assistant University Secretary, GFC, RECORDING SECRETARY

Guests

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

NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Kenna Olsen	Associate Dean/Vice Dean responsible for research
Katherine Bright	Academic Staff Member (Health, Community and Education)

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:02PM.

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Agenda for the February 26, 2025 Research and Scholarship Committee meeting be approved.

Motion carried

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

2.1. Minutes from December 11, 2024

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Minutes of the December 11, 2024 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. Open Discussion

C. Van der Byl shared that Mount Royal is moving forward with the DORA signatory, with support from Provost's Council and next it will go to Deans' Council. A draft document that will be publicized after signing was shared for information.

The Miistakis Institute is co-hosting a National Ecological Connectivity Conference in Banff on April 22-25, 2025.

4. Facilitated group exercise to prioritize actions for Implementation of Research and Scholarship Strategic Plan 2024-30

C. Van der Byl presented the "Research and Scholarship Plan: Implementation Workshop" that gave an overview of the RSP objectives, action items and progress. A vote was taken to prioritize 3 action items from within various RSP Objectives for each small group to discuss. The discussions focused on ideas for how best to deliver on the particular action items. It was noted that a survey will be circulated to all members following the meeting to provide input on prioritizing the other action items.

Following the small group discussions, highlights were shared by each group and recorded for C. Van der Byl and her team to proceed with next steps in implementing the RSP. A report on this exercise will be shared with RSC.

5. Working Group Updates

5.1. Community Engaged Research

Discussions have been focusing on how to engage with Marketing and Communications to talk about promotion around the work of the Institutes/Centres at MRU and their community engaged activities.

5.2. Research Data Management and Dissemination

The group will be doing an assessment of the recommendations from last year's working group to see where they are at now and how to address some challenges identified to continue to move this work forward.

5.3. Research and Scholarship Days

A status update was shared on planning for the upcoming RSD, with an overview of events and a reminder of submission deadlines for the various opportunities to participate in the events.

5.4. Undergraduate Research and Scholarship

The draft Faculty Survey on Research Assistant Recruitment was reviewed. The distribution plan is to include the link in an ORSCE newsletter and to ask the Associate/Vice Deans to share the survey within their Faculties.

6. Committee Chair Report

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

7. For Information

The following items were provided for information:

- 7.1. RSC 2025-26 Meeting Schedule
- 7.2. Good News Stories – Faculty Publications

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Adjournment 4:34PM