

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF REGINA COUNCIL
26 OCTOBER 2022
ADMINISTRATION HUMANITIES BOARDROOM 527 AND WEB CONFERENCING

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ex Officio: D. Button, L. Campbell, H. Chaudhry, J. D'Arcy, S. Dea, D. Dick, A. Douai, D. Farenick, G. Grandy, d. Gregory (Chair), N. Önder, Y. Petry, T. Phenix, C. Pollard, C. Rocke, C. Schultz, J. Smith, A. Sterzuk, G. Sylvestre, B. Waytuck, C. Yost

Elected: E. Almehdawe, A. Armstrong, M. Brigham, J. Brown, P. Bruno, M. Chipanshi, I. Coulson, M. Coupal, M. Çule, J. Daschuk, J. DeLugt, J. Demers, M. Diamantopoulos, O. El-Halfawy, H. Fay, C. Gelowitz, H. Guiliani, A. Hodson, O. Hoeber, M. Hrebenik, D. Hulston, S. Khan, C. Kulczycki, D. Lane, P. Leavitt, V. Mathews, F. Moasun, Z. Panadreou, R. Petry, R. Piercey, F. Pirbhai-Illich, C. Polster, J. Purnis, C. Ramsay, M. Rennie, K. Ricketts, C. Riegel, B. Rossow-Kimball, M. Rutten-James, A. Sardarli, N. Shahriari, D. Sharpe, G. Sherbert, T. Shokirova, M. Stewart, D. Stilling, D. Swapp, H. Weger, A. Wickson-Griffiths, C. Widdifield, S. Wilson, J. Xue, K. Yow, M. Zimmermann

Guests: S. Hirani, W. Pearce

Regrets: E. Aito, B. Bonner, K. Bracht, Z. Du, J. Farney, R. Ganev, B. Hall, M. Hart, S. Helewa, M. Jerry, J. Keshen, P. Leavitt, J. Melançon

Recorder: S. Stewart

The meeting was called to order at 2:32 p.m. by the Interim Provost and Vice-President (Academic), Dr David Gregory.

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

1. Approval of the Agenda

A typo was noted in the agenda. Item 2 should be "Approval of the Minutes of Meeting 28 September 2022."

Grandy – Leavitt

Moved that the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Minutes of Meeting of 28 September 2022

In the discussion of the motion “Change to Admission Requirements – Master of Administration and Master of Human Resource Management,” it should state:

In response to a question, the Dean confirmed that the Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT) or the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) are required for admission.

Stilling – Shahriar

Moved that the minutes be approved as amended.

CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes – None

4. Remarks from the Chair

Dr Gregory expressed regrets for President Keshen who was attending the opening of the Third Session of the Twenty-ninth legislature and the Speech from the Throne.

Dr Gregory provided an update on recent activities, including:

Convocation took place earlier this month, including more than 500 graduates, as well as a celebration of our honorary degree recipient, Dr Rachel Mielke.

Partnerships with regional colleges in Estevan and Weyburn are being formalized with memoranda of understanding (MOU) to develop articulation agreements and joint programming.

UR Days will continue in the Fall 2022 term with stops in Estevan, Weyburn, North Battleford, and Meadow Lake. In early December, an event will be held at the Cornwall Centre, highlighting the University of Regina. All are encouraged to attend.

A comprehensive academic plan is being developed. Dr Jim Farney has agreed to co-chair the committee. Work continues with the Council Committee on Academic Mission (CCAM) on how best to engage Council members.

The University hosted over 50 diplomats at an event earlier in October to promote the University and the Province of Saskatchewan.

Executive of Council members may have noticed the recent announcement regarding La Cité universitaire francophone. There is process to be undertaken in order to create a new faculty.

The sustainability action plan is in its final stages. It will be brought forward to Executive of Council for review in coming months.

Dianne Ford will begin her position as Vice-President (Administration) on January 1st. Dr. Isabelle Dostaler is currently still receiving health treatment and we wish her a full and speedy recovery. A number of executive searches are being completed for the positions of Associate Vice-President (International), Dean, Faculty of Education, and Dean, Faculty of Media, Art, and Performance.

5. Report from the University Secretary

No report.

6. Reports from Committees of Council

6.1 Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies, Appendix I, Pages 2-12

W. Pearce, Chair, Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies presented the report on behalf of the Committee.

6.1.1 Faculty of Arts and First Nations University of Canada

Admission Suspension – Bachelor of Arts Honours in Linguistics

Pearce – Dea

Moved to suspend admission to the BA Honours in Linguistics, effective immediately.

CARRIED

6.1.2 Faculty of Kinesiology and Health Studies and First Nations University of Canada

New Certificate – Indigenous Birthing Support Worker Certificate

Pearce – Dea

Moved to create the Indigenous Birthing Support Worker certificate program, effective 202320.

CARRIED

6.2 Council Committee on Research, Appendix II, Pages 13-14

S. Hirani, Chair, Council Committee on Research presented the report on behalf of the Committee.

It was noted that the agendas and minutes for the Council Committee on Research will be moved to UR Source. The public website will be updated in the meantime.

The annual report was received for information.

7. Graduand Lists

These lists were distributed confidentially prior to the meeting.

7.1 Graduand Lists for Approval

Gregory – Schultz

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

CARRIED

8. Other Business

A member of Executive of Council brought the recent CBC Fifth Estate “Sold a Lie” documentary to Executive of Council’s attention and inquired about international recruitment practices used at the University of Regina.

It was clarified that many of the concerns raised in the documentary do not apply to the University of Regina, including level of international student fees, and the use of disreputable agents. Discussion followed and included:

- Processes at the University for assurance regarding the quality of international recruitment agents, and termination of any who do not meet expectations
- Creation of a training program for international recruitment agents by the Province of Saskatchewan, in addition to development of an international recruitment agent program specific to the University of Regina by UR International
- Direct communication conducted with prospective and new students regarding services offered by UR International to welcome students to Regina

Questions were addressed by H. Chaudhry, and further information will be provided to Executive of Council on this matter.

9. Adjournment – Stilling (3:06 p.m.)



Glenys Sylvestre
Executive Director (University Governance) and University Secretary