Terms of Reference of Council's Standing Committees

Committee on Research Partnerships

The Committee on Research Partnerships (CRP) recommends to the Vice-President, Research Partnerships, program funding allocations and transfers between program elements within its purview, in accordance with specific decisions and any other guidelines provided by Council and within the funding envelope (Innovation) assigned to it by Council. The committee also provides advice on and monitors the research partnerships programs referred to it by Council; and advises Council on policy issues and possible mechanisms in support of such research in Canadian universities.

To provide advice on and monitor programs*, the Committee:

a. makes recommendations to Council or senior officers as appropriate regarding changes to existing programs, including phasing out of programs and proposals for the creation of new ones;

b. advises Council on the international dimension of activities falling within its purview;

c. monitors the peer review process by:
   i. reviewing the policies and procedures for peer review and ensuring they are consistent with the principles and values enunciated by Council;
   ii. making recommendations on the principles governing membership of selection committees or panels, annually reviewing appointments to such committees or panels, and establishing guidelines for the conduct of business of such committees or panels;
   iii. reviewing the policy reports of the selection committees and panels and recommending courses of action to Council or senior officers, as appropriate;
   iv. reviewing the statistics on, and trends in, awards made upon recommendation of the selection committees and the list of any other awards approved by executive action;

d. periodically reviews the strategic target areas and recommends changes as appropriate.

To advise Council on policies and mechanisms in support of research partnerships in Canadian universities, the Committee may make recommendations to Council's officers that studies be initiated or that subcommittees or ad hoc committees be appointed.

The programs assigned to the Committee on Research Partnerships are identified in attached Appendix A.

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Appendix A

Programs assigned to the Committee on Research Partnerships as of June 2005:

Innovation Projects

Strategic Projects (SPP)
Research Networks (RN)
Collaborative Research and Development Grants (CRD)
Research Partnership Agreements (with government departments and agencies) (RPA)

Chairs

Industrial Research Chairs (IRC)
Targeted Chairs

Technology Transfer

Intellectual Property Management (IPM)
Idea to Innovation (I2I)
College and Community Innovation Program (CCIP)

Other

Canadian Microsystems Corporation (CMC)
Synergy Awards
Innovation Challenge Awards
Cooperative Activities Program
Collaborative Health Research Projects (CHRP) (Managed by RPP, but with the budget in Discovery)

Innovation Platforms

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