



HEALTH SCIENCES RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

Purpose

Reporting to Health Sciences Deans Council (HSDC), and advisory to the Associate Provost, Health, the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) provides guidance and advice on research issues that arise locally, nationally, and internationally. The RAC will engage in strategic planning to advance health sciences research that aligns with institutional priorities and strengthens partnerships with key stakeholders, including health regions, government ministries, funding agencies, and community groups.

Responsibilities

The RAC will:

- Work to enhance interdisciplinary and translational health research across the institution, including the development and implementation of shared initiatives
- Interact and liaise with the Health Sciences Deans Committee, the Interprofessional Education Advisory Committee (IPEAC) and the Indigenous Health Committee (IHC), so that appropriate sharing of information across the three pillars of operations, research, and education occurs
- Advise on Indigenization initiatives, including Indigenous engagement and integration of indigenous health concepts into health research initiatives
- Advise on the development of mechanisms for rewards and recognitions for interdisciplinary health research and the metrics to be used to measure research success
- Identify strategies for enhancing translational research collaboration between basic scientists and clinicians
- Organize and mount the annual Life and Health Sciences Research Expo
- Ensure that strategic interdisciplinary research initiatives are considered during human resources and operational planning in the respective health sciences colleges
- Enable the development and management of shared research facilities and equipment, including core facilities, offices, labs and any other health sciences research related operations.
- Communicate with faculty, staff and trainees to ensure they are fully aware of institutional health research initiatives and programs and other health research program strategies that present opportunities to strengthen partnerships
- Work with the faculty, staff and trainees to ensure that health sciences faculty are taking full advantage of the various research opportunities
- Advise the HSDC on policies with respect to the creation and sustainability of the various health research clusters

Membership

Voting Members

- Associate Provost, Health (chair)
- Associate Dean Research and Graduate Studies, College of Nursing
- Associate Dean Research and Graduate Affairs, College of Pharmacy and Nutrition
- Vice Dean Research, College of Arts and Science
- Vice Dean Research, College of Medicine
- Associate Dean Research, Western College of Veterinary Medicine
- Associate Dean Research, College of Dentistry
- Associate Dean Research and Graduate Studies, College of Kinesiology
- Associate Dean, School of Rehabilitation Science
- Executive Director, School of Public Health
- University Library Representative
- SCPOR Representative
- Director of Research, Saskatchewan Cancer Agency

Non-Voting Members

- Clerical/administrative support
- In addition to this core membership, the following resource personnel will be periodically invited to attend and provide updates in their respective areas of responsibility:
 - Interprofessional Education Lead
 - Indigenous Health Lead
 - Director of Operations, USask Health Sciences
 - Director, Clinical Learning Services, USask Health Sciences
 - Associate Director, Collaborative Research, USask Health Sciences
 - Associate Director, Academic Programs & Interprofessional Education, USask Health Sciences

Resources to the Committee

- Clerical/administrative report
- Chairs Interprofessional Education Advisory Committee (IPEAC), and Indigenous Health Committee (IHC); if different than the leads.

Governance

- The committee will be chaired by the Associate Provost, Health.

- The Committee will normally make its decisions by consensus. If consensus cannot be achieved, the committee will function by a majority vote of voting members. It will be at the discretion of the chair to call for votes on matters arising.

Meetings

The RAC will meet a minimum of four times a year, and at the call of the Chair.

Reporting

The Committee reports to the Health Sciences Deans Council and advises the Associate Provost, Health.

DATE REVIEWED BY THE RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE: November 30, 2020

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