

SRP Meeting with Osgoode Hall Law School October 16, 2012 3:30pm 2003 Kaneff Building	
Agenda Item	Notes
<p>Strategic Research Plan Overview (R. Haché)</p> <p>(presented SRP overview slides)</p>	<p>Introduction provided by P.Puri, Associate Dean, Research, Graduate Program & Int'l Relations. VPRI R. Haché presented a series of slides outlining the institutional context, what the plan will cover as it presents the story of York research, and why we need to develop a new research plan for York. Underscored the need for university-wide feedback as integral to the development of the Strategic Research Plan.</p> <p>Concluded the presentation by asking meeting members how the Plan might identify and incorporate the strategic directions of Osgoode Hall Law School.</p> <p><u>Comments & Clarifications from Osgoode Hall Law School:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Sought clarification on how Osgoode may incorporate their strategic plan directions, developed last year in the Research Plan for Osgoode 2011-2015, to be rolled up into the SRP -Clarified that directions and input toward SRP themes and areas of focus will be garnered through various Faculty Council visits, community chats and other means of consultation including research and administrative leadership bodies including the Deans/ADR Workshop on October 30th -Inquired about the ORU External Review and the new chartering process being incorporated and addressed in the Plan -Clarified that they will be reflected in the Plan. -Osgoode is now looking at increasing capacity building supports and dissemination on the output side- increasing community projects, relevant research – as dimensions of research at Osgoode -Expressed importance of institutional structure to allow for large scale grant support – concern about coping with demands put on researchers -Osgoode sees research as inputs and outputs rather than organizing around thematic -Some concern expressed in limiting curiosity driven research- not picking winners based on areas of focus. Osgoode now looking to benchmarks – how are we doing well as opposed to prioritizing areas to support -Clarified that Plan will be inclusive, but committed to supporting individual research -However, emphasized that ORU and CRC structure is geared towards supporting selectively though – suggested that Plan shouldn't necessarily shy away from making clear strategic priorities -Clarified that VPRI will shortly be announcing a YRC process; expectation to contribute to overall development of research at York -Sought clarification on the proposed themes and what the relationship will be the CRC recruitment/prioritization -Clarified that the strategic objectives of the Plan will be highly relevant to CRC planning -Encouraged Plan will support bilateral relationships with collaborative research ideas- university should be a catalyst to build those collaborations- would be in keeping with internal Osgoode discussions – deriving benefits from synergies -Support focus on students within Plan- Osgoode students encourage having more official channels of collaboration. A great deal to be gained for students in getting them involved in research- Osgoode doesn't have RAs so students are very involved in research

-Encouraged experiential driven research/education mandate as a focus in SRP- sending students in to organizations to do strictly research through placements ie: CAMH, IP Osgoode

-Suggested that ORUs are a good place for the interaction between research and teaching, with many student programs housed within the ORU- there are a lot of synergies that arise there- the more of that we can do the better- student engagement is important in the ORUs

-Concern expressed regarding libraries supporting a research agenda- the collecting, dissemination and communicating research and giving people the tools and know-how is sometimes a challenge with the resources currently available

-The library is trying to build the connections between research and researchers and users and dissemination - resources available are largely digital and print

-Stressed that Plan has to focus on the curiosity enterprise and the institutional repositories for that research- getting that research in the hands of others is what is important for researchers- the library has a large role to play

-Encouraged a strategic theme around external/outward focus- engaging partners, community members etc. as a means of establishing outward relationships

Emphasized opportunities for further input and consultation schedule: available on SRP website at: <http://srp.info.yorku.ca>