

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF REGINA COUNCIL  
28 OCTOBER 2020  
VIA WEB CONFERENCING

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**Ex Officio:** T. Chase, E. Aito, D. Button, H. Chaudhry, J. Cranston, J. D’Arcy, S. Dea, R. Evans, D. Farenick, G. Grandy, d. Gregory, S. Helewa, E. Hussein, M. Jerry, N. Jones, K. McNutt, N. Önder, Y. Petry, T. Phenix, H. Riemer, C. Roche, C. Schultz, J. Smith, R. Staseson, G. Sylvestre, B. Waytuck

**Elected:** S. Acoose, M. Akinpelu, E. Ashton, J. Barden, J. Bird, S. Campbell, A. Chan, N. Chevalier, M. Davis, D. Dick, H. Dietz, K. Dorsch, B. Dupeyron, E. Eaton, D. Elliott, C. Gelowitz, B. Hall, T. Hopper, M. Hrebenik, H. Huang, D. Hulston, R. Kyabaggu, P. Leavitt, K. Lehmann, T. McIntosh, R. Murphy, S. Naqvi, C. Oriet, Z. Papandreou, R. Petry, F. Pino, J. Piwowar, M. Poplyansky, C. Ramsey, M. Rennie, K. Ricketts, C. Riegel, K. Robinson, M. Rutten-James, A. Sardarli, G. Saul, D. Sharpe, G. Sherbert, M. Shires, J. Siemer, A. Snider, M. Spooner, B. Sterenberg, D. Stilling, D. Storie, A. Tremblay, M. Trussler, J. Venter, J. Wagner, L. Watson, H. Weger, S. Whalley, A. Wickson-Griffiths, K. Yow

**Guests:** I. Al-Anbagi, R. Blake, J. Farney, S. Wilson, C. Yost

**Regrets:** M. Brigham, C. Butz, D. Lane

**Recorder:** S. Stewart

The meeting was called to order at 2:31 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**

Stilling - Wagner

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

CARRIED

**2. Approval of the Minutes of Meeting of 23 September 2020**

McIntosh - Jones

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

CARRIED

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**3. Business Arising from the Minutes - None.**

**4. Remarks from the Chair**

Dr Chase offered his remarks including:

Fall 2020 in-person and remote classes, while challenging, are going well. The University was informed that Proctortrack, our remote exam proctoring service, had a security breach. No personal student information was affected during this breach.

Winter 2021 course delivery planning is underway. The In-Person Course Assessment Team (IPCAT) has evaluated faculty proposals for in-person courses. Information regarding those courses will be communicated shortly.

Return to the workplace discussions are underway. The University is taking a cautious approach to this question, and will consider provincial rates of infection prior to any changes to current protocols.

Thank you to everyone for your continued hard work during this time. Your dedication and commitment to students is apparent. Your patience and understanding during this time is appreciated, as we are all working under unusual circumstances.

Following the Chair's remarks, Executive of Council was invited to share any further information or raise questions for discussion. Council raised questions and provided input related to the timing of employees' return to work.

**5. Report from the University Secretary**

A call for volunteers to fill mid-year vacancies on Council's Committees will be sent to Council members soon.

Planning for a Fall meeting of Council is underway. The Council Agenda Committee will meet on October 29<sup>th</sup> to further discuss a meeting date and format.

**6. Reports from Committees of Council**

**6.1 Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies, Appendix I, Pages 2-26**

S. Wilson presented the report on behalf of the Committee.

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6.1.1 Faculty of Arts

Revision to the Certificate in Sustainability

Wilson - Dea

**Moved to** revise the Certificate in Sustainability to include ECON 274, ECON 275, and ECON 373, effective 202120.

CARRIED

6.1.2 Faculty of Media, Art, and Performance

Bachelor of Arts in Theatre and Performance Major, Acting Concentration and Bachelor of Arts in Theatre and Performance Major, Design/Stage Management Concentration Admission Suspension

Wilson - Staseson

**Moved that** all admissions to the current Bachelor of Arts in Theatre and Performance Major, Acting Concentration and the Bachelor of Arts, Theatre and Performance Major, Design/Stage Management Concentration be suspended indefinitely, effective 202130.

A question was raised regarding the decision to suspend these traditional programs and create a devised performance program. R. Staseson and S. Whalley outlined the need for a non-traditional program, with the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Devised Performance being a first of its kind in Canada. This program will provide students more exposure to writing and stagecraft and enable their involvement in new paradigms such as fringe work, etc. This new program also resulted from consideration of the most recent academic unit review completed in the Faculty of Media, Art, and Performance.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Revision to the Post Baccalaureate in Visual Arts

Wilson - Staseson

**Moved that** a second note be added to the Post Baccalaureate in Visual Arts program template, as outlined in Appendix I, Page 3 of the Agenda, effective 202120.

CARRIED

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Revision to the Certificate in Animation

Wilson - Staseson

**Moved that** the Certificate in Animation be revised, as outlined in Appendix I, Page 4 of the Agenda, effective 202120.

CARRIED

Revision to the Bachelor of Arts in Media, Art, and Performance, Film Studies Concentration

Wilson - Staseson

**Moved to** revise the Bachelor of Arts in Media, Art, and Performance, Film Studies Concentration, as outlined in Appendix I, Pages 5-6 of the Agenda, effective 202120.

CARRIED

Creation of the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Devised Performance

Wilson - Staseson

**Moved that** the Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in Devised Performance program be created, as outlined in Appendix I, Pages 6-7 of the Agenda, effective 202120.

A question was raised as to why the “requirements outside the concentration” do not include course levels. It was clarified that these courses are open electives and therefore do not require course levels to allow for student flexibility.

R. Staseson highlighted that the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Devised Performance is focused on collaboration and ensemble work, and will allow students to design live theatre performances.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

6.1.3 Faculty of Nursing

Addition of a Minor

Wilson - Evans

**Moved to** add a Minor from the Faculty of Kinesiology and Health Studies to Minors for Nursing Programs, effective 202110.

CARRIED

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Revision to the English Language Proficiency Requirements

Wilson - Evans

**Moved to** revise the English proficiency required in the Admissions section of the Undergraduate Calendar, as outlined in Appendix I, Pages 8-10 of the Agenda, effective for the 202230 Admissions.

CARRIED

6.1.4 Faculty of Science

Revision to the Diploma in Computer Science

Wilson - Farenick

**Moved to** revise the Diploma in Computer Science, as outlined in Appendix I, Pages 10-11 of the Agenda, effective 202120.

CARRIED

Revision to the Biology Co-operative Education Program

A typo was noted and corrected in the motion.

Wilson - Farenick

**Moved to** change the number of required work terms in the Biology Co-op Program from “four” to “three work terms with a fourth being optional,” effective 202120.

CARRIED

6.2 Council Committee on Research, Appendix II, Pages 27-70

I. Al-Anbagi presented the report on behalf of the Committee.

6.2.1 President’s Research Chair and Chancellor’s Research Chair

Al-Anbagi - Wagner

**Moved that** the President’s Research Chair and Chancellor’s Research Chair be approved, as outlined in Appendix II, Page 27 and Pages 30-33.

It was highlighted that funding for these Research Chairs was provided by proceeds from the sale of the President’s Residence.

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Discussion followed. Topics of discussion included:

- Criteria for eligibility of the new research chair's
- Definition and interpretation of highly qualified person (HQP)

It was agreed that the second and fourth bullets of the Eligibility section of the terms of reference for the Chancellor's Research Chair and President's Research Chair will be modified to:

*Level of impact and recognition;*

*Evidence of engagement in mentorship*

The updated terms of reference are [appended to the minutes](#).

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED  
2 Opposed:  
S. Campbell  
E. Eaton

#### 6.2.2 2019-2020 Council Committee on Research Annual Report

The annual report was received for information.

Discussion followed and included the typical format of reporting to the Board of Governors by the Vice-President (Research).

### 7. Graduand Lists

*These lists were distributed confidentially prior to the meeting.*

#### 7.1 Graduand Lists for Approval

Gregory - Cranston

**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.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

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**8. Other Business**

8.1 United Way Campaign, *Verbal Update*

C. Oriet provided an update on the United Way Campaign, and encouraged continued participation.

**9. Adjournment - Watson (3:33 p.m.)**



Glenys Sylvestre  
Executive Director (University Governance) and University Secretary