MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF REGINA COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, 22 MAY 2013
ADMINISTRATION-HUMANITIES BOARDROOM 527

MEMBERS PRESENT:


Guests: K. Bolen, S. Culhane, A. Curry, N. Deren, N. Mobed, A. Patenaude, H. Riemer, D. Schoenhofer


The meeting was called to order at 2:35 p.m. by V. Timmons.

1. Approval of Agenda

Stilling – Horan

moved that the agenda be approved as circulated. CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of 17 April 2013

McNinch – Cripps

moved that the minutes be approved as circulated. CARRIED

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Council Meeting of 25 April 2013

Handerek – Froc

moved that the minutes be approved as circulated. CARRIED

4. Remarks from the Chair

Budget:
- Operating budget of $187 million was approved and incorporates the 1.9% increase in base provincial operating grant; plus $800,000 funding for the third year of the nursing program.
- It is the 19th consecutive balanced budget.
- Tuition increases 4.4% for undergraduate students, 10% increase for Master’s and PhD students (except School of Business and JSGS) and an increase in graduate student fees paid by international students.
- The UofR is still one of the lowest-cost universities in Canada.

Council meeting:
- There was a large turnout from the University Community at the April Council meeting, though fewer observers and guests than the March meeting.
- Recommendations from the President’s Report are in the minutes.
- A number of committees were created, including: a Special Committee of Council to assist with implementation of approved Council motions and a review of the current rules and regulations, a budget committee of Council, a special think tank to devise financial management strategies, and an Academic Committee of Council.
- There will be at least one meeting of Council in each of the Fall and Winter semesters.

Faculty and Staff Successes:
- James McNinch, Dean of Education, received the Arbos Award for Distinguished Support of Education and Teaching from the Saskatchewan Teacher’s Federation.
- Dr. Carol Fulton, professor in Education, received the YWCA Women of Distinction Award in Education and Mentorship. Dr. Lisa Watson, from Business Administration was also nominated.

Student Successes and Initiatives:
- Cassandra Opikokew, PhD student at JSGS, received CIHR Doctoral Research Award, totaling $108,000 over three years.
- Nuno Ribeiro, a post-doctoral fellow with the Indigenous Peoples’ Health Research Centre, received $92,000 over two years, for his work on Aboriginal youth health.
- Co-op program numbers show that in 2012, there were 778 placements.

Academic Matters:
- The term of Executive Director of Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, Michael Atkinson of the U of S, is being extended.
- Dr. Armin Eberlein has accepted the appointment as the new Dean of Graduate Studies and Research.
- Dr. David Malloy has taken on a two-year term as Acting Vice-President Research.

Other Key Initiatives:
- The President will formally be responding to the recommendations to the President’s Task Force on Institut français at a reception tonight. The report will be posted online.

University Events:
- Humanities Summit took place April 17 featuring Dr. Chad Gaffield the President of SSHRC. Thank you to Dr. David Malloy for organizing.
- 5th annual Tansley Lecture included Peter C. Smith, professor from Imperial College London.
- U of R hosted the Canadian Conference on Electrical and Computer Engineering.
- Third Annual Regina Royal Road Race took place. A generous contribution of $8,000 from the Jaleta Pacers will go towards the U of R Jaleta Pacers Scholarship Fund.
- Rainbow Walk was organized by the Dr. Paul Schwann Centre and raised more than $23,000 for new equipment.
• 3rd Annual Science Rendezvous, hosted by the Faculty of Science was a great opportunity for young people and their families to learn about science. Thank you to the Faculty for organizing this event.

• Saskatchewan Book Awards were held and for the first time, Campion College and the Faculty of Education co-sponsored the Publishing in Education Award, and FNUniv sponsored the Aboriginal People’s Publishing Award. U of R continued sponsorship of Book of the Year award.

Enrolment:
• The international student enrolment for Spring/Summer 2013 is 702 students.
• Highest number of Spring graduates at this year’s Convocation.
• U of R Open House was on May 10 with more than 1200 registrants!

Some areas of focus going forward:
• Will be hosting an Aboriginal Summit on Post-Secondary Education this week.
• Dr. Lloyd Axworthy will be receiving the 2013 Distinguished Canadian Award on May 28.
• Honourary degree recipients at Spring Convocation include Art Opseth on June 5; Linda Rankin on June 6; and Frank Flaman on June 7.

Discussion topics included the research audit and the new residence building.

5. Report from the University Secretary

Spring Convocation will see the highest number of graduates in University history. There are 1875 graduates this year. Faculty are encouraged to attend and RSVP.

The calls for volunteers to the Special Committee of Council yielded 8 nominations to fill 5 positions. A council election will be held this week.

5.1 Results of the 2013 Council Elections

The report was provided for information.

6. Reports from Committees

6.1 Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies, Appendix II, Page 4 of the Agenda

6.1.1 Faculty of Arts

Textual Studies Core Requirement

Patenaude – Kleer moved that RLST 245 and RLST 248 be added to the list of courses that satisfy the “Textual Studies” core requirement, be approved, as outlined in Appendix II, page 4 of the agenda.

CARRIED

Revisions to BA Honours Major in English

Patenaude – Kleer moved to revise the BA Honours Major in English, be approved, as outlined in Appendix II, pages 4-5 of the agenda.

CARRIED
An omnibus motion was put forward for the following ten motions:

Patenaude – Kleer

**Revisions to BA Major and Minor and Certificate in Chinese**

moved to revise the BA major and minor in Chinese, and the Certificate in Chinese effective Winter 2014, be approved, as outlined in Appendix II, page 5-7 of the agenda.

**Revisions to BA Major and Minor in German**

moved to no longer require Ger 223 and 250 in the BA Major and Minor in German, effective Winter 2014, be approved, as outlined in Appendix II, page 7 of the agenda.

**Revisions to BA Major in German**

moved to revise the BA Major in German, effective Winter 2014, be approved, as outlined in Appendix II, pages 7-8 of the agenda.

**Revisions to BA Minor in German**

moved to revise the Minor in German, effective Winter 2014, be approved, as outlined in Appendix II, pages 8-9 of the agenda.

**Revisions to BA Major in Japanese**

moved to revise the BA Major in Japanese, effective Winter 2014, be approved, as outlined in Appendix II, pages 9-10 of the agenda.

**Revisions to BA Minor in Japanese**

moved to revise the Minor in Japanese, effective Winter 2014, be approved, as outlined in Appendix II, page 10 of the agenda.

**Revisions to Certificate in Japanese**

moved to revise the Certificate in Japanese, effective Winter 2014, be approved, as outlined in Appendix II, pages 10-11 of the agenda.

**Revisions to BA Major in Spanish**

moved to revise the BA Major in Spanish, effective Winter 2014, be approved, as outlined in Appendix II, pages 11-12 of the agenda.

**Revisions to Minor in Spanish**

moved to revise the Minor in Spanish, effective Winter 2014, be approved, as outlined in Appendix II, pages 12-13 of the agenda.

**Revisions to Certificate in Spanish**

moved to revise the Certificate in Spanish, effective Winter 2014, be approved, as outlined in Appendix II, page 13 of the agenda.
The question was called on the omnibus motion. CARRIED

Revisions to BA Major in Geography

Patenaude – Kleer moved to change the BA Major and BA Honours Major in Geography, effective Fall 2013, be approved, as outlined in Appendix II, pages 13-15 of the agenda. CARRIED

6.1.2 Faculty of Business Administration

An omnibus motion was put forward for the following two motions:

Patenaude – Anderson

Revisions to Bachelor of Administration Degree (FNUniv)

moved to remove CS 270 (Management Information Systems) from the list of core requirements of the Bachelor of Administration and be replaced by ADMN 375 (Managing Information Systems), be approved, as outlined in Appendix II, page 15 of the agenda.

Revisions to Bachelor of Administration Degree (FNUniv)

moved to remove CS 270 (Management Information Systems) from the list of eight elective of the Bachelor of Administration Qualifying Program. In replacement of CS 270 as one of the eight electives, 3 (instead of 2) courses beyond the introductory level in Computer Science, Mathematics & Statistics, and/or Faculty of Arts List A and/or List B would be required, be approved, as outlined in Appendix II, page 15 of the agenda.

The question was called on the omnibus motion. CARRIED

6.1.3 Faculty of Education

Revision to Bachelor of Education – Elementary Program

Patenaude – McNinch moved to remove an Approved elective from the BEAD template in the NTEP program, be approved, as outlined in Appendix II, pages 15-16 of the agenda. CARRIED

Revision to Middle Years BEAD Template

Patenaude – McNinch moved that ECS 310 shall be named as a required course in semester four of the Middle Years BEAD template, be approved, as outlined in Appendix II, page 16 of the agenda. CARRIED

6.1.4 Faculty of Kinesiology and Health Studies

Revisions to Therapeutic Recreation Major
Patenaude – Cripps
moved to require SRS 241 (Social Construction of Disability); delete THRC 340, THRC 345, HS 200, KIN 178, KIN 268, KIN 269, KIN 275 from major electives; and add THRC 342, THRC 344 and THRC 346 to major electives and change to “Choose Two from;” be approved, as outlined in Appendix II, pages 16-17 of the agenda.

CARRIED

Athletic Therapy Major

Patenaude – Riemer
moved to create the following Bachelor of Kinesiology major in Athletic Therapy which replaces the existing concentration in Athletic Therapy, be approved, as outlined in Appendix II, pages 17-18 of the agenda.

CARRIED

6.1.5 Joint Report from the Faculties of Arts and Kinesiology

Proposed Changes to the Bachelor of Health Studies

Patenaude – Wells
moved that the following changes to the Bachelor of Health Studies be approved:
- To include INHS 250, INHS 350 and INHS 450 as approved electives;
- To replace ENGL 110 with INDG 100; and,
- To replace the existing Bachelor of Health Studies Concentration in Indigenous Health with a Concentration in Indigenous Health and Well-Being.

as outlined in Appendix II, pages 18-20 of the agenda.

CARRIED

6.1.6 Faculty of Nursing

Policy and Procedures for Student Performance

Patenaude – Gregory
moved to add the Policy and Procedures for Student Performance of Professional Responsibilities and Professional Unsuitability, be approved, as outlined in Appendix II, pages 21-25 of the agenda.

CARRIED

Admission Requirements

Patenaude – Gregory
moved that applicants that have completed BIOL 100 or BIOL 140 (or equivalent) be exempt from the BIOL 30 admission requirements, be approved, as outlined in Appendix II, page 25 of the agenda.

CARRIED

6.1.7 Proposal for Academic Recovery Program

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Patenaude – Smith
moved that the Academic Recovery Program and supporting Policies and Regulations be approved, as outlined in Appendix II, pages 25-31 of the agenda.

CARRIED
It was noted the Academic Recovery Program is a pilot program for 40 students as a cost recovery program. Fees will be between $750-900 per student per semester.

6.2 Advisory Group on Planning, Evaluation and Allocation, Appendix III, Page 31 of the Agenda

T. Chase noted the report was provided for information. There was discussion around budget, decline of enrolment in rural school divisions, and an increase in applications as a result of advertising the University outside of Regina.

6.3 Council Nominating Committee, Appendix IV, Page 32 of the Agenda

Replacements on Council Committees Requiring Council Membership

Plouffe – McMartin
moved that the individuals listed be approved to serve on the following committees for the terms as indicated, as outlined in Appendix IV, pages 32-33 of the agenda.

CARRIED

The Special Committee of Council will be looking into the Committees under review that have not met for a number of years.

The remainder of the report was provided for information.

6.4 Undergraduate Scholarship Committee, Appendix I of the Minutes

Governor-General’s Academic Silver Medal for the Spring 2013 Convocation

McMartin – Piwowar
moved that the Governor-General’s Academic Silver Medal for the 2013 Spring Convocation be awarded to Laurie Susan Bergland from the Faculty of Education be approved, as outlined in Appendix I of the minutes.

CARRIED

University Medal for the 2013 Spring Convocation

McMartin – Gagnon
moved that the University Medal for the 2013 Spring Convocation be awarded to Isabella Adrianna Hugel from the Faculty of Science be approved, as outlined in Appendix I of the minutes.

CARRIED

President’s Medal for the 2013 Spring Convocation

McMartin – McNinch
moved that the President’s Medal for the 2013 Spring Convocation be awarded to Jenel Amanda Markwart from the Faculty of Education be approved, as outlined in Appendix I of the minutes.

CARRIED

The remainder of the report was provided for information.

6.5 Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research Scholarship and Awards Committee, Appendix II of the Minutes
Governor-General's Academic Gold Medal

Kelln – Leavitt moved that Cassidy McFadzean be awarded the Governor General's Academic Gold Medal, be approved, as outlined in Appendix II of the minutes. CARRIED

The remainder of the report was provided for information.

7. Graduand Lists

7.1 Graduand Lists for Approval

Kleer – Leavitt moved that all students whose names appear on the lists as distributed at the meeting and appended to the official file, having satisfied the requirements, be granted the degrees, diplomas and/or certificates as designated. CARRIED

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

7.1 Academic Program Review Update

Benedicenti – McNinch moved to remove the Process Proposal for Structural Change off the agenda. CARRIED

8. Reports from Faculties and Other Academic Units

8.1 Arts – The Faculty of Arts and Luther College were also co-sponsors at the Saskatchewan Book Awards.

8.2 Business Administration – Students from the Paul J. Hill School of Business were competing at Manulife: Entry into Asia Challenge. The event was co-sponsored by Rotman and Manulife. The Challenge asked undergraduate and graduate business school students at Canadian universities to create a business plan for Canadian small or medium-sized enterprises to expand into any country in Asia. The finalist teams were from the Paul J. Hill School of Business (Tim Philip, Kira Novak and Barton Soroka), the Richard Ivey School of Business, the Rotman School of Management, and the University of Waterloo.

8.3 Education – It was noted that four of the ten students in the Circle for Scholars program are from the Faculty of Education.

8.4 Engineering and Applied Science – No Report.

8.5 Fine Arts – No Report.

8.6 Graduate Studies and Research – In the 2013 SSHRC Postgraduate Scholarships competition, three 3-year awards at the PhD level were received; two of the awards were Canada Graduate Scholarships (CGS) valued at $35,000/yr as compared to the standard award of $20,000/yr. All 14 nominees for the CGS master's awards were successful; these one-year awards are valued at $17,500.
Three Psychology PhD students have been nominated to receive Sask-CIHR Regional Partnership awards and final approval by CIHR can be expected to occur within the next few weeks.

Glory Aigbefo, an MBA student from Nigeria, has been awarded a World Fellowship scholarship from the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International in the amount of $4000 and is renewable for two subsequent semesters. Only 30 out of 300 applicants worldwide were selected to receive this scholarship.

8.7 Kinesiology and Health Studies – No Report

8.8 Nursing – In partnership with SIAST, the Faculty launched an acceleration option for students in the SCBScN Program. There are 67 students in Saskatoon and Regina participating in this pilot initiative. The acceleration option will permit students to complete their nursing degree in three instead of four years.

8.9 Science – The Rendezvous event was a great success, especially the jet bike, that received lots of media coverage. The winners of the Science Quiz were from Huda School, a private K-12 school in Regina.

8.10 Social Work – No Report

8.11 Centre for Continuing Education – Tickets are available for the dinner to recognize Dr. Lloyd Axworthy who will be receiving the 2013 Distinguished Canadian Award on May 28.

8.12 Library - will be hosting the 2013 Canadian Association of Research Libraries Librarians' Research Institute on June 17-20. There will be 40 participants from academic libraries across Canada participating in this year's Institute.

The Library will also host the 2013 ABC (Alberta British Columbia) Copyright Conference to take place here June 24 - 25. The theme for this year's conference is "Collaboration and Copyright: A New Landscape".

8.13 Institut français – everyone is invited to attend a special "5 à 7" reception at which the President will present and speak to the results of the President's Task Force on the future of the Institut français.

8.14 Federated Colleges

8.14.1 Campion College – the 10th Annual Bishop J. Sherlock Lecture is being held as part of the Canadian Catholic Campus Ministry National Conference. Dr. Michael Duggan, CWL Chair for Catholic Studies is speaking.

8.14.2 First Nations University of Canada – The Annual PowPow was successful. The location for Spring Convocation has been relocated due to labour action at the Brandt Centre. The Board will be meeting shortly to begin the Presidential Search.

8.14.3 Luther College – No Report

9. Other Business
P. Leavitt announced the University is hosting a course on Stable Isotope Ecology put on by the Canadian Institute of Ecology and Evolution (CIEE). CIEE is hosted at University of Regina within the Institute of Environmental Change and Society. CIEE is a consortium sponsored by University of Regina, Alberta, UBC, McGill and Carleton, as well as the Canadian Society of Ecology and Evolution.

M Trussler announced that Melanie Schnell won the First Book Award at the Saskatchewan Book Awards.

The next meeting of Executive of Council is June 26.

10. **Adjournment** – Leavitt (4:15 p.m.)

Annette Revet  
University Secretary