Wednesday, February 27 - Friday, March 1, 2019

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE - TBC - Please check back here for updates

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

5:00 PM  Registration desk open

6:30 PM  Opening Presentation on University Autonomy by University of Alberta President, David H. Turpin, CM, PhD, LLD, FRSC

7:30 PM  Reception

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

7:30 AM  Registration desk open

8:00 AM  Breakfast

9:00 AM  Welcome and Opening Comments

9:45 AM  Keynote: John Hepburn, Vice-President, Research, Canadian Institute for Advanced Research (CIFAR)

10:45 AM  Break

11:00 AM  Session on Inclusive Excellence (Presenters TBC)

As universities across North America engage more deeply with issues of equity, diversity and inclusivity, many take up the term inclusive excellence, recognizing that in embracing a diversity of ideas and experiences, by embracing a diversity of people and the opportunity to learn with and from diverse peers, we increase our opportunities for excellence. In this session, we explore what it means to embrace inclusive excellence within our own areas of responsibility.

12:30 PM  Lunch

1:30 PM  Successful Failure: for our workplaces, for ourselves

Alex Clark PhD FCAHS, AVP Research and Professor, University of Alberta
Bailey Sousa, PMP, Director, International Institute for Qualitative Methodology
Co-founders of The Effective, Successful, Happy Academic

Personal cognitive biases, common working practices and leadership in academic settings foster success-oriented cultures. Yet, research indicates this actually often reduces the likelihood of success via lowered work productivity and quality, and harm to staff development and mental health. In this participatory session, learn why and how you see the world and yourself affects whether you fail successfully, and why this is so vital to ongoing career and organizational growth. Drawing on latest theory and research, come to understand that while failure may be inevitable in our academic work, wasting it is not.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28...continued

2:45 PM  Break
3:00 PM  Vice-President (Academic) and Vice-President (Research) Roundtable Sessions
4:30 PM  Adjourn
6:00 PM  Banquet

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

8:00 AM  Breakfast
9:00 AM  Session on Research Dissemination and Impact (Presenters TBC)
          This interactive session will examine how the world of academic publishing and other forms of
          research dissemination have and are likely to evolve, including topics such as: How is quality
          of research output - and the channels by which it is shared - assessed? How is impact
          achieved?
          A panel will share their various perspectives on this topic and stimulate group discussion,
          which will be followed by the sharing of group insights with the panelists.

10:30 AM  Break
11:00 AM  Planning meeting for next WestVAC and WestVPR
12:00 PM  Closing Comments and Adjournment

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