

## **Queen's Chemistry Innovation Council (QCIC)**

### **Minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting**

**October 17, 2014**

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#### **QCIC MISSION**

**The QCIC is a proactive advisory organization dedicated to helping the Department of Chemistry achieve its vision and be a top choice Chemistry Department in Canada for students and faculty.**

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#### **QCIC Members Present:**

Eleanor Barker, Cynthia Fekken, Cory Johnston, Steve Leach, Allan Rey, Barry Robins, David Robins, Will Rogers, Wayne Schnarr (Chair), Ken Stevens, Walter Szarek, Adi Treasurywala, Josephine Tsang

#### **Presentations:**

- Chemistry Department Update: Richard Oleschuk, Acting Head – Chemistry Department
- Internship Program: Hugh Horton, Associate Dean; Cormac Evans, Director of Strategic Initiatives; Cathy Keates, Director of Career Services
- University Research: Steve Liss, VP - Research
- Commercialization: Jim Banting, President & CEO - PARTEQ
- CREATE: Cathy Crudden, Chemistry Department
- Graduate Students: Nausheen Sadiq, Prashant Agrawal
- Undergraduate Students: Fiona Logue, Derek Esau

#### **Other Attendees:**

The contributions by other attendees from the Chemistry Department and Queen's University staff were greatly appreciated.

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**1. The QCIC Membership Committee reviews current QCIC membership and assesses opportunities for enhancement.**

*Lead members: Steve Leach (QCIC) and Richard Oleschuk (Department)*

*Ongoing: Review current membership, identify desirable profiles of new members and make new QCIC member recommendations*

*Action item: Recruitment effort (letter, survey, etc.), involving Advancement, to a selective group of recent graduates*

**2. The QCIC Communications Committee works with the Chemistry Department to improve communications among QCIC, undergraduate and graduate students, faculty and staff of the Chemistry Department, and industry.**

*Lead members: Jack Bikker (QCIC), Nausheen Sadiq (QGCS), Barb Armstrong (Department)*

*Ongoing: assess and propose improvements to the communications mandate*

*Mentoring project: establish communication channel(s) and events which will allow undergraduate and graduate students to seek mentoring from QCIC members and alumni*

**3. The QCIC Fundraising Committee will work with the Chemistry Department and Office of Advancement to promote the Chemistry Department through indirect and direct fundraising efforts.**

*Lead members: Eleanor Barker, Bob Lemieux, Natalie Cann (Chemistry Department)*

**4. The QCIC will assist the Chemistry Department on the following projects.**

*Chem 894 course: QCIC recognizes the efforts of Will Rogers, with help from Wayne Schnarr, in teaching this course titled 'Business skills in the chemical industry' for the first time in 2013 and again in 2014. QCIC commits to helping teach and improve this course on a continuing basis.*

*Internship Program: QCIC members will inform the Department and Career Services of any suitable industry placement opportunities*

**5. Executive positions:** The QCIC Chair, Wayne Schnarr, and Vice-Chair, Steve Leach, agreed to continue to serve in those positions.