MEMBERS PRESENT:


Guests: S. Cheng, D. deMontigny, B. Liski, N. Mobed


The meeting was called to order at 2:32 p.m. by V. Timmons.

1. Approval of Agenda

   Senkow –Hillis
   moved that the agenda be approved as circulated.

   CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of 26 March 2014

   Chase – Lukasewich
   moved that the minutes be approved as circulated.

   CARRIED

3. Remarks from the Chair

   President Timmons provided the following report:

   Bill Whatcott and Peter LeBarbera:
   - Were both on campus on April 14 for an Anti-abort ion, anti-homosexuality demonstration.
   - We respect free speech, thought and expression as a university as well as encourage healthy debate. But we also have a mission and a policy to provide a safe and inclusive place of work and study. They violated this policy and steps taken to prevent it from continuing.

   Voluntary Incentive Plan for Retirement:
   - One-time program has been offered to 74 faculty and staff who are eligible. They have to have 85 years of combined age and service to be eligible.
- All of them are valued employees; they have played such a role on our campus over the past 40 years.

University Budget:
- Work continues in all areas to prepare the Budget to be presented to the Board of Governors in May.
- A budget book, which was a promise that came out of Council will be available in the summer for the 14-15 budget year.

Fall Council meeting:
- Scheduled for September 10 at 9:30 a.m. The Strategic Plan will be key agenda item.

Strategic Planning:
- An update was included with agenda.
- Joe Piwowar and facilitation team have been holding consultations.
- It is an important process; glad people are contributing and remember your participation is critical.
- The first draft is to be complete by June and hopefully approved by Board in October.

Research Processes and Support
- Forum was held on April 9 with about 100 people in attendance.
- A follow-up is being scheduled for June 9 on the funding formula and how research funding is allocated.

Academic Matters:
- Search for Dean of Fine Arts has been completed. Rae Staseson will begin August 1.
- Search for Institut français Director has been completed. Dr. Sophie Bouffard will begin July 1.
- Thank you so much to Dr. Sheila Petty for her work in both roles.
- The search continues for the Dean of Education. Candidates will be presenting in May.
- The search for FNUniv President is nearly complete.
- Dr. Allison Fizzard has been named the new Dean of Campion.
- Thank you so much to Father Frank Obrigewitsch for his service.
- Dr. Stephen Cheng has been named CTL Faculty Associate for a two-year term.

Faculty and Staff Successes:
- President’s Teaching and Learning Scholars Research Showcase was held in early April organized by CTL.
- Congratulations to the 2014 CTL Teaching award recipients.

Student Successes:
- The third annual Relay for Life was organized by UR Guarantee students.
- Kristen McEwen, a Journalism student won a national award for best photo essay at Canadian Community Newspaper Awards. She beat out more than 2,600 entries!

Campus Events and Announcements:
- Forward Together Lecture was in late March with the largest attendance to date.
- Academic Freedom forum was held.
- Tansley lecture was held in early April.
- CAC Heritage lecture with speakers; George Maslany, Ken Mitchell and Wilma Bell-Wessel.
- Thank you to the employees and students wearing pink to take a stand against bullying for the Day of Pink of April 9.
- The 36th Annual FNUniv Pow-Wow took place on April 12 and 13.
Going Forward:
- Convocation planning is underway. Hopefully as many can attend to support our students as they graduate. Honourary Degree Candidates include: Ted Jaleta, William Shurniak, Ken Mitchell and Jean Freeman.

4. Report from the University Secretary – No Report

5. Reports from Committees

5.1 Council Committee on the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, Appendix I of the Agenda

A. Eberlein presented the report.

5.1.1 Addition of JSGS 864 as an Elective Course

Eberlein – Arbuthnott
moved that JSGS 864 Social Policy: Interdisciplinary Perspectives be added to the list of elective courses for the Master’s Certificate in Public Policy Analysis, effective Fall 2014, as outlined in Appendix I, page 2 of the agenda.

CARRIED

5.1.2 Addition of JSGS 829 as an Elective Course

Eberlein – Piwowar
moved that JSGS 829 Decision Making in Leadership in Health Care Organizations be added to the list of elective courses for the Master’s Certificate in Health Systems Management, effective Fall 2014, as outlined in Appendix I, pages 2-3 of the agenda.

CARRIED

The remainder of the report was received for information.

5.2 Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies, Appendix II of the Agenda

S. Cheng presented the report.

5.2.1 Revision to Development Studies Concentration

Cheng – Kleer
moved to revise the requirements for the Development Studies concentration in the BA Major and BA Honours Major in International Studies to add GEOG 203; and, to revise the requirements for the Development Studies concentration in the BA Honours Major in International Studies to add ECON 321, effective immediately, as outlined in Appendix II, pages 4-5 of the agenda.

CARRIED

5.2.2 Requirement for Completion of ART 099

Cheng – Kleer
moved that completion of ARTS 099, Arts Academic Integrity, be required for all new Arts students, effective September 2014 be approved, as outlined in Appendix II, pages 5-6 of the agenda.
The format is an online, non-credit course that all students must complete.

5.2.3 Suspension of Admission to Certificate of Dance Teacher Education

Cheng – McNinch moved that admission to the Certificate of Dance Teacher Education be suspended, effective April 30, 2014, as outlined in Appendix II, page 6 of the agenda.

CARRIED

5.2.4 Revision to SCBScN Program Admission

Cheng – Gregory moved to require Chemistry 30 as a final admission subject for the Faculty of Nursing effective with the Fall 2015 intake be approved, as outlined in Appendix II, page 6 of the agenda.

CARRIED

5.2.5 Revision to English Language Proficiency for the Faculty of Nursing

Cheng – Gregory moved to remove “A grade of 80% or better in a Grade 12 provincially-examined English course, as part of one full term of study,” as a method by which students can meet English Language Proficiency for the Faculty of Nursing for the 2015 Fall intake be approved, as outlined in Appendix II, pages 6-7 of the agenda.

CARRIED

The remainder of the report was received for information.

6. Graduand Lists

6.1 Graduand Lists for Approval

Piwowar – Camp 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

A question was raised if a student from the Master of Women and Gender Studies was missing from the graduand list. The Registrar will follow up.

7. Business Arising from the Minutes – None

8. Reports from Faculties and Other Academic Units

8.1. Arts – No Report

8.2 Business Administration – No Report

8.3 Education – faculty will be meeting with the University of Saskatchewan College of Education in June.
8.4 Engineering and Applied Science – hosted a successful Engineering Student Project Day and received positive media coverage. The faculty is co-hosting a roundtable event entitled Greening Professionals for Sustainability. Representatives from a range of fields will discuss professional responsibilities with respect to climate change and sustainability in their work on May 6th.

8.5 Fine Arts – No Report

8.6 Graduate Studies and Research – results for the Master's and Doctoral Competition are as follows:
Master's competition:
NSERC: 1 allocation and 1 student accepted the award
SSHRC: 7 allocations and 5 students accepted the award. The remaining two allocations will go to alternates.
CIHR: 4 allocations and 4 students accepted the award.
Doctoral Competition:
NSERC: a quota of 5 nominations. 3 were successful and received the award.
SSHRC: a quota of 4 nominations. 2 were successful and received the award.
Vanier: a quota of 2 nominations. None of the nominations were successful.
CIHR: Results have not yet been announced.

8.7 Kinesiology and Health Studies – No Report

8.8 Nursing – Thanks was expressed to John Smith and the Student Services team for their assistance and counseling during the sudden passing of a student. A thank you was also expressed to the Registrar and Financial Services team for moving to an electronic system for appeal applications for students at the Saskatoon campus.

8.9 Science – No Report

8.10 Social Work – No Report

8.11 Centre for Continuing Education – announced the recipient of the 30th Annual Distinguished Canadian Award will be presented to Gail Bowen on May 29th.

8.12 Library – pleased to announce that Cara Bradley is the recipient of the 2014 Robert H. Blackburn Distinguished Paper Award for her paper entitled "Information Literacy Articles in Science Pedagogy Journals" that was published in Evidence Based Library and Information Practice. The award annually recognizes notable research published by Canadian Library Association Members. A reminder that Mary Burgess of BC Campus will be at the University on 28 April, to lead sessions on open educational resources.

8.13 Institut français – No Report

8.14 Federated Colleges

8.14.1 Campion College – Alumni Sarah Hanna has been appointed as the new Engaged Learning Coordinator. Student organized a Faculty and Staff appreciation night on April 1. A wine and cheese event was held on April 2. The Musical Sarca was held last week. The Italian Study Tour is scheduled for May 1-14. Campion Faculty and Staff participated in a Strategic Planning Session.

8.14.2 First Nations University of Canada – No Report
8.14.3 Luther College – the Luther College Strategic Plan will be presented to the Luther Board of Governors in June.

9. Other Business

9.1 Strategic Plan Update, Appendix III of the Agenda

J. Piwowar provided an update. A successful kick-off was held on April 4. Fourteen consultation sessions have taken place so far with 142 participants. Five more sessions are still scheduled, members are encouraged to attend. Feedback postcards were distributed to students during the last week of classes; to date 150 of the 400 have been returned. The team is hearing many common themes from the diverse groups.

10. Adjournment – Peters (3:05 p.m.)

James D’Arcy
Registrar
on behalf of the University Secretary