

Research Board Minutes

Date: April 2, 2019 (March meeting)

Time: 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

Place: DTA 369

Attendees: P. Cote, C. Davidson (phone), B. Easton, G. Edwards, J. Freeman, D. Holdway, S. Karray,
M. Piro (phone), L. Roy, V. Sharpe (Secretary), A. Slane (phone)

Regrets: H. Kishawy, A. Mamolo

1. Approval of the agenda

Motion to approve by L. Roy. Seconded by B. Easton.

As H. Kishawy is absent item 6c NSERC Discovery expense claim is deferred.

2. Approval of previous meeting's minutes

Motion to approve by P. Cote. Seconded by B. Easton.

3. Business Arising

a. Framework for discussions with on-campus partners

Committee in agreement that it looks good and doesn't require changes. G. Edwards asked to include Finance Business Operations (K. Ali). It was suggested that we add ACE and the Compliance Committees such as the REB. B. Easton suggested that we could send out the framework invitation and ask them to return it in 30 days and schedule them to come to an upcoming Research Board meeting to present. J. Freeman noted that when inviting OCIS and IT Services it would be a good idea to discuss with them how they wanted to include their DC counterparts.

It was noted that with 17 groups it would take 3 or more years to meet with everyone.

The board regrouped the on-campus partners:

ACE	IT Services (including DC IT Services?)
Communications + Marketing	Library
Finance	Legal Counsel
Business Operations	OCIS (including DC Facilities Management?)
Payroll & Finance Systems	Office of Research Services
Research & Trust Accounting	Provost's and President's Offices
Health & Safety Officer/Research Safety	Purchasing
Officer/Compliance Committees	School of Graduate and Post-doctoral Studies
Human Resources	Science Stores

The committee ranked the 3 to ask to present first to be IT Services, OCIS and Science Stores.

ACTION: V. Sharpe will invite them to attend three upcoming meetings.

4. Report of the Vice President Research & Innovation

D. Holdway reported that the good news we received this week for funding far outweighs the bad news. No RTIs were funded this round (only 1 in the last 36 were funded). However the following funding was announced:

- More than \$2.614 million in grants has been announced
- 7/14 SSHRCs funded – outstanding! \$1.1 million this year.
- EDI grant – 15/51 funded and UOIT got one. \$190,000 in year one, \$193,000 in year two.
- Mitacs Accelerate - \$216,000 Dario Bonetta
- ERA – \$140,000 JoAnne Arcand
- \$15,000 Engage – Khalil El-Khatib
- Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada - \$50,000 – Khalid Elgazzar, Andrea Slane
- NSERC CRD - \$170,000 – Ghaus Rizvi
- NSERC CRD - \$ 125,000 - JP Desaulniers
- Engage \$38,000 - Lennart Van Veen
- New Frontiers – (new Tri-Agency Fund) – High Risk High Reward - \$250,000 –
- Barb Perry - \$300,000+ - Centre for Hate, Bias & Extremism
- NSERCs are still to come

AVIN update: A big one day conference was held on March 28 and it was an excellent event. The ACE Advisory Committee met afterward for their inaugural meeting and it went very well. L. Roy commented on how ACE is really a powerhouse now with Aerodynamics, Software, Wireless and Autonomous Vehicles. P. Cote noted that the Health Data Hub Aviva will give access to automobile data to create a data hub with their 10 years of data. He noted that Access Health Care Centres, for Spine Health Week, will be speaking at a meeting in advance of the G20 conference in Osaka, Japan to make recommendations to be discussed at the G20.

REA 2018 – D. Holdway announced the 2018 Research Excellence Award winners: Brad Easton, Science, Senior Researcher Category and JoAnne Arcand, Health Sciences, Early Stage Researcher Category and invited everyone to attend the Research Excellence Award Speaker Series event on Wednesday May 8 from 4:30-6:30 in the ERC Atrium.

5. Report of the Director, Office of Research Services

J. Freeman provided a presentation (attached) that included information on:

- UOIT grant funding
- the USRAs – The ORS Student Research Showcase is cancelled for this year due to budget cuts due to reduced funding from the provincial government.
- REB – the reviewer model has changed after a review of other REBs. B. Easton asked about fast-tracking minimal risk research applications. J. Freeman noted that we need to have very strong criteria on risk levels and that there's probably a lot that could be done to speed up student research applications as it is normally low risk and it is time sensitive.

6. New Business

a. Research Services Contract (Variable Pay)

G. Edwards noted that he was asked to create a procedure to better track Research Services Contracts. A form is now in place. He noted that there weren't problems but rather there was a desire to streamline the process. G. Edwards is consulting with various groups and invited feedback from the Research Board. L. Roy noted that the primary issue is workload. There were questions about double-dipping. G. Edwards noted that RSC was tethered to workload but that was taken out of the first collective agreement so it is now untethered. He noted that a researcher can run their own consulting business and not run it through the

university but if you run your external business through the institution it falls under the variable pay procedure. D. Holdway noted that workload and variable pay will need to be at the discretion of the dean. B. Easton and L. Roy noted that one form will not fit all researchers. S. Karray stated that it's a symbiotic relationship where once you get a reputation as an expert you get more contracts and build reputation which builds your brand and the university brand. B. Easton noted a need for language about course release (how you wish to receive the funding, e.g. taxable, course release). **ACTION:** Provide feedback on Research Services Contract to G. Edwards.

b. Indirect Costs Policy

J. Freeman noted that the policy is being updated to 1) modernize our rates so we are defraying our indirect costs while being competitive in the marketplace and 2) create a formula for internal distribution of funds. It will go to the Research Working Group and then to the Research Board for comment.

c. Research Equipment

J. Freeman noted that there is a gap in policy regarding who owns research equipment. **ACTION:** Provide feedback to J. Freeman. **ACTION:** J. Freeman will bring the Research Equipment policy back to the Research Board.

7. **Other Business/Faculty Exchange**

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

- i. New branding for Ontario Tech University – J. Freeman is in consultations with various stakeholders and will provide clarity for researchers at the next meeting (e.g. How to list in publications, ResearchGate, etc.). If you have any questions please send them to J. Freeman. **ACTION:** J. Freeman will meet with C. Davidson and Communications + Marketing.
- ii. Research Data Management – **ACTION:** J. Freeman will bring to the next meeting.
- iii. L. Roy noted that we were awarded a Vector Scholarship Award of \$17, 5000 (2 awards to UOIT Graduate Students). There are 19 Vector affiliates.

8. **Next meeting** – May 1, 2019 at 2:30 pm, ERC 3023 (April meeting)

9. **Adjournment** – 1:59 pm.