

Report of the Faculty Research Activity Committee to Faculty Council
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1. The Faculty Research Activity Committee is pleased to report that a nominee for the Hugh Mellon Excellence in Research Award has been selected. The recipient will be announced at the March Faculty Publication Event.
2. The Committee has addressed the matter of how we define “Peer Reviewed” at the request of EPC. The members were unanimous in the adoption of the following language to be posted on the Faculty Reporting Tool and on the Faculty Publications Page, as was requested by EPC.

“Peer Review is the impartial and independent evaluation and assessment of research and outputs related to research by colleagues or contemporaries with knowledge and/or experience in the field. It is an essential element of research and the self-regulation of professions.”

This language was adapted from Oxford University, UK.

3. The Faculty Research Seminar sub-committee organized a very effective series for this academic year. Presentations were well-attended and represented a diversity of disciplines. I wish to thank our colleagues, Krista Lysack, Chaya Halberstam and Laura Lewis for taking the lead on this.
4. One of our colleagues has again been nominated for the Royal Society of Canada College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists. The successful nominations will be made public in July/August 2016.
5. The Fall Research Day was such a success that FRAC has agreed to organize another such forum so that Faculty colleagues can learn more about their each other’s research and possible areas of common interest.

Respectfully submitted by

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