

Research Board Minutes

Date: January 23, 2018
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Place: ERC 1058
Present: W. Barber (for A. Eamer), H. de Haan, G. Edwards, J. Freeman, D. Holdway (Chair), S. Karray (by phone),
H. Kishawy, B. Murphy, L. Roy, V. Sharpe (secretary), A. Slane
Regrets: C. Davidson, A. Eamer, M. Piro

1. Opening Remarks & Welcome

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve: H. Kishawy, seconded L. Roy. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of previous meeting's minutes

Motion to approve: L. Roy, seconded by A. Slane. Motion passed unanimously.

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

D. Holdway noted that the **AVIN** (Autonomous Vehicles Innovation Network, OCE) has gone through the first review of the application process. The fund is worth \$5 million over 5 years. The UOIT proposal has received positive comments from government. We've submitted our revision and it looks promising. An added bonus is that there is \$38 million of grants that can be applied for if one is successful in getting the AVIN funding. It was noted that in our case the funding will go to UOIT for dissemination, not to the partners.

The **MGP** (Moving Ground Plane) project is underway. We are applying for funds left from this year and new funding. We must be ready to act quickly once approved so plans are already being developed.

Eco Car – a new application is being submitted. We were part of it before and unfortunately fell out. If we get in again we will be in good company with McMaster and U Waterloo.

Futures Forum – the next Futures Forum, The Future of Energy and the Environment, is May 2, 2018 at 61 Charles. A save the date email will be circulated today. H. Kishawy noted that to improve the forum it would be prudent to have researchers who work on the forum topic on the committee to organize the forum. J. Freeman noted that there have been transition issues.

The Self-study for the **external review** is under way.

5. Business Arising

Update on **ORS hiring** – J. Freeman noted that hiring is underway for the Research Business Analyst who is responsible for databases such as ROMEO, IRIS, compliance records, etc. (an offer has been made), Research Legal Counsel (interviews this week) and the Research Partnerships Officer (close to making an offer).

6. New Business

a. **CRC Equity Plan and Public Accountability and CRC Procedures –**

J. Freeman updated where the plan and procedures are in process. The Equity Action Plan was posted on the website by December 15 as required. The CRC procedures have been posted on our website as well. We are now moving to the implementation stage. A self-identification survey has gone out to CRCs. As our CRC sample size is small it makes it difficult to evaluate and implement changes. We currently have no gaps in FDGs (Four Designated Groups: women, visible minorities, persons with disabilities, and Aboriginal Peoples).

b. **Centre for Hate, Bias and Extremism proposal –** Guest Barbara Perry, FSSH

J. Freeman noted that the job of the Research Board is to review the application and to make a recommendation to Academic Council. J. Freeman introduced Barbara Perry, faculty in FSSH, and lead on this application.

B. Perry gave a slideshow presentation on the proposed Centre for Hate, Bias and Extremism proposal. Supporting documents were circulated with the meeting material. ACTION: V. Sharpe will circulate the presentation.

J. Freeman noted that the committee has 3 options: not recommend the centre, recommend the centre or seek more information.

Motion: To recommend the proposal to Academic Council (with modifications to proposal to include opportunities for additional growth among additional faculty/Faculties and the inclusion of technology such as AI and machine learning). Motion to approve: H. Kishawy, seconded by H. de Haan. Motion approved unanimously.

7. **Other Business/Faculty Exchange**

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

None.

8. **Next meeting –** February 27, 2018, 12:30 - 2:00 in DTA 303, 61 Charles.

9. **Adjournment**

Adjourned at 2.33 p.m.