

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF REGINA SENATE
9 JUNE 2021
VIA WEB CONFERENCING

PRESENT: K. Addison, E. Aito, C. Akrigg, A. Ali, J. Anderson, R. Arnot, B. Balaski, V. Barber, M. Barteski-Hoberg, R. Berthiaume, F. Boutin, D. Brunskill, D. Button, W. Carney, T. Chase, J. Clarke, J. Cranston, J. D’Arcy, A. Davidson, S. Dea, A. Douai, R. Evans, D. Farenick, S. Fortman, G. Grandy, d. Gregory, S. Helewa, E. Hussein, M. Jerry, B. Kayseas, G. Keith, R. Kies, P. Kindred, P. Klein (Chair), R. Kullman, B. Lacey, C. Martin, K. Mazur, B. McClinton, K. McNutt, M. Mollenhauer, L. Mougeot, J. Nadeau, B. Nobert, K. Nolin, N. Önder, A. Opseth, R. Palmarin, M. Pioro, C. Rocke, L. Ruschiensky, A. Russell, C. Schutz, J. Schultz, M. Smadu, J. Smith, A. Stadnek, R. Staseson, E. Strueby, L. Sulz, H. Tait, J. Tomkins, C. Veresh, A. Wakabayashi, B. Waytuck, K. Zawada

REGRETS: R. Bourassa, J. Bumbac, J. Farney, V. Petry, H. Riemer

GUESTS: L. Berdahl, L. Campbell, J. Hindley, L. Hoeber, J. Keshen

RESOURCES: S. Stewart (Recorder), G. Sylvestre

In keeping with the University’s commitment to reconciliation, the Chair acknowledged that the University located on Treaty 4 and Treaty 6 territory and the traditional homeland of the Métis.

1. Call to Order – 9:01 a.m.

The Chancellor welcomed all Senators and guests to the meeting.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Nadeau - Boutin

Moved that the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Approval of the Minutes of 5 February 2021 - *circulated with the Agenda*

Boutin - McClinton

Moved that the minutes be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Business Arising from the Minutes - None

5. Optional Reports (Verbal Updates)

5.1 Chancellor's Report

Chancellor Klein provided a verbal report to Senate, including:

Acknowledging the following members of Senate for their service to the University upon completion of their terms:

- Christine Akrigg - Saskatchewan Women's Institute
- Vicki Clarke - Saskatchewan Association of Recreation Professionals
- Kent Klippenstine - Psychology Association of Saskatchewan
- Diana Lee - Law Society of Saskatchewan
- Ken Mazur - Ukrainian Canadian Congress, Saskatchewan Provincial Council
- Sue Myers - Registered Psychiatric Nurses Association of Saskatchewan
- Ralph Aman - District 4 (Swift Current-Gravelbourg)
- Marsha Barteski-Hoberg - District 7 (Melfort-Wynyard-Davidson)
- John Bumbac - District 3 (Assiniboia-Bengough)
- Adeoluwa Adebani - Student Representative
- Alfred Adenuga - Student Representative
- Md Abdul Hossain - Student Representative
- Priyanshu Modi - Student Representative
- Victor Oriola - Student Representative
- Abishek Suri - Student Representative
- Robin Evans - Interim Dean, Faculty of Nursing
- Geordy McCaffrey - Gabriel Dumont Institute

Welcome to Lori Campbell, our new Associate Vice-President (Indigenous Engagement). This is a critically important and newly created position at the University. The commentary, compassion, and learnings Lori provided in response to the staggering and heartbreaking uncovering of the burial site of the 215 Indigenous children on the grounds of the former Kamloops Residential School was sad, enlightening, and will motivate change. Lori is a band member of the Montreal Lake First Nation, Treat 6 Territory. Most recently, she was the Director of the *Shatitsirótha'* Waterloo Indigenous Student Centre and program developer and Adjunct Lecturer in the Indigenous Studies academic program at St. Paul's University College, University of Waterloo. Welcome Lori and congratulations on your new position.

Welcome to Dr Jeff Keshen, Incoming President and Vice-Chancellor. After a comprehensive national search, the selection committee recommended Dr Keshen to further strengthen our university and pursue our strategic goals. Dr Keshen is an experienced administrator joining us from Memorial University where he is the Vice-President of Grenfell Campus. Welcome to Dr Keshen and we wish you safe travels to Regina.

Thank you to Dr. Chase for your career and many contributions to our University. Your outstanding leadership throughout the pandemic was recognized by all. Tom's academic career began at the University as an undergraduate student 47 years ago. The halls of the University of Regina will not be the same without you. It has been a pleasure to work with you and we wish you a happy retirement.

5.2 President's Report

Interim President Chase provided a verbal report to Senate, including:

The recent discovery of 215 unmarked graves of Indigenous children on the grounds of the former Kamloops Residential School highlights the need for us to recommit ourselves to building the society we want to live in.

Thank you to the University Executive Team and the Senior Leadership Team for their leadership throughout the pandemic.

Spring graduate recognition will take place on Friday, June 11th. Thank you to the University Secretariat, as well as the Registrar's Office for their creation of a virtual event. This year's Honorary Degree Recipients are:

- Carol Lafayette-Boyd, CSW'77, BSW'85
- Dr. Eric Grimson, BSc'75 (High Honours)
- Roberta Jamieson, OC

This year's award recipients include four outstanding students:

- Nathanael Bergbusch – Governor General's Academic Gold Medal
- Akina Kuperis – Governor General's Academic Silver Medal
- Nolan Grad – University Medal
- Cole Woytiuk – President's Medal

Thank you to Senate for your engagement, support, and guidance over the past year. As Dr Keshen begins to take over as President, your continued support and guidance will be critical.

5.3 University Secretary's Report

No report.

6. Reports from Senate Committees

6.1 Senate Appeals Committee, *For Information*, Appendix I, Page 2

Chancellor Klein presented the report on behalf of the Senate Appeals Committee.

The annual report was received for information.

6.2 Senate Nominating Committee, *For Approval/Information*, Appendix II, Pages 3-9

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

6.2.1 Membership on Senate Standing and Faculty Council Committees

Berthiaume - Douai

Moved that Senate approve the recommendation from the Senate Nominating Committee that the individuals whose names are designated with highlights be approved to fill the vacancies on Senate Standing and Faculty Council Committees for the terms indicated.

CARRIED

6.2.2 2020-2021 Senate Election of District Representatives

Appointment of Senate Representative to District 4 (Swift Current-Gravelbourg)

Berthiaume - Boutin

Moved that Senate approve the recommendation of the Senate Nominating Committee to appoint Leslie Neufeld, as representative from District 4 (Swift Current-Gravelbourg) from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

CARRIED

Appointment of Senate Representative to District 7 (Melfort-Wynyard-Davidson)

Berthiaume - Boutin

Moved that Senate approve the recommendation of the Senate Nominating Committee to appoint Brett Barber, as representative from District 7 (Melfort-Wynyard-Davidson) from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

CARRIED

R. Berthiaume noted that the following individual was elected by acclamation to District 11 (Regina):

- Danae Lemieux

7. **Items from Executive of Council, *For Approval/Information*, Appendix III, Pages 10-65**

Interim President Chase presented the report on behalf of Executive of Council.

7.1 Council Committee on the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

7.1.1 Faculty of Arts

The following three motions were moved as an omnibus motion.

Chase - Dea

New Program – Master of Science in Psychology (Clinical Psychology)

Moved that the Master of Science in Psychology (Clinical Psychology) program be created, effective 202130.

New Program – Master of Science in Psychology (Experimental and Applied Psychology)

Moved that the Master of Science in Psychology (Experimental and Applied Psychology) program be created, effective 202130.

Program Suspension – Master of Arts in Psychology (Clinical Psychology) and Master of Arts in Psychology (Experimental and Applied Psychology)

Moved that admissions to the Master of Arts in Psychology (Clinical Psychology) and the Master of Arts in Psychology (Experimental and Applied Psychology) be suspended, effective 202130.

The question was called on the omnibus motion.

CARRIED

7.1.2 Faculty of Business Administration

4 Seasons of Reconciliation Requirement

Chase - Grandy

Moved that the 4 Seasons of Reconciliation Professional Development Program be a non-credit compulsory requirement for students entering all Levene programs, including certificates effective 202130.

It was requested by Senate that the 4 Seasons of Reconciliation Professional Development Program be made available to Senators to further their commitment to reconciliation.

It was further suggested that the 4 Seasons of Reconciliation Professional Development Program be made available to those taking non-credit courses through the Centre for Continuing Education.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.1.3 Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

English Language Proficiency Test – Duolingo

Chase - Douai

Moved that the Duolingo online English test with a minimum score of 110 for all programs except Media Studies & Media Production, and English where 120 is the minimum, be accepted as an approved test of proficiency in English (ELP) for

graduate admission, on a temporary basis for the 2021-2022 academic year (July 1 to April 30), effective July 1, 2021.

CARRIED

7.2 Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies

7.2.1 Revision to High School Admission Requirements

The following six motions were moved as an omnibus motion.

Chase - Cranston

Faculty of Arts

Moved that the Faculty of Arts high school requirements for admission be revised, effective 202220.

Faculty of Business Administration

Moved that the Faculty of Business Administration high school requirements for admission be revised, effective 202220.

Faculty of Education

Moved that the Faculty of Education high school requirements for admission be revised, effective 202220.

Faculty of Kinesiology and Health Studies

Moved that the Bachelor of Kinesiology and the Bachelor of Sport and Recreation Studies high school requirements for admission be revised, effective 202220.

Faculty of Media, Art, and Performance

Moved that the Faculty of Media, Art, and Performance high school requirements for admission be revised, effective 202220.

Faculty of Social Work

Moved that the Pre-Social Work and the Indigenous Social Work Qualifying high school requirements for admission be revised, effective 202220.

A question was raised why the Pre-Social Work and the Indigenous Social Work Qualifying admission requirements no longer require science and math. Dean Rocke agreed that the Faculty of Social Work would withdraw this motion, to allow further discussion and consideration.

A further question was raised regarding the University's use of quotas during the admission process. It was clarified that the Faculty of Nursing is the only Faculty with admission limits.

The question was called on the omnibus motion, as amended (excluding the motion from the Faculty of Social Work).

CARRIED

7.2.2 Revision to Post-Secondary Admission Requirements

The following four motions were moved as an omnibus motion.

Chase - Cranston

Faculty of Business Administration

Moved that the Faculty of Business Administration post-secondary admission criteria be revised, effective 202220.

Faculty of Education

Moved that the Faculty of Education post-secondary transfer admission criteria be revised, effective 202220.

Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science

Moved that the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science post-secondary transfer admission criteria be revised, effective 202220.

Faculty of Kinesiology and Health Studies

Moved that the Faculty of Kinesiology and Health Studies post-secondary transfer admission criteria be revised, effective 202220.

The question was called on the omnibus motion.

CARRIED

7.2.3 Revision to Internal Transfer Regulations

The following three motions were moved as an omnibus motion.

Chase - Cranston

Faculty of Education

Moved that the Faculty of Education internal transfer regulation be created, effective 202220.

Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science

Moved that the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science internal transfer regulation be created, effective 202220.

Faculty of Kinesiology and Health Studies

Moved that the Faculty of Kinesiology and Health Studies internal transfer regulation be created, effective 202220.

The question was called on the omnibus motion.

CARRIED

7.2.4 Faculty of Arts

Admission/Transfer Credit Average Revision – Articulation Agreement Programs

Chase - Dea

Moved to revise the Articulation Agreement Programs' minimum graduating Program Grade Point Average (PGPA) for admission/transfer credit to the University of Regina, effective 202220.

CARRIED

7.2.5 Faculty of Business Administration

Discontinue Program – Major in Entrepreneurship

Chase - Grandy

Moved that the Major in Entrepreneurship be discontinued, effective 202230.

CARRIED

7.2.6 Faculty of Education

Admission Requirement – New Education Profile

Chase - Cranston

Moved that the newly created Education Profile be used for admission to all Faculty of Education Programs, effective 202230.

A question was raised regarding increased recruitment of males into teaching positions. Dean Cranston noted that the Faculty of Education was advised to not use binary gender definitions.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.2.7 Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science

New Admission Status – Engineering Qualifying Status Creation

Chase - Hussein

Moved to create a qualifying status for the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science, effective 202220.

A question was raised regarding probability of student success if they do not have a required math or science course. Dean Hussein noted that the qualifying program will provide them the opportunity to complete an equivalent course at University of Regina and allow them to be supported by the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.2.8 Faculty of Kinesiology and Health Studies

Program Revisions – Faculty of Kinesiology and Health Studies Pathway Program

Chase - Douai

Moved that the Faculty of Kinesiology and Health Studies Pathway Program admission, program, assessment, and completion requirements be revised, effective 202210.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.2.9 Faculty of Nursing

Admission Requirement Revision – Faculty of Nursing Admission Requirements

Chase - Evans

Moved that the admissions section of the Undergraduate Calendar “Admissions from Universities and Colleges” Faculty of Nursing requirements be revised, effective 202210.

Interim Dean Evans responded to a question related to “attempted” courses. She also clarified that Nursing applicants with previous post-secondary education would be admitted based on their performance in at least 15 and up to 30 credit hours of previous post-secondary courses.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.2.10 Faculty of Social Work

The following two motions were moved as an omnibus motion.

Chase - Rocke

Admission Regulation Revision – Admission Grade Point Average for the Certificate in Indigenous Social Work and the Bachelor of Indigenous Social Work

Moved to revise the calculation of the Certificate in Indigenous Social Work/Bachelor of Indigenous Social Work Admission Grade Point Average, effective 202130.

Admission Regulation Revision – Admission Grade Point Average for the Bachelor of Social Work

Moved to revise the calculation of the Bachelor of Social Work Admission Grade Point Average, effective 202130.

A Senator noted that there were inconsistencies between these and similar motions from other faculties. Dr Chase noted that these motions are considered by faculty councils, assessing the needs of their specific prospective students and the characteristics of their programs.

The question was called on the omnibus motion.

CARRIED

7.2.11 Centre for Continuing Education

Undergraduate Calendar Revision – Awarding of Concurrent or Additional Degrees

Chase - Schultz

Moved that an additional condition be added to the “Awarding of Concurrent or Additional Degrees” in the CCE section of the University Calendar to address the awarding of concurrent and additional credit certificates, effective 202220.

CARRIED

7.2.12 Enrolment Services and UR International

English Language Proficiency Test – Duolingo

Chase - Strueby

Moved that the Duolingo Online English Test with a minimum score of 110 be accepted as an approved test of proficiency in English for undergraduate admissions, on a temporary basis for the 2021-2022 academic year (July 1 to April 30), effective July 1, 2021.

In response to a question, the Registrar confirmed that the Duolingo Online English Test is being approved temporarily, as other English Language Proficiency tests have not been consistently available through the pandemic.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.2.13 Registrar’s Office

Revisions to the Graduation Section of the Undergraduate Calendar

Chase - Evans

Moved to approve the revisions to the Graduation section of the Undergraduate Calendar, effective 202220.

In response to a question, the Registrar noted that this revision will clarify current practice to ensure that the 60.00% UGPA requirement applies to all University of Regina credit-based credentials (degrees, diplomas, and certificates).

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Credential Framework

Chase - D’Arcy

Moved that the credential framework be approved, effective 202220.

CARRIED

The remainder of the report was received for information. For further information on these items, please view Appendix III, Pages 44-47 of the Agenda.

(Senate had a brief recess from 10:15 a.m. to 10:25 a.m.)

8. Briefs, Submissions, or Recommendations from Elected or Appointed Representatives of Senate

8.1 Board Members Elected by Senate, *Verbal Update*

A. Opseth and 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 March meeting, the Board approved:

- 2021 University Risk Register
- Annual Internal Audit Plan
- Changes to the governance structure of the TRIUMF laboratory, of which the University is a member
- Preventative Maintenance Renewal Projects
- An update to the Research Institutes and Chairs Policy
- Research Chairs, including the Gabriel Dumont Chair in Métis/Michif Education, the President’s Research Chair, and the Chancellor’s Research Chair

The Human Resources Committee received the Annual Health, Safety, and Wellness report which included information on the newly created Mental Wellness Hub.

The Board heard a presentation from Dr H. Riemer and L. Robertson from the Faculty of Kinesiology and Health Studies on the “Promotion of Wellness and the Dr Paul Schwann Centre.”

At the May meeting, the Board approved:

- 2021-2022 Comprehensive Budget plan, including the tuition and fee levels for the upcoming year
- 10 Year Capital Plan
- Canadian Institute for Advanced Research Chair in Artificial Intelligence

The Board welcomed Hannah Tait, the new University of Regina Students' Union President (URSU), who is also an ex-officio member of the Board of Governors.

The Board heard the presentation from Dr G. Pennycook on "Intuition, Reason, and Social Media" which the Senate had previously heard in February.

The Presidential Transition Committee has begun its work with Dr J. Keshen to support him as he begins his presidency.

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

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

9. Academic and Administrative Reports

9.1 Annual Enrolment Report 2020-2021, *For Information*, Appendix IV, Pages 66-70

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.

Discussion followed. Topics of discussion included:

- 11% increase in the Spring/Summer 2021 enrolment headcount and the factors contributing to the increase in student enrolment
- International student enrolment and expected return to pre-pandemic levels

The Chancellor thanked J. Smith for the report.

9.2 "University Pandemic Recovery and Welcome to our New President," presentation by Dr d. Gregory, Dr K. McNutt, and Dr J. Keshen

The Chancellor introduced Dr Gregory and Dr McNutt to Senate.

After the presentation, discussion followed. Topics of discussion included:

- Incoming students and their readiness for University
- Impact of the pandemic on research and how it will continue to impact the University going forward
- Positive comments received from the external community regarding how well the University has handled pandemic response

Interim President Chase provided thanks to all those who were involved in the pandemic response and recovery.

The presentation is appended to the Official File.

The Chancellor introduced Dr J. Keshen to Senate.

Incoming President Keshen provided a welcome to Senate and is looking forward to meeting Senators in the Fall.

The Chancellor thanked Dr d. Gregory, Dr K. McNutt, and Dr J. Keshen for their presentations.

10. In Camera Session

10.1 Joint Committee of Council and Senate on Ceremonies, *For Approval*, Appendix V, Page 71

B. McClinton presented the report on behalf of the Joint Committee of Council and Senate on Ceremonies.

McClinton - Chase

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

CARRIED

11. Other Business

11.1 Recognition of Departing Senate Members

Departing Senators were recognized during the Chancellor's remarks.

11.2 Next Meeting of Senate – 9:00 a.m., Friday, 22 October 2021

12. Adjournment - Nadeau (11:21 a.m.)



Glenys Sylvestre
University Secretary