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The Harris Centre:
Memorial University
Partnering for
Regional Policy and Development in
Newfoundland and Labrador

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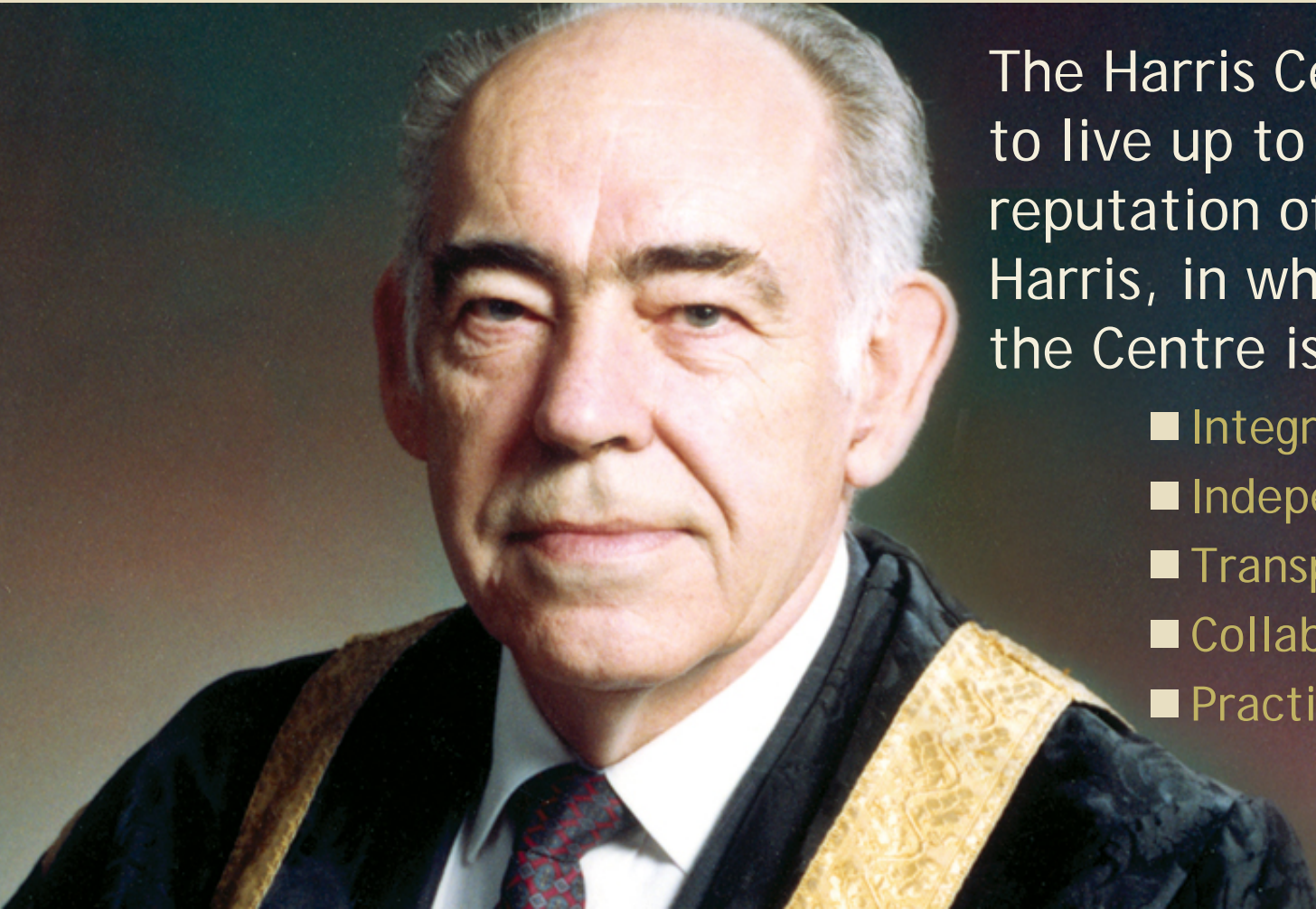
Overview

- Harris Centre Mandate
- Partnering in Action
- Mobilizing Partnerships
 - Regional Workshops
 - The Memorial University Regional Inventory (MURI)
 - Mobilizing Knowledge for Sustainable Regions in Newfoundland and Labrador (KIS)
- Tools for Partnering
- Conclusion

Harris Centre Mandate

- Coordinate and Facilitate the University's Activities Relating to Regional Policy and Development
- Advise on Building the University's Capacity
- Identify Priority Themes and Projects relating to:
 - Teaching
 - Research
 - Outreach

Harris Centre Values



The Harris Centre aspires to live up to the reputation of Leslie Harris, in whose honour the Centre is named:

- Integrity
- Independence
- Transparency
- Collaboration
- Practical Application

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Biology faculty member
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Harris Centre brokers long-term relationship

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DFO - Memorial collaborative
research agreement on MPA's

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The results

Funding for graduate student
research

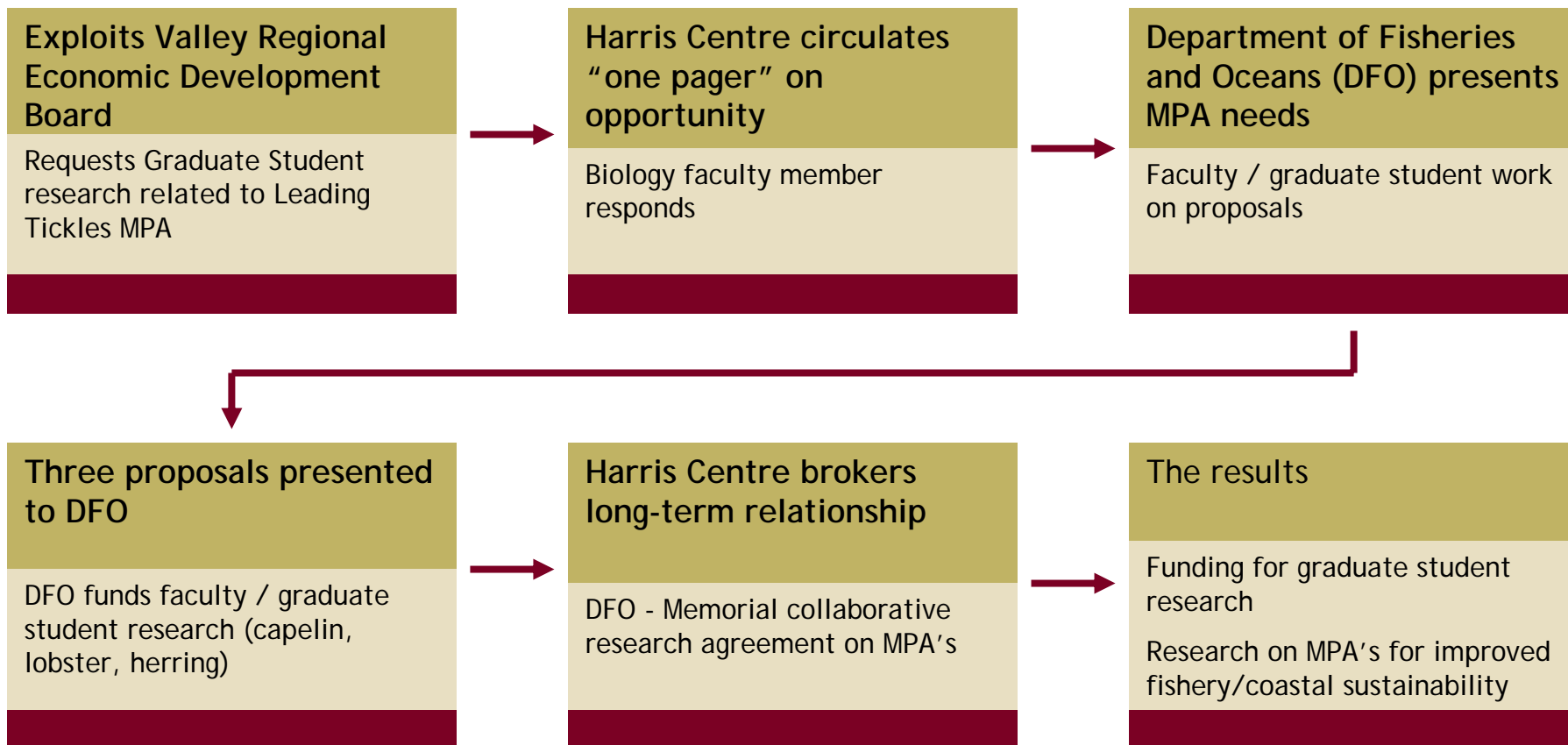
Research on MPA's for improved
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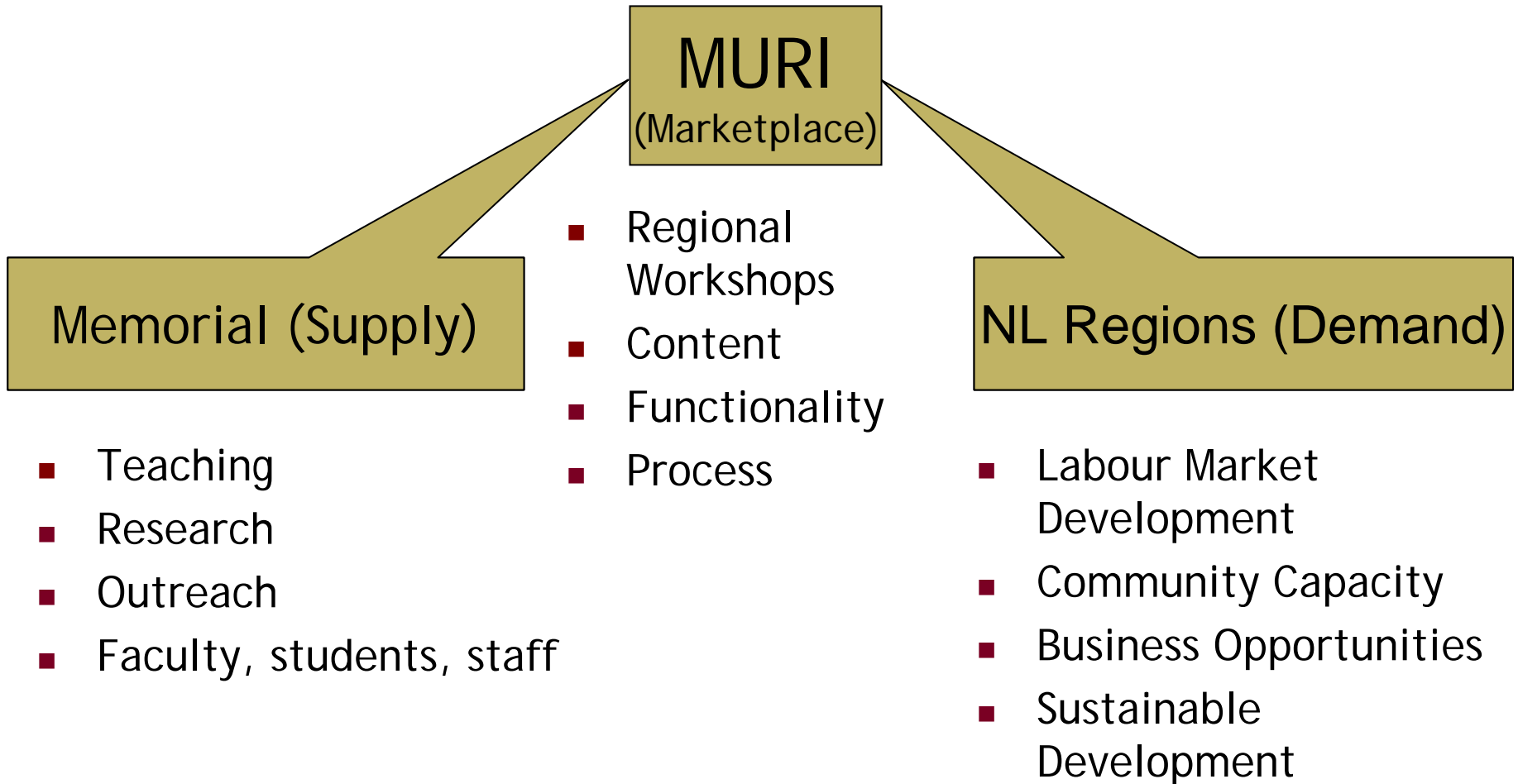
Memorial University Regional Workshops

Workshop	Date	Current Memorial Activities	Collaboration Opportunities Identified
Newtown, New-Wes-Valley	Nov. 30 - Dec. 1, 2005	32	14
Stephenville	March 28 - 29, 2006	37	27
Southern Labrador	May 17 - 18, 2006	48	38
Bay d'Espoir	Oct. 2 - 3, 2006	25	19

Memorial University Regional Inventory (MURI)

- A marketplace matching regional development needs with Memorial teaching, research and outreach.
- A tool to develop linkages
 - Internet-based query tool
 - Multiple search capabilities
 - GIS applications
- Builds Capacity

The Vision for MURI



Mobilizing Knowledge for Sustainable Regions in Newfoundland and Labrador

Knowledge Impact In Society (KIS) Program

- Partnership between the Harris Centre, College of the North Atlantic, and the Rural Secretariat and its nine Regional Councils.
- Access to quality social sciences and humanities research at Memorial.
- Support evidence-based decision making.
- Matches planning needs with existing research at Memorial

The Vision for KIS

- Information assisting Regional Council strategic planning
- Knowledge brokerage
 - Planning sessions with Regional Councils
 - Identification of information requirements
 - Collect existing research to match demand
 - Knowledge transfer workshops
- Results of KIS populate the MURI database

The Harris Centre as Broker

- Marketing Function
- Need to Identify 3 Components:
 - Demand: research, teaching, outreach “pull”
 - Supply: Memorial capacity to deliver
 - Champions: make it happen
- Clarify roles: Lead / Partner / Support
- Clarify commitments and implementation
 - Contract Management / Project Management
 - Monitoring and Evaluation
- Communicate!

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Comments?

Questions?

Suggestions?