

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF REGINA SENATE
8 JUNE 2022
EDUCATION AUDITORIUM 106

PRESENT: K. Addison, E. Aito, J. Anderson, R. Arnot, B. Barber, R. Bourassa, F. Boutin, D. Brunskill, W. Carney, J. Clarke, H. Chaudhry, J. D’Arcy, A. Davidson, S. Dea, A. Douai, Z. Dumont, S. Ferre, N. Finch, S. Fortman, K. Gerwing, G. Grandy, d. Gregory, S. Helewa, A. Hicks, E. Hussein, M. Jerry, G. Keith, J. Keshen, R. Kies, P. Kindred, P. Klein (Chair), R. Krismer, B. Lacey, G. Lagrandeur, B. McClinton, M. Mollenhauer, J. Nadeau, B. Nobert, K. Nolin, F. Ogunrinde, N. Önder, A. Opseth, V. Petry, C. Pollard, H. Riemer, C. Rocke, A. Russell, C. Schultz, J. Schultz, M. Smadu, J. Smith, A. Stadnek, E. Strueby, J. Tomkins, A. Wakabayashi, A. Williams, K. Zawada

REGRETS: R. Andreychuk, O. Arnal, B. Balaski, V. Barber, J. Cranston, A. Crowe, K. Dietrich, T. Fisher, R. Kullman, D. Lemieux, C. Martin, K. McNutt, L. Neufeld, R. Palmarin, M. Piro, L. Ruschiensky, K. Spice, C. Veresh, B. Waytuck

GUESTS: A. Armstrong (Faculty of Education), C. Oleksinski (UR International), J. Selinger (Advanced Education), J. Shafer (Executive Offices)

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

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. Call to Order – 9:00 a.m.

The Chancellor welcomed all Senators and guests to the meeting.

2. Approval of the Agenda

F. Ogunrinde – F. Boutin

Moved that the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Approval of the Minutes of 11 February 2022 - circulated with the Agenda

B. McClinton – A. Stadnek

Moved that the minutes be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Business Arising from the Minutes - None

5. Optional Reports

5.1 Chancellor's Report

Chancellor Klein provided a verbal report to Senate, including:

- An appeal to the Senate Appeals Committee meeting was held in March 2022
- The Inspiring Leadership Forum held on Wednesday, March 2nd was another successful event with over 1,000 individuals attending. The 2023 Inspiring Leadership Forum will be held on Wednesday, March 8th
- Her participation in University events and board director development opportunities
- The return to a fully in person Convocation and recognition of the University's Honorary Degree Recipients will be a highlight of the year

5.1.1 Recognition of Departing Senators, *Verbal Update*

Chancellor Klein acknowledged the following members of Senate for their service to the University upon completion of their terms:

- Abu Mohamad Hammad Ali – Student Representative
- Robert Berthiaume – PMI Regina South Saskatchewan Chapter
- Dave Button – Vice-President (Administration)
- david Gregory – Interim Provost and Vice-President (Academic)
- Ahmed Imtiyaz – Student Representative
- Gwen Keith – UofR Alumni Association
- Richard Kies – District 6 (Saskatoon)
- Rick Kullman – Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Saskatchewan
- Hon. Gene Makowsky, Minister, Ministry of Advanced Education
- Blair McClinton – Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists
- Mark McLoughlin – Deputy Minister, Ministry of Advanced Education
- April Stadnek – Saskatchewan Association of School Councils
- Linda Sulz – Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy Professionals
- Edward Strueby – District 10 (Moose Jaw)
- Darrell Sydiaha – District 1 (Moosomin-Estevan)
- Hannah Tait – Student Representative
- Charlie Tomen – Saskatchewan Professional Planners Institute

5.2 President's Report

Dr Keshen provided a verbal update on recent activities, including:

- Lifting of masking requirements and low COVID-19 infection rates on campus
- Success of UR Days and recruitment events throughout Saskatchewan

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- Opportunities for transfer credit, dual credit, and recognition of prior learning options for students
 - Improving supports for international students upon arrival to Canada
 - International student enrolment and delays in processing student visas
 - Investment in the Cypress Hills Field Station
 - Success of the Big Hearts campaign with over \$250,000 being raised, including funds provided to the Project Resilience initiative
 - Update on the searches for the Provost and Vice-President (Academic) and Vice-President (Administration)
 - A new institutional identity will soon be revealed to campus
 - UPrarie Classic will be held in mid-September with a matchup between the University of Saskatchewan Huskies and the University of Regina Rams. The event will coincide with fall orientation, alumni events, and a Saskatchewan Roughrider home game
 - Opening of Darke Hall
 - Upcoming launch of the Centre for Experiential and Service Learning
 - Renewal of the guidelines for a working academic relationship agreement with both Campion College and Luther College
 - Development of a plan to advance equity, diversity, and inclusion initiatives and the creation of a forward-looking Indigenous strategic framework
 - Initiatives to diversify teaching and learning approaches at the University
 - Creation of a Sustainability Office to better support environmental initiatives at the University
 - Future student recruitment and retention initiatives

Following Dr. Keshen's verbal report, Senators were invited to ask questions. Discussion followed and included:

- Likelihood of funding for new capital projects
- Possible causes of declining enrolment trends, including pandemic impacts on recruitment of first-generation university students, and our reliance on part-time, working students
- Opportunity to recruit displaced Ukrainian students to the University
- Additional options for 2+2 programs or overseas campuses

Senators encouraged additional alumni engagement to assist with community outreach and promotion of University events and activities.

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

5.3 University Secretary's Report

5.3.1 2022 Chancellor Election, *Verbal Update*

G. Sylvestre reported that the University Secretariat Office received one nomination for University Chancellor. G. Sylvestre announced that Pam Klein was elected by acclamation to serve as Chancellor for a second three-year term effective from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025.

The nomination is *appended to the Official File*.

5.3.2 2022 Elected Member of Senate to the Board of Governors, Appendix I, Page 3

G. Sylvestre reported that one nomination was received for the election of a Member of Senate to the Board of Governors. G. Sylvestre announced that Adynea Russell was elected by acclamation to serve as the Elected Member of Senate to the Board of Governors for a three-year term effective from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025.

The nomination is *appended to the Official File*.

6. Academic Presentation

6.1 “Overview of the Faculty of Social Work,” presentation by Dr. C. Rocke, Dean, Faculty of Social Work

Dr. d. Gregory, Interim Provost and Vice-President (Academic), introduced Dr. Rocke to Senate.

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

- Number of Indigenous graduates of the Bachelor of Social Work program, and the relationship of the Faculty with First Nations University of Canada
- Relationship of the Faculty of Social Work with non-profits in Saskatchewan
- International enrolment in the Bachelor of Social Work program and challenges with reciprocity of credentials
- How the understanding of current issues is informed by student practical experience and community engagement, enabling Social Work students and graduates to better support individuals impacted by societal changes

The Chancellor thanked Dr. Rocke for her presentation.

The presentation is appended to the Official File.

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

7. Reports from the Committees of Senate

7.1 Senate Appeals Committee, *For Information*, Appendix II, Page 4

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

The annual report was received for information.

7.2 Senate Nominating Committee, *For Approval*, Appendix III, Pages 5-11

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

7.2.1 Membership on Senate Standing and Faculty Council Committees

R. Berthiaume – R. Krismer

Moved that Senate approve the recommendation from the Senate Nominating Committee that the individuals whose names are designated with highlights in Appendix III, Pages 7-11 be approved to fill the vacancies on Senate Standing and Faculty Council Committees for the terms indicated.

CARRIED

7.2.2 Appointment of Senate Representative to District 10 (Moose Jaw)

R. Berthiaume – J. Nadeau

Moved that Senate approve the recommendation of the Senate Nominating Committee to appoint Amy Lunov, as representative from District 10 (Moose Jaw) from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

CARRIED

R. Berthiaume noted that the following individuals were elected by acclamation:

- District 3 (Assiniboia-Bengough) – John Bumbac
- District 4 (Swift Current-Gravelbourg) – Leslie Neufeld
- District 5 (Maple Creek-Rosetown-Lloydminster) – Olivia Arnal
- District 6 (Saskatoon and Area) – Paul Ottmann
- District 7 (Melfort-Wynyard-Davidson) – Brett Barber
- District 8 (Melville-Yorkton-Hudson Bay) – Keri Zawada

No nominations were received for District 1 (Moosomin-Estevan). This district will remain vacant.

8. **Items from Executive of Council, *For Approval/Information, Appendix IV, Pages 12-43***

President Keshen presented the report on behalf of Executive of Council.

8.1 Council Committee on the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

8.1.1 Faculty of Arts

Graduate Record Examination – Suspension

J. Keshen – S. Dea

Moved that the requirement of scores from the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) for applicants applying to the Clinical Psychology and Experimental & Applied Psychology Masters and PhD programs be suspended for the 202330 intake.

CARRIED

8.1.2 Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science

Master’s Certificate in Carbon Capture, Utilization and Storage (CCUS) – New Program

J. Keshen – E. Hussein

Moved to create a Master’s Certificate in Carbon Capture, Utilization and Storage (CCUS), effective 202230.

CARRIED

Master’s Certificate in Advanced Manufacturing – New Program

J. Keshen – E. Hussein

Moved to create a Master’s Certificate in Advanced Manufacturing, effective 202230.

8.1.3 Faculty of Nursing

Collaborative Nurse Practitioner Program (CNPP) – Change to Admission Requirements

J. Keshen – C. Pollard

Moved that the admission requirements change for the Collaborative Nurse Practitioner Program (CNPP), effective 202230.

CARRIED

8.1.4 Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy

Master's Certificate in Non-Profit Management – Discontinue Program

J. Keshen – A. Douai

Moved that the Master's Certificate in the Non-profit Management be discontinued, effective 202230.

CARRIED

Master's Certificate in Social Economy, Co-operatives and the Non-profit Sector – New Program

J. Keshen – A. Douai

Moved that a Master's Certificate in Social Economy, Co-operatives and the Non-profit Sector be created, effective 202230.

CARRIED

Master's Certificate in Science and Innovation Policy – New Program

J. Keshen – A. Douai

Moved that an on-line Master's Certificate in Science and Innovation Policy be created, effective 202230.

CARRIED

8.1.5 La Cité universitaire francophone

Change in Admission Requirements

J. Keshen – E. Aito

Moved that the following admission requirements be added to La Cité universitaire francophone's Graduate Programs:

Applicants must normally have completed a university degree in French or have obtained level B2 at the DELF (or equivalent as approved by the Graduate Studies Committee of La Cité), this change does not affect the Master's certificate program, effective 202230.

CARRIED

8.2 Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies

8.2.1 Faculty of Arts

Faculty of Arts Admission Requirements – Revision

J. Keshen – S. Dea

Moved to revise the Faculty of Arts admission requirements, effective 202230.

A question was raised regarding the criteria for determining who is admitted under this category. Dean Dea clarified that this is a pathway for non-traditional students to enter the Faculty of Arts.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Certificate in Development and International Economics – New Certificate

J. Keshen – S. Dea

Moved to create a Certificate in Development and International Economics, effective 202230.

CARRIED

Certificate in Environmental and Resource Economics – New Certificate

J. Keshen – S. Dea

Moved to create a Certificate in Environmental and Resource Economics, effective 202230.

CARRIED

Certificate in Monetary and Financial Economics – New Certificate

J. Keshen – S. Dea

Moved to create a Certificate in Monetary and Financial Economics, effective 202230.

CARRIED

Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Bachelor of Journalism – Residency Requirement Revision

J. Keshen – S. Dea

Moved to revise the residency requirement that all courses must be completed after admission to the School of Journalism, effective 202230.

CARRIED

8.2.2 Faculty of Business Administration

International Business Major/Certificate – Discontinuation and Creation

J. Keshen – G. Grandy

Moved that the Major in International Business be discontinued, effective 202330, and replaced by a new Certificate in International Business to be initiated, effective 202230.

A question was raised regarding the number of students currently completing the Major in International Business. Dean Grandy clarified that the few students currently enrolled have a program plan in place to allow them to graduate.

The question was called on the option.

CARRIED

8.2.3 Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science

Petroleum Systems Engineering – Admissions Suspension

J. Keshen – E. Hussein

Moved to suspend admission for the Petroleum Systems Engineering Major at undergraduate level, effective 202230.

CARRIED

Energy Systems Engineering Major – New Program

J. Keshen – E. Hussein

Moved to create the Energy Systems Engineering Major (ERSE), effective 202320.

Dean Hussein clarified that the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science is working on expanding the programming to give more options to students. Senators confirmed the potential recruitment opportunities for students interested in these career areas.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

8.2.4 Faculty of Science

Minor in Environmental Geoscience – New Program

J. Keshen – D. Farenick

Moved to create a minor in Environmental Geoscience. This minor is to be mutually exclusive from the Minor in Geology, effective 202230.

CARRIED

The following two motions were moved as an omnibus motion.

Faculty of Science Admission Requirements – Revision

J. Keshen – D. Farenick

Moved to update the post-secondary admission requirements to the Faculty of Science and the Faculty of Science Qualifying program such that the post-secondary admissions category applies to any student who has attempted a minimum of 15.0 credit hours, effective 202230.

Moved to update the minimum admissions average for Post-Secondary applicants to be calculated based on a maximum of the student's most recent 30 credit hours of approved courses. In cases where the AGPA on the most recent 30 credit hours of approved courses is less than 60%, admission to the Science Qualifying program will be considered based on a minimum AGPA of 60% on all approved post-secondary courses, effective 202230.

The question was called on the omnibus motion.

CARRIED

Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Statistics – New Program

J. Keshen – D. Farenick

Moved to create the Bachelor of Science (Honours) with a major in Statistics, effective immediately.

A question was raised whether data analytics was included as part of statistics or computer science programming. Dean Farenick clarified that another undergraduate program has been created, which is a collaboration between Computer Science and Mathematics/Statistics.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

8.2.5 Faculty of Science/First Nations University of Canada

Bachelor of Science in Environmental Health and Science and Bachelor of Science in Environmental Health and Science After Degree – Program Deletion

J. Keshen – D. Farenick

Moved to delete (archive) the Bachelor of Science in Environmental Health and Science Program and the Bachelor of Science in Environmental Health and Science After Degree Program, effective 202320.

CARRIED

8.2.6 La Cité universitaire francophone

Additional Information in the University Calendar

J. Keshen – E. Aito

Moved that the section “Admission, Re-admission, and Transfer” of the University Calendar be updated, effective 202230.

CARRIED

8.2.7 UR International and Enrolment Services

English Language Proficiency Test - Duolingo Test

J. Keshen – J. Nadeau

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

C. Oleksinski clarified that the USD fee was taken directly from the Duolingo website. In response to a question, she also noted that only a small number of students had been admitted with the Duolingo language assessment in the prior year, so the University decided to pilot for another year prior to deciding whether or not to make acceptance of Duolingo test results permanent.

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 IV, Pages 39-43 of the Agenda.

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

9.1 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:

- 2022 University Risk Register
- 2022-23 Annual Internal Audit Plan
- A recipient of the 2022 Board of Governors Distinguished Service Award
- Renovation of the ED 185 lounge space to accommodate the Centre for Teaching and Learning
- Creation of the Child Trauma Research Centre (CTRC) Research Chair in Intervention and Prevention Approached Supporting Child and Youth Health and Well-Being
- Base preventative maintenance and renewal funded projects for 2022-23

At the April meeting, the Board approved:

- 2022-23 Comprehensive Budget plan, including the tuition and fee levels for the upcoming year
- Creation of a cohort based assessment model that would offer a bundled, fixed price for tuition, discounted residence and other fees, targeted for international students
- Four projects to be submitted to the Ministry of SaskBuilds and Procurement for funding through the Strategic Preventative Maintenance and Renewal Program
- Development of a comprehensive procurement strategy and policy changes, that include a focus on Indigenous procurement
- Updates to the University's parking bylaws

In addition to the approvals, at the April meeting, the Board:

- Requested additional education on Indigenous procurement and strategies
- Provided feedback on the President's 2022-23 performance objectives
- Received an update on the La Cité upgrades
- Received an update on fundraising activity and success

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

M. Smadu thanked Dr. A. Opseth for his contributions and service to the University, Senate, and Board of Governors.

10. Administrative Reports

10.1 Annual Enrolment Report 2021-2022, *For Information*, Appendix V, Pages 44-47

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:

- Clarification that protected persons are refugees to Canada coming in under a special category by Citizenship and Immigration Canada
- Enrolment trends of similar sized institutions in Western Canada

The Chancellor thanked J. Smith for his report.

11. Other Business

11.1 “Sustainability Initiatives,” presentation by N. Paskewitz and C. Reyda, Facilities Management

J. Keshen introduced N. Paskewitz and C. Reyda to the University of Regina Senate.

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

- Overall reduction in energy consumption by the University over the last number of years
- COVID-19 pandemic impacts on energy consumption were mixed, due to requirement for increased ventilation offset by lessened lighting needs
- Next large sustainability projects for the University, including a large-scale solar farm and potential use of geothermal energy
- Integration of student projects and research in sustainability initiatives, and the potential for the University to be a “living lab”
- Potential costs and benefits when considering future investments to support electric vehicles on campus

The Chancellor thanked N. Paskewitz and C. Reyda for their presentation.

The presentation is appended to the Official File.

11.2 Next Meeting of Senate - 9:00 a.m., Friday, October 21, 2022

12. In Camera Session

12.1 Joint Committee of Council and Senate on Ceremonies, *For Approval*, Appendix VI, Page 48

J. Schultz presented the report on behalf of the Joint Committee of Council and Senate on Ceremonies.

J. Schultz – B. McClinton

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

13. Adjournment – d. Gregory (11:44 a.m.)



Glenys Sylvestre
University Secretary