MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF REGINA SENATE HELD
FRIDAY, 14 OCTOBER 2011 IN THE BOARD ROOM, FIFTH FLOOR,
ADMINISTRATION-HUMANITIES BUILDING, UNIVERSITY OF REGINA


RECORER: L. Jankowski

GUESTS: B. Brownlee

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. and introductions were made.

1. Approval of the Agenda
   Chamberlin - Stroh
   Moved approval of the agenda as circulated. CARRIED

2. Approval of the Minutes of 8 June 2011
   Kohl - McCulloch
   Moved approval of the minutes as circulated. CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes - None

4. Optional Reports
   4.1 Chancellor

   Chancellor Ready presented his report.

   New Members
   Donna Brunskill, Saskatchewan Registered Nurses Association
   James Ross, Saskatchewan Association of Optometrists
   Rosemary Ward, Saskatchewan Veterinary Medical Association
   Shelley Claire Whitehead, Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers

   New Elected Senate Representative to the Board
   Elaine Bourassa
New Elected and Acclaimed Members from Senate Election
Ann Norgan, District 1 (Moosomin-Estevan) - serving a second term
Graham Harvey, District 3 (Assiniboia-Bengough)
Judy Cormier, District 11 (Regina)
Donald Millard, District 11 (Regina)
Cindy Xavier, District 12 (Saskatoon)
Peter Stroh, District 12 (Saskatoon) – elected for a second term

New Student Members
Kaytlyn Barber, Student Representative – second term
Melissa Blackhurst, Student Representative
Megan Chamberlin, Student Representative
Paige Kezima, Student Representative
Haanim Nur, Student Representative
Kent Peterson, Student Representative

New Ex Officio Members
Doyle Anderson, President, First Nations University of Canada
Luigi Benedicenti, Associate Vice-President (Academics)
Thomas Chase, Provost and Vice-President (Academics)
Dennis Fitzpatrick, Vice-President (Research)
Morina Rennie, Acting Dean, Faculty of Business Administration

Retiring Students
Ahmed Al Sabaawi, Student Representative
Jordan Brears, Student Representative
Katie Honey, Student Representative
Allison Pilkey, Student Representative
Tyler Willox, Student Representative – served two terms

The Fall Convocation will be held on Saturday, October 15th, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. at the Conexus Arts Centre. The Honorary Degree Recipient for Fall Convocation is Professor Keli Liu from China.

4.2 President

President Timmons provided the following report.

- There were more than 1,700 students from all faculties who graduated at the Spring Convocation in June.
- There was a memorial service held on campus in September for Dr. Lloyd Barber. His passing was a big loss for our University community.
- In June, provincial and federal governments invested $2.7 million in a hydrogen production pilot project at the University of Regina.
- There were several International agreements signed; a Memorandum of Understanding with Kookmin University in Seoul, South Korea, and one with Pontificio University in Peru.
- The second Annual President’s Breakfast for Athletics took place in mid-September with CFL Commissioner Mark Cohon as guest speaker.
- University of Regina Alumni Homecoming was held from September 29 to October 1. More than 50 events took place, with more than 200 alumni attending.
- The Alumni Crowning Achievement Awards were part of homecoming. Recipients were:
A celebration of 30 years of relations with China took place from October 4 to 5. This was followed with a conference on Canada/China relations held on October 7 to 8.

A parking forum was held to get student and faculty input which we are looking into and will be acting on.

On October 24 a Centennial book launch will take place and an invitation has been sent out to invite you to attend.

October 25 has been named University of Regina day and there will be a flag raising ceremony at City Hall.

University of Regina Psychology graduate student Mathew Fetzner was awarded a prestigious $150,000 Vanier scholarship. This is the first time a University of Regina student has received one.

The University has committed an additional $50,000 annually to bursaries for Aboriginal students.

On August 29, Farm Credit Corporation committed $10,000 in one-time bursary funding for Aboriginal Students at the University of Regina through the Aboriginal Student Empowerment Fund.

Lots of orientation events held in early September. In late August, a two-day orientation session was held for first-year Aboriginal students; this was operated jointly by First Nations University and the University of Regina. It was the best-attended Aboriginal student orientation session yet.

Annual Careers day on September 26 saw more than 150 employers, with close to 5,000 students attending. This is a great indicator of how employable our graduates are.

There are 591 students enrolled in the UR Guarantee program. This is up from 350 last year.

In early August, Dr. Doyle Anderson began his term as President of First Nations University of Canada; his installation ceremony will be held following the Senate meeting.

Dr. Lynn Wells has been named Vice-President (Academic) at First Nations University of Canada.

Dr. Daniel Gagnon will begin as Dean of the Faculty of Science in January.

The position of Dean of Business Administration has been widely advertised and the position profile is being finalized.

There are 8.9% of self-declared Aboriginal students at the University. This number is up this year.

Aboriginal Advisory Circle is being formed to recommend initiatives to further indigenize the University of Regina campus in the coming months and years.

Rebecca Berthiaume has been hired as the new Awards Facilitator to work with Deans to help recognize and honour our own as part of the strategic plan.

4.3 University Secretary

4.3.1 Fall 2011 In-progress Report of Registrations and Graduation, Appendix I of the Agenda

Dr. John Metcalfe, Registrar, presented the report for information and provided a brief overview.

The undergraduate registration headcount is showing a 5% increase over Fall 2010,
excluding the Nursing students. The graduate registration is showing a 2.8% increase over Fall 2010. The graduation numbers remain stable overall, when compared to the corresponding period last year.

President Timmons noted the report was positive and the University is reporting some of its highest enrolments to date.

4.3.2 2012 Senate Election, Appendix II of the Agenda

Annette Revet, University Secretary presented the item for information. Revet noted that the dates for the 2012 Senate Election would be posted on the University of Regina website following approval of the Senate Bylaws at the Board of Governors meeting in December.

5. Reports from Senate Committees

5.1 Joint Committee on Ceremonies

5.1.1 Hood for Bachelor of Sport and Recreation Studies, Appendix III of the Agenda

President Timmons presented the item for information and noted that the hood for the Bachelor of Sport and Recreation Studies was approved as gold outside trim and inside trim and navy blue outside border with silver cord.

There was a typo on the information item it should read, “The hood for Bachelor of Sport and Recreation Studies has been approved…..” The typo will be corrected for the official record.

5.2 Senate By-Laws Committee and Membership and Elections Committee

5.2.1 Senate Bylaws – Revision – Fall 2011, Appendix IV of the Agenda

French – Krimser

Moved that Senate approves the revised Senate Bylaws updated to reflect the legislated changes to The University of Regina Act (2011) which were passed in Spring 2011, as well as several housekeeping changes, and recommends these for final approval by the University of Regina Board of Governors at its next meeting.

Chancellor Ready deferred to A. Revet to present the item. A. Revet noted that the amendments to The University of Regina Act were legislated in May 2011 which brought about changes to the Senate Bylaws. Most of the amendments to the Senate Bylaws affected the election of the Chancellor, election of the district representatives, changes to the visitor clause and other housekeeping items.

There was one amendment brought forward at the Senate Meeting to amend item 6.6.8 on page 45 of the Senate Agenda to included the following additional representatives to the Faculty of Nursing: 2 lay members of Senate (2) for two-year terms, 1 representative from First Nations University of Canada and 1 Dean of Nursing (or designate) from SIAST.

The Senate Bylaws will be amended to include the representatives for the Faculty of Nursing. Once amended the Senate Bylaws will go forward for approval at the Board of Governors meeting in December 2011.
The question was called on the amended motion.  CARRIED

5.3 Senate Appeals Committee

5.3.1 Senate Appeals Committee Report, Appendix V of the Agenda

Chancellor Ready presented the report for information.

6. Items for Approval/Information from Executive of Council, Appendix VI of the Agenda

President Timmons presented the report.

6.1 Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

6.1.1 Education – Admission Requirements for the Master’s Certificate Programs in Education

Timmons - Kelln

Moved that the change to the Master’s Certificate programs in Education to allow 1) direct entry (e.g. the applicant need not already have a Master’s degree) and 2) students to ladder the courses from their Master’s certificate in Education into a subsequent Master’s degree program in Education, as outlined in Appendix VI, Page 62.

The question was called on the motion.  CARRIED

The remainder of the report was received for information. The rationale and background for these items can be found online at: [http://www.uregina.ca/presoff/council/executive/index.shtml](http://www.uregina.ca/presoff/council/executive/index.shtml)

1. FACULTY OF ARTS
   1.1 Department of Economics – Revisions to Economics Programs to Reflect Addition of Newly Approved Courses
   1.2 Department of Interdisciplinary Programs (FNUinv) – BA Honours in Linguistics
   1.3 Creation of a Minor in INHS
   1.4 Revision to §9.7.1 of Undergraduate Calendar regarding Concurrent and Additional Programs

2. FACULTY OF EDUCATION
   2.1 Revision to the Certificate in Dance Teacher Education
   2.2 Revisions to the Adult Continuing Education and Training Certificate
   2.3 Revisions to the Arts Education BEd Drama Major
   2.4 Revision to the Arts Education Drama Minor (EDRA)
   2.5 Revision to the Bâen Education (Élémentaire et Secondaire)
   2.6 Revision to the Secondary BEd Mathematics Major (EMTH)
   2.7 Revision to the Secondary Program – Proceeding to Pre-Internship
   2.8 Revisions to the Elementary BEd Program: Early Childhood (Pre-K to Grade 3)

3. FACULTY OF ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCIENCE
   3.1 Revision to the Electronic Systems Engineering Program Curriculum
   3.2 Revision to the Software Systems Engineering Program Curriculum
   3.3 Revision to the Environmental Systems Engineering Program Curriculum
   3.4 Revision to the Environmental Health and Science Program Curriculum

4. FACULTY OF FINE ARTS
   4.1 Revision to the Fine Arts Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts Honours, Fine Arts Major
5. FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH
5.1 Computer Science – Project Based M.Sc. Program – Examination Committee
5.2 Computer Science – M.Sc. Project Option Requirements – Revisions
5.3 Computer Science – Ph.D in Computer Science – Credit Honours Revisions
5.5 Education – Process and Requirements for a Graduate Project in Education – Revisions
5.6 Education – Required Courses for the Master’s Certificate in Human Resources Administration in Education Program
5.7 History - Master of Arts in History – Revisions

6. FACULTY OF NURSING
6.1 Open Elective in Year II of Program
6.2 Benchmark for Transfer Credit

7. FACULTY OF SCIENCE
7.1 Revision to the Optional Minor
7.2 Revision to the Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science (BMLS)
7.3 Revision to Bachelor of Medical Imaging Degree
7.4 Department of Math and Stats – Revisions
7.5 Revision to the BSc Math and BSc Math Honours Program
7.6 Revision to the BSc and BSc Honours Combined Math and CS Programs

8. REGISTRAR’S OFFICE
8.1 Revision to the Add and Drop Deadline Dates

9. UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
9.1 Undergraduate Awards Eligibility for Students with Disabilities

10. COUNCIL NOMINATING COMMITTEE
10.1 Replacements on Committees Requiring Council Memberships

7. Briefs, Submissions, or Recommendations from Elected or Appointed Senate Members – None

Rene Archambault thanked President Timmons and Annette Revet for allowing the francophone community to present to the Board of Governors in September.

8. Academic and Administrative Reports

8.1 Presentation on the “Academic Program Review” by Dr. Luigi Benedicenti, Associate Vice-President (Academic)

Dr. Luigi Benedicenti presented the report for Dr. Thomas Chase, Provost and Vice-President (Academic). Dr. Thomas Chase arrived at the meeting at 1:45 p.m. and responded to questions from Senate. The time lines for the Academic Program Review were handed out to Senators at the meeting and are also posted at the link below. It was noted that Senate could see changes coming forward from the Academic Program Review in the fall of 2012.

Information regarding the presentation can be found at the following links:
Overview: http://www.uregina.ca/presoff/provost/AcademicProgramReview.shtml

Chancellor Ready thanked Dr. Chase and Dr. Benedicenti for the informative presentation.
9. Other Business

President Timmons provided a brief overview of the Honorary Degree recipient, Professor Keli Liu, and read his biography.

Senators received a copy of the book called *The University of Regina and China, The First 30 Years* that was distributed at the meeting. Chancellor Ready congratulated President Timmons and her team for the outstanding work that went into the book.

Dr. Lynn Well, Vice-President (Academic) from First Nations University of Canada (FNUniv) invited all Senators to attend the Installation ceremony of Dr. Doyle Anderson, President of FNUniv following the Senate meeting.

9.1 Next Meeting of Senate - 1:30 p.m., Saturday, 4 February 2012.

10. Adjournment – 2:08 p.m. French.

Annette Revet
University Secretary