

<b>VPRI Community Chat</b> <b>October 4, 2012</b> <b>9:00am</b> <b>Room 402, HNES Building</b>	
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<p>Discussion with VPRI Rob Haché</p>	<p>Opportunity for research community to engage with VPRI Rob Haché and SRP consultation leads on an informal basis with respect to the strategic research plan development. Meeting schedule available at <a href="http://srp.info.yorku.ca">http://srp.info.yorku.ca</a></p> <p><u>Comments &amp; Clarifications from Community Chat Participants:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Suggested a focus on Community Engagement initiatives within the Plan eg: Faculty of Environmental Studies is pursuing community engagement initiatives like Black Creek Urban Farm- largest in Toronto, engaging in community partnerships</li> <li>-York will need to grow that leadership to evolve those relationships within the community</li> <li>-Stressed the need for resources to champion and engage more Faculty and students at York in this type of work</li> <li>-Sought clarification on what kind of community engagement commitment would need to be in the plan.</li> <li>-Suggested that a strong and broad statement be considered to ensure York sets the tone for strong community engagement/partnership</li> <li>-Sought clarity on metrics and breakdown of measures on the type and quality of research being done between the Faculties</li> <li>-Highlighted the work that has been taking place at York to broaden our research impact and exposure to the external community through Knowledge Mobilization (KM) has been encouraging – very valuable work being done, a real strength at York</li> <li>-Stressed that graduate education and training should be recognized in the Plan, connected to overall research goals of the university</li> <li>-Encouraged focus on PhDs and PDFs in the Plan</li> <li>-Funding for initiatives such as cross disciplinary summer school programs and speaker series is scarce – but are excellent examples of leading forms of community engagement- important for the university to support as they are valuable forms of scholarship and bring considerable profile to York University</li> <li>-Suggested that ORUs be recognized with the plan as playing an important role in scholarship at York</li> <li>-Suggested Plan address issues around international PhD level students</li> <li>-Community engagement is a strength at York, however we need to think about ways to conduct community engagement in a more comprehensive way so we may coordinate projects effectively</li> <li>-Suggested better coordination between VPRI and Provost office</li> <li>-Stressed a needed culture shift at York regarding research – research should be considered a prominent part of the conversation and fabric of York – hasn't been pervasive enough at York University</li> <li>-research should be required to be visible and celebrated as a way of getting people excited about and aware of research at York</li> <li>-Suggested Plan should highlight taking an active interest in research at all levels at York- suggested beginning at Department Chair level</li> <li>-Suggested that we include criteria / or means to measure with any focus on community engagement/partnership, a measure of impact would be helpful to future initiatives and town/gown divide</li> <li>-Sought clarification on whether Plan will comment on contract Faculty and incentives to orient them more towards research</li> <li>-Plan will try to broaden opportunities but focus will be on full time faculty members</li> </ul>