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**Research and Scholarship Committee**  
**March 4, 2026 at 3pm – 5pm**  
**VIRTUAL**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Connie Van der Byl	AVP, Research, Scholarship and Community Engagement, CHAIR
Trevor Day	GFC Academic Staff Member, VICE-CHAIR
Melissa Deane	Director, Office of Research, Scholarship & Community Engagement
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

Resources

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

**NOT IN ATTENDANCE:**

Meekena Erkin	Student Representative
Cass Foursha-Stevenson	Chair, Human Research Ethics Board
Francine May	Designate for Dean, University Library
Kenna Olsen	Associate Dean/Vice Dean responsible for research

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

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

**THAT** the Agenda for the March 4, 2026 Research and Scholarship Committee meeting be approved.

***Motion carried*****2. Approval of Meeting Minutes****2.1. Minutes from January 21, 2026*****Moved and seconded:***

**THAT** the Minutes of the January 21, 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. MRU Affiliated Institute Renewal: Miistakis Institute**

The Chair gave an overview of the Miistakis Institute and the process for affiliated institute renewals. GFC will receive the renewal proposal for information following RSC approval.

Danah Duke, Executive Director of the Miistakis Institute, presented the “Miistakis Institute – MRU Affiliated Institute Renewal Proposal” and shared information on upcoming projects. Comments were made in support of the proposal.

***Moved and seconded:***

**THAT** the GFC Research and Scholarship Committee approve the continuation of the Miistakis Institute for 5 years (2031).

***Motion carried*****4. Update to The Child, Youth and Family Research Collective (CYFRC) Proposal**

The Chair reported that, subsequent to the previous RSC meeting, further feedback on The Child, Youth and Family Research Collective (CYFRC) Proposal had been received from Provost’s Council. The Chair provided an overview of the amendments, which were incorporated into the revised Proposal and included in the meeting package for information.

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

The Chair shared various updates, including:

- CIRTA postdoc nominee application submitted by deadline - Dr. Trevor Day was the successful internal faculty nominator. Director ORSCE is requesting additional allocation in the second wave of the program.
- RA Hiring Videos posted to the Research [website](#).
- Piloting with the Faculty of Science and Technology of FAST Research for internal Research Grants is proceeding.
- Zenith Bose, EDIA Training Specialist for Researchers, continues interviews and scans for the CRC EDI Action Plan - due August 2026 to tri-agency
- Nine SSHRC IDGs applications submitted.
- Internal Research Grant Fund results are [public](#). Congratulations scholars!
- [Alberta Logistics Centre of Excellence](#), powered by MRU through the Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship announced!

**6. Working Group Updates****6.1. Research Impact**

The working group has been drafting the MRU Commercialization of IP policy and procedures, anticipated to come to the next RSC meeting.

**6.2. Research Data Management**

The group has developed a draft RDM Risk Management Framework and will be looking to engage with ITS on it. They are aiming to provide a draft framework at the next RSC meeting.

**6.3. Research and Scholarship Days**

An update on the event scheduled for March 30 - April 2, 2026 was shared, including the [website](#).

**6.4. Undergraduate Research and Scholarship**

The group is continuing to work on a report, including an environmental scan of other institutions, with a more detailed update coming forward at the next RSC meeting.

**6.5. AI In Research**

The group is working to produce recommendations for AI in Research at MRU and tip sheet to bring to the next meeting.

**7. Committee Chair Report**

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

**8. For Information**

The following items were provided for information:

8.1. RSC Meeting Schedule 2026-27

**9. New Business**

There was no new business.

**10. Adjournment 3:52PM**