

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF REGINA COUNCIL
TUESDAY, 29 OCTOBER 2013
EDUCATION AUDITORIUM 106**

Members: 112 present

Guests: 19 present

Attendance records are appended to the official file.

Call to order: 4:00 p.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Lockhart – Viader-Knowles

moved that the agenda be approved as circulated.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting 25 April 2013

Kenny – Horowitz

moved that the agenda be approved as circulated.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting 27 September 2013

Juschka – DeCoste

moved that the agenda be approved as circulated or amended.

There was a question of clarity on the eight abstentions recorded in the minutes as compared to the three abstentions that were announced at the meeting. The correct number was eight abstentions as recorded in the minutes.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

4. Report from the Chair

President Timmons opened the meeting with comments from the Chair and outlined the procedures for the meeting.

President Timmons thanked the Special Committee of Council that was created at the April Council meeting to revise the Council Rules and Regulations, to co-ordinate and help in implementation of past motions and develop the new committee structures. The Committee members were acknowledged Lisa Watson, as Chair, Darlene Juschka, Pierre-Philippe Ouimet, Denise Stilling, Lee Ward and Jocelynn Marsden as well as the resources Annette Revet and D'arcy Schauerte.

Over the past several months a great deal of work has been done toward addressing Council's general concerns from past meetings: academic hiring vs. administrative hiring, accountability and transparency, financial reporting, input into budgeting processes and the Academic Program Review.

The University is addressing these concerns as follows:

- Have committed to looking at trimming administrative overtime and directing resources to academic whenever possible and administrative positions hired only when absolutely necessary.
- Draft Budget Principles and Guidelines have been created. Council members are encouraged to provide input and help guide the budget process.
- We are committed to following or setting best practices for transparency of financial reporting. An environmental scan is in progress looking for best practices to follow.
- President's travel expenses are available online and will be completed by January. Going forward, all executive travel expenses will be posted to demonstrate accountability.
- Salaries of all University employees are available in the library.
- Last year, a 3% budget cut across all departments and units was put in place. If we have to do a cut this year other options will be explored.
- President's Advisory Group on Liberal Arts has been created.
- One-time top-up for Graduate Students of \$150,000 has been proposed and confirmed and will be part of an annual budget submission by VP Research.

Going forward President Timmons encourages Council members to continue sending suggestions, and meet with her.

5. Report from the Special Committee of Council, Appendix I of the Agenda

5.1 Revised Council Rules and Regulations

Watson – Jushka

moved that Council approves the Council Rules and Regulations which encompass all recommendations as presented in Attachment A of the Agenda, as drafted by the Special Committee of Council and repeals the previous version of the Council Rules and Regulations.

L. Watson presented the motion and spoke to the decision item.

Johnston – Campbell

moved to review and approve the Council Rules and Regulations section by section.

The question was called on the motion.

DEFEATED

Discussion followed.

Campbell – Ashton

moved to replace Section 2.1.1 and Section 2.1.2 of the proposed Council Rules and Regulations with Section 78 of the University of Regina Act and retain the current Section 2 under Legislation.

Discussion followed explaining the rationale for the language as drafted in the Rules and Regulations. It was also explained that the Rules and Regulations as drafted, were reviewed by the University's legal counsel.

The question was called on the amendment.

DEFEATED

Discussion followed.

M. DeCoste suggested removing the Centre for Continuing Education from the list of faculties in Section 2.2.3 and that the Centre for Continuing Education be defined in the definitions section. These changes were accepted as friendly amendments.

Huber – DeCoste

moved that any revisions to the terms of reference for the Council Committee on Budget and the Council Committee on Academic Mission be approved by Council.

The question was called on the amendment.

DEFEATED

N. Ashton suggested Section 3.1 include obligations and wishes; and except where Council has expressed its will. These changes were accepted as friendly amendments as follows:

Section 78(1)(a) of the Act states that Council shall establish committees as required. Council has further delegated to Executive of Council the power to create or dissolve such committees as are consistent with Council's obligations and wishes. All committees' terms of reference, including revisions thereto, are subject to the approval of Executive of Council, except where Council has expressed its will.

R. Thomas suggested the removal of eleventh edition of Robert's Rules and Order, as the current edition is stated. This change was accepted as a friendly amendment.

Johnston – Papandreou

moved to delete in Section 2.2.5 that 'Motions from the floor at the meeting of Council that introduce 'new' business to be considered at the meeting will not be permitted and will be deferred to the next regular meeting of Council.', be approved.

Discussion followed for and against this motion.

The question was called on the amendment.

DEFEATED

C. Yost suggested the Vice-President (Research) be added,, as an ex officio member, to the Council Committee on Budget as per his friendly amendment from the April 25th, Council meeting. This change was accepted as a friendly amendment.

Discussion continued on subcommittees, responsibilities of the Council Committee on Budget and Council Committee on Academic Mission, the dissolution of AGPEA, University Budget Committee, electoral units, and approval processes with new programs.

The question was called on the motion to approve the Council Rules and Regulations as amended.

CARRIED

President Timmons encouraged Council members to volunteer for Council Committees. The new Council Rules and Regulations will be posted online. A call for volunteers for the new Committee will follow shortly from the University Secretariat.

6. Report from the Council Agenda Committee, Appendix II of the Agenda

President Timmons noted that based on the new Council Rules and Regulations quorum is now 100 members. Quorum was below 100 but the President ruled the meeting would proceed.

6.1 Motion Submitted by Dr. Nick Ruddick, Professor, Department of English

Ruddick – Stewart

moved that Council recommends to the President that, when tenured or probationary in-scope faculty members vacate their positions through retirement, resignation, dismissal, or death, their respective units be immediately authorized to hire the same number of tenurable replacements via normal competition.

Discussion followed.

K. Rasmussen suggested all new vacant positions go to a specific unit to where there is student demand. This friendly amendment was not accepted.

J. Piwovar suggested adding ‘until a clear policy on faculty renewal has been articulated by central administration and approved by University Council’ to the motion. This friendly amendment was accepted.

G. Lolos suggested amending the motion to include unless the head of the unit sees the need for movement of positions within a unit. This friendly amendment was not accepted.

T. McIntosh suggested the positions stay within the faculty. This friendly amendment was not accepted.

The question was called on the motion as amended.

CARRIED

The next regular scheduled meeting of Council will be on February 26, 2014, assuming this is acceptable to Executive of Council, as it impacts their meeting schedule. Details will follow.

7. Adjournment – L. Watson - (5:47 p.m.)



Annette Revet
University Secretary