

CARES

4.0 Governance

4.1 Relationship with the University of Guelph

CARES will be an entity under the University of Guelph and be located on the University of Guelph's Ridgetown Campus. Thus, all decisions, direction, and continuance will be at the sole and absolute discretion of the University of Guelph. CARES will join a long list of approximately fifty, research centres, institutes and groups at the University of Guelph (www.uoguelph.ca/research/expertise/centres.shtml)

Information about CARES will be communicated on the homepage of the University of Guelph. A website will be developed where the CARES mandate, research results and other relevant data and information will be retained.

4.2 Management

An Executive Director will be a research scientist seconded from the University of Guelph to oversee and manage day-to-day operations of CARES. The interim Executive Director is Dr. Rob Nicol, Department of Land Resource Science. Initially, this Executive Director will also be the lead researcher and provide all management for CARES. The Executive Director will report indirectly to the Dean of OAC, University of Guelph through the Director of the Ridgetown Campus.

Nominations will be accepted for the position of Executive Director. The Board of Directors will vote using the simple majority option and the Board will then make a recommendation to the Dean of OAC for final approval. The Executive Director will be appointed to the position for a five year term.

The Director of Ridgetown Campus acts as the University officer responsible for CARES. Currently this position is held by Dr. Art Schaafsma.

4.3 Budget

CARES will have an appropriate annual budgeting process which will be available for scrutiny by the officers of the University of Guelph. Once CARES is established, any project and its accompanying budget will be scrutinized for approval by the CARES Board of Directors as well as the officers of the University of Guelph. Due to the fact that CARES could potentially have numerous projects operating at one time, budgets will need to be submitted on a project-by-project basis. CARES will be economically self-sufficient.

The Executive Director of the Centre will be responsible for the appropriate management of resources of the Centre and will be held accountable for the appropriate use of funds of the Centre.