

11 November 2013

**UWO Research Data Centre
Advisory Council
Minutes of Meeting
(25 October, 2013, 3:00-4:30, SSC 5406)**

Council:

Academic Director:

Roderic Beaujot, Sociology

Representatives from Dean's Offices and V-P Research

Karen Campbell, Chair, Epidemiology and Biostatistics

Chris Higgins, Ivey

Andrew Nelson, Associate Dean, Faculty of Social Science

Bryce Picard, for John Capone, V-P Research

Other members

David Bellhouse, Statistical and Actuarial Sciences

Alexandra Bozheva (student representative)

Daniel Edelstein, Academic Director, Branch RDC, University of Windsor (by conf. call)

Iris Gutmanis, St. Joseph's Health Centre London

Eeva Munoz, Associate University Librarian

Chris Robinson, Economics

Sisira Sarma, Epidemiology and Biostatistics

Stewart Thornhill, Ivey (on leave)

Staff:

Cynthia Cook, Statistics Canada, Senior Analyst Regional Supervisor

Bradley Corbett, Statistics Canada, Analyst (regrets)

Vince Gray, Data Librarian, Western Libraries (regrets)

Mike Houlahan, Statistical Assistant, University of Windsor (by conference call)

Zenaida Ravanera, Information Officer

Heather Stevens, Social Science Network and Data Systems

Fatemeh Eghabali Zarj, Statistical Assistant, Western

1. Approval of Agenda

2. Announcements

Apologies to Daniel Edelstein and Mike Houlahan for the technical difficulties that delayed their entry into the conference call. Thanks for waiting while we solved the problems.

Welcome to Karen Campbell and Chris Higgins, representing Dean's offices at Schulich and Ivey. The web site has been updated accordingly.

Congratulations to the Statistics Canada management team of the Research Data Centre Program

(Donna Dosman, Cindy Cook, Kelly Cranswick, Denis Gonthier, Darren Lauzon, Tina Hotton-Mahoney, Beverly Hunt) on receiving the *Public Service Award of Excellence* in the *Innovation category*. The award was given by the Governor General at Rideau Hall on 10 September in recognition of federal public service employees who have demonstrated excellence, professionalism and leadership in serving Canadians. The citation reads in part: This exceptional team took the idea of providing researchers with access to Statistics Canada's detailed microdata and made it a reality. This 13-year project has changed the face of academic research in Canada. Without the innovation, persistence, commitment and energy of this special group of employees, the program would not have been such an enormous success.

Congratulations to ICES@Western on their Ceremonial Opening of 29 June, 2013.

Congratulations to Aniq Anam on the best student poster at London Health Research Day.

Congratulations to Michael Tayler on receiving First place at UWO for the 3 Minute Thesis competition, and the People's Choice Award at the provincial finals in Kingston.

Congratulations to Alison Konrad and Yang Yang on receiving the 2013 Rosabeth Moss Kanter Award for Excellence in Work-Family Research for their article "Is using work-life interface benefits a career-limiting move? An examination of women, men, lone parents, and parents with partners" published in *Journal of Organizational Behaviour*. This international award is given for the best research paper published during the year and is selected through a rigorous process involving nomination and review by a committee of over 60 leading scholars. See: www.bc.edu/cwf.

3. Minutes of 13 March 2013

see: <http://www.rdc.uwo.ca/Minutes/20130315-UWORDC-minutes.pdf#Minutes,March2013>

4. Succession planning and staffing

Academic Director position as of 1 July 2014:

A Job Description was posted and an announcement was circulated regarding the position:

http://www.rdc.uwo.ca/documents/Job%20Description%20RDC%20Academic%20Director_2_.pdf.

As of the 30 September deadline there were no applicants.

Discussion regarding potential candidates.

The alternative of sharing the role was discussed.

A sub-committee was charged with selecting the incoming Academic Director(s): Andrew Nelson (chair), Karen Campbell and Chris Higgins.

Other Staff

A second Statistical Assistant is being employed for 6 hours per week, allowing the RDC to be open two evenings per week.

Statistics Canada is doing an analysis of the staffing needs of the RDC network. We will await the results of this analysis before making further decisions on Analyst and Statistical Assistant staffing.

We will await the appointment of the new Academic Director(s) to decide on other staffing (e.g. Information Officer, Administrative Assistant).

Western Libraries

Western Libraries will employ a graduate student to provide statistical help for 10 hrs/wk at the Map and Data Centre. This service, established as a pilot, is planned to start in January 2014.

5. Change of name and renewal of Centre Status at Western

It was decided to officially change our name from “Research Data Technology Centre” to “Research Data Centre @ Western” abbreviated as RDC@Western.

The renewal of Centre Status will also note the new structure of the Advisory Council.

6. Budget

Budget sheets were distributed. Table A of minutes shows the distribution of users by faculty and department.

For 2013-14, Schulich has allocated \$12,000 and Ivey has allocated \$5,000. Social Science has allocated \$35,000 plus \$728 x 12 for Social Science and Network Data Services (half day per week).

The SSHRC/CIHR allocation for Western + Windsor amounts to \$94,859 (5.1% of the total allocated to the 14 RDCs in the network). This includes 4.6% of the “adjusted dyads allocation” and 4.1% of the “weighted output allocation”, and 7.9% of the “fixed costs allocation”.

At the end of 2012-13, there was a surplus of \$47,687 in the SSHRC/CIHR accounts. The budget plan is to eliminate this surplus over the three budget years of 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16. The last full-year of the current cycle of these grants is 2014-15, and they can normally be carried forward for only one year.

For 2014-15, the following revenue is proposed: Schulich \$15,000, Ivey \$9,000, Social Science \$38,000 plus \$728 x 12 for SSNDS services (half day per week).

For 2014-15, the Statistics Canada Services include a 2nd Statistical Assistant for 6 hr per week.

For 2014-15, the proposed secretarial and administrative staff is based on one month @\$8,000 plus 12 months @\$750 per month.

The indirect cost for statistical and methodological services is an estimated value of the in kind services provided informally by Statistics Canada personnel and by researchers helping each other. As noted above, Western Libraries will employ a graduate student to provide statistical help for 10 hrs/wk at the Map and Data Centre. This service, established as a pilot, is planned to start in January 2014.

7. Ivey Data Day (Cindy Cook)

The idea of a day that would focus on “business-type” data was initiated during the visit of Heather Dryburgh, Director of Micro-Analysis Division at Statistics Canada. The focus would be on various forms of access to micro-data: Data Liberation Initiative (public use data available through library services), RDC, CEDER (Centre for Data Development and Economic Research and Real Time Remote Access). The event is planned for early spring, including participation by University of Windsor.

8. USA RDC network (Cindy Cook)

Over the years, there have been exchanges between the Canadian Research Data Centre

Network, and the US RDC network. The US network has a much larger budget but fewer users. The network is expanding from 15 to 25 sites. The data reside at the Census Bureau, with access through thin client technology.

9. Canadian Research Data Centre Network

The results from the SSHRC/CIHR mid-term review are expected in late November.

The Executive Summary of the CRDCN Mid-Term Report 2013 was distributed and is available on request. There were 1500 researchers in 2012-13, including 600 graduate students. There are 309 data files.

Syntheses are being produced, along with publication arrangements with *Canadian Public Policy*.

The 2012-13 change in total StatCan charges to network was 6%, compared to 9% in 2011-12.

The 2011-12 growth in total adjusted dyads in network was 6%, compared to 9% in 2010-11 and 5% in 2009-10.

An application called “Big Data” is being developed. This will include a major advance in administrative data, especially from the provinces. SSHRC, CIHR, NSERC and Innovation.ca are circulating a consultation document on “Capitalizing on Big Data: Toward a Policy Framework for Advancing Digital Scholarship in Canada” (available on SSHRC web site, dated 16 October 2013). CRDCN is described as one of the entries of the “Stakeholders and Landscape Map” (Appendix 2).

The survey to gather output information will occur over the period 1 February to 31 March, 2014.

10. Data Access

The data from the 2011 Census and the National Household Survey are expected for January 2014.

Recent data in RDCs: General Social Survey 26 (caregiving), Canadian Community Health Survey (mental health), Survey on Labour and Income Dynamics 2011.

Coming soon: Future to Discover – Data gathered by the Social Research Development Corporation (SRDC) regarding young people and incentives for post-secondary education (New Brunswick and Manitoba); Incident Based Uniform Crime Reporting (expected early 2015).

Developing slowly (no time line): longitudinal IMMigrant Data Bank (IMDB), covering all immigrants since 1980, linked to tax data.

The renewed RDC web site is to give prominence to the link at Statistics Canada that gives names and description of the data sets, along with associated code books and documentation on the data files.

11. Statistics and Data Series, RDC Brown Bag Research Talks (Zenaida Ravanera)

The poster showing the 2013-14 Statistics and Data Series and the RDC Brown Bag Series is posted on the RDC web site. In 2012-13 there were 10 Stats & Data and 2 Brown Bag, this year there will be 5 and 2 respectively.

Most presentations are subsequently posted for video viewing. The number of views ranges for the 2012-13 series ranges from 156 to 8,519.

Webinars are being considered. It was suggested to wait until a new system for webinars is available at Western.

Windsor is to indicate interest to have an audio link on a case-by-case basis.

The Brown Bag of 26 February is by Betty Barrett of Social Work and Women’s Studies at University of Windsor. The possibility of a repeat performance is being considered.

12. Summer Workshop in Longitudinal Analysis

The 2013 Summer workshop was on 6-17 May, with 6 instructors, 4 courses, 2 workshops and 46 participants (see report by Lorraine Davies dated 21 June 2013). Professor Davies is beginning to organize for next year.

13. Impact

Encouragement to subscribe to the Canadian Research Data Centre Network (CRDCN) Networker at www.rdc-cdr.ca. See also CRDCN webinar series (in collaboration with CHNET-Works). Also posted are workshop and training opportunities.

As of 15 October 2013, the bibliography of RDC output lists 2,895 items, including 112 at Western/Windsor (see below). This reference list is particularly useful for students who are looking to build on previous research.

The following are updated from pp. 7 & 9 of the Western/Windsor Annual Report from 2012.

	UWO	Windsor	Total	%of system
Average monthly Adjusted dyads				
2009	116.2	0	116.2	4.3%
2010	146.0	2.4	148.4	5.0%
2011	148.4	13.8	162.2	5.3%
2012	155.1	9.5	164.6	5.1%

UWO in total publications on CRDCN web site (updated as of 15 Oct 2013):

Year	UWO	Total	%from UWO
1999-2003	4	130	3.8
2004	5	117	4.3
2005	4	159	2.5
2006	5	203	2.5
2007	10	251	4.0
2008	17	326	5.2
2009	13	395	3.3
2010	13	443	2.9
2011	17	424	4.0
2012	16	350	4.6
2013	7	96	7.3
2014	0	1	
Total	112	2895	3.9

To be updated based on www.rdc-cdr.ca/statistics

14. Report from Windsor Branch RDC (Daniel Edelstein)

The migration to the new equipment has been delayed due to a strike. We are working at rescheduling and currently aiming for late November.

There are now 6 active projects, plus one involving a co-investigator at the Toronto RDC.

Activity is better measured by the number of research sessions: 160 in 2011, 29 in 2012 and 124

to end of September 2013. While the RDC continues with promotions, the current level of activity is considered acceptable.

Proposal to have the meetings of the Advisory Board by video conference. The video costs to Western can be paid from the RDC@Western budget. Brad Corbett and Mike Houlahan are asked to make the arrangements.

15. Other

No other business

16. Date for next meeting: 7 March 2014, 3:00-4:30

17. Adjournment

Table A. RDC usage, by Faculty, Department and type of user, Western, 2010-12

	Faculty	Student	Researcher	Total
Faculty of Social Sciences	15	25	3	43
Economics	4	6	0	10
Geography	1	4	0	5
Sociology	8	12	3	23
Psychology	1	3	0	4
Org and Beh Sci	1	0	0	1
Medicine and Dentistry	8	17	4	29
Epid and Biostatistics	7	13	2	22
Obstetrics and Gynecology	0	1	0	1
Obstetrics and Gyn	0	1	0	1
Pediatrics	1	2	0	3
St. Joseph's	0	0	1	1
Middlesex London Health Unit	0	0	1	1
School of Business	4	8	0	12
Health Studies	3	2	1	6
Rehab Science	0	1	0	1
Nursing	2	1	0	3
Family Medicine	1	0	1	2
Other	2	1	0	3
Kinesiology	1	0	0	1
Stat. and Act. Sc.	1	1	0	2
Western total	32	53	8	93

Source: UWO RDC Annual Report for 2012.