

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF REGINA COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY, 20 May 2015  
ADMINISTRATION-HUMANITIES BOARDROOM 527**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**Ex officio:** S. Bouffard, L. Castellanos, T. Chase, S. Cheng, J. D’Arcy, A. Eberlein, D. Gagnon, A. Gaudes, d. Gregory, V. Greifenhagen, E. Hussein, J. Kincaid, H. King, R. Kleer, D. McMartin, P. Resch, A. Revet, H. Riemer, J. Smith, R. Staseson, J. Tupper, L. Wells, J. White

**Elected:** K. Bethune, R. Caines, A. Cameron, D. Candow, L. Cavanagh, J. Conway, M. Cule, G. Donnelly, P. Douglas, D. Farenick, C. Gelowitz, R. Genoe, H. Guiliani, L. Hoeber, D. Hulston, D. Juschka, T. Levit, Z. Papandreou, L. Peyachew, J. Piwowar, J. Purnis, C. Ramsay, M. Rennie, G. Sherbert, M. Spooner, D. Stilling, J. Wagner, C. Yost

**Guests:** N. Henderson, R. Idem, D. Senkow, A. Volodin, C. Stephenson, D. Schoenhofen

**Regrets:** V. Timmons, D. Button, M. Dockstator, A. Fizzard, D. Malloy, J. Meehan, C. Butz, M. Chipanshi, A. East, E. Eaton, F. Freddolini, G. Grandy, S. Lukasewich, K. Montgomery, N. Novik, A. Snider, A. Wee, Y. Zhu

**Recorder:** D. Schauerte, P. Schouten

The meeting was called to order at 2:31 p.m. by T. Chase.

**1. Approval of Agenda**

Bouffard – Spooner

**moved that** the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

**2. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of 29 April 2015**

Ramsay – Sherbert

**moved that** the minutes be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

**3. Remarks from the Chair**

Dr. Chase provided the following report:

In keeping with the Indigenization commitment in our strategic plan, the President acknowledged that the University is located on Treaty 4 and Treaty 6 territory, which is an important part of our history, and which will be equally significant for our future.

**Budget:**

- Budget Forum and Town Hall took place on May 6 – there was a good turnout, indicating significant interest across campus in the future direction of the University.
- Only a few questions asked, but the President extended an open invitation to contact her directly with further questions.

### **Academic Matters:**

- Faculty of Nursing received the President's Program Partnership Award from Saskatchewan Polytechnic at the awards gala in Saskatoon on May 2.
  - Recognition of effective partnerships between the two institutions to deliver nursing education in Saskatchewan.
  
- President Timmons signed an MOU and an Undergraduate Student Exchange Program Agreement with UNAM (the largest university in Mexico) on a recent visit to the country.
  - Agreements will open the door for travel between the two universities
  - The agreements also include an intention to collaborate on research projects.
  
- Faculty of Arts announced a new joint undergraduate program in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics. One of only a few Canadian universities to offer this program.
  
- Faculty of Fine Arts now accepting applications for a new "Artist in Residence for Socially Engaged Practices", established in memory of Michele Sereda.
  - Michele was sadly killed in a car accident in February, along with other notable Saskatchewan artists including Lacy Morin-Desjarlais, who taught a powwow class at the U of R.
  - Michele was an alumna of the Faculty of Fine Arts, founder and artistic director of Curtain Razors Theatre in Regina, and recipient of the Theatre Department's Distinguished Alumni Award in 2011.
  
- Enrolment for Spring/Summer 2015:
  - 6,971 headcount - up 5.3% from last year.
  - Also an increase of 4.7% for registered credit hours.
  
- Applications, admissions and acceptances for Fall 2015:
  - Enrolment numbers look strong – increase in applications, admissions, and acceptances.
  - tracking approximately 3% increase in head count compared to same period last year.
  - Increase of 2.5% in registered credit hours.

### **Faculty and Staff Successes:**

- Dr. Gordon Huang, elected Fellow in the Canadian Academy of Engineering.
- Dr. Dena McMartin received 2015 McCannell Award from the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Saskatchewan (APEGS) in recognition of service to the profession of engineering.

### **Student and Alumni Successes:**

- Ms. Sophie Duranceau, doctoral student in the Department of Psychology received a SSHRC Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship, valued at \$150,000 over three years.
- Credence McFadzean, master's student in the Department of English received a SSHRC Canada Graduate Scholarship valued at \$17,500.
- Two incoming graduate students in Psychology also received SSHRC scholarships for their studies.
- Natasha Gallant, master's student in Psychology received a CIHR Canada Graduate Scholarship.

**Campus Events and Announcements:**

- “Prairie Kitchen Party” fundraiser for student aid held on April 25. Raised over \$20,000 towards scholarships, bursaries, and other financial aid for students.
- UR International Orientation sessions now underway for new international students – doing great work in helping our incoming students adjust to new surroundings.

**4. Report from the University Secretary**

4.1 Results of the 2015 Executive of Council Elections, Appendix I

The report was received for information. All terms begin July 1, 2015.

A. Revet reminded faculty that convocation RSVPs are due May 23.

**5. Reports from Committees**

5.1 Council Committee on Academic Mission, Appendix II

C. Yost presented the following motions on behalf of the Council Committee:

5.1.1 Faculty of Fine Arts – Change of Name

Yost – Stateson

**moved that** Executive of Council recommends to Senate that the ‘Faculty of Fine Arts’ be renamed the ‘Faculty of Media, Art, and Performance’ as outlined in Appendix II, page 4 of the agenda.

CARRIED

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

A. Eberlein presented the following motions on behalf of the Council Committee:

5.2.1 Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science

Process Systems Engineering

Eberlein – Hussein

**moved that** effective Fall 2015, a PhD program in Process Systems Engineering be approved for:

- (a) PhD following MASc degree; or
- (b) PhD following MEng degree

as outlined in Appendix III, pages 5-6 of the agenda.

CARRIED

Software Systems Engineering

Eberlein – Hussein

**moved that** effective Fall 2015, a PhD program in Software Systems Engineering be approved for:

- (a) PhD following MASc degree; or
- (b) PhD following MEng degree

as outlined in Appendix III, pages 6-7 of the agenda.

CARRIED

5.2.2 Faculty of Social Work

Program Change – MISW 904

Eberlein – Wells

**moved that** the MISW 904 – Internship change from 12 credit hours to 9 credit hours effective Fall 2015 be approved, as outlined in Appendix III, page 8 of the agenda.

CARRIED

The remainder of the report was received for information.

5.3 Faculty of Graduate Studies Scholarship and Awards Committee, Appendix I of the Minutes

A. Eberlein presented the following motion on behalf of the Council Committee:

5.3.1 Approval of the Governors General Academic Gold Medal Recipient

Eberlein – Tupper

**moved to** approve Dr. Darryl Hunter be awarded the Governors General's Academic Gold Medal, as distributed at the meeting.

CARRIED

5.4 Council Committee on Research, Appendix IV

A. Volodin presented the following motions on behalf of the Council Committee:

5.4.1 Name Change – Clean Energy Technologies Institute

Volodin – Hussein

**moved to** approve the name change of the Type 1 Research Centre/Institute from “Clean Energy Technologies Institute (CETI)” to “Clean Energy Technologies Research Institute (CETRI)”, as outlined in Appendix IV, page 11 of the agenda.

CARRIED

5.4.2 Research Centres and Institutes Policy

Volodin –McMartin

**moved that** the policy on Research Centres and Institutes be revised and recommended to Senate and the Board of Governors as outlined in Appendix IV, pages 11-19 of the agenda.

CARRIED

5.5 Council Committee on Undergraduate Awards, Appendix II of the Minutes

J. Kincaid presented the following motions on behalf of the Council Committee:

5.5.1 Approval of the Govern Generals Silver Medal

Kincaid – Tupper

**moved that** the Governor-General's Academic Silver Medal for the 2015 Spring Convocation be awarded to Suzanne Maria den Ouden from the Faculty of Education.

CARRIED

5.5.2 Approval of the University Medal

Kincaid – Hussein

**moved that** the University Medal for the 2015 Spring Convocation be awarded to both Mai Minh Tuan from the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science, and Belma Kamencic from the Faculty of Science.

CARRIED

5.5.3 Approval of the President Medal

Kincaid – Kleer

**moved that** the President's Medal for the 2015 Spring Convocation be awarded to Natasha Jocelyn Ku from the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Science.

CARRIED

5.6 Council Nominating Committee, Appendix V

D. Senkow presented the following motions on behalf of the Council Committee:

5.6.1 Replacement on Council Committees on Budget

Senkow – Kleer

**moved that** Dr. Thomas Bredohl be appointed to the Council Committee on Budget for a three year term, effective July 1, 2015, to replace the vacancy that has resulted given that Peter Dorrington has resigned from the University of Regina, effective June 30, 2015, as outlined in Appendix V, page 20 of the agenda.

CARRIED

5.7 Joint Council/Senate Committee on Ceremonies, Appendix VI

A. Revet presented the following motions on behalf of the Joint Council/Senate Committee on Ceremonies:

5.7.1 Honorary Degree Candidates for Addition to the Approved Roaster

Revet– D'Arcy

**moved that** the list of honorary degree candidates for addition to the Approved Roster, *appended to the University's official file*, be approved.

CARRIED

The remainder of the report was received for information.

**6. Graduand Lists**

6.1 Graduand Lists for Approval

Kleer – Papandreou

**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 – N/R

8.2 Business Administration – N/R

8.3 Education – J, Tupper announced Dr. Daryl Hunter will receive the Govern General Award.

8.4 Engineering and Applied Science – N/R

8.5 Fine Arts – N/R

8.6 Graduate Studies and Research – Z. Papandreou reported on the 4<sup>th</sup> International Study Tour where 12 graduate students presented their research in China. The students did well. D. Malloy visited three partner institutes on this same trip.

8.7 Kinesiology and Health Studies – H. Riemer reported D. White will be inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame in June.

8.8 Nursing – D. Gregory reported there are 135 graduates convocating this Spring, of which 20 are aboriginal students.

8.9 Science – Z. Papandreou reported the Sylvia Fedoruk Centre and the department of Physics are applying for a large grant with the U of S to create four chairs in nuclear innovation imaging.

8.10 Social Work – N/R

8.11 Centre for Continuing Education – H. King reported that summer camps are available and that there will be a pre-school opening for the Fall of 2015, with a focus on the performing arts.

8.12 Library – N/R

8.13 Institut français – N/R

## 8.14 Federated Colleges

### 8.14.1 Champion College – N/R

8.14.2 First Nations University of Canada – L. Wells reported there are plans to expand into the vacant floors and expand student services. There will also be a display in the atrium of the 2014 North American Indigenous Games.

### 8.14.3 Luther College – N/R

## 9. Other Business

- 9.1 Proposal for a Centre for Academic Advising, Appendix VII of the agenda
- J. Smith made a presentation of the proposal. Discussion followed with feedback provided by Executive of Council members. Another presentation, incorporating the suggestions, will be made at an upcoming meeting of Executive of Council.

The next meeting of Executive of Council will be June 24<sup>th</sup>.

## 10. Adjournment – Purnis (4:02 p.m.)



Annette Revet, University Secretary