

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF REGINA COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY, 6 MARCH 2013  
EDUCATION AUDITORIUM 106**

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**Members:** 297 present

**Guests:** 179 present

Attendance records are appended to the official file.

Call to order: 3:00 p.m.

President Timmons welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting of Council. President Timmons thanked the Council representatives on the Agenda Committee of Council: John Conway as chair, George Lolos and Marcel Decoste who have put time and thought into how best to conduct the meeting.

The Agenda Committee of Council agreed that media would be allowed to attend; however, it was also requested that no official recordings would be allowed. Committee members wanted to ensure that everyone could speak freely. All members, guests and observers are to be respectful of their colleagues and address their interactions accordingly and especially given social media, there is no way to ensure confidentiality of comments. Council members have requested this meeting and the President wants everyone to have the ability to speak freely throughout the meeting.

The Agenda Committee did want to accommodate the students; and they have been allowed to attend as guests. Student Council members present today were elected/appointed to Executive of Council and because of this, are also members of the University of Regina Council. President Timmons has also committed to meet with the student body, should they request it.

Observers/guests are guests of Council and are not able to participate in the meeting.

In creating the agenda, the Agenda Committee included all motions submitted as well as items for information.

Section 78 of the University of Regina Act provides for the "Duties of Council" as follows:

- The council shall (a) make rules for governing its meetings and proceedings including the determining of the number of members that shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and establish committees as required;
- The council may (e) review the academic and physical plans for the university and make recommendations thereon to the president;
- The council may (f) make recommendations to the president regarding matters considered by the council to be of interest to the university.

The meeting will be guided by Robert's Rules of Order, as are the meetings of Executive of Council.

Members are asked to stand and be patient when counting the votes. If a count is required, people are stationed in each section to help count those for and against a motion.

## 1. Approval of the Agenda

A. Ward – M. DeCoste

**moved that** the agenda be approved as circulated.

P. Elliot – E. Eaton

**moved to** lift any restrictions on media coverage during the meeting be approved.

DEFEATED

K. Peterson – A. Elig

**moved to** allow guests to have a voice and be able to speak to the motions, if enough time, be approved.

DEFEATED

K. Peterson – J. Jaffe

**moved to** allow the students to be able to speak to the motions, be approved.

DEFEATED

D. Peters attempted to make a motion recommending, in the future that URSU be given the power to appoint members to fill the quota of 50 students.

President Timmons advised Council, that this motion could not be entertained, due to the University of Regina Act.

The question was called on the agenda.

CARRIED

## 2. Introductions and Comments of the Chair

President Timmons provided her introduction and comments at the start of the meeting.

## 3. Report from Council Agenda Committee

### 3.1 Items for Approval, Appendix I, Pages 2-5 of the Agenda

#### 3.1.1 Report from Susan Johnston, Associate Professor, Faculty of Arts

##### Motion 1

S. Johnston – G. Lolos

**moved that** University Council recommends to the President that the University of Regina immediately freeze all administrative hiring and non-contractual salary increases and bonuses pending an independent and thorough external review of all finances, including spending and revenue by account code, from 2000-2012, and full public disclosure of this review; be approved, as outlined in Appendix I, page 2 of the agenda.

E. Eaton – M. Stewart

**moved to** amend the motion that administrative hiring be changed to “all out of scope administrative hiring” be approved.

S. Johnston accepted the amendment.

Discussion followed.

The Chair reminded speakers that the time limit had been reached.

R. Horowitz –Seconder not recorded  
**moved to** extend the discussion on this motion.

DEFEATED

The question was called on the amended motion as follows:

**moved that** University Council recommends to the President that the University of Regina immediately freeze all out of scope administrative hiring and non-contractual salary increases and bonuses pending an independent and thorough external review of all finances, including spending and revenue by account code, from 2000-2012, and full public disclosure of this review; be approved.

CARRIED

#### Motion 2

S. Johnston – M. DeCoste

**moved that** University Council recommends to the President that the University of Regina develop a 3-year plan for reducing the cost of University management, including the institution of a hiring committee (one half of which is comprised of in-scope faculty ) to approve new positions; be approved, as outlined in Appendix I, pages 2-3 of the agenda.

Discussion followed.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

#### Motion 3

S. Johnston – Z. Papandreou

**moved that** University Council recommends to the President that the University of Regina develop a 3-year-plan for restoring the university's academic mission to its proper place as the first priority of its budgets; be approved, as outlined in Appendix I, page 3 of the agenda.

Discussion followed.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

#### Motion 4

S. Johnston – J. Jaffe

**moved that** University Council recommends that the President return to the long-standing practice of publishing an annual Budget Book, complete with all budget allocations, including administrative salaries and overall costs, and their justifications be approved, as outlined in Appendix I, page 3 of the agenda.

K. Rasmussen – J. Jaffe

**moved to** make a friendly amendment to include all faculty salaries.

S. Johnston accepted the amendment.

Discussion followed.

D. Stanley

**moved to** include all University of Regina employees' salaries.

K. Rassmussen accepts the amendment.

Discussion continued.

The question was called on the amended motion as follows:

**moved that** University Council recommends that the President return to the long-standing practice of publishing an annual Budget Book, complete with all budget allocations, including every university employee's salary and overall costs, and their justifications be approved.

CARRIED

3.1.2 Report from Peter Campbell, Associate Professor, Faculty of Arts

Motion 5

P. Campbell – G. Lolos

**moved that** Council create the Budget Committee of Council, the purpose of which shall be to provide recommendations from faculty to the President on annual budget allocations, and in particular, on budget allocations as they pertain to the academic mission of the University; that the Budget Committee of Council shall report to Council, and shall consult with Council, deans and the senior administration; and that, based on these consultations and on timely access to budget information, the Budget Committee of Council shall make annual recommendations to the President regarding budget allocations, be approved, as outlined in Appendix I, page 4 of the agenda.

Discussion followed.

K. Pederson – A. Elig

**moved to** amend the motion to include consulting with students.

P. Campbell accepted the amendment.

A. Elig

**moved to** amend the motion to include 10% of the Committee membership be made up of students.

P. Campbell rejected the amendment since membership has not yet been addressed.

Discussion continued.

The question was called on the amended motion as follows:

**moved that** Council create the Budget Committee of Council, the purpose of which shall be to provide recommendations from faculty to the President on annual budget allocations, and in particular, on budget allocations as they pertain to the academic mission of the University; that the Budget Committee of Council shall report to Council,

and shall consult with Council, deans and the senior administration and students; and that, based on these consultations and on timely access to budget information, the Budget Committee of Council shall make annual recommendations to the President regarding budget allocations, be approved.

CARRIED

### 3.1.3 Report from Lee Ward, Associate Professor, Campion College

#### Motion 6

L. Ward – J. Jaffe

**moved that** University Council recommends to the President that the University of Regina halts implementation of any and all structural changes pertaining to the Faculties and/or Departments of the university unless and until these matters have been fully reviewed and decided by University Council on the basis of transparent and accountable collegial governance of the University of Regina, be approved, as outlined in Appendix I, page 4 of the agenda.

Discussion followed.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

### 3.1.4 Report from Neil Ashton, Professor, Faculty of Science

#### Motion 7

N. Ashton – J. Jaffe

**moved that** Council recommends that a ‘thinktank’ comprising at least 50% in-scope faculty members, shall be instructed to collect and generate ideas from which to devise strategies for effective fiscal management within this framework, be approved, as outlined in Appendix I, pages 4-5 of the agenda.

Discussion followed.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

### 3.1.5 Report from Ann Ward, Associate Professor, Campion College

#### Motion 8

A. Ward – M. Stewart

**moved that** the Executive of Council shall not meet at any one of the previously scheduled dates and times for the remainder of 2013 until the reconvening of Executive of Council has been expressly authorized by the University Council, be approved, as outlined in Appendix I, page 5 of the agenda.

Discussion followed.

L. Watson – M. DeCoste

**moved to** amend the motion to replace Executive of Council with meetings of Council be approved.

A. Ward accepted the amendment.

Discussion continued.

The question was called on the amended motion as follows:

**moved that** the Executive of Council shall not meet at any one of the previously scheduled dates and times for the remainder of 2013, and be replaced by meetings of Council, until the reconvening of Executive of Council has been expressly authorized by the University Council, be approved, as outlined in Appendix I, page 5 of the agenda.

DEFEATED

3.2 Items for Information, Appendix II, Pages 6-9 of the Agenda

3.2.1 Submission from Peter Campbell, Associate Professor, Faculty of Arts

Received for information.

3.2.2 Information Item from the Faculty of Fine Arts

K. Irwin presented this item on behalf of the Faculty of Fine Arts

The Faculty is asking that the University revisit the unilateral 3% budget cut as it impacts different units unequally. We ask that a fundraising arm be developed to strategize community support for maintaining the Arts at the University, and that recruitment strategies be developed that include developing awareness around the centrality of the Fine Arts in the University.

The remainder of the report was received for information.

4. **Other Business**

J. Jaffe suggested that Council meet again before the end of the semester.

President Timmons agreed to call another meeting of Council.

5. **Adjournment** – L. Ward (5:02 p.m.)



Annette Revet  
University Secretary