

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF REGINA SENATE HELD FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2020  
BY VIDEO CONFERENCE

**PRESENT:** P. Klein (Chair), K. Addison, A. Adenuga, A. Adeoluwa, E. Aito, J. Anderson, O. Arnal, R. Arnot, G. Bamford, V. Barber, M. Barteski-Hoberg, R. Berthiaume, R. Bourassa, D. Brunskill, D. Button, L. Chabot, T. Chase, J. Clarke, V. Clarke, J. Cranston, J. D’Arcy, S. Dea, K. Dietrich, R. Evans, D. Farenick, S. Fortman, G. Grandy, d. Gregory, S. Helewa, E. Hussein, M. Jerry, B. Kayseas, G. Keith, R. Kies, P. Kindred, R. Krismer, R. Kullman, B. Lacey, D. Lee, C. Martin, B. McClinton, K. McNutt, P. Modi, M. Mollenhauer, L. Mougeot, S. Myers, J.M. Nadeau, B. Nobert, K.L. Nolin, N. Önder, R. Palmarin, D. Paproski, V. Petry, M. Pioro, C. Roche, L. Ruschensky, A. Russell, C. Schultz, J. Schultz, J. Smith, A. Stadnek, R. Staseson, E. Strueby, L. Sulz, C. Toman, J. Tomkins, C. Veresh, A. Wakabayashi, C. Yost, K. Zawada

**REGRETS:** S. Abhishek, C. Akrigg, R. Aman, R. Andreychuk, S. Armstrong, T. Beaudry-Mellor, F. Boutin, J. Bumbac, T. Fisher, M.A. Hossain, N. Jones, K. Klippenstine, G. Lagrandeur, K. Mazur, G. McCaffrey, T. McKague, H. McKerracker, M. McLoughlin, V. Oriola, K. Owens, G. Penney, K. Rasmussen, H. Riemer, L. Rosia, D. Sydiaha, B. Waytuck

**GUESTS:** A. Opseth, M. Smadu, B. Wock, F. Zeng

**RESOURCES:** P. Daniels (Recorder), S. Stewart (Technical Assistance), G. Sylvestre

1. Call to Order – 9:06 a.m.

The Chancellor welcomed all Senators and guests to the meeting.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Mougeot – Nadeau

*Moved approval of the agenda as circulated.*

CARRIED

3. Approval of the Minutes of June 3, 2020 – *circulated with the Agenda*

A typographical error was noted in Item 7.1.2.1. The word “CARRIED” was missed from the motion.

Chabot – Mougeot

*Moved approval of the minutes as amended.*

CARRIED

4. Business Arising from the Minutes – None

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## 5. Optional Reports

### 5.1 Chancellor's Report

Chancellor Klein provided a verbal report to Senate, including:

- The Chancellor welcomed all new Senators and thanked A. Young for her service to Senate.
- The Chancellor noted her attendance at a Senate Executive Committee meeting and also two Senate Appeals in which the decisions of the previous Council Committee were upheld. She also continues to participate in the Presidential search.
- The Chancellor noted that the University has created a virtual Fall convocation for students and encouraged Senators to watch the recognition video after the meeting.

### 5.2 President's Report

Dr Chase provided a verbal report to Senate, including:

- In a few years, the U of R will be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary as an independent degree-granting university
- An update was provided on remote delivery of courses in Fall and Winter semesters, and the work of the University leadership and faculty to make this transition
- Dr Chase asked the Provost to provide a brief verbal update on the remote proctoring software used by the University, including the recent security breach
- Dr Chase explained the financial impact on the University due to COVID 19, and the planning to close the revenue shortfall
- The University Town Hall on the University's Strategic Plan had a great turnout of staff and faculty, and strong direction to continue to focus on Indigenization and sustainability.

Following Dr Chase's verbal report, Senators were invited to ask questions. The President's written report will be circulated to Senators following the meeting.

The Chancellor thanked Dr Chase for his report to Senate.

### 5.3 University Secretary, Appendix I, p.2

#### 5.3.1 2021 Senate Election, *For Information*

G. Sylvestre reported on the District vacancies for the upcoming year:

District 3 (Assiniboia-Bengough)

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District 4 (Swift Current-Gravelbourg)  
District 7 (Melfort-Wynyard-Davidson)  
District 11 (Regina) – new vacancy due to the recent Senate Bylaws changes

Nominations will close April 15, 2021. G. Sylvestre asked Senators to reach out to Alumni and encourage them to consider nomination.

6. Items from the Executive of Council, *For Approval/Information*, Appendix II, pp. 3-26

6.1 FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH

6.1.1 Faculty of Arts

6.1.1.1 Graduate Record Examination (GRE) Requirement

Chase – McNutt

*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.*

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

6.1.2 Faculty of Education

6.1.1.2 New Program-Master of Education in Teaching, Learning and Leadership

Chase – McNutt

*That the Master of Education in Teaching, Learning and Leadership (MEd TLL) course route be created, effective 202130.*

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

6.1.3 Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science

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Chase – Hussein

*That ENSE 883-Software Systems Architecture credit hours and grading mode be changed, effective 202110.*

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Further explanation was provided by Dean E. Hussein, Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science and J. D'Arcy, Registrar, regarding the proposed lab contact hours (0-6). A range is provided to allow scheduling flexibility, but it is expected that at least some lab work will be required. The hours and grading mode indicated in the motion reflect the input requirements of the scheduling system (Banner).

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

6.1.4 Faculty of Media, Art and Performance

6.1.4.1 Course Change – FA 899

Chase – Staseson

*That FA 899-Grad Level Professional Placement course description be changed and credit hours be modified, effective 202110.*

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

1.1.4.2 Course Change – ART 902

Chase – Staseson

*That ART 902 Research and Exhibition Preparation credit hours be changed, effective 202110.*

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

6.1.5 Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy

6.1.5.1 New Certificate – Masters Certificate in Indigenous Nation-building

Chase – McNutt

*That the Master Certificate of Indigenous Nation-building be created, effective 202130.*

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

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6.2 COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS AND STUDIES

6.2.1 Faculty of Arts

6.2.1.1 Revision to the High School Admission Average

Chase – Dea

*To raise the Faculty of Arts high school admission average to 70.00% for domestic and international students, effective 202120.*

Discussion followed. Topics included:

- The change in high school admission average is applicable to future applicants and not current students
- 70.00% is comparable to Faculty of Arts entrance requirements at other Canadian universities, but discussion continues amongst Arts faculties on the conflict between accessibility and likelihood of academic success
- Faculty of Arts Qualifying Year (described in the next motion) will provide an option for students with a lower high school admission average

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

6.2.1.2 Creation of Faculty of Arts Qualifying Year

Chase – Dea

*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%, effective 202120.*

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

6.2.1.3 Discontinue the Faculty of Arts Pathway Program

Chase – Dea

*To discontinue the Faculty of Arts Pathway Program, effective 202120.*

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

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6.2.1.4 Suspension of Admission to the Major, Minor, and Certificate of Chinese

Chase – Dea

*To suspend admissions to the major, minor, and certificate in Chinese, effective 202110.*

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

6.2.3.5 Creation of Certificate in Chinese Language and Culture

Chase – Dea

*To create the Certificate in Chinese Language and Culture, effective 202120.*

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

6.2.3.6 Suspension of Admission to the Major, Minor and Certificate in Spanish

Chase – Dea

*To suspend admissions to the major, minor, and certificate in Spanish, effective 202110.*

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

6.2.3.7 Creation of Certificate in Spanish Language and Hispanic Culture

Chase – Dea

*To create the Certificate in Spanish Language and Hispanic Cultures, effective 202120.*

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

6.2.2 Faculty of Arts and First Nations University of Canada

6.2.2.1 Revision to the Admission Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts in Resource and Environmental Studies

Chase – Dea

*To revise the admission requirements for the Bachelor of Arts in Resource and Environmental Studies program to include Saskatchewan Polytechnic's Integrated Resource Management Diploma, effective 202120.*

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Dr Chase noted the importance of the University's relationship with its federated colleges and that this program supports the University's strategic objectives of sustainability and Indigenization.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

### 6.2.3 Faculty of Science

#### 6.2.3.1 Admission Requirements to the Science Qualifying Program

Chase – Farenick

*To update the admissions requirements for the Science Qualifying Students as listed in the Admissions section of the Calendar to align with those approved in the Science section of the Calendar, effective 202120.*

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

### 6.3 COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH

#### 6.3.1 University of Regina Research Chair – SaskPower Chair in Artificial Intelligence

Chase – McNutt

*That Senate approve the creation of a new University of Regina Research Chair titled the "SaskPower Chair in Artificial Intelligence" and as detailed in pages 24-26 of the Agenda material.*

Dr Chase asked Vice-President (Research) McNutt and Dean Farenick to provide additional information. Dr McNutt noted that this industry partnership supports the University's research focus on the Digital Future, and the external Chair will provide opportunities to attract and retain students in this field of study. Dr Farenick also stated that the Chair will add to the University's research capacity in artificial intelligence and enhance the opportunities for post-secondary education in that field.

Discussion followed. Topics included:

- The chair will enhance the University's existing complement of expertise in machine learning and artificial intelligence
- Anticipated development of more external chairs, and continued industry engagement in programs such as those involving actuarial and data science

The question was called on the motion.

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The remainder of the report was received for information. For further information on these items, please view Appendix II, pages 20-23 of the Agenda.

7. Briefs, Submissions or Recommendations from Elected or Appointed Senate Members

7.1 Board Members Elected by Senate, *Verbal Update*

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

At the July meeting, the Board approved:

- Renovations in the Faculty of Engineering (Student Laboratory Workshop)
- Centre for Kinesiology Health and Sport Roof Replacement
- Budget increases to Darke Hall, Lab and Classroom Building Fire Separation and the replacement of the Heating Plant Chiller
- Revisions to the Senate Bylaws
- Revisions to the Research Chairs Policy

The Board also heard a presentation from Dr A. Cameron on the work of the University Recovery Planning Group.

Over the summer, the Board met for a few special meetings to approve:

- The Presidential profile, which was posted in July
- The 2021-22 Operations Forecast for submission to the Ministry of Advanced Education
- Additional capital work

At the September meeting, the Board approved:

- The annual audited financial statements and Annual Report for the year ending April 30, 2020
- The Performance Measurement Framework for the new strategic plan
- Updates to the Respectful University Policy
- The SaskPower Research Chair, also presented at this meeting for Senate's approval
- Actuarial funding valuations for the employee pension plans

In addition, over the summer, the Presidential Search Advisory Committee continued to meet and the work continues by this Committee.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Governors is scheduled for December. A special meeting is also expected in late October to deal with a few emerging items, including related to presidential search.

Senators requested more information on the Performance Measurement Framework, which was provided at the conclusion of the meeting.



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The Chancellor thanked Dr Smadu and Dr Opseth for the update.

*(The Senate had a brief recess from 10:03 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.)*

8. Academic and Administrative Reports

- 8.1 “Continuous Learning and Micro-credentials”, presentation by Christie Schultz, Director of the Centre for Continuing Education, and Dr Nilgün Önder, Associate Vice-President (Academic)

Interim Provost Gregory introduced Ms Shultz and Dr Önder to Senate.

After the presentation, discussion followed. Topics included:

- Opportunities for alumni and community stakeholders to be instructors/program advisors to assist in future program development and delivery
- Research to support marketability of credit (stackable) versus non-credit credentials, which is dependent on the needs of the student among other factors
- Importance of relationships with industry and professional associations, and their role in development of micro-credential offerings
- Potential involvement and assistance of federated colleges in marketing offerings and providing outreach to their alumni

All questions were addressed by Ms Schultz and Dr Önder.

*The presentation is appended to the Official File.*

The Chancellor thanked Ms Schultz and Dr Önder for their presentation.

- 8.2 Fall 2020 In-progress Report for Registrations, *For Information*, Appendix III, pp. 27-37

J. Smith, Associate Vice-President (Student Affairs), presented the report and highlighted the five-year enrolment trends, population segments, and the top nations for international recruitment.

J. Smith noted a typographical error in the report. The report incorrectly identified a slight decline of 20 students at Luther College rather than at Champion College.

Discussion followed. Topics included:

- Special and Other Students include visiting students, and English as a Second Language students with permission to take 1 course
- The number of students registered through La Cité Universitaire Francophone
- Decline in Engineering students is largely due to decreases in the Petroleum Systems Engineering program due to the economic situation in Saskatchewan, and the loss of students due to cancellation of scholarships from the Government of Saudi Arabia
- Enrolment growth in the Faculty of Science, and challenges in delivery of lab instruction due to the change to remote delivery
- Certain of the items reported do not yet have updated (2020) data available

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A Senator requested information on student gender statistics by Faculty. A link to this information on the University's website was provided at the conclusion of the Senate meeting.

*The final, corrected report is appended to the Official File.*

The Chancellor thanked J. Smith for the report.

10. Other Business

10.1 Next Meeting of Senate – 9:00 a.m., February 5, 2021.

11. Adjournment – Chabot (11:14 a.m.)

Glenys Sylvestre  
University Secretary