

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

1. Brock LINC was officially opened on February 21, in conjunction with the official opening of the University's DEEP-2 energy project. The opening included tours of the Makerspace, Digital Scholarship Lab, CCOVI R3 Lab, and LINC 300 Entrepreneurship space. Guests included federal government representatives The Honourable Karina Gould, Minister of International Development, Vance Badawey, Member of Parliament, Niagara Centre, Tony Baldinelli, Member of Parliament, Niagara Falls, as well as provincial representatives The Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction, David Piccini, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Colleges & Universities, Jeff Burch, MPP for Niagara Centre, Jennifer Stevens, MPP for St. Catharines, and Wayne Gates, MPP for Niagara Falls. Local government representatives included Jim Bradley, Niagara Regional Chair, Walter Sendzik, Mayor of St. Catharines, Terry Ugulini, Mayor of Thorold, and Frank Campion, Mayor of Welland. A report and photographs are available at: <https://brocku.ca/brock-news/2020/02/brock-linc-opening-signals-new-era-of-community-engagement-for-brock-university/>
2. Two Row Council has now received the schematic process documents created by the Office of Research Services to serve as an initial model, for feedback and revision, for mechanisms to allocate internal funds dedicated to Indigenous research. The VPR attended a follow-up meeting in early March to discuss.
3. The University now holds a voting membership in the New Digital Research Infrastructure Organization, or NDRIO. The inaugural meeting of the voting board is March 10/11 in Ottawa.
4. Four Canada Research Chair-linked appointment processes remain open and are approaching their closing stages. (A reminder that one was closed and was submitted to the CRC Secretariat in Fall 2019, and one is closed with an application to the Secretariat in preparation.) Two more Chair positions, prospectively a Tier I and Tier II, are expected to be announced for allocation via an internal CFP in the spring.
5. Brock researchers submitted two applications to the COVID-19 Rapid Response CFP announced in February by CIHR. Results are imminent.
6. The Match of Minds program application window closed as of March 2. The application review process is under way.

7. In response to an internal audit gap analysis, the Offices of the VPR and of the AVP Administration (Finance) are drafting a policy for overhead and indirect cost mitigation in contract-based research. As a finance policy, this will go to the Board for approval; however, a draft will come to R&SPC for discussion.