

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF REGINA SENATE HELD FRIDAY, 5 JUNE 2019 IN  
THE BOARDROOM, FIFTH FLOOR, ADMINISTRATION-HUMANITIES BUILDING,  
UNIVERSITY OF REGINA**

**PRESENT:** J. Tomkins (Chair), E. Aito, C. Akrigg, R. Aman, J. Anderson, R. Berthiaume, G. Blackmore, M. Borgares, F. Boutin, L. Brown, D. Brundige, J. Bumbac, D. Button, T. Chase, V. Clarke, J. Cranston, J. D’Arcy, R. Ellis, D. Farenick, T. Fisher, B. Flaman, W. Gowda, G. Grandy, d. Gregory, S. Helewa, B. Hillis, E. Hussein, R. Jensen, R. Kies, P. Kindred, H. King, R. Kleer, K. Klippenstine, R. Kullman, B. Lacey, P. Leson, K. Mazur, T. McKague, K. McNutt, L. Mougeot, S. Myers, B. Nobert, K. Olson, N. Önder, V. Oriola, K. Owens, R. Palamarin, D. Paproski, V. Petry, M. Pioro, M. Pritchard, W. Ready, H. Singh, M. Smadu, J. Smith, R. Staseson, L. Sulz, D. Sydiaha, V. Timmons, A. Wakabayashi, B. Waytuck, A. Young, K. Zawada

**REGRETS:** A. Adebajji, A. Adenuga, R. Andreychuk, S. Armstrong, S. Baer, G. Bamford, M. Barteski-Hoberg, T. Beaudry-Mellor, J. Carter, M. Dockstator, M. Friedrich, J. Gallagher, D. Hawryluk, G. Keith, R. Krismer, A. Malik, D. Malloy, G. McCaffrey, B. McClinton, M. McLoughlin, D. Moen, E. Ogrady, H. Riemer, L. Rosia, L. Ruschiensky, S. Saxby, C. Scheidt, A. Stadnek, E. Strueby, F. Titanich, C. Toman, J. White

**GUESTS:** B. Brownlee, B. Grebinski, P. Klein, A. Opseth, R. Seidler

**RESOURCES:** P. Daniels (Recorder), G. Sylvestre

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. and introductions were made.

President Timmons thanked Chancellor Tomkins for his dedication to the University of Regina for 50 years of service including six years as Chancellor. President Timmons requested that Senators join her in thanking Chancellor Tomkins, and presented a gift to the Chancellor.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Smadu - Pritchard  
*Moved approval of the agenda as circulated.*

CARRIED

3. Approval of the Minutes of 1 February 2019 – *circulated with the Agenda*

Smadu – Brundige  
*Moved approval of the minutes as circulated.*

CARRIED

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#### 4. Business Arising from the Minutes

A question was raised whether closing the Bachelor of Environmental Health and Science program would affect training for public health inspectors. Dr. D. Farenick, Dean of Science, spoke to the Ministry of Health in March 2019 to confirm that the closing of the program did not cause concern for the Ministry or the Saskatchewan Health Authority.

#### 5. Optional Reports

##### 5.1 Chancellor's Report

Chancellor Tomkins presented his report.

- The Chancellor welcomed the new student members and noted that the retiring Senators would be acknowledged near the end of the meeting under item 10.3.
- The 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Convocation will be held on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at the Conexus Art Centre. The Chancellor acknowledged the honorary degree recipients for Spring Convocation: Jonathan Ryan and Barbara Ryan, Eric Peterson and Renu Kapoor, Gordon and Jill Rawlinson.
- The Chancellor acknowledged President Timmons' recent honorary doctorate from the University of Calgary as well as the YWCA Regina's Women of Distinction Award.

##### 5.2 President's Report

President Timmons presented a verbal report to Senate and reported on key messages:

- President Timmons requested a moment of silence for Dr. Dominic Gregorio, Nelson Wagner, Joe Fafard, and Noel Starblanket for their many and varied contributions to the University and province.
- President Timmons thanked the Senators who are retiring for their service to the University.
- Chancellor Emeritus Dr. William Ready was congratulated for receiving the Saskatchewan Order of Merit.
- The University ratified the collective bargaining agreement with the Faculty Association.
- The University balanced its 25<sup>th</sup> consecutive budget and President Timmons acknowledged the strong financial management at the University.
- Enrolments continue to increase.
- An anti-racism campaign was launched on March 21<sup>st</sup>.
- President Timmons welcomed newly elected URSU Student President Victor Oriola to his first Senate Meeting and asked him to say a few words.

Following President Timmons' verbal report, Senators were invited to ask questions.

A question was raised on possible overlap of programming between the Bachelor of Computer Science and Bachelor of Software Systems Engineering. Dr. D. Farenick, Dean of Science, and Dr. E. Hussein, Dean of Engineering and Applied Science explained the differences in curriculum and accreditation processes for each program.

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The President's written report will be circulated to Senators following the meeting.

### 5.3 University Secretary

#### 5.3.1 2019 Chancellor Election, Appendix I, Pages 1-6, *ballots distributed at the door*

President Timmons assumed the role of Chair for the election of the Chancellor as per Section 3.1 of the Senate Bylaws.

President Timmons reviewed the process for the election of the Chancellor. Two nominations were received. Both candidates spoke briefly prior to the election.

The two candidates were:

Benedict John Grebinski – Attachment A

Pamela Klein – Attachment B

Ballots were circulated and collected. The lead counter for the vote, R. Seidler, along with the scrutineers, L. Mougeot and V. Clarke, withdrew from the meeting to count the ballots. It was noted that counting of the ballots would immediately follow and that the results would be made available later in the meeting.

*All documentation is appended to the official file.*

#### 5.3.2 Senate Representatives to Districts 1,5,6,10, *For Information*, Appendix II, Page 7

G. Sylvestre reported that nominations were received for District 1 (Moosomin-Estevan), District 5 (Maple Creek-Rosetown-Lloydminster), District 6 (Melville-Yorkton-Hudson Bay), District 10 (MooseJaw).

The following persons were declared elected by acclamation:

District 1 (Moosomin-Estevan) – Darrell Sydiaha

District 5 (Maple Creek-Rosetown-Lloydminster) – Olivia Arnal

District 6 (Melville-Yorkton-Hudson Bay) – Keri Zawada

District 10 (Moose Jaw) – Edward Strueby

No nominations were received for District 8. This district will remain vacant.

#### 5.3.3 Elected Senator to the Board of Governors, *For Information*, Appendix II, Page 7

G. Sylvestre reported that Dr. Art Opseth was elected by acclamation to serve from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022.

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6. Reports from Senate Committees

6.1 Senate Nominating Committee

6.1.1 Membership on Senate Standing and Faculty Council Committees, *For Approval*, Appendix III, Pages 8-12

W. Ready presented the report on behalf of the Senate Nominating Committee.

Ready - Smadu

*Moved that Senate approves the recommendation from the Senate Nominating Committee that the individuals whose names are designated with highlights on the attached report (Attachment A) be approved to fill the vacancies on Senate Standing and Faculty Council Committees for the terms indicated.*

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

6.2 Senate Affiliation and Federation Committee Report

6.2.1 Affiliation with The Gabriel Dumont Institute of Native Studies and Applied Research, Inc., *For Approval*, Appendix IV, Pages 13-31

A.Wakabayashi presented the report on behalf of the Senate Affiliation and Federation Committee.

Wakabayashi - Borgares

*Moved the University of Regina affiliate with the Gabriel Dumont Institute of Native Studies and Applied Research Inc., in accordance with the attached agreement (Attachment A), effective September 1, 2019.*

Discussion followed.

Topics of discussion included:

- Difference between a federated college and affiliation, and currently affiliated institutions with the Gabriel Dumont Institute
- Process of how the adjudicating committee members are determined and Indigenous representation on the committee. This relates to the Indigenous and Métis Research Fund.
- Input from community representatives in preparation of the agreement
- SUNTEP and other program offerings for the Métis community

All questions were addressed.

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The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

6.3 Senate Bylaws Committee Report

6.3.1 Senate Bylaws – Revisions – Spring 2019, *For Approval*, Appendix V, Pages 32-86

R. Berthiaume presented the report on behalf of the Senate Bylaws Committee.

Berthiaume – Sulz

*Moved that Senate approves the revisions to the Senate Bylaws as amended.*

Discussion followed.

Topics of discussion included:

- District map boundaries and the challenge to fill vacant districts
- The desire for increased Indigenous representation

Senate suggested consideration of changes to district boundaries, as they may no longer appropriately reflect current alumni representation. This will be pursued with the next Bylaws review.

It was noted that an incorrect name is listed for Saskatchewan College of Pharmacists and should read Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy Professionals. A typographical error was also noted in 6.7.2 (should be “teach”).

The question was called on the amended motion.

CARRIED

7. Items for Approval/Information from Executive of Council, Appendix VI, Pages 87-202

President Timmons presented the report.

7.1 Council Committee on the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

7.1.1 Faculty of Arts

7.1.1.1 Suspend Admissions to Social and Political Thought (SOPT)

Timmons – Kleer

*Moved that the MA in Social and Political Thought program suspend admissions effective 201930.*

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

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7.1.2 Faculty of Education

7.1.2.1 New Program

7.1.2.1.1 Master of Indigenous Language Education

Timmons – Cranston

*Moved that Master of Indigenous Language Education program be created effective 201930.*

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.1.3 Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

7.1.3.1 Suspend Admissions and Discontinue Canadian Plains Studies (CPS)

Timmons - McNutt

*Moved that the Canadian Plains Studies program admissions be suspended and discontinue the program effective 201930.*

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.1.4 Faculty of Nursing

7.1.4.1 Admissions Suspension to Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS)

Timmons – Gregory

*Moved that admissions to the Master of Nursing Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) be suspended 201930.*

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.1.5 Faculty of Science

7.1.5.1 Master of Health Information Management (MHIM) Admission Requirement Change

Timmons - Farenick

*Moved that the MHIM program remove the English course admission requirement effective 20230.*

Discussion followed regarding the English language proficiency (ELP) requirements for Graduate programs. Dr. K McNutt, Interim Vice-President Research, explained that the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research has established guidelines for English language proficiency and student proficiency is also evaluated throughout program completion.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

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7.2 Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies

7.2.1 Faculty of Arts

7.2.1.1 International Studies Program

7.2.1.1.1 Asian and European Studies Concentrations Admissions

Timmons – Kleer

*Moved to suspend admissions to the Asian Studies Concentration and European Studies Concentrations from the Bachelor of Arts in International Studies and the Bachelor of Arts Honours in International Studies, effective 201920.*

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.2.1.1.2 Chinese Studies Minor

Timmons – Kleer

*Moved to make the Chinese Studies minor, outlined below, historical, effective 201930.*

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.2.2 Faculty of Business Administration

7.2.2.1 Saskatchewan High School Course Requirements for Admission

Timmons – Grandy

*Moved that the Saskatchewan High School Course Requirements list for entry into the Faculty of Business Administration programs be amended to add Entrepreneurship 30 and Accounting 30 to the list of course options in the “30-level language, social science, or fine/performing arts course” category, effective 201930.*

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.2.3 Faculty of Kinesiology and Health Studies and the Faculty of Arts, in Partnership with First Nations University of Canada

7.2.3.1 Creation of New Program

7.2.3.1.1 Creation of Diploma in Health Studies

Timmons – Kleer

*Moved to approve the creation of Diploma in Health Studies as outlined below, effective 202010.*

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

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7.3 Faculty of Kinesiology and Health Studies

7.3.1 Admission Requirements for Health Studies Program

7.3.1.1 Admission Requirements for Health Studies Program through the Faculty of Kinesiology and Health Studies

Timmons – Chase

*Moved to revise the admission requirements for Health Studies programs as outlined in the template below, effective 202010.*

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.4 Faculty of Nursing

7.4.1 Faculty of Nursing International Designation

7.4.1.1 Institutional Honour: International Designation

Timmons-Gregory

*Moved that the International designation be added under the heading Graduation Requirements (Faculty of Nursing section of the undergraduate calendar), as outlined below, effective 201930.*

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.5 Faculty of Nursing and Centre for Continuing Education

7.5.1 Creation of Certificate in Foundations of Nursing

Timmons-Gregory

*Moved to approve the Certificate in Foundations for Nursing as outlined below effective 201930.*

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.5.2 Creation of Pre-Nursing Certificate

Timmons-Gregory

*Moved to approve the Pre-Nursing Certificate as outlined below, effective 201930.*

A question was raised on the requirements for the Pre-Nursing Certificate and admission requirements into the Faculty of Nursing degree program. Discussion followed on whether students who complete the certificate would have an expectation of entrance into the Faculty of Nursing degree program.

Dr. David Gregory, Dean of Nursing, explained that the Pre-Nursing Certificate offers a foundation and there is no guarantee of acceptance into the degree program. Dean Gregory also noted that the Certificate program will be offered remotely.



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The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.6 University of Regina International Admissions Office

7.6.1 Undergraduate English Language Proficiency (ELP) Requirements

Timmons - Kleer

*Moved to approve the Undergraduate English Language Proficiency (ELP) requirements as follows:*

- 1. Increase the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) internet-based test (iBT) minimum score requirements to overall of 83 with no score below for Reading, Listening, Speaking and Writing. Eliminate the paper-based TOEFL scoring option; and*
- 2. Increase the IELTS-Academic (International English Language Testing System) minimum score requirements to no band less than 6.0, the overall band score will remain at 6.5, effective 201930.*

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

The remainder of the report was received for information. For further information on these items, please view Appendix VI, Pages 99-201 of the Agenda.

A typographical error was noted in 2.1.1 (“that”).

8. Briefs, Submission or Recommendations from Elected or Appointed Senate Members

8.1 Board Members Elected by Senate, *Verbal Report*

Dr. A. Opseth and Dr. M. Smadu provided a brief update on the activities undertaken by the Board of Governors which included the following:

At the March meeting the Board approved:

- The 2019-2020 Annual Internal Audit Plan and an updated 2019 University Risk Register
- The facilities management projects for the upcoming year
- The University's 10 Year Capital Plan
- Continued work on capital projects including:
  - Central Testing Facility and Bookstore Reconfiguration
  - College Avenue Campus Renewal SIF Project
  - Language Institute (La Cité) renovations
- The rental rates for Housing Services for the 2019-2020 fiscal year

A special Board meeting was held in early April to approve the agreement with URFA-Academic for a new collective agreement.

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At the May meeting the Board approved:

- The financial statements for the pension plans for the year ending December 31, 2018 with an unqualified audit opinion reported by the Provincial Auditor
- The 2019-20 Comprehensive Budget Plan as well as an increase in tuition fees of 2.8%
- The updated Sexual Violence and Misconduct Policy was approved as well as Parking Bylaw Amendments
- The continued maintenance and repairs to University Drive South

At the May meeting, the Board completed its annual review of Governance Practices and approved the 2020-2021 Operations Forecast which is submitted to the Ministry of Advanced Education on a yearly basis.

The Board of Governors is pleased to announce that Victor Oriola was elected as President of the University of Regina Students' Union and attended the May Board meeting. Shawn Wiskar was thanked for his service and contribution to the Board.

The next regular meetings of the Board of Governors are scheduled for early July and September 2019.

The annual audited financial statements for the University and the 2019-2020 Annual Report will be approved at the July meeting of the Board.

A Senator noted that the University's maintenance projects are important from a sustainability perspective.

(There was a break at 10:24 a.m. and the meeting reconvened at 10:40 a.m.)

9. Academic and Administrative Reports

9.1 Presentation by Dr. Thomas Chase, Provost and Vice-President (Academic)

President Timmons introduced T. Chase.

T. Chase provided an overview of the 2019-2020 University Budget. The presentation is [appended to the official file](#).

Discussion followed.

Topics of discussion included:

- CCE/Faculty contributions and new CCE revenue-sharing pilot
- Scholarships and student financial assistance
- Academic and administrative position decisions
- 2018-2019 cumulative percentage increases: salaries, inflation, grant
- Revenue generation
- Student debt levels
- Fundraising initiatives

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A Senator encouraged all other Senators to advocate for education and the importance of sufficient funding.

All questions were addressed.

The Chancellor thanked T. Chase for the presentation.

9.2 Annual Enrolment Report 2018-2019, *For Information*, Appendix VII, Pages 203-211

J. Smith, Associate Vice-President (Student Affairs), presented the report for information and highlighted enrolments for Indigenous and international students and the top 3 nations for international recruitment.

10. Other Business

10.1 Results of the Election of the Chancellor – Announcement

President Timmons announced that P. Klein was elected as the Chancellor for a three year term effective July 1, 2019.

President Timmons thanked B. Grebinski and P. Klein for putting their names forward.

10.2 Destruction of Election Ballots, Chancellor Election, *For Approval*

Timmons - Brundige  
*Moved to destroy the ballots of the Chancellor election.*

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

10.3 Recognition of Departing Senate Members

The following members of Senate were acknowledged for their service to the University upon completion of their terms.

Ahmed Malik, Regina & District Chamber of Commerce  
Chief Marlo Pritchard, Saskatchewan Association of Chiefs of Police  
Dr. Marlene Smadu, Saskatchewan Registered Nurses' Association  
Dr. James Carter, College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan  
Bernard Flaman, Saskatchewan Association of Architects  
Linda Brown, Association of Saskatchewan Home Economists  
Shay Saxby, Saskatchewan Society of Occupational Therapists  
Robert Ellis, Canadian Public Relations Society  
Erin Ogrady, Chiropractors' Association of Saskatchewan  
Mark Borgares, Institute of Chartered Professional Accountants of Saskatchewan  
Megan Friedrich, District 5 (Maple Creek-Rosetown-Lloydminster)

Chancellor Tomkins thanked the retiring Senate members, and the President and Chancellor presented the members in attendance with letters of appreciation and a small gift.

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10.4 Next Meeting of Senate – 9:00 a.m., Friday, 18 October 2019

11. *In Camera session*

11.1 Report from the Joint Committee of Senate and Council on Ceremonies

11.1.1 Honorary Degree Candidates for Addition to the Approved Roster, *For Approval*, Appendix VIII, p.212, *circulated confidentially at the meeting*

11.1.2 Master of Indigenous Education Hood, *For Information*, Appendix VIII, p.213

B. Ellis presented the report from the Joint Committee of Senate and Council on Ceremonies and provided a short introduction of each Honorary Degree Candidate.

Ellis – Mougéot

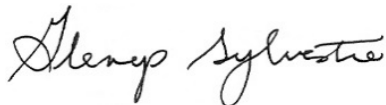
*Moved that the list of honorary degree candidates for addition to the Approved Roster, appended to the University's official file, be approved.*

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Chancellor Emeritus Ready expressed thanks to Chancellor Tomkins for his service on behalf of Senate.

12. Adjournment – Nobert (11:29 a.m.)



Glenys Sylvestre  
Executive Director (University Governance) and University Secretary