MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF REGINA COUNCIL
23 SEPTEMBER 2020
VIA WEB CONFERENCING

MEMBERS PRESENT:


Guests: A. Cameron, J. Farney, K. Rasmussen, C. Yost


Recorder: S. Stewart

The meeting was called to order at 2:33 p.m. by the Interim President and Vice-Chancellor, Dr Thomas Chase.

In keeping with the University’s commitment to reconciliation, the Chair acknowledged that the University is located on Treaty 4 and Treaty 6 territory and the traditional homeland of the Métis.

1. Approval of the Agenda

The Chair requested the addition of Item 7.1.12 Graduand Lists - La Cité universitaire francophone.

McIntosh - Jones

Moved that the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED
2. Approval of the Minutes of Meeting of 17 June 2020

Papandreou - Somers

Moved that the minutes be approved as circulated. 

CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

3.1 Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies - Correction to Previously Approved Motion, Appendix I, Pages 3-4

J. Piwowar presented the correction to Executive of Council.

3.1.1 Faculty of Arts

Creation of the Faculty of Arts Qualifying Year

Piwowar - Dea

Moved to create the Faculty of Arts Qualifying Year for domestic and international students with a high school graduation average between 60.00% and 69.99%, as outlined in Appendix I, Pages 3-4 of the Agenda, effective 2021.

CARRIED

4. Remarks from the Chair

Dr Chase offered his remarks including:

Welcome to all new and returning Executive of Council members, and renewed thanks to everyone for their continued hard work during the pandemic.

Congratulations to Dr N. Carleton for being honoured as a Canadian Academy of Health Sciences 2020 Fellow, Dr E. Hussein for being honoured as a Fellow of the Canadian Society of Senior Engineers, and Dr G. Pennycook for being honoured with membership in the College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists of the Royal Society of Canada.

A town hall will be held on Friday, September 25th to discuss the University’s budget shortfall. All are encouraged to attend.

In response to faculty requests for assistance in maintaining academic integrity during remote exam delivery, the University recently purchased a license for Proctortrack, a remote proctoring platform.

After consultation with sector partners, we recently announced the continuation of mainly remote course delivery through the Winter 2021 term.
5. **Report from the University Secretary**

Thank you to the new Executive of Council members who attended the orientation prior to the meeting.

A call for volunteers to fill vacancies on Council’s Committees will be issued shortly. Please consider volunteering for one of the vacancies.

Dr Chase has requested a Fall meeting of Council. We will need to work through some challenges with Council’s Rules and Regulations in regards to remote attendance.

6. **Reports from Committees of Council**

6.1 Council Committee on Academic Mission, Appendix II, Page 5

N. Önder provided an update on the status of the 2020-2021 Academic Unit Reviews (AUR).

J. Farney presented the annual report on behalf of the Committee.

The annual report was received for information.

6.2 Council Committee on the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, Appendix III, Pages 6-12

N. Jones presented the report on behalf of the Committee.

6.2.1 Faculty of Arts

**Graduate Record Examination (GRE) Requirement**

Jones - Oriet

**Moved that** the requirement of scores from the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) test for applicants applying to the Clinical Psychology and Experimental and Applied Psychology Master’s and PhD programs be suspended effective 202120 and 202130.

**CARRIED**

6.2.2 Faculty of Education

**New Program - Master of Education in Teaching, Learning and Leadership (MEd TLL)**

Jones - Cranston

**Moved that** the Master of Education in Teaching, Learning and Leadership (MEd TLL) course route be created, as outlined in Appendix III, Pages 6-7 of the Agenda, effective 202130.
Program Change - Master of Education (MEd) in Educational Psychology (EPSY)

Jones - Cranston

Moved that the Master of Education (MEd) in Educational Psychology (EPSY) course-based route be modified, as outlined in Appendix III, Pages 7-8 of the Agenda, effective 202130.

CARRIED

6.2.3 Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science

Course Change - ENSE 883

Jones - Sardarli

Moved that ENSE 883 - Software Systems Architecture credit hours and grading mode be changed, as outlined in Appendix III, Page 8 or the Agenda, effective 202110.

CARRIED

6.2.4 Faculty of Media, Art, and Performance

Course Change - FA 899

Jones - Whalley

Moved that FA 899 - Grad Level Professional Placement course description be changed and credit hours be modified, as outlined in Appendix III, Pages 8-9 of the Agenda, effective 202110.

CARRIED

Course Change - ART 902

Jones - Whalley

Moved that ART 902 Research and Exhibition Preparation credit hours be changed, as outlined in Appendix III, Page 9 of the Agenda, effective 202110.

CARRIED

Program Change – Master of Fine Arts (Studio Art Practice)

Jones - Whalley

Moved that the Master of Fine Arts (Studio Art Practice) program be modified, as outlined in Appendix III, Page 9 of the Agenda, effective 202110.

CARRIED
6.2.5 Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy


Jones - Papandreou

Moved that the Master’s Certificate of Indigenous Nation-building be created, as outlined in Appendix III, Page 10 of the Agenda, effective 202130.

CARRIED

The remainder of the report was received for information.

6.3 Council Committee on Research, Appendix IV, Pages 13-16

C. Yost presented the report on behalf of the Committee.

6.3.1 University of Regina Research Chair - SaskPower Chair in Artificial Intelligence

Farenick - Papandreou

Moved that Executive of Council approve the creation of a new University of Regina Research Chair titled the “SaskPower Chair in Artificial Intelligence” as outlined in Appendix IV, Page 13-16 of the Agenda.

It was clarified that the titular aspect of the SaskPower Chair will be filled by an internal candidate, appointed by the Dean of Science on the recommendation of a SaskPower Chair in Artificial Intelligence Advisory Committee. The tenure-track faculty position affiliated with the Chair’s funding will be filled by normal University recruitment and appointment processes.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

C. Yost noted that the annual report from the Council Committee on Research will be presented at the October Executive of Council meeting.

6.4 Council Committee on Undergraduate Awards, Distributed Confidentially

The report was distributed confidentially prior to the meeting.

S. Khan presented the report on behalf of the Committee.
6.4.1 President’s Medal for the 2020 Fall Convocation

Khan - Grandy

Moved that the President’s Medal for the 2020 Fall Convocation be awarded to Ryan Hamilton from the Faculty of Business Administration, as appended to the Official File.

CARRIED

6.5 Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research Scholarships and Awards Committee, Distributed Confidentially

The report was distributed confidentially prior to the meeting.

A. Cameron presented the report on behalf of the Committee.

6.5.1 President’s Distinguished Graduate Student Award

Jones - Dea

Moved that Dr Melissa Anne Wuerch (Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology) be awarded the President’s Distinguished Graduate Student Award, as appended to the Official File.

CARRIED

7. Graduand Lists

These lists were distributed confidentially prior to the meeting.

7.1 Graduand Lists for Approval

Gregory - Oriet

Moved that all students whose names appear on the lists as distributed at the meeting and having satisfied the requirements, be granted the degrees, diplomas and/or certificates as designated.

An error was noted in the 2020 Fall Convocation list from the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research. The error was corrected and the corrected list has been appended to the Official File.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED
7.2 Correction of Errors to Previously Approved Graduates

Gregory - Grandy

Moved to approve the correction of the errors to the credentials of the previously approved graduates whose names appear on the lists as distributed and are appended to the Official File.

CARRIED

8. Other Business

8.1 Change in Name - Faculty Based Research Centre

S. Dea, Dean, Faculty of Arts presented the report to Executive of Council and noted that effective July 1, 2020, the Community Research Unit (CRU) was renamed the Community Engagement and Research Centre (CERC).

The report was received for information.

9. Adjournment - Jones (3:15 p.m.)

Glenys Sylvestre
Executive Director (University Governance) and University Secretary