

Report to Senate  
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### Report to Senate of the Vice President, Research

#### 1. Research computing update

Compute Canada has drafted a transition plan for “NewCo,” the new federal research agency dedicated to advanced research computing. The plan emphasizes the existing responsibility to executing MSI-2, and highlighting successful practices and continuing needs for supporting research users of HPC across Canada. Also emphasizing open dealings with provincial and regional partners, and a researcher-first orientation for the new organization.

Compute Ontario is undergoing a strategic planning exercise, including consultation with SHARCNET, and is preparing for its funding renewal document, to be submitted Spring 2020.

Brock researcher Professor Sid Segalowitz was the winner of one of two awards in Round XIV of SHARCNET’s dedicated programming competition.

#### 2. External relations

On September 25-26 the COU Joint Affiliates Meeting brought together Presidents and Vice-Presidents of Ontario universities; the VPR represented Brock at the subsequent executive heads meeting dedicated to strategies around government relations and messaging regarding the value and needs of Ontario universities.

#### 3. Postdoctoral fellow appointment processes

The Office of Research Services and Human Resources have collaborated on an information page with advice and instructions for the appointment of postdoctoral fellows under various scenarios at Brock University. This guidance document is posted on the ORS Sharepoint page. Early feedback from research suggests that the guidelines are helpful, but that further work is needed on the mechanics and timelines of having offers of positions processed and confirmed, irrespective of the appointment scenario type.

#### 4. Appointments update

The Executive Director, BrockLINC, appointment process is ongoing. At the time of writing, an appointment committee has been struck and is reviewing a longlist of candidates.

The AVPR appointment process is continuing. The next stage will be candidate interviews with the Advisory Committee.

A search is currently open for a Research Officer in the Office of Research Services.

5. Research resource reminder: Brock maintains a subscription to Pivot, a keyword-searchable database of (among other things) research funding opportunities. Pointing your web browser to [pivot.proquest.com/funding](http://pivot.proquest.com/funding) main from a campus-located computer should suffice to enable a search.

The 2019 Research Celebration is scheduled for Tuesday, November 26, 2:00-4:30 pm, in Pond Inlet. The event will share good news about research grants, honours, and awards at Brock over the previous year.