

MEMORANDUM

TO: Alan Shaver, President

FROM: Will Garrett-Petts, AVP Research and Graduate Studies

CC: Troy Fuller

DATE: January 18, 2018

RE: Research Centres and Groups - BRD 21-0
Requested Revisions

The above noted policy was recently reviewed in 2017 by PVP Council and revisions were requested. The document with the revisions incorporated was then discussed at President's Council, and subsequently reviewed one final time by the Senate Research Committee. The document presented here for consideration reflects that process and has been fully endorsed by the SRC. Highlighted changes from the original policy document:

1. Responsibilities assumed by a Research Centre or Group: A research group or centre advance, enhance and facilitate scholarly activity, innovation and knowledge transfer through collaboration. Under Policy BRD 21-0, the centre or group is responsible for submitting annual reports to the AVP Research and Graduate Studies.
2. Membership of a Research Centre or Group: Although not specifically outlined in the policy, membership of a Centre or Group is expected to evolve and will be determined by the membership through the governance structure outlined in the proposal.
3. Approval Length: A Group is designed to allow the exploration of a new topic or initiative of limited focus or duration or serves as a pilot of the development of a Centre. A 3 year review period for a Group reflects the transitory nature of the organization.
4. Reversion to Group status upon the closure of the Centre: This will provide an excellent option for Centres to continue their work in a more limited role.
5. Addition of group and centre "entitlements": to "request the allocation of physical space from the University Space Allocation Committee.
6. Designation of APPC as body providing consideration and final approval for research centres.