

<b>Schulich School of Business Faculty Council Meeting October 5, 2012 11:30 – 12:30 pm Room E11</b>	
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<p>Strategic Research Plan (R. Haché)</p> <p>(presented overview slides)</p>	<p>VPRI Rob Haché welcomed Faculty members and presented a series of slides outlining the need for a new SRP, content and upcoming consultation process. Highlighted the need for an Institutional SRP built on Unit and Faculty plans, informing the UAP – needing a strong, broadly supported vision to help us increase our participation in research and the recognition we receive for our research. Underscored the need for Faculty feedback as integral to the development of the Strategic Research Plan- very important to ensure that the University-wide Strategic Research Plan echoes the research programs and core research values identified by each of the Faculties, as reflected by existing or emerging Faculty strategic plans.</p> <p>-Concluded presentation by asking faculty members how we might seek to identify and incorporate the strategic directions of Schulich School of Business within the SRP.</p> <p><u>Comments &amp; Clarifications from Schulich School of Business:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Faculty welcomed the consultation and looked forward to helping shape the SRP in the months to come</li> <li>-Concern re: operational issues that challenge researchers in completing their research</li> <li>-Concern that the SRP represents a process to streamline research: expressed hope that the SRP will reflect diverse research cultures</li> <li>-questioned whether it is a branding exercise</li> <li>-Articulation that both tri-council funding and funding from the private sector is beneficial to the research process</li> <li>-Strong desire to have interdisciplinarity articulated in the SRP; however, concern that the term refers to “between Faculties.” At Schulich, researchers combine disciplines but it may not always occur “between Faculties.”</li> <li>-expressed importance of international business and responsible enterprize as foci of research.</li> <li>-R. Haché clarified that there are different contexts for the term “interdisciplinarity” and that the SRP consultation process provides an opportunity to identify these areas.</li> <li>-Stressed the need for SRP to increase engagement in research rather than prescribe the direction of future research. To create an environment of openness</li> <li>-Research administration process needs to be made more conducive and effective to conducting research – i.e. the completion of expense forms, etc. needs to be made easier</li> <li>-It’s important to create an environment where leading research can be recognized and emerge</li> <li>-time and money are issues to be addressed</li> <li>-create an environment that enables the formation of new research clusters</li> </ul>