

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL
JOINT COMMITTEE ON CHAIRS AND PROFESSORSHIPS
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PRESENTED BY: Ken Wilson, Vice-Provost, Faculty Relations
Chair, Joint Committee For Chair and Professorship

DATE OF MEETING: June 17, 2021

SUBJECT: **JCCP 2020-2021 Annual Report**

COUNCIL ACTION: For information only

CONTEXT AND BACKGROUND:

The Joint Board/Council Committee on Chairs and Professorships (JCCP) is chaired by the Provost and Vice-President Academic or designate with representation from: University Council; Board of Governors; Research, Scholarly and Artistic Work Committee of Council; the Vice-President Research or designate; the Vice-President University Relations or designate; the Controller, Financial Services or designate; and the Secretary to the Board of Governors and Council or designate.

The committee is responsible for reviewing proposals for the establishments of chairs and professorships, receiving annual reports of chairs, and developing and reviewing procedures and guidelines related to the funding and on-going administration of chairs. The committee makes recommendations to University Council and the Board of Governors for the establishment of chairs and professorships that fall within its jurisdiction.

DISCUSSION SUMMARY:

Over the course of 2020/2021 JCCP reviewed several chair proposals that are currently being developed. JCCP recommended establishment of the College of Nursing Signature Area Enhancement Chairs, which is under a final round of reviews by the college executive to determine preferred and sustainable effective date.

The JCCP has also recommended establishment of the Integrated Forage Management and Utilization (IFMU) Chair, which is being presented for approval at the June 2021 meetings of Council and the Board of Governors. The IFMU Chair will be a joint appointment in the

Department of Animal and Poultry Science and the Department of Plant Sciences, College of Agriculture and Bioresource. The chair will develop a research program to provide prairie producers with the data and tools to make informed management decisions. The long-term foci will be to develop and evaluate optimal forage management practices and to identify feeding and grazing strategies to optimize animal performance while contributing to improved soil health and environmental sustainability. The chair will bring together various nodes of expertise within USask and beyond to bridge disciplinary boundaries and study the interactions among soils, plants, animals, economics, and ecosystems so that the full potential of forages can be realized.

The JCCP is currently working on adapting a number of recommendations outlined by the Research Governance audit that was completed in 2020. The main objective is to strengthen governance by enhancing compliance procedures and reporting processes

Committee Membership:

Vice-Provost, Faculty Relations and Chair	Ken Wilson
Board of Governors Representative	Grant Devine
Vice-President Research Designate	Irena Creed*
Research, Scholarly and Artistic Work	Matt Lindsay
Member of Council Representative	John Gjevre
University Secretary's Office	Chelsea Willness
Controller, Financial Services	Terry Summer
University Relations Designate	Shandi Boser

Committee Support:

Research Services Resource Person	Laura Zink
Committee Coordinator	Anna Okapiec

*Irena Creed was a committee member until March 2021, when she stepped down due to an administrative leave.

ATTACHMENTS:

None