

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 2:30pm.

**2. Tributes**

- 2.1 Tribute to Professor Emeritus Donald (Don) Kerr, from the Department of English, presented by Professor Emeritus David Carpenter

**3. Adoption of the agenda**

(Downe/Jones): *That the agenda be approved as circulated.*

CARRIED.

**4. Chair's Opening remarks**

The Chair of Council, Dr. Jay Wilson, acknowledged that Council meets on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis, paying respect to the First Nations and Métis ancestors of our gathering place and reaffirming our relationship with one another. He also noted that given the remote meeting modality, that members may be connecting from other locations and that we acknowledge our shared relations with the Indigenous peoples of this land.

Dr. Wilson noted that the President and Vice-President, Indigenous Engagement recently released statements about the discovery of 215 children's remains in unmarked graves at the site of Kamloops Residential School. He remarked that it was also important to acknowledge the tragedy at Council. He asked for a moment of silence to pay respect to the families and communities affected by the intergenerational trauma of residential schools and to honour the children.

Dr. Wilson asked if there were any media present. John Thronberg identified that he is a producer with CTV, but was attending the meeting as a Senator. Bryn Levy from the Star Phoenix also identified herself. The chair reminded those present that no video or audio recordings of the Council meeting were permitted.

The chair informed Council members of the protocols for the synchronous remote meeting. He asked that questions related to information items be deferred to question period due to the length of the Council meeting agenda.

Dr. Wilson reported on the regular monthly meeting between Council chairs and the President's Executive Committee (PEC). He reported that the discussion topics were the pandemic response and recovery, and the post-pandemic shift project.

**5. Approval of Minutes of the meeting of May 17, 2021**

(Smith/Rayan): *That the minutes be approved.*

CARRIED.

## **6. Business Arising from the Minutes**

### **6.1 Update on the University's Financial Position and 2021/22 Budget Update**

In follow-up to the question posed at the May 2021 Council meeting, Dr. Airini, Provost and Vice-President Academic, reported that an update on the University's financial position and the 2021/22 budget were presented at the Planning and Priorities Committee (PPC) on June 16, 2021. An update to Council would be provided in the fall [Table 1 action item no.1].

There was a question about the Government of Saskatchewan's multi-year funding accountability report, and how Council would be informed about the reports.

## **7. Report of the President**

President Peter Stoicheff thanked members of Council for the successful academic year even in the face of the pandemic. He thanked Dr. Carpenter for the tribute to Dr. Kerr. He thanked Dr. Wilson and Council members for paying respect to the children of the Kamloops Residential School. He remarked that it has been a challenging month across the country, as Canada has had to face acts of racism, discrimination, Islamophobia, and the legacy of residential schools. He noted the importance of the University's work on the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Policy and action plan, the Living Our Values Policy, the Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression Committee, and Pride Week.

He reported that an update on the Post-Pandemic Shift project would be forthcoming in the fall [Table 1 action item no.2].

He also reminded Council of the recent announcement of the extra holiday on July 2, 2021.

Questions were deferred to question period.

## **8. Report of the Provost**

Dr. Airini, Provost and Vice President Academic, thanked Dr. Wilson and Council for pausing to pay respect to our colleagues and the children whose graves were found at the residential school. She thanked Council members and the USask community for an incredible year.

Questions were deferred to question period.

### **8.1 Report for Information: Enrollment Reporting - presented by Patti McDougall, Vice-Provost, Teaching, Learning and Student Experience**

Dr. Patti McDougall presented an infographic and briefing note on enrolment in the 2020/21 academic year. She reported that the University is on track to meet the 2025 enrolment goals. Despite the pandemic, enrolments and retention rates at USask increased. She thanked faculty and instructors for the efforts in delivering high-quality academic programming through the year, and remarked on the resilience and accomplishments of the students during the year of the pandemic. A short video was presented.

## **9. Pandemic Response and Recovery Team (PRT) Report**

Dr. Darcy Marciniuk, Associate Vice President, Research and PRT Chair, gave a report on the work of the PRT. He reported on the following:

- Number of positive COVID-19 rates and case prevalence of infection rates.

- Streamlining of processes for approval of on-campus activities.
- The University's approach to safety precautions for the summer and fall.

Dr. Marciniuk encouraged Council members and members of the campus community to get the COVID-19 vaccine.

Questions were deferred to question period.

## **10. Student Societies**

### **10.1 Report from the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union (USSU)**

Tasnim Jaisee, President of the USSU, presented the report of the USSU as provided in the materials. She remarked that the USSU stands in solidarity with students affected by the Islamophobic incidents and by residential schools.

### **10.2 Report from the Graduate Students' Association (GSA)**

Rifat Zahan, President of the GSA, reiterated support for those affected by the Islamophobic incidents and by residential schools.

She noted the importance of the student supervisor agreement, reported that the application period for GSA bursaries was open, and that fall graduate student orientation would be virtual.

## **11. Nominations Committee**

Dr. Paul Jones, Chair of the committee, presented one request for decision and the annual report of the committee.

### **11.1 Request for Decision: Collective Agreement Committee Nominations 2021/22**

*(Jones/Singh): It is recommended that Council approve the slate of nominations to USFA Collective Agreement committees for 2021-22 effective July 1, 2021, as attached.*

Dr. Wilson called for nominations from the floor. Dr. Peta Bonham-Smith, Dean of Arts & Science, nominated Neil Chilton, Department of Biology, for the vacant one-year term position on the University Review Committee (URC). Dr. Wilson reported that prior to the Council meeting he had received confirmation from Dr. Chilton of his acceptance of the nomination, and the Governance Office's confirmation of his eligibility.

**AMENDED.**

*(Jones/Singh): It is recommended that Council approve the slate of nominations to USFA Collective Agreement committees for 2021-22 effective July 1, 2021, as amended.*

[The WebEx live voting function did not work at the Council meeting. The motion was approved by Survey Monkey following the meeting.]

**CARRIED.**

## **11.2 Report for Information: Nominations Committee Annual Report 2020/21**

No discussion.

### **12.1 Request for Decision: Living Our Values Policy**

(Wotherspoon/Larre): *It is recommended that Council approve Living Our Values Policy, pending approval of the Board of Governors and the confirmation of Senate, effective November 1, 2021.*

There were questions about the importance of academic freedom for the collegium. Dr. Wotherspoon responded that the policy is in keeping with other foundational documents such as the USFA Collective Agreement.

The WebEx voting poll was posted. There was a point of order that the polling function was not working.

[The WebEx live voting function continued to malfunction for the duration of the Council meeting.]

Dr. Wilson, in consultation with the Governance Office, indicated that all motions from agenda item 11.1 on would be circulated electronically via Survey Monkey following the meeting.

CARRIED.

## **12.2 Report for Information: Governance Committee Annual Report 2020/21**

No discussion.

### **12. Academic Programs Committee (APC)**

Dr. Susan Detmer, Chair of APC, presented the items.

#### **13.1 Request for Decision: Graduate Programs in Applied Computing**

(Detmer / Wotherspoon): *It is recommended that Council approve the Master of Science (M.Sc.) and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree programs in Applied Computing, effective May 2022.*

CARRIED.

#### **13.2 Request for Decision: Changes to Admissions Qualifications – College of Nursing English Proficiency**

(Detmer / Wotherspoon): *It is recommended that the Council approve the changes to the minimum standard of English proficiency for applicants to the College of Nursing, effective the 2022-23 admissions cycle.*

CARRIED.

#### **13.3 Request for Decision: Changes to Admissions Qualifications – Master of Business Administration Program**

(Detmer / Wotherspoon): *It is recommended that Council approve the change to admissions qualifications to the Master of Business Administration (MBA) program to allow either a minimum score of 500 on the GMAT, or completion of the MCAT and admission to the College of Medicine at USask, effective the 2022-23 admissions cycle.*

CARRIED.

**13.4 Report for Information: Change to the 2021/22 Academic Calendar**

No discussion.

**13.5 Report for Information: APC Annual Report 2020/21**

No discussion.

**14. Research, Scholarly, and Artistic Works Committee (RSAW)**

Dr. Marjorie Delbaere presented the items from RSAW.

**14.1 Request for Decision: Revisions to the Responsible Conduct of Research Policy**

*(Dalbaere/Burshtyn): It is recommended that Council approve the revisions to the Responsible Conduct of Research Policy and associated procedures, effective July 1, 2021.*

Dr. Delbaere reported that feedback was received following the presentation of the request for input to Council in May, and that appropriate amendments to the policy were incorporated.

There was a round of Q&A.

There were comments about the rules of evidence, false or malicious accusations, and timelines for hearings. Clarification was sought on the application of this policy vs. the Student Academic Misconduct Regulations for student cases. Dr. Marciniuk responded that associate deans academic and research would determine the appropriate application of the policies on a case-by-case basis at the outset, and that no student would have to go through both processes. The criteria for selection of the appropriate policy are also included in the procedures.

There were comments about the role of RSAW and the process for bringing decision items such as this to Council if changes were made to drafts of decision items. The chair ruled that the decision item was properly before University Council.

CARRIED.

**14.2 Report for Information: RSAW Annual Report 2020-21**

No discussion.

**14.3 Annual Report from the Vice-President Research Verbal Report - Dr. Baljit Singh**

Dr. Baljit Singh, Vice President Research, gave a presentation to Council (attached).

**15. Planning and Priorities Committee**

Dr. Darrell Mousseau, Chair of PPC, introduced the items.

**15.1 Report for Information: Academic Program Approvals Process Review**

Dr. Jacquie Thomarat, Director, Academic Governance, gave a presentation (attached).

**15.2 Report for Information: PPC Annual Report 2020/21**

No discussion.

**16. Joint Committee on Chairs and Professorships (JCCP)**

Dr. Ken Wilson, Chair of JCCP, presented the items.

**16.1 Request for Decision: Beef Industry Integrated Forage Management and Utilization Chair**

*(Gjevre/Bedard-Haughn): It is recommended that Council approve the Beef Industry Integrated Forage Management and Utilization Chair and recommend that the Board of Governors authorize the establishment of this chair effective July 1, 2021.*

**16.2 Report for Information: JCCP Annual Report 2020/21**

No discussion.

**17. Teaching, Learning and Academic Resources Committee (TLARC)**

Dr. Vince Bruni-Bossio, Chair of TLARC, presented the item.

**17.1 Report for Information: TLARC Annual Report 2020-21**

No discussion.

**18. Scholarships and Awards Committee**

Dr. Tracie Risling, Chair of the committee, presented the item.

**18.1 Report for Information: Annual Report to Council 2020/21**

No discussion.

**19. Coordinating Committee**

Dr. Wilson, Chair of the Coordinating Committee, presented the item.

**19.1 Report for Information: Coordinating Committee Annual Report 2020-21**

No discussion.

**20. Other Business**

Dr. Chelsea Willness, University Secretary & Chief Governance Officer, presented the items. There was no discussion.

**20.1 Report for Information: University Council Schedule 2021-22**

**20.2 Report for Information: University Council Membership 2021-22**

**21. Question Period**

Greg Fowler, Vice President Finance & Resources, reported on a question that was raised at a previous Council meeting on USask's goals for reducing emissions. He indicated that USask is participating in U15 efforts to request funding from the Government of Canada through the National Infrastructure Program. There was a brief discussion about the potential costs compared to the current replacement value of USask's infrastructure.

There was a question about access to USask databases containing information on faculty members. Dr. McDougall volunteered to work with the Council member offline to provide appropriate information and access.

## 22. Adjournment

(Jones): *There was a motion to adjourn.*

**Table 1. Action Items**

Page	Action Item	Responsible
p.2 s.6.1	USask Financial Update and 2021/22 Budget	Dr. Airini
p.2 s.7	Post-Pandemic Shift Project update	President

Appendix A: Listing of members in attendance

Appendix B: Vice President Research Presentation

Appendix C: Academic Program Approvals Process Review Presentation

*Next Council meeting is September 16, 2021 – Please send regrets to [michelle.kjargaard@usask.ca](mailto:michelle.kjargaard@usask.ca).*

*Deadline for submission of motions to the coordinating committee: August 23, 2021*

## COUNCIL ATTENDANCE 2020-2021

## Attendance Summary - Voting Participants

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.	Airini	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		P	P	P	P
Adl	Sina	A	P	P	P	P		P	R	P	A
Aitken	Alec	R	P	P	P	P		P	R	P	P
Akintola-student	Olusola	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		n/	n/a	n/a	P
Alcorn	Jane	A	A	A	P	A		P	P	P	P
Augusta	Carolyn	P	P	P	R	P		P	R	P	P
Bauman-student	Elisabeth	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		n/a	n/a	n/a	P
Bedard-Haughn	Angela	P	P	P	P	R		P	P	P	P
Bedard-student	Derek	n/a	n/a	A	A	A		A	A	A	A
Bell	Scott	P	A	P	P	A		A	R	A	P
Bhatti-student rep	Haseeb	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		n/a	n/a	n/a	A
Bilson	Beth	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	P		P	P	P	P
Boland	Mark	R	A	A	A	P		P	P	P	P
Bonham-Smith	Peta	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
Brook	Ryan	A	P	P	P	R. Brook Sabbatical - Jan 1 - Jun 30, 2021					
Brothwell	Doug	P	P	P	P	P		R	P	P	P
Bruni-Bossio	Vince	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
Burgess	David	P	P	A	P	P	D. Burgess Resigned Council position Feb 4/21				
Burshtyn	Deborah	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
Card	Claire	P	P	P	A	P		P	P	P	P
Chernoff	Egan	R	R	R	P	P		P	R	P	P
Chibbar	Ravindra	P	P	P	A	P		P	P	A	A
Chowdhury	Nurul	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	R
Cooper	David	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	R
Cross-student rep	Emma	n/a	n/a	P	R	P		P	P	R	n/a
Dadachova	Kate	P	P	P	A	P		P	P	P	A
DaSilva	Keith	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
Dawson	DeDe	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
de Boer	Dirk	A	A	P	P	P		A	P	P	R
Delbaere	Majorie	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
Deters	Ralph	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
Detmer	Susan	A	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
Dick	Rainer	P	A	A	P	P		P	P	P	P
Downe	Pamela	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
Flynn	Kevin	A	P	A	P	P		P	P	A	A
Fotohui	Reza	A	A	A	A	P		A	P	A	A
Gabriel	Andrew	A	A	P	P	A		R	P	R	A
Gillis	Glen	P	P	P	A	P		P	P	P	P
Gjevre	John	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	A	P
Gyurcsik	Nancy	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
Harrison	William	A	P	A	A	P		A	A	A	A
Harvey-student rep	Evan	n/a	n/a	P	A	A		A	P	P	n/a
Hu-student rep	Katie	A	A	A	A	A		A	A	n/a	n/a
Illing-student rep	Kate	n/a	n/a	A	A	A		A	A	n/a	n/a
Jacob-student rep	Sharon	n/a	n/a	P	A	A		A	A	A	A
Jamali	Nadeem	P	P	P	R	P		P	P	P	P
James-Cavan	Kathleen	R	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
Jensen	Gordon	P	P	P	P	G. Jensen Sabbatical - Jan 1 - Jun 30, 2021					
Jones	Paul	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
Just	Melissa	P	P	P	P	P	M. Just completed Inter		P	P	P
Kahn-student rep	Maria	n/a	n/a	P	A	A		A	R	P	A
Kalra	Jay	A	P	P	P	P		P	P	R	P
Keller-student rep	Taylor	n/a	n/a	P	P	P		P	A	n/a	n/a
Kelly	Timothy	P	P	P	P	P		A	A	A	A
Khandelwal	Ramji	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
Kim-student rep	David	n/a	n/a	A	A	A		A	R	A	P
Koechl	Natasha	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	R



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Kovacs-student rep	Karen	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		n/a	n/a	n/a	R
Kresta	Suzanne	P	P	R	P	R		P	A	P	P
Kumaran	Arul	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	A	A
Lamb	Eric	A	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	R
Langhorst	Barbara	P	A	P	P	A		A	A	A	A
Larre	Tamara	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
Lies-student rep	Madelyn	n/a	n/a	A	A	A		A	A	n/a	n/a
Lindenschmidt	Karl-Enrich	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	A	P
London	Chad	P	P	P	A	P		P	P	P	P
Lovick	Olga	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
Luke	Iain	P	P	A	R	A		R	R	R	R
Lummerding-	Dominique	A	A	A	A	A		A	A	A	A
Macfarlane	Cal	A	A	A	A	A		A	A	A	A
Makarova	Veronika	P	P	P	P	P		A	P	P	P
Mamun	Abdullah	P	R	P	P	A		R	P	P	A
Manley-Tannis	Richard	R	A	A	A	P		A	A	A	A
Marquez-student	Carmen	P	P	P	P	P		P	A	n/a	n/a
Mousseau	Darrell	P	P	P	A	P		P	P	P	P
Muir	Gillian	R	A	A	R	R		R	A	P	P
Murphy	JoAnn	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
Neufeld	Matthew	P	P	P	P	P		P	R	P	P
O'Connell-student	Ryan	P	P	A	P	P		P	A	n/a	n/a
Palmer-student rep	Sue	n/a	n/a	A	A	A		A	A	n/a	n/a
Papagerakis	Petros	P	A	P	P	P		P	P	P	A
Paslowski	Teresa	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
Peternej-Taylor	Cindy	A	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	A
Phillipson	Martin	P	P	A	P	P		P	P	P	P
Pocha	Sheila	A	P	A	A	A		A	A	A	A
Poettcker	Grant	A	A	A	A	A		A	A	A	A
Pomazon	Alisha	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
Prytula	Michelle	P	P	P	P	Beth Bilson is the Interim Dean of Education (Jan 18/21)					
Rayan	Steven	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
Ripley-student rep	Laura	n/a	n/a	P	P	A		A	A	n/a	n/a
Risling	Tracie	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	A
Rohs-student rep	Jesse	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		n/a	n/a	n/a	P
Ross-student rep	Cassidy	n/a	n/a	n	n/a	n/a		n/a	n/a	n/a	P
Sarjeant-Jenkins	Rachel	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	R
Sarty	Gordon	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
Shevchuk	Yvonne	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
Shin	Hyunjung	R	R	R	P	A		A	A	A	A
Singh	Jaswant	P	A	P	P	P		A	P	A	A
Smith	Martha	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
Smith	Preston	P	P	P	A	A		P	P	P	P
Smyth	Stuart	P	P	P	A	P		P	P	P	P
Somerville	Kara	P	P	A	A	P		P	A	A	P
Sorensen	Charlene	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
Spurr	Shelley	P	P	P	P	P		R	R	P	P
Squires	Vicki	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
Steele	Tom	P	P	P	A	P		P	A	P	R
Stoicheff	Peter	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
Stuart	Glenn	A	P	P	P	P		A	P	P	R
Urquhart	Stephen	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	R	P
Waldner	Cheryl	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
Walker	Keith	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
Wallace-student	Alexa	n/a	n/a	A	A	A		A	A	n/a	n/a
Willenborg	Christian	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
Willoughby	Keith	R	A	P	P	P		P	R	P	P
Wilson	Jay	P	P	P	P	P		p	P	P	P
Woods	Phil	A	R	P	A	P		R	P	P	R

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Xiao	Jing	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
Yao	Yansun	P	A	A	A	A		A	A	A	A
Yu-student rep	Angela	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		n/a	n/a	n/a	A
Zhang	Chris	A	P	P	A	P		A	P	P	A

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Akintola-GSA VP 2021-22	Olusola	n/a	n/a	n	n/a	n/a		n/a	n/a	n/a	P
Chad	Karen	P	P	P	P	P	Dr. Chad has completed her VP Research as of Jan 31, 2021				
Fowler	Greg	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
Gill-GSA VP 2020-21	Qasim	A	A	A	A	P		A	A	n/a	n/a
Iftikhar-USSU VP 2021-22	Tauqeer	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		n/a	n/a	n/a	A
Inam-GSA Pres 2020-21	Humaira	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	n/a	n/a
Isinger	Russell	P	P	P	A	P		P	P	P	P
Jaisee-USSU President 2021-22	Tasnim	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		n/a	n/a	P	P
Kaminski	Nicholas	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
LaRose-Smith-USSU Pres	Autumn	P	P	P	A	P		P	P	n/a	n/a
McDougall	Patricia	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
Ottmann	Jacqueline	A	A	A	P	P		A	A	A	A
Pozega Osburn	Debra	P	P	P	p	P		P	P	P	P
Roberts-USSU VP 2020-21	Kiefer	P	R	P	P	P		R	P	n/a	n/a
Singh	Baljit	Dr. Singh to begin as VP Research Feb 1, 2021						P	P	P	P
Still	Carl	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
Tetteh	Leslie	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		n/a	n/a	P	A
Thronberg	John	P	P	A	P	A		A	P	P	P
Willness	Chelsea	P	P	P	p	P		P	P	P	P
Zahan-GSA Pres 2021-22	Rifat	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		n/a	n/a	P	P

# Discovery the World Needs

Baljit Singh, FCAHS

3M National Teaching Fellow

Vice-President Research

Presentation to University Council

June 17, 2021

# Annual Report

- My sincerest thanks and gratitude to each and every one of you.
- The past academic year was characterized by tremendous change.
- We are finishing a very challenging year and many challenges lie ahead
- Despite challenges, we remained impactful and productive.
- We are well-positioned to become even more impactful.

# Research By the Numbers

## ***Funding and Productivity***

**\$308,801,802** in total research revenue  
**\$22.1M** in total CIHR Funding  
**\$31.9M** in total NSERC Funding  
**\$6.2M** in total SSHRC Funding  
**\$28M** in COVID related research funding

## ***Highly Qualified Personnel***

**1,192** faculty members & instructional staff  
**293** research professionals & PDFs  
**4,406** graduate students  
**142** Chairholders, including 32 CRCs

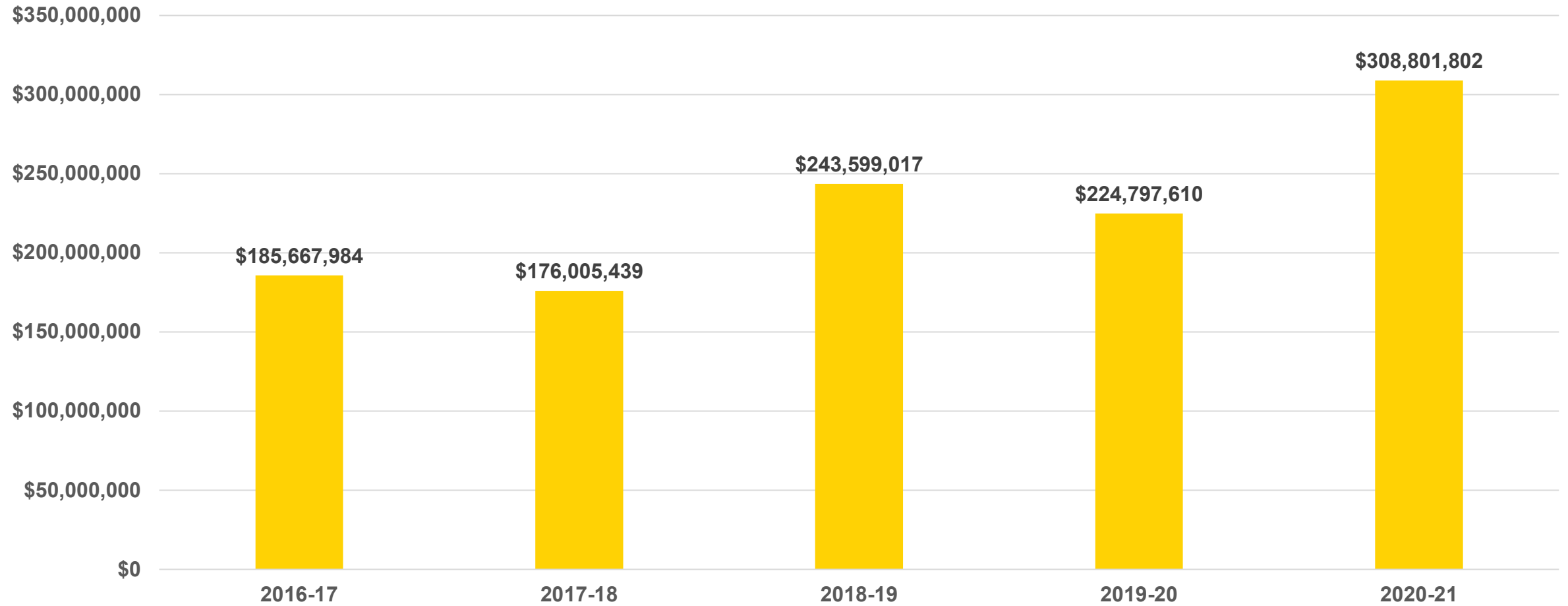
## ***Programs, Services, and Supports***

**110,656** animals in teaching and research  
**+800** new research ethics applications  
**694** new research contracts managed  
**758** newly funded research projects  
**3,000** undergraduate students in FYRE

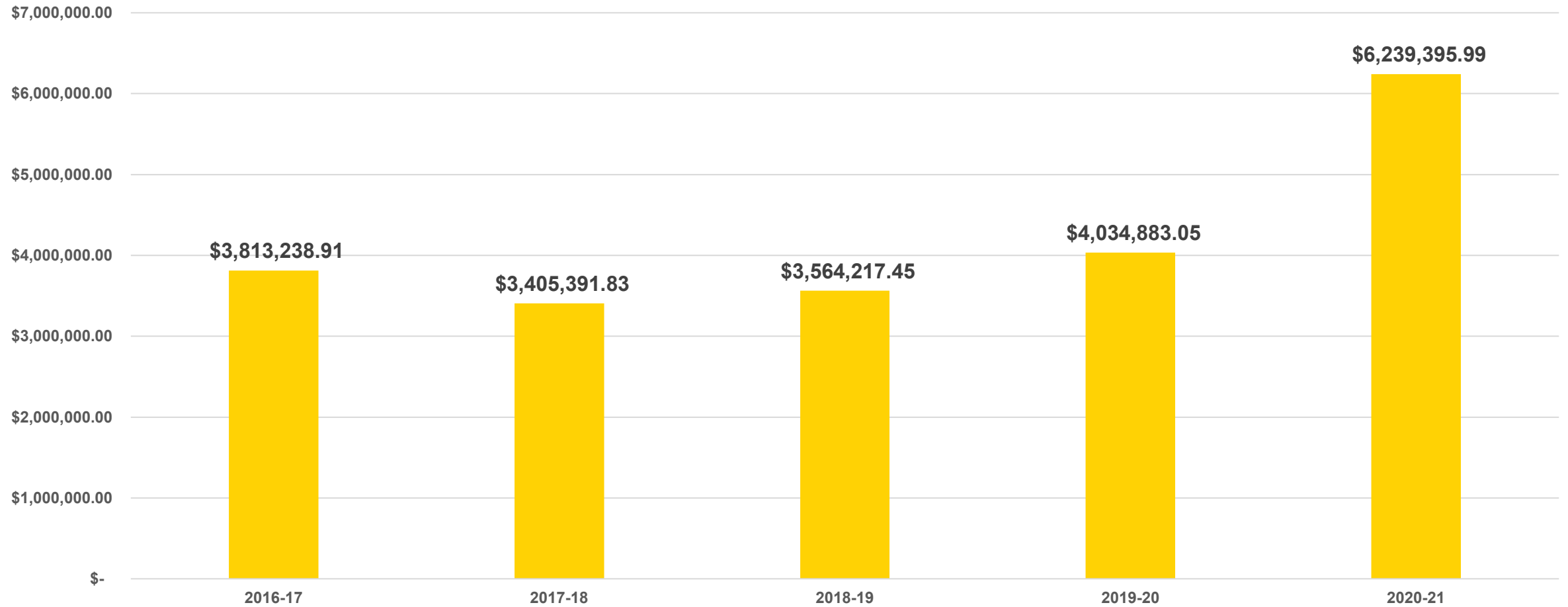
## ***Leadership***

**6** signature areas  
**3** national research facilities  
**2** Canada First Research Excellence Funds  
**267** international research projects

# Research Revenues

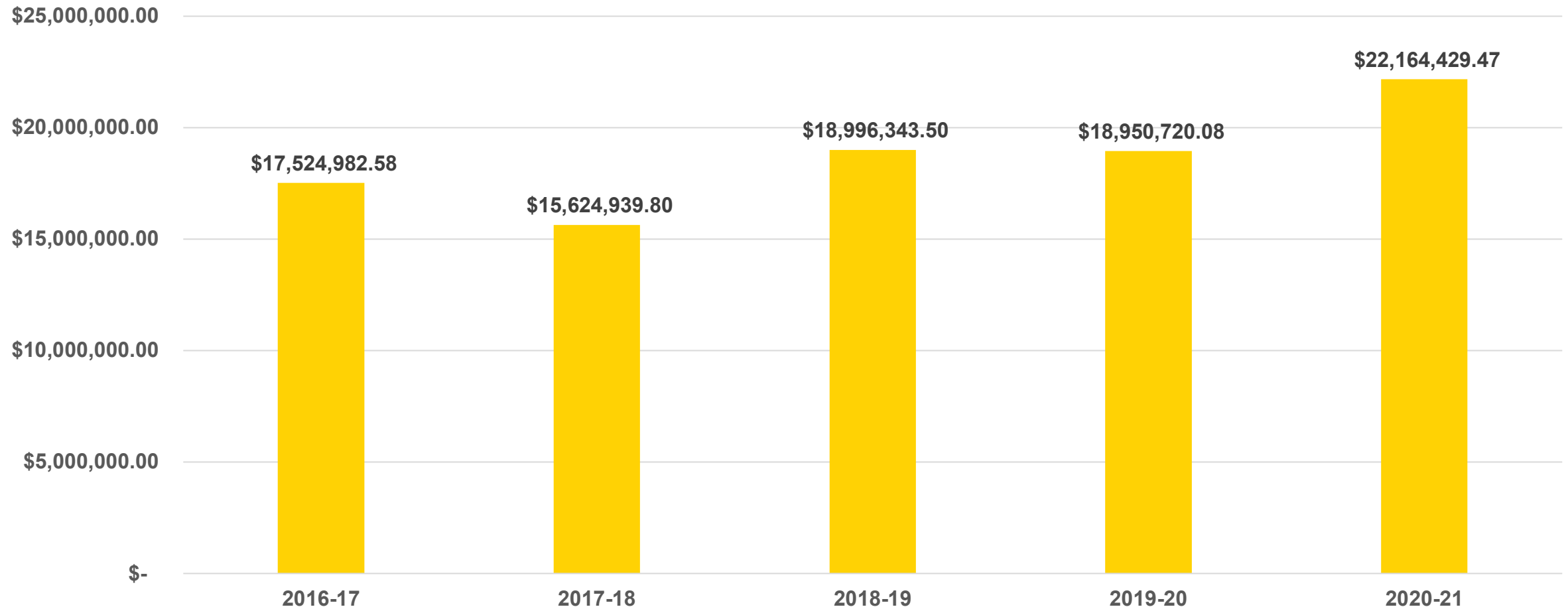




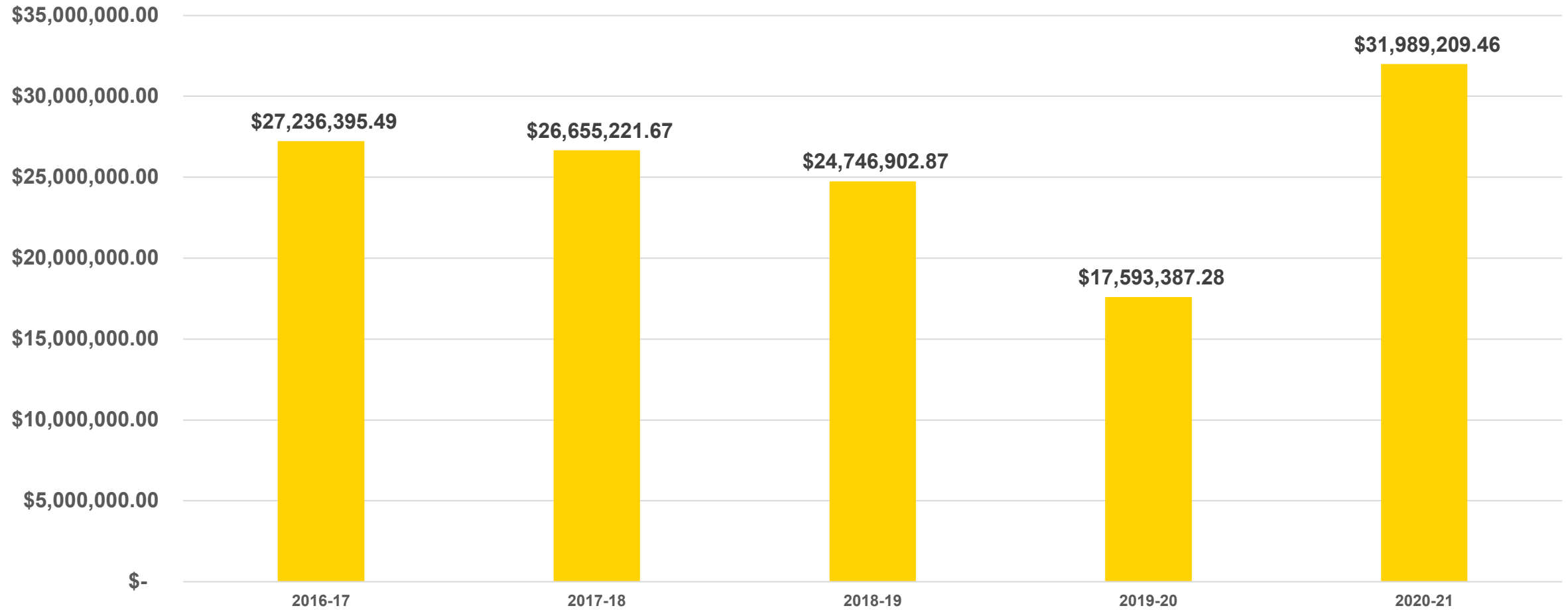




# Canadian Institutes of Health Research



# Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council



# Research Impacts



## **VIDO's moves to become Canada's Centre for Pandemic Research**

- \$15 million from the Province
- \$59.2 million in the 2021 Federal Budget

## **USask researchers the global fight against COVID-19.**

- Partnership with Indigenous communities, City of Saskatoon on COVID-19 wastewater study funded by PHAC
- USask researchers help lead \$9 million COVID variant response study



# Research Impacts

## **USask researchers continue to advance crop development and agri-food innovations globally.**

- \$3.2 million towards first-in-Canada engineering biology centre
- Usask scientists help find the key to decoding rye genome

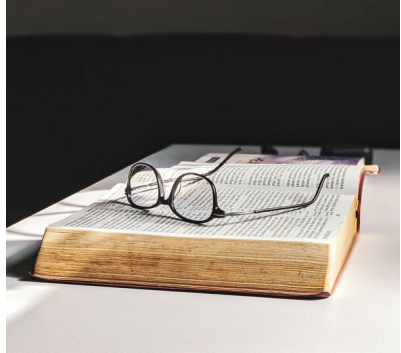


## **USask researchers support Indigenous health and well-being**

- USask-led Indigenous health research network finds home at Station 20W
- Partnership will use traditional Cree approaches to make communities safer.



# Research Impacts



## **USask alumni, artists, and scholars recognized for their excellence**

- Dr. Ashleigh Androsoff, wins top prize for innovative Doukhobor project
- Dr. Merle Massie (BA'93, MA'98, PhD'11) Arts and Science short listed for Saskatchewan Book Awards



## **USask artists, scholars, and researchers celebrated important milestones.**

- Crop Development Centre celebrates a half century of crop innovation
- Department of Drama celebrates 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary

# Research Awards



## University of Saskatchewan New Researcher Awards

- Dr. Kerry McPhedran, Associate Professor, College of Engineering
- Dr. Steven Rayan, Associate Professor, College of Arts and Science



## University of Saskatchewan Distinguished Researcher Awards

- Dr. Julita Vassileva, Professor, College of Arts and Science:
- Dr. Safa Kasap, Distinguished Professor & Centennial Enhancement Chair, College of Engineering



# Research Awards



## **University of Saskatchewan Publicly Engaged Scholarship Team Award**

- Dr. Pamela Downe, Professor, College of Arts and Science
- Dr. Carrie Bourassa, Professor, College of Medicine and Scientific Director, CIHR Institute of Indigenous Peoples Health



## **Royal Society of Canada: Bancroft Award, Miroslaw Romanowski Medal**

- Dr. Irena Creed, Professor, School of Environment and Sustainability
- Dr. Ajay Dalai, Professor, College of Engineering

# Research Awards



## Royal Society of Canada – Inducted Fellows

- Prof. Alison Norlen, Professor, College of Arts and Science
- Dr. Valerie Korinek, Professor, College of Arts and Science



## Royal Society of Canada – College of New Scholars

- Dr. Christy Morrissey, Professor, School of Environment and Sustainability



# Action

## February, March, April 2021

- Transition
- Introductory Meetings:
  - Senior Leaders
  - Associate Deans Research
  - Centre Directors
  - External stakeholders

## May, June, July 2021

- Broader Engagements:
  - Faculty Councils
  - Research Chairs
  - Signature Areas
  - Research Facilitators
  - Industry & Government Officials
- Annual Planning and Priority Setting

## August, September, October 2021

- AVPR Searches
- Signature Areas Renewal
  - Steering Committee (Aug)
  - Pitch Your Ideas (Sept)
  - Area Updates (Oct)

# Vice-Presidential Priorities

❑ Other strategic priorities and initiatives advanced by the Office of the Vice-President Research:

- Inventions and Enterprise Creation Policy
- Responsible Conduct of Research Policy and Procedures
- Centres Policy and Guidelines
- Publicly Engaged Scholarship Initiative (phase 1)
- International Indigenous Health Research & Training Centre
- Reflections and Renewal of Signature Areas (underway)

# Research Plan

- Uplift Indigenization
- Build Institutional Fortitude
- Embolden Our Strengths
- Invigorate Our Health Clusters
- Put Our Knowledge to Work

# Thank You







# **Findings: Academic Program Approvals Process Review**

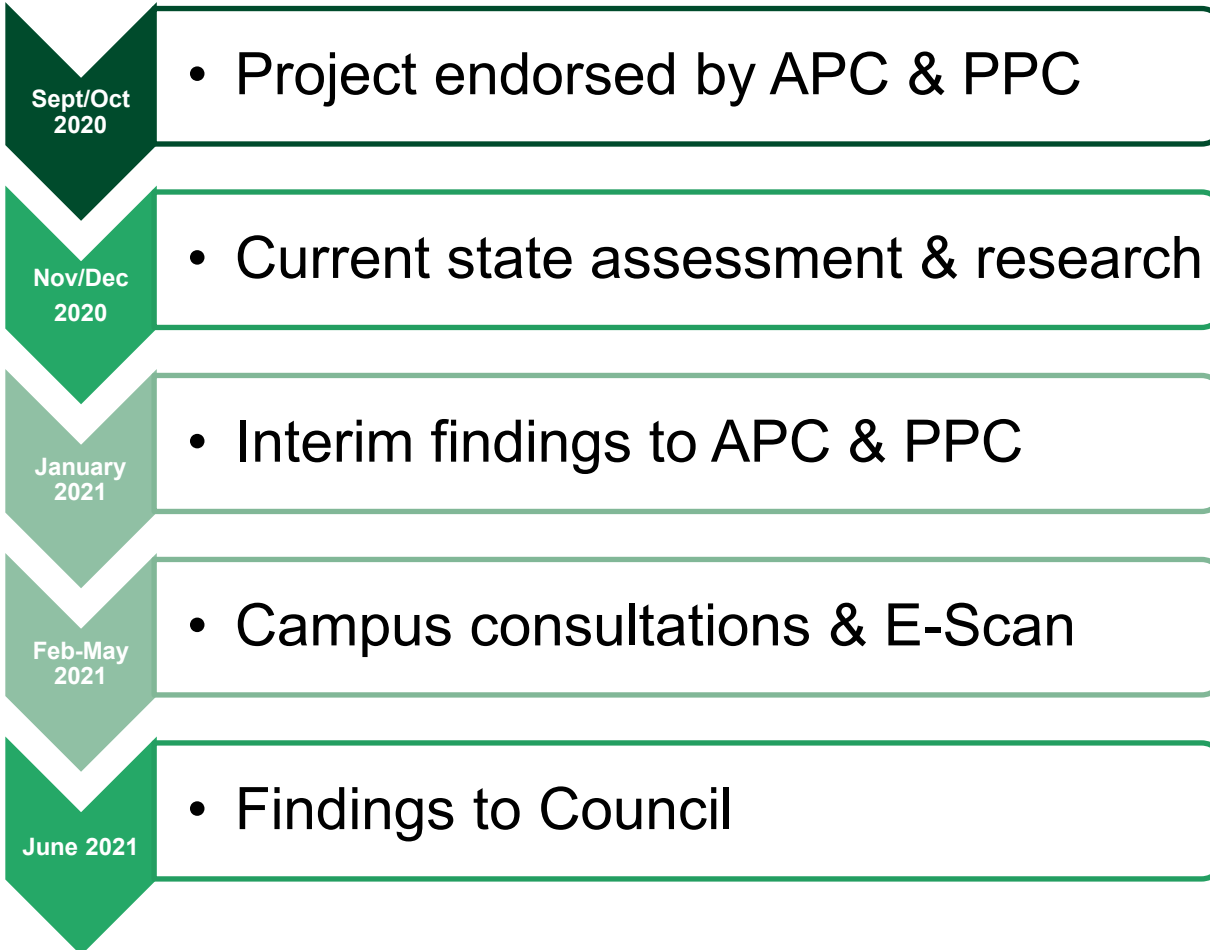
**USask Governance Office &  
Process Review Project Team**

University Council – June 17, 2021

# Objectives of the Review

Align governance structures and processes, and business practices for the approvals of academic programs to enable USask to meet its mission and vision in delivering high quality and innovative programming.

# Project Background



## **Executive Sponsor**

Chelsea Willness,  
University Secretary & Chief Governance Officer

## **Advisory Committee**

APC & PPC Executives

## **Project Team**

### Governance Office

Jacque Thomarat (Project Lead)  
Amanda Storey

### Registrar's Office

Russel Isinger  
Seanine Warrington

### College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

Kelly Clement  
Ryan Walker

### Institutional Planning & Assessment

Jennifer Beck

### College of Arts & Science

Alexis Dahl

# Conceptual Framework

## Structure

- Terms of reference and potential delegations

## Processes

- Reduce, streamline, sequence, and coordinate

## Timeliness

- Reduce the time-to-approval

## Rigour

- Ensure quality programs and financial sustainability

## Resources

- Ensure early, expert, and coordinated support

## Awareness

- Refine training, forms, templates and tools (inc. tech)



# Potential Changes

New Program Approvals  
Twice-per-Year Cycle

Remove Steps and Reconfigure  
Representation and Responsibilities

Collaborate and Delegate

## Provisos

- Requires governance approval
- Administrative resources need to be re-aligned
- Business practices must support the new model and process
- Implementation will be stepwise (incremental)

# Next Steps

- September 2021 – Pilot project APC/PPC and Council requests for decision
- October 2021 – Senate pilot project request for decision
- October 2021 to January 2022 – Pilot project proceeds
- February 2022 – Pilot project results evaluated
- March – Council request for decision changes to APC/PPC Terms of Reference
- April – Senate request for decision on recommended changes
- September 2022 – New program approvals process fully operational