

February 12, 2013 Time: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM Location: Senate Chambers, N940 Ross	
Agenda Item	Notes
Introductory Remarks (R.Haché and C.Haig-Brown)	R. Haché welcomed community to the SRP Open Forum. C. Haig-Brown greeted audience and made introductory remarks, emphasizing that the document is responsive to the feedback received throughout the last several months of consultations. Stressed that it is a first draft, and encouraged feedback from community. R. Haché reminded participants that the draft Plan was posted yesterday on the SRP website: http://srp.info.yorku.ca
Discussion and Feedback from Audience	<p><u>Comments & Clarifications on Draft SRP:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Expressed interest in the process following the document's completion- what are the targets for improving/ meeting our objectives outlined in the SRP -Clarified that it will be the next phase of discussion and there will be an ongoing effort to assess how the Faculties are developing targets to meet the goal/objectives of the SRP and the overall alignment with Faculty plans. There will be recognition for all forms of scholarship when evaluating the impact on research intensity -Inquired about resources to support objectives and concrete steps to achieve them. With regard to the opportunities outlined in the Plan, wondered who the audience is -Clarified that the audience is the internal community first and secondly the external government agencies as well as other members such as parents, prospective students, broader region. In actualizing the Plan, efforts will be made to see research programs/ applications and new hires align with growth areas. -Congratulated on thorough consultation at all levels. Inquired how plan will integrate, going forward, with changing landscape of government funding bodies. -Clarified that it is seen as an advantage to funders to align research projects with goals of institutions, but have not done anything to yield to funders, but have expressed interest in areas where there is broad interest in. -Sought clarification on the lifespan of the plan and if there will be a review done at any stage -Clarified that we expect that it will be reviewed at the 3 year mark, then will begin to embark on planning evolution of a new plan that will reflect new opportunities -Inquired about the emphasis on collaboration within the Plan -Clarified that the intention is to expand on existing collaborations between researchers and encourage the formation of new collaborations -Inquired about measure of success with the Plan and areas of strategic research focus -Clarified that there will be different phases of success- some may be recognized with tangible results as they are more mature ie: digital media, and others may take longer to demonstrate success ie: Engineering, we do expect to have an increase in our rankings and other measures and ultimately to be recognized nationally as a leading research intensive university -Expressed interest in the kinds of vehicles that support initiatives in the Plan- ORUs are among those vehicles. -Clarified that there is a spectrum of activity that occurs in ORUs, serving as a synergistic hub for interdisciplinary research programs at a large scale but do allow for new opportunities to emerge. Commit to continue to support ORUs and allow for their active growth in developing a suite of activities that meet research goals. Encourage Faculties to champion ORUs as well.

Concluding Remarks	Thanks to community for attending. Underscored the importance of community feedback and specific input on areas within the Plan we may improve upon. Please continue to share feedback through the website: http://srp.info.yorku.ca
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