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Senate Research Committee

Report to Senate

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Since the last report of Senate Research Committee in March, 2009, we have met a number of times. In April, we held our first open meeting. A number of TRU faculty joined this meeting and we received some valuable comments on TRU strategic research plan document.

In the summer, the Research office organized following workshops:

* Aboriginal Ethics
* BCEOHRN Grant Writing Workshop
* SSHRC Grant Writing
* Career Planning and Publication in the Arts
* One-one-one Grant Writing Coaching for the Arts
* NSERC Grants
* NSERC Scholarships

These workshops were very much well attended and participants appreciated such efforts. The research committee has decided to hold such workshops over the year. We have decided to hold following two workshops in the winter term:

* + - * FAST and Financial Management of Grants
			* Developing and sustaining a research program

The project AID (Academic Inventory Data base) is on track and will be completed soon.

The selections of CRC Tier 1 and BC Regional Innovation Chair in Maternal and Child Health will also be completed soon.

The application for the renewal for Lauch Fraser for CRC Tier 2 and his supporting CFI were successful.

The CIHR Café Scientifique proposal was also successful.

The Research Office issued a call for next CUEF U-REAP awards.

The Research Committee is considering developing Research Enhancement Fund to provide start-up funds for new tri-partite faculty researchers, and bridge funding for researchers actively engaging in developing their capacity to be successful applicants to external research funding.

The Research Committee has also planned to introduce ‘Master Research Award’ to recognize significant and sustained research achievements over a long period of time, representing most of an academic career.