I trust this finds you doing well. It's a long report, but full of important information. It is likely that I have forgotten something or someone. If I did, please let me know and I will rectify the situation as quickly as possible. You will want to read through the end – a surprise awaits.

On behalf of the Faculty a special thank you to Shirley Plessl, Jill Fulton and Janet Walbaum for all their work on our financial year-end during the last month.

1. April 30 marked the end of interim Women’s Volleyball coach Shane Smith’s time at the University of Regina. I want to thank him for the contribution he made to the team and the program this past season and want to wish him all the best as he moves forward in his career.

2. April 30 also marked the end of Melanie Sanford’s time as Co-Director of the Athlete Health and Performance initiative, assisting me in coordinating the Athletic Review, serving as a member of the Faculty Leadership Team, and work on the CW Track and Field Championships and the coming USport Women’s Basketball Championships. She made important and valuable contributions to the ongoing development of the Faculty. I have appreciated her work in the interim role. Melanie has returned to her position as Women’s Volleyball Coach effective May 1. Melanie has moved back into CK 139.

3. Wade Huber will be continuing in his role as Head Coach, Athletics (i.e., Track & Field, Cross Country). Thanks to Wade for his contributions these past two years. The Faculty is looking forward to his continued leadership of that group of men and women.

4. Several members of our Faculty reached long service milestones this past year. The 10-year service group included: Braden Konshuh, Jennnifer Ruland, Dave Taylor, and Erin Tyson. The 15-year service group included John Barden, Shirley Plessl, and Janet Walbaum. Congratulations to this group and thank you very much for your many and varied contributions to the University of Regina.

5. The search for our new Director of Sport, Community Engagement, and Athlete Development is now underway. The story and posting is now live on the Faculty, Cougar and Rams websites. A link has also been added on the USports website. The posting has been distributed through a number of listserve networks and has been advertised in University Affairs.

Doug Cripps (Associate Dean – UG) will be chairing the search committee. Committee members currently include: Sarah Hodges (coach), Mark McConkey (coach), Nicole Renneberg (staff), Braden Konshuh (staff), John Barden (faculty), Katie Polischuk (student), and Bettina Welsh (external). Danni Kenzle from Human Resources will serve as a non-voting member of the committee as well. We are anticipating interviews to take place in June.

6. Three members of KHS are just wrapping up their participation in the second iteration of the UR Leading initiative: Melanie Sanford, Roz Kelsey, and Doug Cripps. I believe each one of them will tell you the initiative has been a great growth experience. I would encourage you to ask them about their experience and what they have learned about themselves and about leadership. I will be asking them to share some of what they have learned and experienced at an upcoming Lunch and Learn.

7. Some student news: Mica McGarry (Supervisor: Paul Bruno) defended her Honours Thesis. Title: "Joint Angles During Spinal Hyperextension Gymnastics Skills". Katie Sveinson, PhD Candidate (Supervisor: Larena Hoeber) was accepted into the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholar Program and will travel to Australia this year to collect research data.

8. Patrick Neary was awarded (for the second year) the Associate Fellows Group Ellingson Award for best research paper in Aerospace Medicine and Human Performance. Title: “Posture and Helmet Load Influences on Neck Muscle” Activation".
9. **Roz Kelsey** has been seconded to the President’s Office between April 1, 2017 and August 31, 2018 to provide leadership (as Director) for the University’s Office of Gendered Violence Prevention Strategies.

10. **Cougar Swimming** held its first ever fund raising dinner on Friday April 28 at the Wascana Golf and Country Club. From all accounts, it was a great event and success.

11. The 7th **Alumni and Awards Dinner** was held on Friday April 7 at the Hotel Sask. The student organizing committee presented a cheque for $2000 to Hope’s Home (50% of the proceeds from last year’s dinner) that evening. The students did a great job in putting on the event and, I might add, learned a great deal about event organization in the process.

12. The **Annual Athletic Awards** evening was held on Thursday April 6 in the Riddel Theatre. The annual event recognizes team MVPs, Coach of the Year recipient (Steve Bryce), U of Regina athletes and coaches who have been selected or recognized by Canada West or USport (including Academic All-Canadians), our outstanding female (Joy Becker) and male (Noah Picton) athletes, the President’s Award winner (Joy Becker), and introduces the newest inductee into the University of Regina Sport Hall of Fame (Janine Polischuk). This was a great evening and marked the first year where sponsors and external supporters of Athletics at the University were invited to the event.

13. We have posted to find an individual to fill in for Bevin Thompson until she returns from her maternity leave. We anticipate the successful candidate being in place sometime in the next four weeks.

14. Our newest faculty member, **Julia Totosey de Zepetnek**, will begin her position June 1 of this year. We are excited that she will be joining us. She is a great addition to our faculty complement and brings expertise that will benefit our students as well as some of our other programming in our Faculty. Julia is currently in a post-doctoral position at Ryerson.

15. A meeting has been called for Monday of next week to provide information about the 2017-18 budget. We will then know what our budget allocation will be for the coming fiscal year. There will be a University wide budget presentation that will present an overall picture for the University that follows. I will look to schedule an internal town hall to discuss this year’s budget implications for KHS in this fiscal year and beyond.

16. Beginning this fall, the Faculty will be reintroducing a **KHS Research Seminar**. The Seminar will run between September and April and run every two weeks. Speakers will include our own faculty and graduate students, along with individuals external to the University (e.g., visiting researchers, etc.). More information will be available in the next few months.

17. We will resume our **Lunch and Learn** series in September, and also schedule one for June. This is another opportunity to hear (and learn) from our colleagues across the Faculty about their recent conference or professional presentations, professional development experiences, or other worthwhile topics.

18. Working conjunction with the International Society for Sport Nutrition, September will see the Faculty (as part of the Athlete Health and Performance initiative) host a **Sport Nutrition & Training Pre Conference Workshop (September 16)** and the **Sport Nutrition & Training Conference (September 17)** on our campus. This workshop and conference brings internationally recognized experts in the area of...
sport nutrition and training to Regina. This is a great outreach event. It is also a great learning and professional development opportunity for our students, staff and faculty. Conference registration is handled through the following website: www.sportsnutritionsociety.org. The registration information for the Pre-Conference Workshop will be available soon.

19. The Faculty, through the DPSC and the Athlete Health & Performance initiative is hosting another outreach and professional development opportunity. The Functional Movement Screening group is delivering their certification course for Functional Capacity Screening. This certification course will be held May 26 and 27 at the University of Regina. If you know of people in the community (e.g., Athletic Therapists, Physiotherapists, Exercise Therapists, etc.) who might be interested, please have them call Erin Tyson who is coordinating this. It is worthwhile noting that this is the first time this course has been held outside of the USA.

20. The Faculty (through the Athlete Health & Performance initiative, Athletics, and the DPSC) are making plans to host a Sport Conference (hopefully in partnership with Sport Medicine and Science Council) for May of 2018. Modelled on a similar conference at the University of Alberta, it provides an opportunity for our faculty, staff, and coaches to provide professional development opportunities for our alumni and stakeholders in the sport community in and around Regina. Melanie Sanford has agreed to attend the University of Alberta’s inaugural conference this May to learn how we might do this effectively here. Please stay tuned for more information and the opportunity to contribute as a member of the organizing committee.

21. The annual President’s Breakfast for Athletics will be held on Tuesday, September 12 at Queensbury. This is an important event for athletics and the University. If you are able to attend, please do so. Tickets may be purchased through Jill Fulton.

22. The Faculty is again planning on offering a special intensive course in September. Markus Buser, a colleague from our partner institution (University of Bayreuth - Germany) will be facilitating the course. The 3 credit hour undergraduate course will be delivered over approximately 7 days beginning September 14 (evenings and weekends). The course will not have pre-requisites and focuses on Consumer Behaviour in a Sport Context.

23. Registrations for the looking strong again. Jen has put together the following information:

Admission based on High school final grades or post secondary admit

Offer Accepted (39 students); Offer not yet accepted (17 students)

Admission based on Early-Conditional (finishing high school)

Offer accepted (101 students); Offer not yet accepted (31 students)

In Athletics, to date (recruiting efforts are still ongoing) a total of 65 commitments to the University of Regina have been announced.

On the graduate side, a total of 6 new students have been confirmed, with another 6 in the application process.
24. The Faculty will be piloting a one-year membership to **Sport Information Resource Centre (SIRC)** for the coming year. Our faculty and staff will be able to access all the wonderful resources available through that centre through the members only section of our website (details to follow). Our membership also allows for an unlimited number of position postings through their website (e.g., staff, faculty, graduate student funding, volunteer, etc.) – a good benefit for our unit moving forward. If you are not familiar with SIRC, check out the website here: [http://sirc.ca](http://sirc.ca). We will monitor usage and value over the coming year to determine whether we will continue with this membership or not.

25. The DPSC’s **Love to Live Program** will be hosting a fundraising walk on May 17 (raising money for new equipment). Thanks to Phyllis Bend and Jen Ruland for spearheading this initiative.

26. The **artificial turf field** is being replaced (you may have noticed the activity). It is still on schedule to be completed by May 12. It is worthwhile noting planning for this replacement, including how it would be paid for, has been going on for over 5 years. Chris Wermie was the faculty lead on this project. I have included a picture of the new centre field logo at the bottom of this page.

27. Four of the 5 gymnasium courts are scheduled for **refinishing** beginning immediately following the completion of the Canada Wide Science Fair (later this month). That work should be finished in time for the start of the Summer Sport School season. Again, Chris Wermie was our faculty liaison for this project.