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**Research and Scholarship Committee**  
**January 21, 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
Cass Foursha-Stevenson	Chair, Human Research Ethics Board
Kenna Olsen	Associate Dean/Vice Dean responsible for research
Ray DePaul	Institute/Centre Director
Lin Young	Academic Staff Member (Arts)
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**

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

**Guests**

Carolyn Bjartveit	Associate Professor, Department of Child Studies and Social Work
Zenith Bose	Office of Research, Scholarship and Community Engagement
Rabia Haider	Office of Research, Scholarship and Community Engagement
Anita Kemp	Office of Research, Scholarship and Community Engagement
David J. Phipps	Executive Director, Research & Innovation Services, York University ( <i>virtual</i> )

**NOT IN ATTENDANCE:**

Melissa Deane	Director, Office of Research, Scholarship & Community Engagement
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The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:00PM.

**1. Approval of Agenda**

***Moved and seconded:***

**THAT** the Agenda for the January 21, 2026 Research and Scholarship Committee meeting be approved.

***Motion carried***

**2. Approval of Meeting Minutes****2.1. Minutes from November 19, 2025*****Moved and seconded:***

**THAT** the Minutes of the November 19, 2025 Research and Scholarship Committee meeting be approved.

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

There was no business arising from the minutes.

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

C. Van der Byl shared updates on the RSP's implementation activities:

- Canada Impact Research Training Awards program – Expression of Interest closes January 30
- Training Modules for RA Hiring
- New RCR Framework under development – released by end of 2026 and clarification on delineation between RCR and ACC expected in next few weeks
- Faculty level research growth, training and knowledge mobilization events

*David J. Phipps joined the meeting.*

**3. Research Impact Canada**

David J. Phipps, Executive Director, Research & Innovation Services, York University, gave a presentation on Research Impact Canada, and responded to questions and comments.

*David J. Phipps left the meeting. Carolyn Bjartveit joined the meeting.*

**4. The Child, Youth and Family Research Collective (CYFRC) Proposal**

Carolyn Bjartveit presented The Child, Youth and Family Research Collective (CYFRC) proposal.

Discussion:

- Members expressed support for the proposal
- Suggestions were shared to strengthen and support the Collective
- Clarifications were provided in response to questions, including:
  - Student representation on CYFRC
  - Future growth (e.g. centre or institute status)
  - Current projects/collaborations

*Carolyn Bjartveit left the meeting.*

***Moved and seconded:***

**THAT** the Research and Scholarship Committee recommends to the Deans' Council the proposal for The Child, Youth and Family Research Collective.

***Motion carried***

**6. Working Group Updates**

**6.1. Research Impact**

Discussion took place on the working group's definition of Research Impact and its implications for MRU. The working group will revisit the purpose of the definition based on feedback.

**6.2. Research Data Management**

The working group continues to work on the data risk classification framework.

**6.3. Research and Scholarship Days**

An update on the event and communications was shared, with an overview of the events that will be taking place. The [website](#) link is available.

**6.4. Undergraduate Research and Scholarship**

It was updated that a Research Assistant was hired to support their work, such as reviewing the data collected from previous years to assist with next steps.

**6.5. AI In Research**

The working group has connected with the institutional AI Steering Group to consider this group's focus for the year, also in consideration of [DGSJ](#) standards for MRU research.

**7. Committee Chair Report**

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

**8. New Business**

There was no new business.

**9. Adjournment 4:50PM**