



UNIVERSITY RESEARCH AND INNOVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (URIAC)

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Purpose: URIAC is an advisory committee to the Vice-President (Research and Innovation) that focuses on research and innovation issues affecting the University community, while remaining responsive to emergent trends and developments. It is comprised of academics in senior administrative positions as well as senior administrators in Faculties, Colleges, the Office of the Provost and Vice-President (Academic) and the Vice-President (Research and Innovation) portfolio.

Mission: The mission of URIAC is to provide expertise, insight, and feedback to the Vice-President (Research and Innovation) on matters related to research and innovation and researcher success.

Mandate: URIAC has the following roles:

- Act as a sounding board for and provide strategic advice to the Vice-President (Research and Innovation)
- Participate in the development of a work plan to guide the committee's discussions through the academic year
- Be involved in the development and revision of policy that impacts the research community
- Bring forward issues that affect researchers for collective analysis, discussion and resolution
- Enhance the two-way flow of information between Faculties and Colleges and central administration
- Incorporate Indigenous Initiatives and Equity, Diversity and Inclusion as key aspects of research and innovation
- Establish and participate in working groups to explore topics of discussion that are identified at URIAC and need particular attention, and develop solutions; working groups will present their findings and recommendations to URIAC
- Incorporate the non-Faculty contributions that areas such as Libraries and Research Computing offer to researchers and consider relevant interactions and interfaces of these groups with research and innovation
- Play a central role in generating feedback to external bodies (like the Tri-Agencies, CFI and Alberta Innovates) in response to consultation requests

Meetings: At the call of the Chair, and at least four meetings per academic year



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Members:

Vice-President (Research and Innovation) – Chair
Associate Vice-Presidents and Director of Partners Network (Office of Vice-President
(Research and Innovation))
College Associate Deans (Research)
Faculty Associate/Vice Deans (Research)
Vice Provost (Indigenous Programming & Research)
Vice Provost (Equity, Diversity and Inclusion)
Vice-Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research
Director, Research Administrative Services
Director of Research Computing
Associate University Librarian
AASUA Representative
PDFA Representative
GSA Representative
Students' Union Representative
Signature Area Academic Leads

Secretary: Chief of Staff, Office of the Vice-President (Research and Innovation)