



RESEARCH CLUSTER LEADERS COMMITTEE (RCLC) TERMS OF REFERENCE

Purpose

Reporting to Health Sciences Research Advisory Committee (RAC), and advisory to the Associate Provost, Health, the Health Sciences Research Cluster Leaders Committee (RCLC) provides guidance and advice on research issues arising from the health sciences research clusters.

The RCLC will engage in providing advice to the RAC on all matters related to the research clusters. Conversations will be mindful of the institutional objectives to enhance interdisciplinary and translational health research across the institution and ensure Indigenization initiatives, including Indigenous engagement and integration of Indigenous health concepts into health sciences research.

Responsibilities

The RCLC will:

- Work to enhance collaborations within and between clusters.
- Work with colleges and schools with regards to the membership of clusters.
- Develop policies and procedures for space management between and within clusters.
- Discuss funding opportunities for clusters.
- Identify strategies for enhancing translational research collaboration between basic scientists and clinicians.
- Identify development and management of shared research facilities and equipment within and between clusters, including core facilities, offices, labs, and any other health sciences research-related operations.
- Work with faculty, staff, and trainees within research clusters to ensure that health sciences faculty are taking full advantage of various research opportunities.

Membership

Voting Members

- Associate Provost, Health (chair)
- Leader of Health Sciences Research Cluster
- One member of Health Sciences Research Advisory Committee
- One member of the College of Medicine Indigenous Health Committee

Non-Voting Members

- Clerical/administrative support

In addition to this core membership, the following resource personnel from the health sciences will be periodically invited to attend and provide updates in their respective areas of responsibility:

- Director of Operations, USask Health Sciences
- Health Science Laboratory Managers
- Interprofessional Education Lead
- Indigenous Health Lead
- Director, Clinical Learning Services, USask Health Sciences
- Associate Director, Academic Programs & Interprofessional Education, USask Health Sciences

Resources to the committee

- Clerical/administrative support
- 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 RCLC will meet **a minimum of once per academic term** and at the call of the Chair.

Reporting

The committee reports to the Health Sciences Research Advisory Committee and advises the Associate Provost, Health.

DATE APPROVED BY THE RCLC: March 30, 2022

DATE APPROVED BY RAC: April 5, 2022