

Report of the Faculty Research Activity Committee (FRAC)  
to Faculty Council  
Wednesday, April 8 2015

The Faculty Research Activities Committee recommends to Faculty Council the following:

1. The Committee is pleased to report that it decided unanimously to name **Dr. Paul Werstine** as the first recipient of the Hugh Mellon Excellence in Research Award. The award was announced at the Faculty Publications Celebration on Wednesday, March 18 2015. The award will be disseminated to the broader community again at the June Convocation ceremonies held at King's. The Committee was pleased and honoured to recognize Dr. Werstine's outstanding contributions to his field as well as his modeling of research excellence at King's.
2. FRAC organized the King's Faculty Research Seminars for the first time this year. A sub-committee of FRAC took over the logistics of this important series and very effectively managed the events. The chair would like to acknowledge the work of our colleagues, Krista Lysack, Thomas Tiekou and Laura Lewis in this regard.  
There were five seminars held this year and they provided vibrant forums for discussion and debate about various research questions. We anticipate that participation and attendance will continue to increase. The list of seminars is available on the King's Research webpage at <http://www.kings.uwo.ca/research/faculty-seminar-series/>
3. FRAC continues to review the Research Plan and will present a revised version in the near future.
4. The Committee is also organizing a Research Day for late September 2015 and ask that all of our colleagues consider participating in this opportunity to learn about the research being done at King's and explore various ways of enhancing research at King's.

Respectfully submitted,



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Chair