



**Report of the Faculty Research Activities Committee
to Faculty Council**

April 4, 2018

The Faculty Research Activities Committee (FRAC) met on Friday, March 2, 2018 and approved the minutes from the November 2, 2017 meeting.

The FRAC next reviewed the application process and submissions for the Hugh Mellon Excellence in Research Award. The committee supported unanimously the nomination and selection of Antonio Calcagno as the 2018 recipient.

The FRAC confirmed the Vitali Student Lounge and Extension would be reserved on Wednesday, March 28, to celebrate the annual “Faculty Book Launch” and the “Faculty Research Wine and Cheese.” The two events have been combined in part due to the smaller number of newly published books this year by faculty members as compared with the usual output in recent years. In addition, the first volume of *The King’s Peer Review* will be released on that date in both hard copy and in an electronic format.

With the launch of the first annual King’s Undergraduate Research Conference, the committee members expressed support for the idea of combining the Faculty Research Celebration on a Friday afternoon next year in the Student Life Centre with the student conference – and possibly the various other disciplinary research and poster sessions on the weekend.

The FRAC passed a motion in principle to approve the establishment of an Early Career Faculty Research Award to be given annually to an outstanding faculty member currently teaching at King’s in a tenure-track position or recently tenured, who has earned a PhD within seven years of her/his appointment at King’s. The committee will finalize the formal name for the award and additional selection criteria.

Lastly, FRAC members have shared their opinions and suggestions regarding a formal questionnaire to be sent out to faculty to contribute to the development of the 2018 King’s University College Faculty Research Plan. The FRAC will review one final draft of the questionnaire before posting the survey online for faculty members to complete anonymously in May (after final marks have been submitted).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph H. Michalski".

Joseph H. Michalski
Chair, Faculty Research Activities Committee