

Faculty of Science Faculty Council Meeting March 12, 2013 3:00pm Room 306 Lumbers	
Agenda Item	Notes
Strategic Research Plan –Draft	<p>VPRI Rob Haché welcomed Faculty members. Indicated that the draft SRP has been circulated to the Faculty and invites comments and discussion.</p> <p>The Plan provides a high level vision to guide the development of research at York. 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. Highlighted interdisciplinary research as important to York, having tried to reflect the broad range of cross-disciplinary research at York within the interactive themes. Noted that the Plan focuses on some of the existing strengths within the Faculty but provides flexibility, recognizing that it is a transitional time for the Faculty. 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. Intention to develop a shorter summary version for external audiences once the final version is complete.</p> <p>Emphasized the purpose of the visit was to listen and receive further feedback</p> <p><u>Comments & Clarifications:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Inquired about the broad research themes- expressed concern about restriction of strengths not featured -Clarified that there is no intent to limit interactions of research between themes -Recognized that there was a considerable effort made to include various examples of research within the Plan, inquired about alignment of strengths and development of Faculty growth -Clarified that it is encouraged to seek alignments between institutional and Faculty objectives -Inquired about areas in the Plan where the Faculty could provide contributions, in terms of gaps and missing strengths -Clarified that there has been efforts made to be most inclusive, but there may be areas that have been overlooked, encouraged submitting feedback -Inquired if there was care to reflect the existing CRC research areas -Clarified that the Plan does reflect our current Chairs, and future recruitment will need to be aligned with the priority areas of the plan. -Further inquired about adequate language to justify hiring chairs that are considered cutting edge -Clarified that this language is appropriate, but recognized that there needs to be a balance – too much focus restricts our response to new opportunities -Remarked that the science related areas seem thin- not seeing submitted chemistry feedback in this version -Clarified that collecting feedback from February 11th onwards and much of the input will be reflected in the new version of the Plan -Inquired about the deadline for feedback submission -Clarified that it is requested by the end of March -Inquired if it was possible to send a new version to the Faculty for identification of further input to be made -Clarified that a new version will be circulated by the end of next week for further input

	<p>-R. Haché thanked the Science Council members for their comments and encouraged further feedback to: barbb@yorku.ca</p>
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