

SENATE INFORMAL SESSION

April 17, 2012

Queen's University Strategic Research Plan

On April 17, 2012, Senate will move into a 30-minute informal session to give senators an opportunity to ask questions about the Queen's University Strategic Research Plan, to come before the Senate for approval on May 22, 2012.

A timeline of the consultation process is attached to this report.

The Senate Rules of Procedure governing the discussion during Informal Session read as follows:

No motions may be made or votes taken with the exception of a straw vote to gauge the preferences of the meeting. At the discretion of the Chair, members may speak on more than one occasion and issues can be dealt with and replied to as they arise in the course of the discussion.

Informal session is terminated by passing a motion "that the informal session now rise". This is the only motion that is proper in informal session and it is voted on without debate or amendment.

Queen's University Strategic Research Plan Review Consultations

The revision process for the Strategic Research Plan (SRP) was approved by Senate on January 20, 2011. The review process was anticipated to take approximately 12-14 months. In summary, the review involved the following steps:

1. Establish a Research Community Committee (RCC) – completed February 2011 (see Appendix for membership and Terms of Reference)
2. Consult Faculties to provide input on the RCC's suggestions
3. Seek broad community consultation
4. Draft a first version of the SRP
5. Create the penultimate draft that will help guide the university's research initiatives

Consultations

Several updates were posted to the SRP blog (

discussed at all meetings with Associate Deans (Research) during the review process.

Prior to the start of the review of the SRP, and shortly after his arrival to Queen's, Dr. Steven N. Liss met with the Academic Writing Team who authored *Imagining the Future, Towards an Academic Plan for Queen's University*. Considerable feedback and input on research was provided during this meeting.

A meeting and regular e-mail contact occurred with Dr. Peter Taylor, Chair, Academic Planning Task Force, throughout the development of both the academic plan and the SRP, which informed where Queen's Academic Plan and the SRP intersect.

h. Other Consultations

The SRP was presented at a meeting at the Financial Services Retreat on August 26, 2011, and the Queen's University Planning Committee on January 27, 2012.

Various external consultations have occurred during the review process, involving alumni,

Appendix

Terms of Reference for the Research Community Committee Renewal of Queen's Strategic Research Plan

The Advisory Committee to the Vice-Principal (Research) in the development of the Strategic Research Plan will:

- x Provide initial input to the Vice-Principal (Research) on topics such as:
 - o Identifying the key elements for an effective Queen's Strategic Research Plan
 - o identifying the way to determine strategic research directions
 - o prioritizing strategic research directions
 - o university support for strategic research directions
- x Represent the research and academic community by bringing forward ideas that are of importance to their constituents
- x Encourage dialogue with the Queen's community and externally to promote engagement in the identification of Queen's research strengths and priorities
- x Be available for consultation throughout the development of the Strategic Research Plan

Research Community Committee Membership

	Applied Sciences	Engineering
Kurt Kyser	Arts and Science	Geology
Francois Rouget	Arts and Science	French
Darryl Robinson	Faculty of Law	
Susan Brodt	School of Business	
Staff Representation		
Leone Ploeg	Staff	Human Mobility Research Centre
BarbraBrousseau	Staff	Fuel Cell Research Centre
Research Centre/Institute Directors		
Ian Moore	CivilEngineering	GeoEngineering Centre (universitybased)
Jonathan Crush	Global Development Studies	Southern African Research Centre (universitybased)
Michael Green	Family Medicine	Health Services and Policy Research (facultybased)
Warren Mabee	School of Policy Studies/Geography	Queen's Institute for Energy and Environment Policy (faculty based)