

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Committee Name: Governance Committee, University Council

Date: June 11, 2026

Presented by: Susan Detmer, Chair, Governance Committee

Subject: Amendments to the Research, Scholarly and Artistic Works Committee Terms of Reference

MOTION

It is recommended by the Governance Committee that Council approve the terms of reference for the Research, Scholarly and Artistic Works Committee in the *Council Bylaws and Regulations* as described in this report, effective July 1, 2026.

SUMMARY

Revisions to the *Council Bylaws and Regulations* require approval by University Council at the recommendation of the Governance Committee of Council. At the May meeting of University Council, the Governance Committee presented notice for the above motion in accordance with the requirement for a 30-day notice period for bylaw changes. Since the time notice was provided and the posting of this report, no questions or concerns were raised to the Governance Office about these changes.

The Research, Scholarly and Artistic Works Committee has undertaken a review of its terms of reference to clarify the role and responsibilities of the committee and to align with current practice.

The changes below were approved by the Research, Scholarly and Artistic Works Committee at its meeting on September 11, 2025.

These changes were presented to the Governance Committee at its meeting on May 5, 2026. The Governance Committee endorsed the changes as presented.

CHANGES TO TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Research, Scholarly and Artistic Works Committee of University Council is responsible for:

1. Recommending to Council on issues and strategies to support research, scholarly, and artistic work.
2. Recommending to Council on policies and issues related to research integrity and ethics in the conduct of research, scholarly, and artistic work.
3. Recommending to Council and providing advice to the Vice-President, Research on community engagement and knowledge translation activities related to research, scholarly, and artistic work.
4. Providing advice to the Vice-President, Research and reporting to Council on issues relating to the granting agencies that provide funding to the University.
5. Providing advice to the Vice-President, Research, the Vice-Provost, ~~Teaching, Learning, and Student Experience~~, **Students and Learning** and the Dean of the College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies on the contributions of undergraduate and graduate students and postdoctoral fellows to the research activity of the University.
6. ~~Examining~~ **Provide advice on** proposals for the establishment of any institute or centre engaged in research, scholarly, or artistic work at the University **by delegating an RSAW member to serve on the centres subcommittee of** and ~~providing advice to~~ the Planning and Priorities Committee of Council.

7. Receiving annual reports from the Vice-President, Research and the Dean of College of Graduate and Post-Doctoral Studies.
8. Receiving and reporting to Council the University's research ethics boards' annual reports.
9. Designating individuals to act as representatives of the Committee on any other bodies, when requested, where such representation is deemed by the Committee to be beneficial.
10. Considering the priorities of the University community, such as Indigenization and internationalization, when assessing current and new research, scholarly, and artistic work activities.