

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF REGINA COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, 25 MARCH 2015
ADMINISTRATION-HUMANITIES BOARDROOM 527**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ex officio: V. Timmons, S. Bouffard, D. Button, L. Castellanos, T. Chase, J. D'Arcy, A. Eberlein, A. Fizzard, D. Gagnon, A. Gaudes, d. Gregory, V. Greifenhagen, B. Hillis, E. Hussein, J. Kincaid, H. King, R. Kleer, D. Malloy, D. McMartin, K. McNutt, J. Meehan, A. Revet, H. Riemer, W. Sgrazzutti, J. Smith, R. Staseson, J. Tupper, L. Wells, J. White

Elected: K. Arbuthnott, D. Bowman, T. Bredohl, J. Buttigieg, R. Caines, A. Cameron, R. Camp, D. Candow, L. Cavanagh, M. Cule, J. Dale, G. Donnelly, P. Douglas, A. East, D. Farenick, J. Farney, C. Gelowitz, F. Gendron, R. Genoe, G. Grandy, H. Guiliani, P. Hart, S. Hengen, R. Horowitz, D. Hulston, D. Juschka, F. Labropulu, S. Lukasewich, N. Onder, Z. Papandreou, R. Piercey, J. Piwowar, J. Purnis, C. Ramsay, L. Schaefer, C. Schick, J. Wagner, L. Ward, L. Watson, A. Wee, A. Wolvengrey, C. Yost

Guests: J. Crivea, S. Gray, N. Mobed

Regrets: N. Ashton, D. Blachford, C. Butz, S. Cheng, M. Chipanshi, T. Levit, C. Murphy, N. Novik, L. Peyachew, M. Rennie, J. Siemer, A. Snider, M. Trussler,

Recorder: D. Schauerte

The meeting was called to order at 2:33 p.m. by V. Timmons.

1. Approval of Agenda

The chair noted that she would have to leave the meeting at 3:15 p.m., at which time, the Provost will chair the remainder of the meeting.

Watson – Farenick

moved that the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of 25 February 2015

Ramsay – McMartin

moved that the minutes be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Remarks from the Chair

President Timmons provided the following report:

Budget:

- Dr. Chase will give an budget update at the end of the Chair's Report.

Academic Matters:

- Searches and reviews:

- Vice-President (Research) Dr. David Malloy has been appointed until 2020 after a comprehensive search. Dr. Malloy will give a presentation to campus on March 31.
 - Provost and Vice-President (Academic) Dr. Thomas Chase has been renewed for a second five year term, i.e. until 2021.
 - Dr. David Gregory has been renewed as the Dean of Nursing.
 - Dean of Education search continues and should be concluded shortly.
- Institut francais:
 - Item is on agenda for revisioning post-secondary education in French on our campus.
 - A lot of hard work by many people, both in the University and the larger community. Thank you to Dena McMartin and Sophie Bouffard for their work.

Faculty and Staff Successes:

- Kerri Finlay of Biology was the lead author of an article published in Nature.
- There was a recent NSERC funding announcement for Chris Yost, announcing more than \$580,000 to support his work in wastewater treatment.
- Thomas Hadjistavropoulos was recently published in "The Lancet Neurology."
- David Gerhard's National High Altitude Balloon Experiment has received funding through NSERC's Promo Science Program.
- The Long Service Recognition awards were held on March 19. There were more than 100 employees honoured, but a couple to note include; Dr. Bruce Gilligan of Math and Stats for 45 years and Larry McDonald recently retired from the Library after 40 years.
- The United Way Campaign received the Greystone Leadership Award.
- A book published by University of Regina Press was featured on the cover of the Globe and Mail Arts Section on March 21. *The Education of Augie Merasty: A Residential School Survivor* is a poignant memoir written by a man from Prince Albert.

Student and Alumni Successes:

- Brandon Klug of Biology and William Ogilvie of Geology were two of 32 finalists for an NSERC competition in which they made videos about their research.
- Paul J. Hill School students have been offering free tax return assistance to students.
- URSU held a fundraiser for Karene Hawkins, the Student Advocate since 1996. Her husband is ill.
- UR Guarantee students have been busy raising funds for Red Cross "Day of Pink" anti-bullying and the Relay for Life took place on March 20.
- Five Days for the Homeless was held last week by the Business Students' Association. Over five years, they have raised more than \$100,000 for Carmichael Outreach.
- The Bachelor of Fine Arts students' graduating exhibits are currently on display at the MacKenzie Art Gallery.

Campus Events and Announcements:

- The 6th Annual Inspiring Leadership Forum was sold out on March 12.
- Symposium on missing and murdered Aboriginal women is being hosted on campus.
- Different lectures brought many people to campus:
 - Champion's Nash lecture with Sister Helen Prejean
 - HRI's Dr. Barbara Powell lecture with Dr. Gerald McMaster.
- A couple of major lectures to come:
 - Stapleford lecture with Michael O'Sullivan on global education.
 - Liberal Arts Group with Ellen Kennedy on value of liberal arts education in preventing genocide.

Areas of Focus:

- Developing and implementing our budget in light of strategic plan priorities.
- Prairie Kitchen Party Fundraiser will be held on April 25th. Tickets are currently available and the money raised goes towards student aid.

Dr. Chase gave an update on the Budget following the announcement of the provincial budget last week. The video from the Budget forum on March 23 is available online. The University received a 1% increase in its base operating grant, roughly \$1.025 million and \$150K for five additional seats in the Nurse Practitioner masters program. Several budget scenarios are being considered at this time. A balanced budget needs to be presented to the Board of Governors in May. It is stated in policy that management must present a balanced budget for their approval.

Discussion followed which included the voluntary retirement program, the business plan for the residence buildings, the out of scope salary freeze, merit and performance. Budget suggestions from Executive of Council members are welcome and can be submitted by email to budget@uregina.ca.

4. Report from the University Secretary

A. Revet announced the call for nominations for Executive of Council for representatives from the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research will be issued shortly. The deadline for Honorary Degree Nominations is March 31.

5. Reports from Committees

5.1 Council Committee on Academic Mission, Appendix I

C. Yost presented the following motions:

Merger of the Department of French and Francophone Intercultural Studies with the Institut français

Yost – Bouffard

moved to recommend to Senate and the Board of Governors the approval of the transfer of the Department of French and Francophone Intercultural Studies from the Faculty of Arts and its merger with the Institut français and that, once formed, this merged unit will be named *La Cité universitaire francophone*, as outlined in Appendix I, pages 2-3 of the agenda.

CARRIED

Terms of Reference - *La Cité universitaire francophone*

Yost – Bouffard

moved to approve the terms of reference of *La Cité universitaire francophone* effective July 1, 2015, as outlined in Appendix I, pages 3-17 of the agenda.

CARRIED

The above motions are a historic change for the University of Regina and the Province of Saskatchewan. The merger will allow for a better vision on campus, including more programs, research options and more supports for students taking post-secondary

education in French. The UofR will be the centre of francophone studies in Saskatchewan.

5.2 Council Committee on the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, Appendix II

A. Eberlein presented the following motions:

5.2.1 Faculty of Business Administration

Co-op Route

Eberlein – Camp

moved that active students in the MBA Business Management and MBA International degree programs be permitted to transfer to the Co-op route if they are in good academic standing, effective Spring/Summer 2015, as outlined in Appendix II, page 18 of the agenda.

CARRIED

5.2.2 Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

Change in Graduate Student Status

Eberlein – Camp

moved that 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 failed grade must be resolved within one year or at the earliest opportunity. To be effective Fall 2015, as outlined in Appendix II, page 18 of the agenda.

CARRIED

Number of Courses taught by Supervisor or Co-Supervisor

Eberlein – Camp

moved to that no supervisor or co-supervisor may teach more than 50% of course work in a student’s program, effective Fall 2015, as outlined in Appendix II, pages 18-19 of the agenda.

CARRIED

Pearson Test of English (PTE) Academic

Eberlein – Camp

moved that the Pearson Test of English (PTE) Academic be added as an approved test of English Language Proficiency for admission to the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research with an overall score of 59, effective Fall 2015, as outlined in Appendix II, pages 19-21 of the agenda.

CARRIED

5.2.3 Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy

Program Change

Eberlein – McNutt

moved that JSGS 812-Aboriginal Health Policy, JSGS 814-Biostatistics for Public Health, JSGS 823-Health Promotion, JSGS 824-Health Program Planning and Evaluation be added to the list of electives for the Master's Certificate in Health Systems Management effective Spring 2015, as outlined in Appendix II, pages 21-22 of the agenda.

CARRIED

Discontinuance of Program

Eberlein – McNutt

moved that the Master of Public Policy in Health Services Research Stream (GPPMOHSR-M) be discontinued effective Spring 2015, as outlined in Appendix II, page 22 of the agenda.

CARRIED

The remainder of the report was received for information.

6. **Graduand Lists**

6.1 Graduand Lists for Approval

King – Watson

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 reported the Enactus Regina team received two awards at the Regional Exposition for Western Canada including: the second runner-up award in League A in the Canada One Financial Education Challenge for their Breaking Barriers and Tax Solutions projects; and second runner-up in League C in the TD Entrepreneurship Challenge for their Based in Business and We Can initiatives.

Congratulations also to Enactus co-president Shahzadi Sayyid who was just announced as one of CBCFuture 40!

8.3 Education – Dean Tupper reported the Lecture by Dr. Patty Lather was very successful. The Witness blanket will be available for viewing until the end of the semester. Registration is open for the Summer Symposium: Public Engagement and Politics of Evidence in an Age of Neoliberalism and Audit Culture. Events will run from July 23-25.

8.4 Engineering and Applied Science – Dean Hussein invited members to the Annual Project day this Saturday for fourth year Engineering Students. There is currently a high demand for PSE spots. The program is currently at capacity. The Dean is meeting with students and parents to discuss the situation and explain the admission policy.

8.5 Fine Arts – Dean Staseson announced the nominations for the CBCFuture40 campaign, included Candy Fox, a current Film Production student.

The production The King Stag will run from March 25-28 in the University Theatre. Costume design is done by Associate Dean Wes Pearce and the production is appropriate for all ages.

The Opera Workshop Performance will take place March 27.

8.6 Graduate Studies and Research – Dean Eberlein announced the winners of the 3MT competition. The top 3 winners will receive scholarship prizes, including first place advancing to Thomson Rivers.

The Mitacs workshop, Foundations of Project Management, is currently full with a wait list.

8.7 Kinesiology and Health Studies – Dean Riemer invited members to the screening of Mask You Live In on March 26 followed by the Keynote speaker Joe Ehrmann.

The faculty is selling tickets to numerous events including the Athletic Awards on April 9, the Alumni Dinner on April 10, and the Rams Dinner featuring Jesse Palmer on April 11.

8.8 Nursing – No Report

8.9 Science – No Report

8.10 Social Work – No Report

8.11 Centre for Continuing Education – Director King announced the Heritage Lecture will take place on April 15th featuring well known artist Wilf Perreault.

8.12 Library – No Report

8.13 Institut français – Director Bouffard reported the Institut français is hosting Francofièvre 2015. The University will welcome over 1,000 students in grades 7-12 from all over the province to experience francophone culture.

The Institut français has become the first institution in Saskatchewan to be officially recognized by the French Language Centre of the Paris Ile-de-France Chamber of Commerce and Industry to administer the Test d'évaluation de français (TEF). The TEF is a general French test designed to assess the French-language knowledge and skills level of Francophones and individuals whose first language is not French.

8.14 Federated Colleges

8.14.1 Campion College – Father John Meehan reported their Board of Governors will be meeting on April 11 to have a retreat to discuss their Strategic Plan.

Campion will be under construction this summer for the Building Enhancement Project, to make the building more accessible.

8.14.2 First Nations University of Canada – Vice-President Wells announced that the nominations for the CBCFuture40 campaign included alumni Cadmus Delorme and current Student Recruitment Officer and journalism student Brad Bellegarde.

8.14.3 Luther College – President Hillis announced the Luther Bach Choir will be performing on Palm Sunday, The Best of the Baroque Concert Series. Gerald Hill, Professor of English, will launch his latest poetry collection entitled *Hillsdale Book* on April 7.

9. Other Business

9.1 President's Advisory Committee on Sustainability, Appendix III

Jocelyn Crivea gave a presentation of the Sustainability Strategic Plan asking for feedback from members of Executive of Council. Feedback not provided at the meeting can be sent by email to sustainability@uregina.ca. The PowerPoint presentation was included in the agenda.

9.2 Open Educational Resources

A discussion topic was lead by the Provost and Vice-President (Academic) on this growing movement of online resources, including open textbooks, as an option for students and members of the community. It is one method of assisting students with the cost of books and sustainability.

The Faculty of Fine Arts invites members to attend the final event of the Winter Semester in the Fine Arts Presentation Series, entitled Samplings: Sound, Sunflowers, Snow and presented by Rae Staseson on March 27.

The Faculty of Arts invites members to attend the retirement celebration for Adrian Seaborne on March 27.

10. Adjournment – Purnis (4:17 p.m.)



Annette Revet, University Secretary