

Research Board Minutes

Date: June 13, 2018

Time: 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Place: ERC 3023, Energy Research Centre

Attendees: C. Davidson, H. de Haan, G. Edwards, J. Freeman, D. Holdway (Chair), P. Mirza-Babaei (for S. Karray), H. Kishawy, B. Murphy, M. Piro, L. Roy, V. Sharpe (Secretary)

Guests: Ewa Stewart

Regrets: A. Eamer, A. Mamolo, A. Slane

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1. D. Holdway welcomed the Board, thanked Bernadette for her service and noted that Pierre Cote would be the Health Sciences representative member going forward.
 2. **Approval of the Agenda**
Motion to approve by B. Murphy. Seconded by L. Roy.
 3. **Approval of previous meeting's minutes**
Motion to approve by H. de Haan. Seconded by L. Roy.
 4. **Report of the Vice President Research, Innovation & International**
D. Holdway reported that:
 - * SSHRC awards have been publicly announced. UOIT had a 42.9% success rate, slightly below national average of 47%. We had 3 of 7 grants awarded.
 - * AVIN funding has been announced and the final contract will be signed shortly. The money will flow through Spark Centre and the UOIT lead is Justin Gammage.
 - * The VPRII external review report has not yet been received by the President but is expected in the next week.
 - * his term as interim VPRII is extended for another year (June 30, 2019) and that he will not be seeking the position full-time.
 5. **Business Arising**
 - a. Update on ORS hiring
Deferred.
 6. **New Business**
 - a. Research Excellence Awards Guidelines
J. Freeman noted that during the last meeting discussion ensued regarding the REAs and it was decided that more discussion was needed. There was consensus on having the award continue.
H. de Haan queried the difference between the REAs and the Deb Saucier Early Researcher Awards. J. Freeman explained that the DS Awards include funding to advance research and money for infrastructure while the REAs are more honourific and award the researcher on past and current

research with the award funding going to the researchers' professional development accounts. The additional internal funds were created to award funds to researchers with unfunded or underfunded projects.

H. de Haan questioned the levels of prestige of the awards. J. Freeman noted that the REAs are awards and the others are funded grants. H. de Haan suggested it may be good to change the name of the DS Award to "Grant" to differentiate between the two. It was also suggested that the REA documents note that if a suitable candidate is not selected the award will not be awarded. E. Stewart noted that this wording has been changed in the new draft so it has been addressed. This wording was accepted unanimously.

P. Mirza-Babaei presented some comments sent by S. Karray including 1) a suggestion for an option for self-nomination, 2) that perhaps 5 reference letters is too many, 3) that the 5 year gap (must wait 5 years between being successfully awarded and reapplying) between the two awards categories may be a barrier to applying, and 4) that "breakthroughs" may be difficult for certain faculties to demonstrate. The Board unanimously agreed that self-nomination would be acceptable. J. Freeman noted that the referees have never been asked to provide letters in the past so as to not cause reviewer fatigue, but UOIT reserves the right to request the letter(s).

It was suggested that regarding "breakthroughs" perhaps the wording should be changed to "influence".

H. de Haan noted a concern about developing HQP that may not be equal across the faculties. J. Freeman noted that the language could be made more specific to identify all HQP including undergraduate students.

H. Kishawy noted that journals may need to be defined and that there are different tiers. Suggestion to change the wording to "Peer reviewed journals in indexed journals (Q one)". It was suggested to add wording like "The decision committee will evaluate the quality of the journal.". J. Freeman noted that there is discussion about requesting the nominee/nominator to provide additional information about the quality of the journal. C. Davidson noted an issue with predatory journals and predatory conferences.

J. Freeman noted that the guidelines would be revised and posted on the Research website.

Action: Send any additional comments to V. Sharpe by the end of June.

Discussion on timeline: This year the teaching awards and the staff awards (HR) have had or will have their own awards ceremonies and the research awards will be given out at our own ceremony. There will only be one ceremony, probably in late March, where the awarded researchers will speak. Nomination information will be circulated shortly and nomination packages will be due mid-September.

ACTION: V. Sharpe will review calendar for conflicts such as OUF and select a deadline date.

M. Piro left the meeting.

b. CFI Innovation Fund internal call

J. Freeman noted that there will be a funding call but the details are not yet known. Potential launch is early 2019. ORS has started working on this now as it is a big opportunity. J. Freeman read through the presentation.

ACTION: V. Sharpe will circulate the presentation.

ACTION: The Research Board is asked to provide input to J. Freeman by next week.

c. Payments to Research Participants Procedure

G. Edwards noted that this document is provided as a consent item. He confirmed that the procedures do not cause a duplication of efforts and it makes the forms more compliant and better protects privacy.

ACTION: Send comments to G. Edwards.

d. 2017-2018 Year End Summary of Performance

J. Freeman read through a presentation of research performance and funding.

ACTION: V. Sharpe will circulate the presentation.

G. Edwards left the meeting.

e. Radiation and Biosafety Policy updates

J. Freeman noted that the material circulated will be going forward to governance for approval.

f. REB Taskforce

J. Freeman noted that an open call has gone out to invite faculty to participate in the REB including the Chair position.

g. IFF Recipients

J. Freeman reported that on the recipients and noted that the information can be found on the Research website.

7. Other Business/Faculty Exchange

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

None.

8. Next meeting –to be scheduled for September 2018

9. Adjournment – 4:35 pm.

Standing Items

* Supporting documentation attached