



GFC Standing Committee Report
Committee: GFC Research Planning Committee
For the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

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 2024-25 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*	Julia Brassolotto	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	Yllias Chali	30-Jun-25
Arts & Science, Social Sciences	Paul Vasey	30-Jun-25
Dhillon School of Business	Walter Wymer	30-Jun-26
Education	Robert Leblanc	30-Jun-26
Fine Arts	Janet Youngdahl	30-Jun-26
School of Graduate Studies	Peter Dibble	30-Jun-26
Health Sciences	Brenda Leung	30-Jun-26
Liberal Education	Kaylan Schwarz	30-Jun-26
Resource Members		
Olusola (Sola) Fasunwon	Director, ORIS	
Alison Piekema	Executive Assistant, OVPR	

Meetings

October 28, 2024

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 2024/25.

Business conducted at the meeting included:

- Discussion surrounding the Centre for Feminist Research Provisional Recommendation (3year) approved by BOG.
- Reviewing the workplan priorities for the academic year including 3 ULeth-led CFI Innovation Fund NOIs, BOG Research Chair Program.
- Confirmation of 2 CRC Tier II nominations submitted, 2 search committees in progress.
- Draft of Strategic Research Plan to start review & discussion.
- Policies up for review & revision
- Discussion around STRAC, International Collaboration Grants & Research Planning for Sustainable Campus Strategy & Action Plan

- Reminder of Annual Requirements

November 25, 2024

Business conducted at the meeting included:

- Focus spent on Strategic Research Actions Plan

January 27, 2025

Business conducted at the meeting included:

- Ongoing commentary & contributions on Research Strategies & Actions Plan
- Discussion around Disestablishment of Research Centre or Institute, CFI Innovation Fund
- CERC call for expression of interest is open
- BOG Research Chairs Program
- Electronic Research Administration System

February 24, 2025

Business conducted at the meeting included:

- Ongoing commentary on Research Strategies & Actions Plan
- BOG RC Program Adjustments
- Review of Research Security, International Collaboration Grants
- Policy Review and Revisions

March 24, 2025

Business conducted at the meeting included:

- Ongoing commentary on Strategic Research Actions Plan Draft Document
- BOG Research Chairs Adjudication Updates
- Review Prentice Institute and Centre for the Study of Scholarly Communication
- Recommendation to not renew membership in Rural Development Network for 2025/26
- Transition to Mitacs Partner Status
- Policy review and revisions
- Canada Excellence Research Chair Call for Submissions

April 28, 2025

Business conducted at the meeting included:

- Review of Strategic Research Actions Plan Document
- Discussion around termination of research centres and institutes, review memberships
- Continued work on policy review and revisions

June 23, 2025

Business conducted at the meeting included:

- Mitacs Update
- Input on topics/items for 2026/2026 Term
- Approval of changes to BoG Research Chair Materials

Respectfully submitted,



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Vice-President (Research)