1. **Approval of the Agenda**
   
   Motion to approve: A. Leach, seconded by P. Drayson. All in favour. Motion passed.

2. **Approval of previous meeting’s minutes**
   
   Motion to approve: A. Leach, seconded by J. Hughes. All in favour. Motion passed.

   M. Owen reviewed the action items from the minutes:
   - Over-expenditures on Research Accounts Policy & Procedures – M. Owen will meet with E. Waller.
   - Alternative Metrics – M. Owen will circulate the report.
   - ResearchGate – M. Owen will circulate the information noting that it performs well for Sciences but is not as accurate for Social Sciences.
   - Working Alone Policy – J. Freeman will update at next meeting.
   - Conflict of Interest in Research – The first subcommittee meeting was held and is taking the existing policy & procedures and putting them into a new format. Once complete they will be circulated for comments. Feedback can be sent to J. Freeman and another subcommittee meeting will be scheduled to review. The committee will revise the documents and will bring them back to the Research Board in March/April timeframe.
   - Research Stories – There are approximately 35 stories across faculties in draft format. The stories will be rolled out across various social media platforms. J. Freeman will provide details at the next meeting.
   - Building access policy – M. Owen will follow up with J. Freeman to ensure that the CIBC is incorporated in the policy.

3. **Business Arising**
   
   a. Sample Research Stories
      
      J. Freeman – deferred. Update as noted above.

4. **New Business**
   
   a. Radiation Safety Committee Annual Report
      
      M. Owen noted that the annual report was circulated and that he was pleased to see any issues dealt with expeditiously.
b. BioSafety Committee Annual Report

M. Owen noted that the annual report was circulated and that the concerns noted regarding space are common within the university.

c. CIHR changes affecting First Nations Peoples

M. Owen noted that CIHR is decreasing their support staff within institutes. Key issue that has come forward is the way Aboriginal research is being handled. Ontario VPRS meet on January 15, 2015 and will discuss a response. M. Owen noted that there is an opportunity for a UOIT response. The primary issue is support of research related to Aboriginal people’s health while another issue is support of health researchers of Aboriginal heritage.

**ACTION:** R. Weaver and J. Hughes will circulate to their Faculties requesting feedback and whether or not they wish to respond on their own or as a UOIT response. Based on the feedback the Research Board will determine if we wish to send a response and what that response will be.

**ACTION:** M. Owen will follow up with CIHR to determine what CIHR has proposed.

5. Other Business

a. Canada First Research Excellence Fund (CFREF) was announced on December 4, 2014. C. McGregor’s research was profiled by the Prime Minister and the media. The first competition is in March 2015 with a second competition in the autumn. A third competition will be held in 2019.

The goal of the funding is to establish Canadian universities as world-class in very specific areas. There is no upper limit on funding ask. M. Owen noted that there is an expectation of stiff competition, that the NOIs are due Feb 2, and full applications are due March 2.

M. Owen noted that he has talked to the Deans and their feedback is that the decision should be a top-down rather than ground-up via faculty consultations and he has suggested that the UOIT application would be for a “Canadian Centre for Predictive Analytics” (tentative title) that brings together researchers from FBIT, Science, Health Science, FEAS, FESNS. He noted that we may not have the research capacity to be a lead on an application but that it’s more important to be a player and be successful in a partnership. Discussion ensued regarding UOIT research capacity.

b. Roundtable on key issues that impact research in Faculties

E. Waller highlighted the issue of the Strategic Mandate Agreement and its impact on UOIT’s graduate programs. **ACTION:** M. Owen and E. Waller to meet to discuss the issues of funding for Graduate students and domestic and international graduate student targets.

6. Reports & Information

a. Vice President’s Report

M. Owen will circulate his report at the February meeting.

He noted that availability of space is an issue and that in conjunction with Trent we are working to secure funding for a multi-phase new building to be called CARIE (Centre for Advanced Research Innovation and Entrepreneurship) which will be built north of the Campus Ice Centre. The application will be made to FedDev for $20 million on a $360 million facility. The building use will primarily be ICT (IT and Gaming), Advanced Manufacturing (Engineering) and wet labs (Science).

7. Next meeting (Thursday, February 12, 8:30-10:00, UA 4170)

8. Adjournment

4:05 pm.