



## Research Board Minutes

Date: Sept 21, 2021  
Time: 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Place: Google Meet  
Attendees: K. Atkinson, B. Chang, C. Davidson, S. Downing, G. Edwards, S. Forrester, J. Freeman, L. Jacobs (Chair), M. Lemonde, S. Rahnamayan, L. Roy, V. Sharpe (secretary)

Regrets: R. Ruttenberg-Rozen

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### 1. Welcome

L. Jacobs welcomed new and returning members and introductions were made.

### 2. **Approval of the agenda**

Approved by consensus.

### 3. **Approval of previous meeting's minutes**

Approved by M. Lemonde & L. Roy.

### 4. **Report of the Vice President Research & Innovation**

L. Jacobs noted the upcoming Truth and Reconciliation Day on September 30 and the university recommendation to have a meeting-free day and participate in Truth and Reconciliation Day activities.

L. Jacobs shared that when we came to UOIT the committee didn't have a vice-chair. He is nominating Sean Forrester for the role. S. Forrester accepted and

Discussed the importance of the committee and how it shares with Faculties and Grad Studies

Final numbers on research funding – total funding for the previous year \$23.5 million. Roughly twice what it was 2 years ago. Momentum to continue and build.

Perhaps not enough attn paid to research rankings. R funding is an imp factor in r rankings. We jumped 5 points last year in terms of rankings and this increase in funding should see us. Joe Stokes took the lead in getting us ranked in the Times Higher Education. Ranked in the 600-800 range. Now that we've entered the rankings it should be easier for us to move up the ranks. ....publication .....We will be in the 300 range for Science. Other rankings still to come (Engineering in October),

Les outlined his strategy – the key ingredient for increasing research intensity is to have more successful large collaborative research projects or initiatives. Therefore establish institutes and centres. Two still unfolding – BEI and Long Term Care.

We have received the largest donation to research (3-4 million dollars) targeted specifically to capital investments in research. Announcement soon. Lab enhancements in ERC. Hiccup with ED – personal issue – contingencies in place (interim or new search). The formal application for the institute will come to the RB in October.

Long Term Care – largely came about due to COVID. Exact shape is still to be determined. Next week will put out a call for a co-Research Director like the way we've done with Ontario Shores.

Research Excellence Chair competition is beginning later this week. 4 chairs – 2 tied to BEI,

M. Lemonde asked for a Research Ethics Board update – L. Jacobs noted that the REB reports to the President. HSci and FSSH most impacted. REB has been struggling with some protocols since we went into the lockdown

last fall. L. noted a call came out last week REB looking for a Vice-Chair. Faculty invited to express their interest (2course release for chair, 1 for vice-chair) Encourages the vice-chair to be an active human participant researcher. Added additional staff – Research Ethics Officer – REB, Animal Care and Radiation and Biosafety. Was a contract Admin Support, now in process of hiring a Research Ethics Coordinator full time continuing. Both positions will be ex-officio and can facilitate making the board more efficient and consistent in its decision-making. Fssh is looking to inform a process/protocol to have an expedited process in place for graduate students.

L. Jacobs – research motivation. We’ve had a high number of researchers applying for research funding and successes across all faculties. Major increases in tri-council. Research Excellence Chairs are a great opportunity to recognize faculty.

## 5. Report of the Executive Director, Office of Research Services

J. Freeman provided and circulated a presentation that included information on/about:

- Significant increase in CIHR funding.
- Streamlined process for applications to resume on-campus research activity. Nimble and supportive of needs of faculty.
- REB position statement on vaccination.
- ORS will work primarily remotely through December.
- Vacancies – Manager, Research Partnerships & Innovation, Research Contracts Officer, Research Ethics Coordinator and Research Business Analyst.
- Employment Systems Review (Equity Diversity and Inclusion) – survey going out this fall, focus groups in January, and final report in March 2022.
- Funding
- Large initiatives expected this fall.
- Undergraduate Research – discussion about funding. **ACTION:** Faculty members are asked to seek input from their Deans and colleagues and bring to a future discussion.

G. Edwards noted that he will be looking at in-kind funding and how we can best report those funding numbers.

## 6. Annual Reports from Research Entities

L. Jacobs

L. Roy noted that it would be nice to have consistent reporting.

L. Roy asked about the DLI report (April 2021) and the Insight Grant. L. Jacobs noted that they did not go forward with this grant.

Will look to have a template for the reports.

## 7. Working Groups on Research Priorities

Deferred.

### Data Management Strategy

### Research Metrics Dashboard

L. Jacobs noted that

### Institutes and Centres

L. Jacobs noted that

### Canada Research Chairs Program Policy Review

L. Jacobs noted that

## 8. Faculty Exchange

FBIT – no update.

FESNS – still working on getting a sub-critical reactor on campus.

FEAS – collect signatures to reduce fees for international students. GPD initiated it. To make our uni more attractive to intl students. L. Jacobs noted that this is a priority in the Strategic Research Plan. L. Roy has been able to make reductions for some students.

SGPS – L. Roy noted that a major first step to assist with international graduate fees was taken by the university last year. Graduate International Intake Scholarships.

Health Sciences – Faculty moving into ..... Building soon.

FSSH – Communications person in FSSH to promote research after a low profile year.

Science – no report.

Education – absent.

**9. Other Business**

None.

**10. Next meeting – October 19, 2021**

**11. Adjournment –**