

Status Report on the Renewal of the Saint Mary's Strategic Research Plan (SRP)

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- Presentations have been made on the SRP Renewal at the Academic Plan Town Hall in March 2011 and at the FGSR Faculty Council meetings in April and December of 2011.
- A web page on the SRP renewal has been developed on the FGSR website:
http://fgsr.smu.ca/about_dean.html

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- Resources available on the SRP Renewal webpage include:
 - Research Publications Analysis - Saint Mary's 2001 - 2011
 - Externally Sponsored Research Funding at Saint Mary's University 2001-02 to 2010-11
 - Canada Research Chairs Status
 - Tri-Council Research Grants by Department at Saint Mary's University 2008-09 and 2009-10
- Five written submissions have been received.

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- As the renewed SRP must be consistent and supportive of the renewed Academic Plan, drafts of the renewed SRP are not anticipated until the Academic Plan is finalized or near finalization in the first quarter of 2012.
- As consultation drafts of the revised SRP are available, they will be posted on the FGSR web site (http://fgsr.smu.ca/about_dean.html).

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- We will continue to consult widely with the Saint Mary's Community right up until the SRP is finalized for consideration by Senate.
- It is intended to have the SRP ready for consideration by Senate for its May 2012 meeting.

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- Plans for the Renewed Plan:
 - It will be shorter and more succinct.
 - There is a sense that the Plan needs updating and some broadening, rather than a complete re-envisioning.
 - The renewed plan needs to reflect and position the University to take advantage of the current/upcoming research opportunities from the Tri-Councils and other funders.

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- Plans for the Renewed Plan:
 - The four major research objectives still are relevant:
 - To carry out high quality research that builds on existing strengths and partnerships, with particular emphasis on interdisciplinary endeavours;
 - To develop research programs that are relevant to and engage the Atlantic Canada community;
 - To engage in research projects that offer value nationally and internationally by involving Saint Mary's researchers abroad and bringing visiting researchers to Saint Mary's;
 - To ensure that students, particularly undergraduates, benefit from research activities at the University.

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- Plans for the Renewed Plan:
 - The five current research themes require some broadening:
 - Research for Atlantic Canada communities emphasizing current expertise in research applicable to social, cultural, economic, political and health issues in the region (*transferable to other jurisdictions*).
 - Innovation in business management, finance and workplace studies focusing on research in Human Resource Management, Industrial/Organizational Psychology, and Corporate Finance. (*broaden to include business-oriented ICT*)

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- Plans for the Renewed Plan:
 - The five current research themes require some broadening:
 - Environmental studies and sustainable development concentrating on interdisciplinary research on scientific/technical issues as well as management/policy research and health and the environment issues relevant to Atlantic Canada, but applicable internationally. (*broaden to include Energy*)
 - Astronomy and computational science including the creation of the Institute of Computational Astrophysics as a national centre in the discipline. (*broaden to include sub-atomic physics*)

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- Plans for the Renewed Plan:
 - The five current research themes require some broadening:
 - International development and human migration issues focusing on community economic development, the role of religion and culture in development policy, and challenges and opportunities related to human migration.

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- Feedback, comments and suggestions continued to be welcomed:
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