



OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT RESEARCH, INNOVATION AND INTERNATIONAL

Memorandum

TO: Academic Council

FROM: Michael Owen, Vice President Research, Innovation and International

RE: Dissolution of CESR as a university centre

DATE: March 27, 2014

On the recommendation of the Dean of Social Sciences and Humanities and following the resignation of the Director of the CESR, the Research Board recommends to Academic Council the dissolution of the Centre for Evaluation and Social Research as a University research centre. This recommendation is based on the shift of CESR from an active research centre to a Faculty-based research group. Within the Faculty and under the authority of the Dean, CESR will be a catalyst for systematic research activity inside and outside the university. The centre offers high quality research services to university faculty and administrators, as well as private, non-profit, and public sector clients in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). The centre provides students with hands-on training in social science research methodology and analytical techniques.

Although this mandate is similar to that of a university centre, it is the desire of the Faculty to have the Centre as "Faculty-based" and managed within the Dean's Office rather than as a university-centre, managed through the Office of the Vice-President Research, Innovation and International.

This recommendation is in accordance with the University Research Entities Policy.

It should be noted that the Research Board is reviewing the policy on research entities and will be proposing revisions to the policy in the next academic year.

The following motion is being put forward for approval by Academic Council:

That Academic Council approve the dissolution of the Centre for Evaluation and Survey Research (CESR) as a university centre.

The Research Board reviewed the request by Dean Ammar and recommends this action to Academic Council.