

Basic Science Working Group
Friday March 14, 2025 - 1:00 -2:00 pm
Approved Minutes

1. Welcome • Dr. Lehner opened the meeting as chair, welcoming the group with a land acknowledgment.
2. Review agenda & minutes • Dr. Lehner summarized the agenda and goals for the meeting.
3. Follow-up on action items from previous meeting (collaborate) • Members of the subgroup working committees were introduced along with the timelines for their first presentations to the review working group. • Community Engagement – March 21 • Literature Scan – April 11 • Environmental Scan – April 23 • FoMD Leadership Retreat Planning Committee – event date May 30 (updates to be provided to the working group as planning takes shape) • External reviewer invitations have been extended to the top three choices of the working group, two individuals external to the University of Alberta and one individual internal to the University, but external to FoMD. We will keep the working group apprised of the progress in scheduling the external review. • The draft work timeline was presented outlining our topics of discussion for the next 8 meetings. The working group was polled for their permission to extend the meetings scheduled for April to ninety (90) minutes. There was unanimous consent for this change. Calendar invitations will be updated accordingly.
4. Refine draft definition of institutional biomedical science success • There was discussion about how to best define biomedical science success in the FoMD. Candidate goals included: 1) excellence in research, 2) excellence in education and training, 3) service to society, 4) institutional infrastructure and support; and 5) financial sustainability and diversification of revenue streams. It was agreed that the definition should focus on high level aspirational goals.
5. Next steps • Working group members were invited to further refine the resultant draft definition of biomedical science success before the next meeting. • Each subgroup was asked to schedule an initial meeting to develop a work plan. Debbie offered her assistance with scheduling. • Working group members were reminded to engage with colleagues and encourage their attendance at the April 16th town hall 1-2pm which will be advertised in the upcoming Dean's Message.

Schedule of meetings / commitments:

Next Meeting: **March 21, 2025 1:00 – 2:00 pm**