

Libraries Forum March 12, 2013 2:00pm-3:00pm Sound and Moving Image Library, Scott Library	
Agenda Item	Notes
Strategic Research Plan –Draft	<p>Introduction provided by C. Davidson, Associate University Librarian, Collections. Thanked the Scholarly Communications Committee for their efforts in providing additions to the draft SRP on behalf of the Libraries.</p> <p>R. Haché welcomed Forum members. Indicated that the draft SRP has been circulated to the Faculty and invites comments and discussion. Noted most recent feedback received from Libraries – have incorporated some of the input into the most recent draft. Emphasized that the two main components of the Plan – telling the story of York research by highlighting the scope and scale of research we do at York; and the strategic focus on areas of opportunity for the development of research. Noted that the Plan will be implemented through collegial discussion with Faculties on a continuing basis – recognizing institutional objectives and aligning and intersecting with Faculty objectives, working towards realizing ambitions. Stressed the purpose was to listen and receive further feedback</p> <p><u>Comments & Clarifications from Library Forum members:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Commented that the Plan is a very useful tool in recruitment and hiring, and inquired how new faculty would fit into the larger research vision -Clarified that the Plan tries to outline a broad spectrum of the research story at York and a summary version of the Plan will be developed for an external audience/ external purpose (4 page version suggested). -Inquired if there are any plans to formalize a list of what research is being conducted at York -Clarified that we are committed to supporting the recognition of our research and scholarly accomplishments, for example have been making considerable efforts toward increasing the frequency of research featured in Yfile and other communication mechanisms -Expressed interest in the “Scholarship of Socially Engaged Research” area of opportunity -Clarified that York has achieved a national leaders status in the practice of knowledge mobilization, and we are committed to advancing this established leadership by investing in the scholarship of KM and best practices to enable researchers. -Reinforced the input submitted - access and best practices around knowledge dissemination, applicable to both research and on a practical level, is important to Libraries. -Clarified that this has now been incorporated within Plan -Expressed enthusiasm for Digital Cultures area of opportunity – suggested that Libraries is very well positioned to play a strong role in this area. -Noted that Libraries is involved in hosting at York a large data mining workshop, and that they are represented on the VPRI high performance computing committee -Commented that within the ORUs are new emerging research fields tied to directions Libraries are taking- inquired about the future of ORUs at York -Clarified that ORUs are experiencing ongoing development – the York ORU landscape will continue to evolve and grow going forward. -Inquired about York Research Chairs and how they may relate to Libraries -Clarified that the internal research chairs will provide recognition and opportunity to some of our most active researchers to enable their research goals. Awarded on a competitive basis based on the excellence and demonstrated leadership of the

candidates. York Research Chairs will be distributed broadly to support research in all areas and disciplines - no intent to exclude any area at York.

-R. Haché thanked Forum members for comments and encouraged further feedback to: barbb@yorku.ca