



GFC Standing Committee Report

Committee: GFC Research Planning Committee

For the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

The GFC Research Planning Committee (RPC) is the primary advisory body to the Vice-President (Research) and is consulted on issues within the research and innovation portfolio. The following is a report on the committee's activities as well as those of its Review Panels for the 2023-24 academic year.

1.0 GFC RESEARCH PLANNING COMMITTEE

Members

	Representative	Term
Committee Chair	Dena McMartin	ongoing
Associate Vice-President (Research) or designate	Jackie Rice	Ex-officio
Provost & Vice-President (Academic) or designate*	Sandra Dixon	Ex-officio
Dean, School of Graduate Studies or designate	Marc Roussel	Ex-officio
Arts & Science, Humanities	Dan O'Donnell	30-Jun-25
Arts & Science, Sciences	Ylias Chali	30-Jun-25
Arts & Science, Social Sciences	Vacant	
Dhillon School of Business	Rhiannon Mesler	30-Jun-24
Education	Sharon Pelech	30-Jun-24
Fine Arts	Janet Youngdahl	30-Jun-24
School of Graduate Studies	Nehal Thakor	30-Jun-24
Health Sciences	Wendi Lokanc-Diluzio	30-Jun-24
Liberal Education	Vacant	
Resource Members		
Olusola (Sola) Fasunwon	Director, ORIS	
Alison Piekema	Executive Assistant, OVPR	

Meetings

September 25, 2023 (via video conference)

D. McMartin provided an overview of the committee including its position within the GFC reporting structure, its roles and responsibilities, and the activities to be undertaken in 2023/24.

Business conducted at the meeting included:

- Discussing upcoming institutional funding opportunities soon to be announced by the federal government.
- Establishing the workplan for the academic year including plans for CRC re-allocations, renewals, and nominations and BOG Research Chair renewal plus other priorities defined by the membership and as arising in response to external funding and partnership opportunities.
- Confirmation of 2 CRC Tier II nominations in preparation.
- Review of GFC-RPC membership criteria to address challenges in recruitment for some positions.
- Updates on membership in Digital Research Alliance of Canada
- Opportunities for funding and collaboration in the One Child, Every Child CFREF program hosted at UofC.

- Updates on expected CFI JELF and Innovation Fund deadlines.
- Review of Indigenous individuals and communities: [OCAP®](#) and SGS policies/supports.
- Discussion of Core Research Facilities model and how it is evolving beyond sciences.

November 27, 2023 (via video conference)

Business conducted at the meeting included:

- Receipt of recommendations from the membership for re-allocation of SSHRC CRC Tier II.
- Library presentation on implications of generative AI for copyright.
- Royal Society of Canada nominations updates.

February 26, 2024 (via video conference)

Business conducted at the meeting included:

- Finalization of revised draft BOG Research Chair terms of reference for Board consideration.
- Review of changes to the CRC EDI thresholds and recruitment eligibility requirements.
- Updates to the internal grants' submission processes in ORIS.

March 25, 2024 (via video conference)

Business conducted at the meeting included:

- Recommendation for the BOG to approve establishment of new Research Centre: i4Geo.
- Recommendation on the value of University of Lethbridge Travel Fund grants for 2024/25.

Respectfully submitted,



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Vice-President (Research)