

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF REGINA COUNCIL
12 APRIL 2023
EDUCATION AUDITORIUM 106

MEMBERS: 108 present.

GUESTS: 11 present.

The attendance record is included with the official file.

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. by the Chair of Council, President and Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Jeff Keshen.

In keeping with the University's commitment to Reconciliation, the Chair acknowledged that the University is located on Treaty 4 territory with a presence in Treaty 6. These are the territories of the nêhiyawak, Anihšīnāpēk, Dakota, Lakota, and Nakoda, and the traditional homeland of the Métis/Michif Nation.

1. Approval of the Agenda

C. Pollard – C. Ramsay

Moved that the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. Minutes of Meeting 6 December 2019 – For Information

The minutes for the 6 December 2019 meeting of Council were approved by Executive of Council at its 22 January 2020 meeting.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

A Council member requested an update on the University's actions with regards to sustainability. C. Yost, Vice-President (Research), provided an update on the President's Advisory Committee on Sustainability (PACS), the sustainability action plan, and plan to hire a Director of Sustainability to continue the momentum on the University's sustainability initiatives.

4. Report from the Chair of Council

President Keshen offered the following remarks:

- Update on the 2023-2024 budget
- Domestic and international recruitment efforts
- Provincial and federal budget-day announcements
- Implementation of the second phase of the University's new institutional identity, with focus on experiential learning, truth and reconciliation, and health and well-being
- Update on the search for the Vice-President (Research)
- Recent achievements by University of Regina faculty members
- Dr. Andrew Cameron's election as the faculty member elected by Council to the University of Regina Board of Governors
- Upcoming conference titled "What are Universities for" that will be held from May 3-6th at the University of Regina

Following the Chair's remarks, Council was invited to share information or raise questions for discussion.

Discussion followed. Topics of discussion included:

- Operating budget support of ancillary budget deficits that occurred during the pandemic will not continue in the 2023-24 comprehensive budget, due to recovery of enrolment and improved residence occupancy
- Perceived deficiencies in health and wellness supports for the university community and misalignment with the strategic focus on health and well-being. J. Smith and d.Gregory provided information on short wait times for student mental health services, and the opportunity for students to participate in hybrid or remote classes to allow them to feel safe and comfortable with their learning.

5. Item(s) for Consideration by Council

5.1 Council Rules and Regulations, *For Approval, Appendix I, Pages 2-3*

J. Melançon, Council Member, introduced the motion to Council.

An amendment to the circulated motion was proposed to better reflect the full participation of Council members attending virtually.

J. Melançon – B. Waytuck

Moved that Section 2.2.4 of the Council Rules and Regulations be modified to allow for members to be present and participate virtually.

The question was called on the amended motion.

CARRIED

5.2 Council Committee on Academic Mission, *For Information*, Appendix II, Pages 4-5

The report from the Council Committee on Academic Mission was received for information.

5.3 Council Committee on Budget, *For Information*, Appendix III, Pages 6-7

The report from the Council Committee on Budget was received for information.

5.4 University of Regina Academic Plan 2023-2026, *For Discussion*, Appendix IV, Pages 8-12

J. Farney presented the report to Council for discussion.

Discussion followed and included:

- Support for sustainability programming and a holistic approach to sustainability initiatives, including the University as a living lab
 - Ensuring the reference to “online” courses is defined broadly to reflect different types of remote course offerings
 - Concern over the weight of responsibility for the leads of Indigenous engagement and equity, diversity, and inclusion and the need for integration of engagement and inclusivity throughout the University
 - Support for targets related to Indigenous engagement, and suggestion that the University of Regina be a leader in this area
- Need for increased access to food and other services at the University during evenings and weekends, to align with expanded course delivery and student presence on campus

In closing, President Keshen thanked everyone for attending and for Council members’ continued engagement. President Keshen expressed appreciation to the Council Agenda Committee and to those who organized the Council meeting.

6. Adjournment – C. Pollard (10:40 a.m.)



Glenys Sylvestre
Executive Director (University Governance) and University Secretary