MEMBERS PRESENT:


Guests: S. Kuehling, B. Liski, N. Mobed, D. Senkow


Recorder: D. Schauerte

The meeting was called to order at 2:34 p.m. by V. Timmons.

1. Approval of Agenda

Watson – Camp
moved that the agenda be approved as circulated.
CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of 22 October 2014

Bredohl – Piwowar
moved that the minutes be approved as circulated.
CARRIED

3. Remarks from the Chair

The President provided the following report:

Issues in the media:

• The University of Regina dropped overall from 8th to 10th in the Maclean’s rankings. We are strong in student-related items but reputation is a big one, at 20%. A Task Force has been set up to provide recommendations by March on how to improve our standing.
• The Whatcott/LaBarbera court case is still ongoing and a result is expected for early January. A demonstration was planned in late October on our campus which was cancelled. If demonstrators contravene the Respectful University Policy, and the safety of faculty and staff, they are not welcome on our campus.
Academic Matters:

- The Strategic Plan was approved unanimously by the Board earlier this month. Thank you to Joe Piwowar and the facilitation team as well as everyone for their involvement and input. The 2015-2020 plan will be formally launched with the new name in the new year.
- The Winter Council meeting is being scheduled for February 25, followed by the February meeting of Executive Council.
- Decanal searches and reviews:
  - Review of Dr. Harold Riemer, Dean of KHS, for a full term is underway.
  - Dr. Judy White has been appointed the Dean of Social Work for a full 5 year term.
  - Search for the Dean of Education is underway.
  - Dr. Thomas Bredohl will be acting Dean of Arts from July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016.
- The Vice-President (Research) search committee has worked with the consultant and developed the advertisement and position profile. Last week, the committee met to begin reviewing applications.
- Executive Director of Johnson-Shoyama search committee has met and has begun evaluating candidates.
- Nursing program has received accreditation from the Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing. Congratulations to Dean Gregory and all of the faculty members.
- The Master of Health Administration program that was launched last fall has now more than doubled its initial enrolment projections.
- Progress continues toward implementing the recommendations made last year regarding the Institut français. The Task Group is working on suggested revisions to the draft governance documents for approval at Executive of Council in January.

Faculty and Staff Successes:

- Dr. James Daschuk received the Governor General’s History Award for Scholarly Research (Sir John A. Macdonald Prize). He received it for his book *Clearing the Plains: Disease, Politics of Starvation, and the loss of Aboriginal Life*.
- Dr. Randal Rogers and Dr. Christine Ramsay have edited a book called *Overlooking Saskatchewan: Minding the Gap*, which seeks to challenge stereotypes about our province.
- Judy Anderson, Associate professor of Indian Fine Arts, taught Prince Charles how to sew beads and porcupine quills onto moose hide. She was invited to take classes and teach at the Prince’s School of Traditional Arts in England this fall.
- Dr. Dena McMartin, Associate Vice-President (Academic and Research), was recognized with the Regina Engineering Society’s Award for Volunteer Service.
- Dr. Carrie Bourassa, professor of Indigenous Health Studies at FNUniv, has been named a member of the inaugural cohort of the Royal Society of Canada’s College of New Scholars.
- The Annual “Celebrate” event is being held tonight to honour 80 faculty and staff who were recognized over the past year by external organizations.
- Recipients of President’s Awards for Service Excellence have been named.
- The Darke Hall Five are giving a performance to raise funds to help a four-year-old Regina boy receive medical treatment in England for a rare eye disease.

Student and Alumni Successes:

- Nicole Barber was named one of the recipients from ASHRAE, an international building systems organization. She is one of only 25 to receive the $5,000 scholarship.
• Olivia Arnal, a first-year student received the Governor General’s Caring Canadian Award.
• 10th annual Alumni Crowning achievement Awards were presented on October 22.

Campus Events and Announcements:
• On October 23, the George Reed Foundation announced the creation of the George Reed Centre for Accessible Visual Communication.
• COHERE (Collaboration for Online Higher Education Research) was held at the University in late October.
• Man Up Against Violence project held several events on campus in late October.
• On November 24 the Province announced its international education strategy on campus. Thank you to UR International for hosting the event.

Areas of Focus Going Forward:
• “State of the University” address and public forum is being planned as a further outreach initiative in the Regina area. The address is being sponsored by the Saskatchewan and Regina Chambers of Commerce.
• President’s Community Award will be presented on December 16th to Renu Kapoor.
• Christmas Open houses will be held on December 12 for faculty and staff and December 13 for the community.
• The Forward Together Lecture with Dr. Wade Davis will be held in late January.

4. Report from the University Secretary – No Report

5. Reports from Committees

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

A. Eberlein presented the report.

5.1.1 Faculty of Arts

Suspension of the MA and MSc – Geography Program

Eberlein – Kleer
moved that the Masters of Arts and Masters of Science – Geography programs be suspended effective Winter 2015, as outlined in Appendix I, page 2 of the agenda.

CARRIED

It was agreed to note in the minutes a change to the rationale as underlined below.

Rationale: Due to low enrolments and lack of teaching resources. The Department of Geography will continue to evaluate the barriers and impediments to running the regular master’s programs while they work at transitioning to a more sustainable model. During this period, FGSR and the Department of Geography will continue to accept students on a special case basis only.

5.1.2 Faculty of Business Administration

Master of Business Administration (MBA) Coop-Programs
Eberlein – Camp

**moved that** the Levene MBA with Specializations in General Management, International Business, and Engineering Management Co-operative Education (Co-op) Programs be approved, effective Spring/Summer 2015, as outlined in Appendix I, pages 2-4 of the agenda.

CARRIED

An omnibus motion was put forward on the following eight motions:

Eberlein – Hussein

**Master of Human Resource Management (MHRM) Co-op Programs**

**moved that** the Master of Human Resource Management (MHRM) Co-operative Education (Co-op) Program be approved, effective Spring/Summer 2015, as outlined in Appendix I, pages 4-5 of the agenda.

**Master of Administration of Leadership Co-op Programs**

**moved that** the Master of Administration in Leadership Co-operative Education (Co-op) Program be approved, effective Spring/Summer 2015, as outlined in Appendix I, pages 6-7 of the agenda.

**5.1.3 Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science**

**Revision – Software Systems Engineering (SSE)**

**moved that** revisions to the Curriculum for Software Systems Engineering (SSE) for: (a) MASc, (b) MEng (Project) and (c) MEng (Coop) be approved, effective Winter 2015, as outlined in Appendix I, pages 7-9 of the agenda.

**Revision – Electronic Systems Engineering (ESE)**

**moved that** revisions of the Curriculum for Electronic Systems Engineering (ESE) for: (a) MEng (Project) and (b) MEng (Coop) be approved, effective Winter 2015, as outlined in Appendix I, pages 9-10 of the agenda.

**Revision – Industrial Systems Engineering (ISE)**

**moved that** revisions of the Curriculum for Industrial Systems Engineering (ISE) for (a) MASc, (b) MEng (Project) and (c) MEng (Coop) be approved, effective Winter 2015, as outlined in Appendix I, pages 10-11 of the agenda.

**Correction:** to the table MEng (Project) in ISE, right column, sixth line, should read: "ENXX 3XX - 8XX or related discipline", as outlined in Appendix I, page 10 of the agenda.

**Revision – Process Systems Engineering (PSEng)**

**moved that** revisions of the Curriculum for Process Systems Engineering (PSEng) for (a) MASc, (b) MEng (Project) and (c) MEng (Coop) be approved, effective Winter 2015, as outlined in Appendix I, pages 11-13 of the agenda.
Revision – Petroleum Systems Engineering (PSE)

moved that revisions of the Curriculum for Petroleum Systems Engineering (PSE) for (a) Ph.D., (b) MASc, (c) MEng (Project) and (d) MEng (Coop) for PSE be approved, effective Winter 2015, as outlined in Appendix I, pages 13-14 of the agenda.

Revision – Environmental Systems Engineering (EVSE)

moved that revisions of the Curriculum for Environmental Systems Engineering (EVSE) for (a) Ph.D., (b) MASc, (c) MEng (Project) and (d) MEng (Coop) be approved, effective Winter 2015, as outlined in Appendix I, pages 14-17 of the agenda.

The question was called on the omnibus motion.

CARRIED

5.1.4 Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

Probationary Classification

The following motion was changed to a discussion item. Dean Eberlein will report back to the Council Committee on Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research.

Discussion: fully-qualified graduate students be classified as “probationary” after failing one graduate course. Upon successfully repeating or replacing the failed course, the student’s status will be changed back to “fully-qualified”. The change of status will be reflected on the official transcript, as outlined in Appendix I, page 17 of the agenda.

Graduate Work Experience

Eberlein – Blachford

moved that the Graduate Work Experience opportunity be eliminated, effective Spring/Summer 2015, as outlined in Appendix I, pages 17-18 of the agenda.

CARRIED

5.1.5 Faculty of Social Work

Master of Social Work (MSW) Program Changes

Eberlein – White

moved that all MSW students in all program options (eg. Thesis, Research Practicum and Field Practicum) be required to complete 18 credit hours of courses AND that for the Thesis route, that 3.0 credit hours taken from thesis research hours be allocated to the elective course offerings beginning with the 2015 new admissions, as outlined in Appendix I, pages 18-20 of the agenda.

CARRIED

Master of Social Work (MSW) Admission Requirement Changes

Eberlein – White
moved that SW 469 be removed as an admission requirement for the University of Regina, Master of Social Work degree, effective Fall 2015 admission intake (January 2015), as outlined in Appendix I, page 20 of the agenda.  

CARRIED

The remainder of the report was received for information.

The information items as outlined on page 21 of the agenda should be #3 Courses Archived instead of Deleted.

5.2 Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies, Appendix II

D. Senkow presented the report.

5.2.1 Faculty of Arts

Creation of BA Combined Major in Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE)

Senkow – Kleer

moved to create a BA Combined Major in Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) as follows, effective 201510, as outlined in Appendix II, pages 22-24 of the agenda.

CARRIED

5.2.2 Joint Report from the Faculties of Arts and Science

Revisions to BSc and BSc Honours Combined Major in Geology and Geography

Eberlein – Gagnon

moved that effective immediately upon final approval, the name of the BSc Combined Major in Geology and Geography (Geology Stream) be changed to BSc in Environmental Geoscience, and that courses be added and deleted as follows; and, that the name of the BSc Honours Combined Major in Geology and Geography (Geology Stream) be changed to BSc Honours in Environmental Geoscience and that courses be added and deleted, as outlined in Appendix II, pages 24-27 of the agenda.

CARRIED

Revisions to BSc Combined Major in Biology and Geography

Eberlein – Gagnon

moved to replace GEOG 205 with GEOG 203, and GEOG 301 and 305, with two other 300- or 400-level GEOG courses in the BSc combined major in Biology and Geography, and update the list of acceptable BIOL courses, effective immediately upon final approval, as outlined in Appendix II, pages 27-28 of the agenda.

Correction: to the table on page 27, in the 9th row, replace 490BH with BIOL 316.

CARRIED

Revisions to BSc and BSc Honours Combined Major in Geography and Geology

Eberlein – Gagnon
moved to replace GEOG 205 (Geographic Data: Collection, Interpretation, Display) with GEOG 203 (Introduction to Geographic Information Systems), and to delete the “Geography Stream” option from the BSc Combined major in Geography and Geology, Geography Stream, and the BSc Honours Combined Major in Geography and Geology, Geography Stream, effective 2015, as outlined in Appendix II, pages 28-30 of the agenda.

CARRIED

The remainder of the report was received for information.

6. Graduand Lists

6.1 Graduand Lists for Approval

Chase – Gagnon

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 – None

8. Reports from Faculties and Other Academic Units

8.1. Arts – No Report

8.2 Business Administration – Dean Gaudes announced the passing of Wolfgang Langenbacher, an adjunct faculty member and expressed thoughts and prayers to his family.

8.3 Education – Dean Tupper announced the Dr. Marc Spooner has been named the Favorite Professor at the University of Regina by Prairie Dog magazine for the fifth straight year. Save the date for March 24th when Patty Lager will be speaking on campus that day.

8.4 Engineering and Applied Science – No Report

8.5 Fine Arts – Dean Staseson invited Council to the Fifth Parallel Gallery on Friday to celebrate the release of Overlooking Saskatchewan: Minding the Gap, edited by Randal Rogers and Christine Ramsay.

8.6 Graduate Studies and Research – Dean Eberlein reminded Council of the 3MT – 3 minute thesis-upcoming event, which is the first time in Canada. The Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, Registrar’s Office and Admissions Office took part in a two day training session regarding customer service training.

8.7 Kinesiology and Health Studies – No Report

8.8 Nursing – Dean Gregory announced the successful ceremony to celebrate the Collaborative Nurse Practitioner Program partnership between Saskatchewan Polytechnic and the University of Regina. The two institutions first offered the new Saskatchewan Collaborative Bachelor of Science in Nursing online program three years ago.

8.9 Science – No Report
8.10 Social Work – No Report

8.11 Centre for Continuing Education – No Report

8.12 Library – B. Sqrazzutti reported the results of a recent review regarding the hours and patterns of the use of the Library. The library will remain open at 7:30 a.m. Monday to Friday, as more than 600 students are using the library before 8:00 a.m.

8.13 Institut français – D. McMartin announced the new name will coming to Executive of Council for approval in the New Year.

8.14 Federated Colleges

8.14.1 Campion College – Father Meehan reported the Campion’s Alumni of Distinction event was held on November 6, honoring Curtis Kleisinger and Randy Garvey. Allison Fizzard was installed as the new dean on November 10th. Campion College presents Patronus Cecilia: Baroque Music and Patronage in the Catholic Church on November 29th, part of the annual Musica Sacra series. On December 3rd, Father Meehan is accepting a challenge as part of the International Day with Persons with Disabilities; he will be spending the day in a wheelchair around Campion College, followed by a Campion Christmas Social that afternoon.

8.14.2 First Nations University of Canada – Vice-President Wells invited Council to the launch of the new name for the art gallery on November 27th.

8.14.3 Luther College – President Hillis invited Council to the Luther Bach Choir on November 30th followed by the President’s reception.

9 Other Business

President Timmons announced registration is open for the 6th Annual Inspiring Leadership Forum on March 11th. The three distinguished keynote speakers will be Mary Robinson, former President of Ireland; the Right Honourable Kim Campbell, first female Prime Minister of Canada, and Dr. Mary Simon, former Canadian diplomat.

President Timmons acknowledged Bev Liski at her last Executive of Council meeting before her retirement. Bev has been overseen more than 140 Convocation ceremonies. Congratulations to Bev!

A brief report will be included at the January meeting regarding the increased number of disabled students accessing the disability resource office.

A noon-hour vigil will be held on December 4 as part of the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women. This year will commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Montreal Massacre at École Polytechnique, where a gunman shot 28 people, killing 14 women. That afternoon, there will be an open house for the campus and community.

10 Adjournment – Purnis (3:40 p.m.)

Annette Revet, University Secretary