

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF REGINA COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, 24 JUNE 2015
ADMINISTRATION-HUMANITIES BOARDROOM 527**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ex officio: V. Timmons, D. Button, L. Castellanos, D. Gagnon, d. Gregory, B. Hillis, E. Hussein, J. Kincaid, H. King, R. Kleer, D. Malloy, A. Revet, H. Riemer, J. Smith, R. Staseson, J. White

Elected: K. Arbuthnott, D. Bowman, T. Bredohl, C. Butz, A. Cameron, R. Camp, D. Candow, L. Cavanagh, M. Chipanshi, M. Cule, J. Dale, G. Donnelly, P. Douglas, E. Eaton, J. Farney, C. Gelowitz, S. Hengen, L. Hoerber, D. Hulston, D. Juschka, B. Kayseas, F. Labropulu, B. Lulik, K. Montgomery, C. Murphy, N. Onder, Z. Papandreou, L. Peyachew, R. Piercey, J. Piwowar, M. Rennie, C. Schick, G. Sherbert, J. Siemer, M. Spooner, J. Wagner, L. Ward, L. Watson, A. Wee, J. White

Guests: J. McNinch, N. Mobed

Regrets: T. Chase, S.Cheng, A. Eberlein, A. Gaudes, C. Grandy, V. Greifenhagen, P. Resch, L. Awanyo, R. Caines, R. Horowitz, S. Johnson, S. Lukasewich, N. Novik, F. Pirbhai-Illich

Recorder: P. Schouten

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by V. Timmons.

1. Approval of Agenda

Watson – Sherbert

moved that the agenda be amended as per the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research correction to the Graduand listed under 6.1.

CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of 20 May 2015

Cule – Piwowar

moved that the minutes be approved with amendments to:

8.6 - Changed to reflect that A. Eberlein gave the report on the 4th International Study Tour

8.9 – Changed to report that the Department of Physics has received a large grant.

CARRIED

3. Remarks from the Chair

In keeping with the Indigenization commitment in our strategic plan, the Chair acknowledged that the University is located on Treaty 4 and Treaty 6 territories.

This is the last Executive of Council of 2014-15 and the Chair thanked everyone for their participation and work over the last year recognizing those for whom it was their last meeting.

Academic Matters:

- A new Minister of Advanced Education was appointed in late May, the Honourable Scott Moe.

- WED funding of \$2.3 million was announced for equipment and software to help improve public safety and inter-agency emergency response.
- Luther College's Voluntary Sector Studies Network received \$210,000 from the province which will be used to enable students to study about the province's voluntary sector, building capacity in the sector and educating them as future employees.
- Searches and reviews:
 - Dean of Science search will commence shortly – the committee has met once.
 - A University Librarian search committee will be in place by the next day. The Chair thanked Bill Sgrazzutti and Peter Resch for their leadership of the Library.
- Enrolment for Fall 2015:
 - Although still early, the Chair reported that registrations are up 180 students from last year.
 - Enrolments are tracking about 3% higher than last year and the goal is to sustain enrolments for 2015-16 at the same level as 2014-15.
- Institut français – the merger to create La Cité was approved by Senate and will be considered by the Board at its meeting in July. Provincial and federal funders are excited about this direction in promoting programming in French.
- Academic advising continues to be looked at with the intent of seeking the most effective way to help students. Three meetings have been held with student advisors and another meeting is scheduled for July. The Chair reminded Executive that these meetings are to develop more efficiency in academic advising, it is not a cost cutting measure.

Faculty and Staff Successes:

- Dr. Carleton was featured in a docudrama called *I Came Back* that chronicles a Canadian soldier's battle with PTSD.
- Two U of R professors presented at the fourth annual TEDxRegina in early June:
 - Dr. Amber Fletcher on gender inequality and climate change policy; and,
 - Dr. Chris Street on advising in innovation and entrepreneurship.
- Dr. Lee Schaefer of the Faculty of Education was named a recipient of a Young Scholar Award by the Association for Higher Education in Physical Education and he will receive this award in July.
- U of R Press was recognized with the Lieutenant-Governor's Heritage Architecture Award for decades of celebrating and promoting Saskatchewan's historical architecture. This award recognizes work by the CPRC as well with 14 books cited as contributing over the decades.
- Bruce Anderson has accepted a three-year term as AVP (Development).
- University of Regina researchers were awarded close to \$2 million in funding from NSERC Discovery Grants Program for 15 projects.

Student and Alumni Successes:

- Spring Convocation was the largest ever, with 2,057 graduates. Many award winners, and here are a couple of notable ones:
 - Natasha Ku, President's Medal for academics, leadership and extracurricular. Graduated with a BA in Japanese and a BSc in Mathematics;
 - Belma Kamencic and Tuan Minh Mai – University Medal for GPA of 96.8%;
 - Governor General's Academic Gold Medal – Dr. Darryl Hunter of Education; and,
 - Academic Silver Medal – Isabella Hugel of Faculty of Science.
- Also at Convocation, four Campus for All students received certificates. The annual celebration for Campus for All was held in late April, launching a video called RespectAbility and the Chair encouraged everyone to watch it on Youtube.
- Two students from Johnson-Shoyama received \$20,000 Queen Elizabeth II scholarships:
 - Olena Kapral of Regina campus; and,
 - Danette Starblanket of Saskatoon campus.
- Establishment of Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee scholarship on June 11:
 - \$1 million fund, with half of the funding through Universities Canada
 - 40 domestic graduate students will spend time at Commonwealth universities and 12 from other countries coming here between 2015 and 2018.
- In late May, CIBC donated \$175,000 to create bursaries for Aboriginal students.
- Alumni Crowning Achievement Award winners named and will be honoured in the fall:
 - Jim Hopson is lifetime achievement;
 - Cherish Jean-Baptiste is young alumnus;
 - Barry Clarke is outstanding service to University and Alumni Association;
 - Dr. Kristian Baker for professional achievement; and,
 - Rob Deglau for humanitarian and community service.

Campus Events and Announcements:

- Journalist Don Newman was the featured speaker in Moose Jaw in early June at a lecture sponsored by the University and the City of Moose Jaw.
- Dr. Kerri Staples has organized "Sports for All" – a camp for children with autism that is running this summer. Great community initiative.
- The Pride flag was unveiled on campus and is on permanent display in Riddell Centre.
- The Canadian Society of Microbiologists conference took place here from June 15-18 with 200 scholars from across Canada attending.

Additional Comments

- President Timmons asked Executive of Council members about their last year?
 - Discussion followed.
 - One council member noted that in order to help improve student advising, colleagues need to really listen to the students. Also, there are still a lot of problems getting information out to the students.

- The new residence is on track and will be ready to be open in September. The business plan is to have 60% capacity.
- The construction at the north crossing was quite sudden and there was no time to get information out to staff appropriately. D. Button went on to describe all the different road construction projects planned for this summer.
- There is a “Way Finding Project” that is being done to improve signage to the University. This project includes a new sign at the north entrance that will complement the safety enhancements being done at that corner.

4. **Report from the University Secretary – no report (N/R)**

5. **Reports from Committees**

5.1 Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies, Appendix I

J. Piwowar presented the following motions on behalf of the Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies:

5.1.1 Faculty of Arts

Arts Transition Program

Piwowar – Kleer

moved to create the Arts Transition Program (ATP) and to require the completion of the ATP for all international students (except those on exchange programs) who have been required to discontinue (RTD’s) from another faculty or all students admitted, re-admitted or transferring to the Faculty of Arts with a UGPA below 60%.

Discussion followed and Dean Kleer responded to all questions raised by Executive of Council members.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

BA Honours Major in French and Francophone Intercultural Studies

Piwowar – Kleer

moved to revise the BA Honours major in French and Francophone Intercultural Studies to replace FRN 480 with FRN 490 effective 201530.

CARRIED

Arts Core Requirements

Piwowar – Kleer

moved to add KIN 105 – Indigenous Health and Sport in Historical Perspective – to the list of courses that can satisfy the Faculty of Arts Indigenous Knowledge requirement effective 201530.

CARRIED

5.1.2 Report from the Faculty of Fine Arts

Voice Majors requirements

Piwowar – Staseson

moved to remove MUPE 270, Language Diction for Singers, as a requirement for Voice majors (see 13.14.6.6, Specific Major Requirements), and add MUPE 381 – Opera as well as add MUPE 381, Opera Workshop, 3:3-0 as a requirement for students in, effective 201610:

- ◆ BMus Performance (13.14.6.6. Specific Major Requirements) voice majors;
- ◆ BMus Comprehensive, students with voice as the applied music study.

CARRIED

Minor in Fine Arts (Music) Minor requirements

Piwowar – Staseson

moved that effective 201610, the requirements of the Minor in Fine Arts (Music) be changed as per Appendix 1, pages 6 – 7 of the agenda.

CARRIED

Department of Visual Arts description revision

The following two motions were moved as an omnibus motion.

Piwowar – Staseson

moved to revise the Calendar description section 13.16 Department of Visual Arts as follows:

The Department of Visual Arts offers programs leading to the degrees of BA (visual arts); BA (Special Three-Year); BA in Fine Arts (art history concentration); BA Honours (visual arts); BA Honours in Fine Arts (art history concentration) and BFA (ceramics, drawing, ~~intermedia, open studio,~~ painting, photography, print media, sculpture). A Certificate in Visual Arts and a Certificate in Advanced Studio Art is also offered. For information on the MFA program, please see the Calendar of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research.

Requirements for each program are outlined under the separate heading for the specific area of study.

moved to revise the Calendar descriptions for the sections outlined as per Appendix 1, page 8 of the agenda.

The question was called on the omnibus motion.

CARRIED

Bachelor of Arts and Arts Honours in Fine Arts (Film Studies) Revisions

The following two motions were moved as an omnibus motion.

Piwowar – Staseson

moved to change **13.13.1 BACHELOR OF ARTS IN FINE ARTS (FILM STUDIES)** as noted as per Appendix 1, page 9 of the agenda, effective 201620.

moved to change the concentration requirements in the **13.13.3 BACHELOR OF ARTS HONOURS IN FINE ARTS (FILM STUDIES)** as per Appendix 1, page 9 of the agenda, effective 201620.

The question was called on the omnibus motion.

CARRIED

Creative Technologies Concentration and Minor Requirement

The following four motions were moved as an omnibus motion.

Piwowar – Staseson

moved to remove ART 280 as a requirement/option from the Creative Technologies concentration and minor, effective 201620.

moved to make FILM 280AC or Film 209 a required course for the Creative Technologies Concentration and a highly recommended option for the Creative Technologies minor, effective 201620.

moved to change the requirements of the Creative Technologies concentration as per Appendix 1, page 10 of the agenda, effective 201620.

moved to change the requirements of the Creative Technologies minor as per Appendix 1, page 10 - 11 of the agenda, effective 201620.

The question was called on the omnibus motion.

CARRIED

Fine Arts Minor in Arts Administration

Piwowar – Staseson

moved to change the requirements for the Fine Arts Minor in Arts Administration as per Appendix 1, page 10 of the agenda, effective 201620.

CARRIED

5.1.3 Faculty of Science

Biology

Piwowar – Gagnon

moved to replace Biol 476 with Biol 356 in the BSc and BSc Hons in Biology (Ecology and Environmental Biology Area of Concentration), BSc Combined Major in Biology and Geography, BSc & BSc Hons in Environmental Biology (Joint Program with Saskatchewan Polytechnic & Lethbridge College), and the BSc & BSc Hons in Environmental Biology (Joint Program with Lakeland College).

After discussion, it was agreed by the mover and seconder that it was a friendly amendment to remove the Major in Biology and Geography as part of this motion as this revision has not yet been approved.

The question was called on the amended motion.

CARRIED

BSc and BSC Hons in Biochemistry

Piwowar – Gagnon

moved to delete Biol 288 from, and add one Science elective to, the BSc and BSc Hons in Biochemistry, effective 201610.

CARRIED

Department of Mathematics and Statistics

Piwowar – Gagnon

moved to revise Section 16.17.2.10 of the Undergraduate Calendar and Course Catalog from a minor in Mathematics to a Minor in Mathematics with and Applied Stream and a Pure Stream. Effective 201610.

CARRIED

The remainder of the report was received for information.

5.2 Council Committee on Research, Appendix II

A. Volodin presented the report on behalf of the Council Committee on Research.

5.2.1 Research/Scholarly Misconduct Policy

Volodin - Gagnon

moved that Executive of Council recommends to the Board of Governors approval of the Research/Scholarly Misconduct Policy, as attached (*Attachment A*) and that the Misconduct Policy and Misconduct Procedures be archived.

Discussion followed and Executive of Council members suggested that the policy be amended to include the need for more training, clarity on what is meant by redundant publications and how to initiate a complaint. A. Volodin agreed to work the authors to make these changes in the final draft of the policy to be presented to the Board of Governors.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

The remainder of the report was received for information.

5.3 Council Discipline Committee, Appendix III

A. Revet presented the report on behalf of the Committee for information.

5.4 Council Committee on Student Appeals, Appendix IV

J. McNinch presented this report on behalf of the Committee for information.

5.5 Council Committee on Undergraduate Awards, Appendix V

J. Kincaid presented the report on behalf of the Committee for information.

5.6 Joint Committee of Senate and Council on Ceremonies, Appendix VI

President Timmons presented the report from the Joint Committee of Senate and Council on Ceremonies for information and discussion, rather than for decision. She reported that the recommendation regarding the Invocation was postponed at Senate as Senate asked the Joint Committee to return with a list of options for Senate's consideration regarding the Invocation at future convocation ceremonies.

An open discussion followed about the recommendation to remove Invocation from the convocation ceremony. Although no formal vote was taken, an informal survey done at the meeting suggested the Executive of Council members were in favour of removing the invocation.

Executive of Council members, as were Senators, were invited to send suggestions and comments to the Joint Committee on Ceremonies through the University Secretary. The Joint Committee will be meeting over the summer to consider the information and discussion provided from Executive of Council and Senate. The Committee will return with a recommendation for Executive of Council and Senate's consideration in the fall.

6. **Graduand Lists**

6.1 Graduand Lists for Approval

Kleer - Cule

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.

- 6.1.4.1 Dean Eberlein presented a correction to the graduand list for the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research.

CARRIED

7. Business Arising from the Minutes – None

8. Reports from Faculties and Other Academic Units

- 8.1 Arts - N/R
- 8.2 Business Administration - N/R
- 8.3 Education – There will be 17 prominent academics on campus next month for a conference being held by the Faculty of Education.
- 8.4 Engineering and Applied Science - N/R
- 8.5 Fine Arts - N/R
- 8.6 Graduate Studies and Research - N/R
- 8.7 Kinesiology and Health Studies – On September 8th the president will be hosting a breakfast for athletics. The guest speaker is Kelly Rudy.
- 8.8 Nursing – Saskatchewan hosted a national conference in which 26 U of R nursing students attended. The Faculty of Nursing is considering hosting an international conference because of the interest expressed from other countries.
- 8.9 Science - N/R
- 8.10 Social Work – N/R
- 8.11 Centre for Continuing Education - N/R
- 8.12 Library – Brad Dirkson has been hired as the new copyright officer.
- 8.13 Institut français - N/R
- 8.14 Federated Colleges
- 8.14.1 Champion College – J. Meehan reported that the Pope will be coming to Canada to give an apology to Residential School survivors.
- 8.14.2 First Nations University of Canada – Lionel Peyachew, a FNUniv faculty member, was commissioned to make a bronze statue for the Saskatoon police station which is being built to honour missing and murdered women.
- 8.14.3 Luther College - July 19 – 22 is the North American Interfaith Network 2015 (NAIN) conference which will be held in Regina.

9. Other Business

The next meeting of Executive of Council will be September 23, 2015.

10. Adjournment – Watson (4:18 p.m.)

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Annette Revet".

Annette Revet, University Secretary