



COUNCIL MEETING

Date: 9 April 2018
To: Members of Council
From: Glenys Sylvestre, Executive Director (University Governance) and University Secretary
Re: Winter Meeting of Council

A meeting of the Council will be held on Monday, April 16, 2018 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. in the Education Auditorium, ED 106 as follows:

12:30 p.m. – Council Registration Opens
1:00 p.m. – Call to Order

AGENDA

1. **Introduction**
2. **Approval of the Agenda**
3. **Approval of the Minutes of 9 December 2015 – circulated with the Agenda**
4. **Business Arising from the Minutes**
5. **Report from the Chair of Council**
 - 5.1 Associate Vice-President searches, *Verbal Update*
6. **Reports from Council Committees**
 - 6.1 Council Agenda Committee, Appendix I, pp. 2-3
 - 6.2 Council Committee on Academic Mission, Appendix II, pp. 3-4
 - 6.3 Council Committee on Budget, *Verbal Update*
7. **Other Business**
 - 7.1 Council member elected to the Board of Governors, *Verbal Update*
8. **Adjournment**

Note: Council members have access to all minutes and agendas of Executive of Council at:
<https://www.uregina.ca/president/governance/council/eofc-meetings.html>

UNIVERSITY OF REGINAL COUNCIL
COUNCIL AGENDA COMMITTEE**MOTION:**

To change the procedural rules of Council, in order to do away with the requirement that the President call for University Council meetings twice a year.

2.2 Procedural rules of Council**2.2.1 Meetings of Council**

A meeting of Council shall be convened by the University Secretary:

a. At the call of the President ~~who will ensure that there is a meeting of Council no less than once per term for the winter and fall semesters of the academic year;~~

b. In response to a motion from Executive of Council requesting a meeting of Council;

c. Upon receipt of a challenge to a decision of Executive of Council, made by at least twenty members of Council, no more than ten of whom should be Executive members, and filed with the University Secretary within ten working days of the issuance of the approved minutes of Executive of Council; or,

d. Upon receipt of a petition signed by 50 members of Council requesting a Special Meeting of Council.

Meetings of Council are *normally* held for matters that deal with broad policy issues and the long term interests of the University.

Meetings of Council shall be open to the University Community and the public, except when Council decides to hold any part of the meeting *in camera* determined by majority vote of Council. All meeting attendees must register as either a Council member or guest prior to the meeting.

Rationale:

We are trapped in a vicious circle. As things stand, the President is obliged by the Procedural rules of Council to call twice a year for meetings that recent history—the case of the last four meetings—suggests will not achieve quorum. These meetings are costly for those preparing the meeting and for the portion of the Council membership that does attend. Removing the requirement in question at this point would at the very least protect our time and resources. Article 2.1.3*** establishes that only Council can make the required changes; Executive of Council on its own cannot. There is some irony to coming to a meeting to decide not to have such meetings anymore; however, letting the current situation go on is an invitation to cynicism about collegial governance. Note that even if Council meetings are ‘put to sleep’ for now, Article 2.2.1.a-d ensures that it will not be difficult to convoke one in the future.

*****2.1.3 Delegation of Authority to Executive of Council**

At a meeting held April 29, 1976, Council empowered Executive of Council, a standing committee of Council, to act on its behalf in all matters with the provision that a decision of the Executive may be challenged by requesting a Special Meeting of Council. Such a request may be made by at least 20 members of Council, no more than ten of whom should be Executive of Council members, and the request must be filed with the University Secretary within ten business days of the issuance of the approved minutes of Executive of Council.

At a meeting held on April 25, 2013, Council resolved that Council reserves to itself, and has not delegated the following matters to Executive of Council:

- a. To approve any changes to rules governing its meetings and proceedings, and the rules governing meetings and proceedings of its Executive of Council;
- b. To approve the minutes of any meetings of Council; and,
- c. To overturn or amend any decision made by Council.

CCAM Report to University Council

April 4, 2018

As previously stated, the council committee on academic mission meets monthly throughout the academic year, although some additional meetings are required in order to facilitate unit reviews. CCAM has two subcommittees; a unit review committee and a new program committee.

Our meetings over the four months of the 2018 winter term were concerned with:

1. Lack of quorum at university council
2. Completion and deployment (through the Provost's office) of survey for unit review external reviewers
3. Review process for new academic programs
4. FGSR Unit Review
5. New position combining FGSR Dean and Associate VP Research
6. Enrolment planning
 - 6.1. General weaknesses of students' reading and writing capacities
7. Post unit review two year follow-up with reviewed departments
8. May 2018 meeting - Challenges concerning, and solutions to, student academic dishonesty

8.1. Report from Arts and meeting with Associate Dean Engineering

1. CCAM has discussed lack of quorum at Council meetings and discussed what might be done. Should we put Council "back to bed", or should we use Council to avail ourselves of a venue for discussing what Dr. McIntosh, Political Science, calls "big issues". As he commented in an email, "University Council should be about strategic directions, about the mission of the place, about coping with fiscal constraint, etc." I concur with Dr. McIntosh and think that Council is an important site for the interaction of all members of the university. University Council is a clear manifestation of collegiality.
2. In my last report (Dec 2017) I spoke of the outgoing survey for unit review external reviewers. The qualtrics survey is completed and is being delivered through the office of the Provost. It consists of 6 questions based on the use of the self-study (2), guidelines (1), services (1), and timeline (2). There is also a section for comments and observations from the external reviewers.
3. We had further discussion with regard to approval for new programs and FGSR. As with new undergraduate programs, council committees should defer academic

program approval to CCAM only when there are concerns related to CCAM's mandate.

4. FGSR has received the external reviewers' report which can be found, as Randall Rogers has commented, by following the link for unit reviews on the Provost's webpage.
5. CCAM, in response to Dr. R. Roger's post on the list, contacted Dr. Malloy to inquire about delaying the closing date for the search in light of the then on-going unit review of FGSR. Dr. Malloy was happy to comply and extended the closing date of the search.
6. The Provost discussed enrollment planning and the current decline in local high school students, which is anticipated to continue until 2022. To fill this gap potential students from outside the province, national and are being considered, e.g., national and Visa students.
 - 6.1. In relation to this subject CCAM discussed academic preparedness of students, particularly students for whom English is not a first language and students dealing with cultural differences. It was agreed that this is a university-wide problem and should be engaged on this level rather than on the department and faculty levels. One such university-wide response could be including a test for reading and writing preparedness in the admission requirements. Such testing would allow the students to be streamed according to their capacities receiving support where they need it
7. CCAM has been meeting with departments for their two year follow-up in the review process. At these meetings unit chairs, with the dean of their faculty, discussed their engagement with the external reviewers' report. These discussions have been enlightening, providing a window to how departments and faculties creatively deal with lack of faculty, insufficient funding, and competition for outside funding and address undergraduate and graduate student needs, faculty needs, and the broader issues of the university such as its strategic plan and efforts to Indigenize the university.
8. Finally, CCAM has taken seriously reports and concerns regarding academic student dishonesty. CCAM is set to meet with the Associate Dean of Engineering. The chair also contacted the Associate Dean of Students in Arts who provided us with a draft report on this subject. An updated version will come to us in the near future.

End of report.

Darlene Juschka, Chair CCAM