

## *Faculty Research Activities Committee Report April 2014*

The FRAC met three times in 2013-2014. We focused most activities this academic year upon implementing strategies and plans we adopted the previous year. This involved partnering more closely with the Research Grants Committee and the Faculty Seminar Committee.

- 1. Collaborative Approaches:** The outcome of this collaborative approach is a new policy on the part of the Research Grants Committee requiring recipients of the King's Research Grant to agree to present the results of their research at a public forum at King's.
- 2. Faculty Research Seminar:** Further to the previous item, FRAC passed a motion at the last meeting to take over the activities of the Faculty Research Seminar Committee and to continue to manage the Seminars while also incorporating Research Days as another type of Research Presentation Forum at King's. The background to this motion is that since FRAC has been created the Faculty Research Seminar Committee is redundant.
- 3. Book Launch** On January 24<sup>th</sup> 2014 King's launched **15** monographs published in the 2012-2013 period by 13 King's faculty members and two faculty members from St. Peter's Seminar. This event was attended by many representatives from various departments at Western, family and friends of the authors, alumni, a Senior Program Officer from the Royal Society of Canada, as well as some faculty members from King's. FRAC would encourage more members of faculty to attend such events to celebrate these laudable academic achievements. The Western Bookstore was present and sold many copies of the books being launched. This event is intended to complement the **Faculty Publications Celebration** scheduled in the late spring to recognize and honour other types of accomplishments in publication by our colleagues.
- 4. Royal Society of Canada:** King's has become an Institutional Member of the Royal Society of Canada as of January 1, 2014. This membership allows King's to nominate our colleagues as Fellows of the Royal Society and to the College of New Scholars of the Royal Society, a College that has just been created this year. We also anticipate organizing on-campus events in collaboration with the Royal Society.

5. **SSHRC Aid to Small Universities Grant:** An application for the Aid to Small Universities- SSHRC was submitted on behalf of King's University College. The outcome of this competition will be announced in the next few months. The proposal sought funding to enhance our capacity in interdisciplinary research and stronger linkages with non-academic partners in surrounding communities.
6. **Associate Deans Research:** King's Associate Dean has been named to the Western Associate Deans Research Group chaired by Dr. John Capone. This facilitates reporting regarding research initiatives and possibilities at the Constituent University, as well as raising awareness regarding King's Faculty research in that forum.
7. **Support for Research Funding Applications:** King's Faculty availed themselves of the review opportunities for their grant proposals provided through the Academic Dean's Office. Several of our colleagues had their SSHRC proposals reviewed by **Erin Huner** at Western and report that they found that process to be very helpful.
8. **SSHRC Information:** A SSHRC Information session was held on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Two Research Officers responsible for SSHRC programs from Western came to King's to inform Faculty about those programs and application procedures.
9. **WEBSITE:** FRAC continues to update our research website informing our community regarding Funding Opportunities as well as information sessions and other useful application tools. We also continue to celebrate the accomplishments of our colleagues applying for and receiving national and international funding and other types of research recognition and awards.

Respectfully submitted,

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