

University Research Council Minutes
Thursday, June 8 2017
2:00 – 4:30 pm
Mills Library, 3rd Floor, Room L304

In attendance:

Rob Baker, Peter Mascher, Naresh Agarwal, , John Preston, Doug Welch, Vivian Lewis, Jonathan Bramson, Zach Douglas, Nick Markettos, Gay Yuyitung, Lori Dillon, Danelle D’Alvise

Regrets: Stephen Collins, Greg Weiler, Ranil Sonnadara, Gillian Goward

1. **Minutes of University Research Council Meeting** of March 6, 2017. Correction to be made on Page 2, Point 3. Report by Peter Mascher AVP re Hong Kong and Shanghai, Bullet stating “Vivian Lewis advised that she participated in a similar event in Hong Kong – Humanities alumni”. “Humanities alumni” to be removed. Minutes approved.

2. **Report by VP Research**

- McMaster Institute for Transportation and Logistics (MITL): Saiedeh Razavi, Director, will be on a Leave for 1 year from July 1, 2017. An Acting Director to be appointed.
- McMaster Indigenous Research Institute (MIRI): A new Director to be announced soon.
- Mosaic security
- Chalk River Laboratories are shutting down, which means there will be a neutron gap soon. The Canadian Neutron Initiative (CNI), led by University of Saskatchewan and McMaster University, calls for a 10-year investment by the Federal Government to provide access for Canadian researchers to leading neutron-beam facilities around the world and in university-based capabilities including upgrades to the McMaster Nuclear Reactor to enable it to support a much larger portion of Canada’s neutron user community. University of Saskatchewan wants to be the lead.
- Superclusters: Initiative created by the Ministry of Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada. Opportunity: Toronto-Waterloo Corridor. \$35M by the Ontario Government for the Advanced Manufacturing Consortium. Must be led by industry (one major industry/two or three smaller companies). Meeting with Jason Myers, representing the province; need to involve academics; need for a not-for-profit organization to put application in; seeing McMaster as an excellent example of what the government wants to see.
- AVP Research selection process started

- Strategic Research Plan Committee Meetings: Agreed on basic framework; identify broad areas of strength; will need particular areas of strength; draft delayed; will bring draft to URC later.
3. **Guidelines for Determining IP Ownership (Gay Yuyitung)**
- Auditors requested this document
 - Bringing process to the attention of the University Research Council and requesting input from its members. Use as a tool on MILO website. Needs a preface on how it can be used (text to say this is for....)
4. **VIVO Update (Vivian Lewis/Kevin de Kock, Director, Enterprise Solutions & Applications, UTS)**
- Partnership between Research and High Performance Computing and Library.
 - Input from UTS and Branding
 - Will have something in July. Need advice today.
 - Open Source software. Find a particular individual in a particular field. Large universities use it (Duke, Cornell, etc.). Search by name, keyword, and department.
 - It's a Tier 3 Committee in the IT Governance Committee structure. Tier 1 is Strategic Directions. Tier 2 is Research Technology Committee.
 - Mosaic is one of the pipelines feeding in; structured by faculty member; feeds come in regularly; purchase "Elements" feed. Email received by researcher asking for confirmation of research claiming. Also show a picture of collaborations. Students use VIVO.
 - Some faculties already do this but it's manual data entry
 - University of Toronto is looking at it
 - In July, data from all Faculties to come in (just basic profile), but without the bibliometric data.
 - The first stage of the project was funded through the Strategic Alignment Fund. Ongoing funding is yet to be determined.
 - Vivian Lewis is asking URC members for naming. Presented the name "Experts at McMaster" to Provost Council.
 - Other US universities used "VIVO"
 - J. Preston asked what the order of information is – what comes up first. New websites wouldn't have research profiles but with link to VIVO
 - Vivian noted standardization and ability to harvest data
 - Kevin de Kock: The initial extracts from Mosaic showed that the data quality was poor. The team (HR, UTS, RHPCS and the Library) will work to clean up key data fields (e.g. Names, Positions, Departments etc.) and develop policies and procedures to ensure that the data remains clean and consistent moving forward. UTS will implement a feature that allows researchers to use a "preferred name". There are 6,000 names; will update and copy primary name; will have each person change the name to whatever they want. UTS will monitor the entries.

- Number of researchers in VIVO (5,000 including clinical researchers) and QS Rankings (900). Need to look at that.
- This committee may wish to recommend that researchers get an ORCID ID.

5. Staff Updates

- Kathy Charters:
 - CFI IF results are expected in June, with the results of the provincial match to come in the fall. The Canada150 Research Chairs Program has not yet provided information, however, we want the Faculties to be aware of this upcoming opportunity and to plan for who they would like to put forward. This will need to be a researcher who is currently outside of Canada and who will have international impact.
****VPR to send out an email requesting reply to us with ideas**
 - Reminder: CRC's; Approach to equity. Action plan in development. Look at documents sent out by ROADS. The Public Accountability documents will be due in October. By mid-December, we must provide our plan for how we will maintain our number of CRCs who identify with being in an under-represented group. Currently we are over our targets for women and visible minorities.
- Gay Yuyitung (MILO)
 - Forge: June 22 – Summer Soirees (researchers as mentors). Gay to send out to PI's.
- Bonny Ibhawoh:
 - SSHRC plans for the Canada 150 celebrations and call on Universities to report on activities being planned on their campuses to mark the event.
 - Update on SSHRC's annual storytellers contest where researchers showcase the impact of SSHRC-funded research.
 - The Wilson Institute has a number of events lined up.
- Doug Welch:
 - Three Associate Deans of Research are completing their terms in the School of Graduate Studies

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm.