

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF REGINA COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 2014  
EDUCATION AUDITORIUM 106**

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**Members:** 114 present

**Guests:** 14 present

Attendance records are appended to the official file.

**1. Introduction**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by President Timmons.

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

Sherbert – Kuehling  
**moved that** the agenda be approved as amended.

L. Ward made a friendly amendment to move the last motion to the start of the agenda.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

**3. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting 29 October 2013**

Sherbert – DeCoste  
**moved that** the minutes be approved as circulated.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

**4. Report from the Chair of Council**

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

President Timmons thanked everyone for attending and announced quorum was established to start the meeting. The meeting will be guided by Robert Rules of Order. If quorum is lost, a motion will be required to challenge quorum at which time the meeting can be adjourned.

The new Council Committees on Budget and Academic Mission are operating and their reports are on the agenda. Thank you to the Chairs of the Committee; Christopher Yost and Tanya Dahms and to the members of these Committees. Work is being done toward addressing some of Council's general concerns from past meetings.

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

5.1 Motion to Council

University Council Meeting Time

Ward – Johnston

**moved that** Council advises the Agenda Committee of Council that meetings of University Council be called to order no later than 3:00 p.m., as outlined in Appendix I, page 10 of the Agenda.

Discussion followed with members of Council speaking for and against the motion.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

## 5.2 Council Agenda Committee

### Terms of Reference

Conway – Lolos

**moved that** the Council Agenda Committee terms of reference be approved as outlined in Appendix I, page 2 of the Agenda.

There was a concern raised that Council would not be aware of the items that are not included in the Agenda that are received as part of the call for agenda items to all members of Council. J. Conway explained the practice that all items have been included either as decision or information items. He will take this concern back to the Council Agenda Committee for their consideration.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

## 5.3 Council Committee on Academic Mission (CCAM)

### Area of Focus for 2014

Yost – Lolos

**moved that** Council approves CCAM's areas of focus for 2014 include the four initiatives as listed below (the related terms of reference are listed in brackets):

1. To develop a list of academic principles that defines the core elements necessary for the academic mission to succeed at the University. Ultimately these principles can provide guidance to the strategic plan. (TORs 1, 2, 3, 6)
2. To identify and refine a new process for unit reviews that will reduce the burden on academic units preparing for a review while maintaining review integrity to ensure useful outcomes are obtained. Once complete CCAM will submit the proposed review process to Council for discussion, and if approved by Council CCAM will begin implementation of unit reviews. (TORs 4, 5)
3. To engage in discussions with Council and present ideas for creating a balanced University that is respectful of all academic disciplines and can sustain a healthy, integral liberal arts and sciences program while also maintaining the rigorous professional programs already in place, and ensuring that students in accredited programs have the courses, labs, and other pedagogical elements and supports necessary to allow them to complete their programs in timely fashion. (TORs 2, 3, 4, 6)
4. In addition to CCAM's duties on the Strategic Plan progress and development, as specified by the terms of reference, CCAM will also use the moodle site to engage

Council feedback in championing the academic mission within the strategic plan. (TORs 1, 3)  
be approved as outlined in Appendix I, page 3 of the Agenda.

Discussion included the clarification of academic disciplines. Council members were encouraged to access the moodle site available and see how the data from the request was being responded to by the Deans, Department Heads and Student Associations.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

The remainder of the report was received for information.

#### 5.4 Council Committee on Budget (CCB)

##### Transparency as the Overarching Budget Principle

Dahms – Juschka

**moved that** Council proposes that transparency should become an overarching budget principle, and that such a recommendation be made to the President, be approved as outlined in Appendix I, page 5 of the Agenda.

Discussion included the budget principles, the feedback from the call for input on the budget principles, the definition of transparency and a summary of the meetings already held by CCB.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

The remainder of the report was received for information.

#### 5.5 Motion to Council

##### Council's relation to the Strategic Plan Process

Johnston – L. Ward

**moved that** Council will review the Strategic Plan (currently under development) in its entirety before making recommendations to the President and to the Senate on the academic portions of the Strategic Plan, and on those elements with implications for the academic mission of the University, as outlined in Appendix I, page 8 of the Agenda.

Discussion included the approval process and President Timmons will ensure all steps are followed in the appropriate order.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

#### 5.6 Motion to Council

##### Strategic Planning Facilitation Team

Charrier – Lolos

**moved that** a representative of Council be elected to represent Council on the Strategic Planning Facilitation Team, as outlined in Appendix I, page 9 of the Agenda.

Discussion followed with Council members speaking for and against the motion.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

**6. Adjournment – Sherbert- (4:41p.m.)**



Annette Revet  
University Secretary