

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF REGINA COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, 25 FEBRUARY 2015
EDUCATION AUDITORIUM 106**

Members: 114 present (*once quorum was achieved at approximately 1:15 p.m.*)

Guests: 10 present

Attendance records are appended to the official file.

1. Introduction

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m. by President Timmons.

President Timmons thanked everyone for attending and announced quorum was not established at the start of the meeting. No formal motions will be presented and the minutes will be recorded as notes. The approval of the September Council minutes will be referred to the next meeting of Council. Quorum is 100 members and 93 members were present at the start of the meeting. The meeting will proceed with a report from the chair and a discussion of the motions.

The agenda or the minutes of the 10 September 2014 were not approved at this time.

2. Report from the Chair of Council

President Timmons presented her report to Council, summarizing the work of the Council Committee in the last several months. Discussion following with the President address all of the Council members questions.

Going forward the President committed to her continued to an open door and is available to meet and hear concerns and suggestions. She informed Council that she always tries to address the spirit of the recommendations that come from Council.

At this time, quorum was achieved and the President agreed to proceed with the agenda.

President Timmons outlined the procedures for the meeting.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Johnston- Germani
moved that the agenda be approved as circulated.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

4. **Approval of the Council Minutes of the Meeting 10 September 2014**

DeCoste – Conway

moved that the minutes be approved as circulated.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

5. **Report from the Council Agenda Committee**

5.1 Council Committee on Academic Mission

C. Yost presented the report on behalf of the Council Committee on Academic Mission (CCAM) and recommends the following motion to Council:

Academic Mission and Guiding Principles

Yost – Sternberg

moved that Council recommends to the President that the definition of the academic mission and the guiding principles listed in the Agenda be adopted by the University and be used as a tool in guiding the implementation of the 2015-2020 strategic plan “*peyak aski kikawinaw*”.

Discussion followed. There was concern regarding the community perspective and that the principles excluded teaching.

The question was called on the motion.

DEFEATED

The remainder of the report was received for information. The discussion of the definition of the Academic Mission will continue to be discussed by CCAM. C. Yost encouraged members to be active in the discussions on the moodle site and to volunteer for CCAM.

5.2 Council Committee on Budget

T. Dahms presented the report on behalf of the Council Committee on Budget (CCB) and recommends the following motions to Council:

A friendly amendment was made and accepted for Motions 1 through 5 that Council recommends the motions to the President. The minutes will reflect this amendment.

Motion 1 – Updating Budget Principles, Guidelines and Procedures

Dahms – Stewart

moved that Council recommends to the President that Budget Principle 4 of the *Budget Principles, Guidelines and Procedures* adopted by University Council on September 10th, 2014, be deleted.

Discussion followed.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Motion 2 - Updating Budget Principles, Guidelines and Procedures

Dahms – East

moved that Council recommends to the President that the “University Budget Team” be used in place of “University Budget Committee” in the *Budget Principles, Guidelines and Procedures*.

President Timmons clarified that the University Budget Team is made up of the University Executive Team and its resources. The University Executive Team is accountable for the budget from all sectors of campus. They meet with all the deans and directors for budget submissions and CCB receives these submissions.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Motion 3 – Proposed Terms of Reference for the Advisory Group that Creates the Annual Budget

Dahms – Yost

moved that Council recommends that the President make publicly available the terms of reference for, and lists the offices and positions of members comprising, the advisory group that creates the annual budget.

President Timmons explained the budget process as it is her responsibility to develop the budget for the Board’s consideration and approval. The Budget Team is an advisory group to the President that she asked to develop the budget. This group gets input from across campus including Deans’ Council, other bodies and resources. CCB exists as one of these sources of input. The President can provide a list of the members and will have terms of reference drawn up and provided to Council.

The President will accept this motion.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Motion 4 – Proposed Terms of Reference for the Advisory Group that Creates the Annual Budget

Dahms – Yost

moved that Council recommends that the President make publicly available the step-by-step processes and timelines for annual budget creation.

President Timmons addressed this motion noting that information is available online at <http://www.uregina.ca/orp/budget/2015-16-budget.html>

The information available includes the budget preparation timeline, the provincial budget schedule, the Operations Forecast, the Budget book and the Annual report. The President is asking Council to be specific in asking what information is not being provided to the CCB.

It was suggested CCB provide a written request with a list of information required.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Motion 5 – Proposed Terms of Reference for the Advisory Group that Creates the Annual Budget

Dahms – DeCoste

moved that Council recommends that the President’s advisory group responsible for the creation of the annual budget include student and faculty representation.

A correction was noted in the agenda item that St. Thomas University is located in New Brunswick.

President Timmons noted that faculty and students do have input on the budget through the CCB and Board of Governors. It is written into the CCB Terms of Reference to review and assess budget principles and allocations, provide advice and to communicate regularly with the advisory group that develops the budget. Faculty and students have a voice according to CCB Terms of Reference that Council approved. It may be redundant to recommend adding faculty and students to the group that does the budget, since their input is already provided.

Discussion suggested the Budget Team should have diversity in its composition and be more inclusive.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

The remainder of the report was received for information.

In closing, President Timmons thanked everyone for coming, Council’s continued engagement and the Committees for their hard work. Appreciation was expressed to the Council Agenda Committee.

The Next meeting of Council will take place in the fall term and will be announced by the Council Agenda Committee. It was noted that Council meetings as stated in the Rules and Regulations are normally held to consider broad issues that are in the long term interests of the University. The President would like Council to consider issues like retention, student satisfaction and research impact, for example. Motions or suggestions can continue to be submitted to the Council Agenda Committee through the University Secretariat for consideration.

6. Adjournment – Cripps (1:55 p.m.)



Annette Revet
University Secretary