



MEMORANDUM

Date: December 1, 2014

To: Karen Roche, Secretary of Senate

From: Maria Grazia Viola, Chair, Senate Research Committee

Subject: **Senate Research Committee Report for the December 1, 2014 Senate Meeting**

The Senate Research Committee met on October 23, 2014. The SRC discussed the introduction of two new SRC funds. Two motions were passed regarding the institution of two new funding opportunities for tenured and tenure track faculty members at Lakehead University:

1. A pilot Open Access Author Fund be created to encourage and support those who wish to make their scholarly work available via open access publishing. Funds up to a maximum \$ 2500 will be awarded to an applicant.
2. A special one-time Strategic Research Development Fund be introduced to provide research funding to Lakehead University faculty members for short-term research activities over a maximum of two year period. Funds up to a maximum of \$ 15,000 will be awarded to be spent over a maximum of a two-year period.

Moreover, the Senate Research Committee has received numerous applications for the RDF awards, the conference Travel awards, the Publications awards and the Visiting Scholar Awards, and reviewed the applications. The results of these competitions will be announced at the end of November.