

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF REGINA COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, 23 MARCH 2016
ADMINISTRATION-HUMANITIES BOARDROOM 527**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ex officio: S. Bouffard, T. Bredohl, D. Button, L. Castellanos, T. Chase, S. Cheng, J. D'Arcy, A. Eberlein, A. Fizzard, d. Gregory, V. Greifenhagen, E. Hussein, J. Kincaid, H. King, D. Malloy, D. McMartin, K. McNutt, J. Meehan, M. Mobed (for D. Gagnon), P. Resch (for C. Murphy), H. Riemer, D. Senkow (for A. Gaudes), J. Smith, R. Staseson, G. Sylvestre, V. Timmons (Chair), J. Tupper, L. Wells, J. White

Elected: M Andrews, E. Arries, P. Bruno, S. Campbell, D. Candow, L. Domm, G. Donnelly, P. Douglas, D. Farenick, F. Freddolini, C. Gelowitz, G. Grandy, R. Horowitz, D. Hulston, P. Leavitt, J. Loucks, A. MacDonald, S. Murphy, G. Novotna, Z. Papandreou, R. Piercey, J. Piwowar, H. Pridmore, M. Rennie, C. Schick, D. Sharpe, G. Sherbert, J. Siemer, A. Snider, D. Stilling, J. Wagner, L. Watson, A. Wee, H. Weger, A. Zarzeczny

Guests: K. Irwin, A. Volodin, B. Walsh

Regrets: J. Barden, M. Brigham, L. Brogden, C. Butz, M. Dockstator, D. Gagnon, A. Gaudes, T. Levit, A. Magnan, K. Nolan, J. Purnis

Recorder: B. Liski

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

1. Approval of Agenda

Stilling – Bouffard

moved that the agenda be approved as presented with the following addition:
Item 7.1, Business Arising from the Minutes, Motion from the Faculty of Science.

CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of 24 February 2016

Sherbert – Staseson

moved that the minutes be approved as distributed:

CARRIED

3. Remarks from the Chair

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

V. Timmons offered the following remarks:

- Thanks to Tom Chase for chairing the last meeting;
- The province will table its budget after the April 4th election. The University is still targeting early May for its budget and continues advocacy with government, focusing on the funding discrepancy between the U of R and U of S, sustaining capital. The University will be applying for funding through the Federal Infrastructure funding initiative. Faculty members may give input through their Dean to Deans' Council. The turnaround is quick so suggestions need to be given now;

- There have been no new cases of Norovirus. Contrary to what was published in the Carillon, the virus is spread through person to person contact and is not related to food handling. Thanks to everyone for taking precautions and doing their part to contain the spread, specifically university staff, Facilities Management, custodial, Darren Cherwaty with HR, and the RGHR.
- Admissions are up compared to last year, which is a good sign. Our processing may be more efficient. High school demographics, which are 30% of our enrolment, are declining. The University budgets for stable enrolment and budgeted for no enrolment increase. We had a small increase. It will be a challenge to maintain enrolment for next year.
- MAP and UR International had a great faculty launch in Mexico last week. The Dean of MAP and the Executive Director, UR International, were acknowledged for their effort, which resulted in a healthy scholarship program.
- An RFP for tenders pertaining to the College Avenue Campus revitalization was issued early this year.
- The university is focusing on three areas relating to Employee Engagement: Trust in Leadership; Work/Life balance; and, Alignment with Strategic Plan.
- A town hall meeting held on March 17th was an abridged version of State of the University Address delivered in January to the Chamber of Commerce.
- Harvey Weingarten's talk was held on March 17th. John Ralston Saul will be speaking on April 21st.
- "Deliberation and Debate" is a new lecture series promoting difficult topics. Faculties and units are invited to submit names of speakers who might challenge our views.
- The Board of Governors and the President have begun discussions regarding a potential third term of service. Details will be forthcoming.
- The University and URFA APT negotiations will resume on March 29th.

4. Report from the University Secretary

G. Sylvestre reminded members of Executive of Council that the deadline for submission of honorary degree nominations is March 31st. The President informed members that the approved list lacks nominees who are women as well as men and women from minority groups.

5. Reports from Committees

5.1 Council Committee on Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

A. Eberlein presented the report.

5.1.1 APPROVAL ITEMS

Faculty of Media, Art, and Performance

1. Program Change

Eberlein – Staseson

Moved that the program requirements for the Master of Music in Conducting program, as detailed in Motion 1 of Appendix I, page 2 of the agenda material, change, effective 201630.

CARRIED

2. Program Change

Eberlein – Staseson

Moved that the language requirements for the MMus Performance: Voice program, as detailed in Appendix I, page 3 of the agenda material, change, effective 201630.

CARRIED

3. Program Change

Eberlein – Staseson

Moved that the language requirements in the MMus Performance: Voice program, as detailed in Appendix I, pages 3 and 4 of the agenda material, change, effective 201630.

CARRIED

4. Program Change

Eberlein – Staseson

Moved that the elective requirements for the MMus in Composition program, as detailed in Appendix I, page 4 of the agenda material, change, effective 201630.

CARRIED

5. Program Change

Eberlein – Staseson

Moved that the elective requirements for the MA Musicology program, as detailed in Appendix I, page 5 of the agenda material, change, effective 301630.

CARRIED

6. Program Change

Eberlein – D’Arcy

Moved that the elective requirements for the MA in Music: Theory program, as detailed in Appendix I, page 5 of the agenda material, change, effective 201630.

CARRIED

5.1.2 INFORMATION ITEMS

The information items, as detailed in Appendix I, pages 7-9 of the agenda material, were received.

5.2 Council Committee on Research

5.2.1 Items for Approval

A. Volodin presented the report.

1. Regina Improvisation Studies Centre

Volodin – Staseson

Moved that the Regina Improvisation Studies Centre, as detailed in Appendix II, pages 10 and 12-34 of the agenda material, be approved as a faculty-based research centre and that, once approved, this be recommended to Senate and the Board of Governors for final approval.

CARRIED

K. Irwin was in attendance to answer questions. This is a SHERC funded centre. There are six other similarly established centres across Canada, with York University leading the initiative.

What is the implication for a faculty-based research centre? Primarily, it is for the recognition. The process for a faculty-based and a university-based research centre is the same.

Why does this require approval? It formalizes what the centre is already doing, provides transparency through the process, is a reputational issue, and encourages faculty involvement.

Are there any funding implications? No, but there could be additional positive research funding and awards.

2. Canadian Institute for Science and Innovation Policy (CISIP)

Volodin – Zarzeczny

Moved that the Canadian Institute for Science and Innovation Policy (CISIP), as detailed in Appendix II, pages 10 and 35-66 of the agenda material, be approved as a faculty-based research centre and, once approved, be further recommended to Senate and the Board of Governors for final approval.

CARRIED

Kathleen McNutt was in attendance to answer questions.

This is the first JSGS-based centre. It provides infrastructure to share resources.

There was concern about the title and it was questioned whether a title change would be entertained. The response was no.

What happens to the program if either institution does not approve the proposal? If the University of Saskatchewan does not approve the recommendation, it is done.

5.2.2 Items for Information

The item as detailed in Appendix II, page 11 of the agenda material was noted for information.

6. Graduand Lists

6.1 Graduand Lists for Approval

Chase – D'Arcy

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

7.1 Motion from the Faculty of Science

Changes to Science Qualifying Program

Mobed – Farenick

Moved to update section 16.2.3 of the Undergraduate Calendar to reflect the requirements of the Science Qualifying Process as detailed in Appendix I of these minutes.

CARRIED

8. Reports from Faculties and Other Academic Units

8.1 Arts – The Stapleford Lecture will be held on March 31st at 7:00 p.m. in RI 119, Research and Innovation Centre. Presented by Timothy Long, Head Curator of the MacKenzie Art Gallery, the topic is ‘Ronald Bloore and the Art of Provocation’.

8.2 Business Administration – N/R

8.3 Education – Shaueen Pete was acknowledged as the recipient of the Peace Builder Award. On April 14th, the Faculty of Education, in partnership with the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation, will be hosting a “Day of Education for Truth and Reconciliation” about the history and legacies of residential schools. More than 1400 students from Grades 5-12 as well as 100 plus teachers will be on campus to participate.

8.4 Engineering and Applied Science – ‘Welcome to Project Day 2016’ will be held on Saturday, April 9th at 8:30 a.m. on the Main Floor of the Education Building. Also, ‘Engineers without Borders’ invites everyone today to their Fair Trade Wine in 113 CW from 4:30 – 8:30 p.m.

8.5 Graduate Studies and Research – 3MT First place: Tera Edkins (Biology): She will go to the Regional 3MT Competition taking place at UBC Okanogan Campus on April 29, 2016. She will also win \$1,500. 3MT Second place: Lydia Miliokas - Interdisciplinary Studies (MAP - Fine Arts). 3MT People's Choice (tie): Jennifer Burton (Education) and Anastasye Kisheev (Biology).

The Shen Kuo Research Exchange Program takes place May 8 - 23. Graduate Students are going to Beijing and Changsha in China to present their research.

Academic and Professional Skills (APS) Program is going very well. It is in the process of organizing the very first Thesis Bootcamp on April 18-20. This 3-day event will consist of presentations on various aspects of thesis writing and defence and contain dedicated writing times with support of experienced facilitators.

Katherine McNutt reported that on April 29th, the JSGS will be holding its second annual Living Heritage symposium entitled “Truth and Reconciliation through the Sharing of Stories” from 8:30 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. at the Royal Saskatchewan Museum.

8.6 Kinesiology and Health Studies – David Gregory and Harold Riemer personally invited members to their dance debut on Thursday, March 31st at 4:30 p.m. in the Education Auditorium. This performance will be followed by key note Tony Porter. Friday, April 1st is the 3rd Annual KHS (Research) Day, which will include the unveiling of some very entertaining parody posters of faculty and staff prepared by June LeDrew.

- 8.7 Media, Art, and Performance –Risa Horowitz reported that the Fifth Parallel Gallery and the Visual Art students will be hosting their annual art auction from 7-10 p.m. on April 13th. Tickets for Art Roulette will be available on April 1st. There are VIP tickets (15 doubled priced tickets) that will be drawn first, followed by the draws for the regular ticket. See Dylan Lewchuk, Fifth Parallel Gallery.
- 8.8 Nursing – Tomorrow in RIC 119 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., the Faculty of Nursing will be holding a talk on Ovarian Cancer, supported by URSU, the Aboriginal Student's Centre, and Ovarian Cancer Canada. The keynote speaker will be Eli Mayday, a survivor of ovarian cancer. Cindy Kuster-Orban's fourth year nursing students organized the event as part of their health promotion course.
- 8.9 Science – N/R
- 8.8 Social Work – The Faculty of Social Work will be relocating to beautiful new space with Nursing at the Saskatoon campus. Everyone is invited to come and visit.
- 8.11 Centre for Continuing Education – On Wednesday, April 20th at 7:30 p.m. in Gallery Building Room 106, the Lifelong Learning Centre will feature Carmen Robertson who will deliver the CCE Heritage Lecture 2016. Her topic will be "How to Track a Shaman Artist".
- 8.12 La Cité universitaire francophone – April 6 at 5pm in La Cité (Rotonde) - Social Gathering to celebrate the end of the semester

April 7 at noon in La Cité (Rotonde) - Lecture

"Where Is my Culture on Campus? Cultural Identity, Integration, and Well-Being of Fransaskois and Métis Youth in University Environments"

Speakers: Dr. Nuno F. Ribeiro, University of Illinois and Frederic Dupré, Experiential Learning Officer at La Cité

First-year University of Regina student in the Bac in Education program, Jessie Guraliuck, is one of the five national recipients of the video competition *Ma francophonie en 3D (My Francophonie in 3D)*. This competition was organized by the Association des collèges et universités de la francophonie canadienne (ACUFC) and the Canadian Foundation for Cross-Cultural Dialogue. *Ma francophonie en 3D* was a competition open to all full-time students registered in a French program of one of the 20 member institutions of ACUFC. Five awards of \$1,000 each were awarded for the top videos. The challenge was to produce a two-minutes long video on one of the following three themes highlighting the student's home institution community as a model of: diversity, dynamism, and linguistic duality.

8.13 Library – N/R

8.14 Federated Colleges

8.14.1 Champion College – Champion College is undergoing renovations. Offices will be closed for elevator installation from May to September. The Musica Sacra will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, March 25th. On June 2nd in the morning, Fr. Frank Obrigewitsch will be awarded the Edmund Champion Medal.

8.14.2 First Nations University of Canada – N/R

8.14.3 Luther College – N/R

9. Other Business

9.1 Discussion Item – Proposed Changes with Centre for Teaching and Learning

The Associate Vice-President, Research reviewed the report, which she noted contains a proposed plan for what the CTL will look like. When moved to the responsibility of the Faculty of Education, the CTL will be rebranded and the scope of its work defined. Reconciliation and Indigenization are two aspects being added. The CTL will retain its physical location within the Library and house all of its activities in one location.

Within the scope of its work involving internationalization strategy and Teaching for Cultural Inclusivity, can ESL student issues be included?

The Deans of Engineering and Applied Science and the FGSR both offered their support for the initiative.

Will a formal proposal be submitted to E of C at a later date? This is uncertain. The President will report back to E of C. Deans are asked to talk to their colleagues and give feedback to Dr. McMartin.

9.2 Presentation on Open Textbooks

Bruce Walsh, Director and Publisher of the U of R Press, gave a verbal presentation. He reported on the new open textbooks initiative, which will provide government funding of \$83,000 to the University of Regina, the University of Saskatchewan and Saskatchewan Polytechnic. Faculty wishing to take advantage of this opportunity must identify a course, create, adapt or adopt a text book and create ancillary material as an accompaniment. The U of R Press will help with the creation. It is hoped there would be three textbooks by 2018. One is currently in development. Applications must be submitted by April 24th with allocation of funding determined based on submissions.

What is the peer review process for this? The University of Regina Press manages this process.

How does an academic unit get chosen? They must have a book that's acceptable. We want to produce something that's at least as good as the existing book.

Are federated colleges eligible to apply? Yes.

Student enrolment factors into this. The University Bookstore is assisting with the process.

The President thanked Mr. Walsh for his presentation.

The next meeting of Executive of Council is scheduled for April 27, 2016.

10. Adjournment – Castellanos (4:00 p.m.)

Glenys Sylvestre
University Secretary

**ADDITION TO 23 MARCH 2016 EXECUTIVE OF COUNCIL AGENDA
– ITEM 7.1, BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
MOTION FROM THE FACULTY OF SCIENCE**

CHANGES TO SCIENCE QUALIFYING PROGRAM

At the February 24, 2016 Executive of Council meeting, Item 5.1.1 Report from the Faculty of Science contained a motion to update the Science Qualifying Process as indicated in section 16.2.3 of the Undergraduate Calendar. The motion contained an error regarding current admission requirements for the Faculty of Science (pre-calculus 30 is the only math class accepted for admission). In order to rectify this error, the following motion is proposed:

Motion: *To update section 16.2.3 of the Undergraduate Calendar to reflect the requirements of the Science Qualifying Process as indicated below:*

16.2.3 SCIENCE QUALIFYING PROCESS

Students possessing a high school admissions average between 65% and 70% or a postsecondary UGPA (minimum 24 credit hours) between 60% and 65%, and/or are missing a course requirement (ie. Pre-Calculus 30, science course) will be admitted to the Science Qualifying Process.