

Research Board Minutes

Date: October 24, 2017
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Place: ERC 3023
Present: C. Davidson, H. de Haan, G. Edwards, J. Freeman, D. Holdway (Chair), S. Karray, H. Kishawy, B. Murphy, M. Piro, L. Roy, V. Sharpe (secretary), A. Slane
Regrets: A. Eamer

1. Opening Remarks & Welcome

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve: H. Kishawy, seconded A. Slane. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of previous meeting's minutes

Motion to approve. Motion passed unanimously. L. Roy noted a clarification regarding the Graduate Student Stipend that it should read that "GRAs will be issued once as a lump sum *per term*...".

4. Report of the Vice President Research, Innovation and International

ORS is extremely busy at this time of year. Grant and contract volume are higher in comparison to previous years.

5. Business Arising

CONCUR follow up discussion – Decision made to not form a working group. G. Edwards and H. de Haan met and were able to discuss the issues so that Finance can follow up to resolve the issues.

G. Edwards invited Research Board members to alert him of any issues regarding CONCUR.

6. New Business

a. CRC Equity Plan

J. Freeman presented the CRC Equity Plan presentation and noted that allocations are made on a three year rolling average and are allocated every odd year. Because of the CRC Equity Plan exercise the allocations were put on hold and will be released in 2018. The CRC equity, diversity and inclusion public accountability requirements will be available on the website by Friday October 27. **ACTION:** V. Sharpe will circulate the presentation. **ACTION:** Please review the procedures and send comments to J. Freeman.

b. Institutional Support for Research

G. Edwards was asked by the previous Provost to perform analysis of what support UOIT provides to research. G. Edwards presented an Institutional Support for Research presentation. Refer to presentation attachment.

Issues raised:

- UOIT is not competitive in recruiting graduate students (e.g. free tuition to grad students).
- UOIT needs to provide funding to Graduate Studies, even though it is not a revenue generating unit.
- Issues with UOIT having a higher teaching load. Some universities provide a credit system toward teaching release based on doing more research and having more HQP.
- Other business schools are providing incentives for researchers (e.g. \$10,000 per publications).
- Social Sciences typically does not have cash contributions from the university to list on their grants. J. Freeman noted that this is typically correct with the exceptions being institutional grant applications (CFREFs, CRCs, etc.).
- It was noted that there is no incentive for Associate Deans, etc. to take on these administrative roles as their research suffers.
- Explore fundraising campaign for research support.
- Lack of space.

c. **Research Review**

J. Freeman noted that an external review of the VPRII is commencing. It may also include Research & Trust Accounting, and Partnership Activities and International Activities external to VPRII (e.g. Partnership in External Relations and International activities in Student Life). The current step is creating an internal self-study by December 2017. In January, an external committee will be struck to complete a site visit and create a comprehensive review which will be provided to the President and the various governance committees. The goal is to have the review completed by March 2018. This review was at the request of the outgoing VP Research. The Provost is overseeing the review as determined by the President.

7. Other Business/Faculty Exchange

a. **Roundtable on issues that impact research in Faculties**

It was noted that there is a lack of space to conduct research and more university support for research is required to remain competitive.

8. **Next meeting** – November 28, 2017, 2:30 - 4:00 in ERC 3023.

9. **Adjournment**

Adjourned at 2:30.