

For the July Board of Governors meeting I will provide a detailed final report on my 2024-2025 objectives – including an “at-a-glance heat map” that succinctly charts progress made toward each individual measure.

In the meantime, for the Board's April meeting I am providing a brief update on my engagement activities in both the University and wider communities, and an update on my academic research and scholarship activities since February 25. As always, should the Board have any questions about any of the information below, I would be pleased to provide further information either at the April meeting or as follow-up.

**Engagement with the University community:** My activities within the University community since the last report have included:

- Participation in a wide variety of the University's daily operational decisions;
- Weekly planning meetings with:
  - The individual Vice-Presidents;
  - The Chief Governance Officer;
  - The Interim Associate Vice-President (Human Resources);
  - The entire University Executive Team; and
  - The President's Office administrative team.
- Regularly scheduled meetings with:
  - The Senior Leadership Team;
  - The Federated College Presidents;
  - The Government Relations Advisor; and
  - The URFA/APT and CUPE Chairs.
- Meeting with Deans, faculty members, administrative employees, and students as requested;
- Chairing meetings of Executive of Council, and attending Faculty Councils and meetings of administrative units to provide updates on University activities;
- Meeting with the Academic Leadership Group, which includes the Associate Deans, to provide an operational update and address any concerns;
- Planning the search process for the next Associate Vice-President (Human Resources);
- Hosting a Budget forum for the University community;
- Visiting all of the athletics teams prior to their end-of-year competitions, and hosting the Canada West champion men's and women's curling teams for lunch;
- Meeting with alumni, donors, and prospective donors, including at an alumni event in Toronto;
- Monthly meetings with the Alumni Association Board as an *ex officio* member;
- Monthly update messages to the University community;
- Conducting media interviews as requested related to a variety of University-related matters, including URSU's operations; and
- Attending and in many cases speaking at different University events, including but not limited to:
  - The annual Long Service Awards;
  - A faculty member's book launch;

- An author reading and discussion event organized by the University of Regina Queer Initiative;
- The second annual “Inspire” graduate student research symposium;
- A “Women in STEM” event organized by the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science in conjunction with International Women’s Day;
- The inaugural meeting of the volunteer University committee that is developing the University’s accessibility plan in accordance with provincial legislation;
- The Faculty of Arts’ Law Foundation of Saskatchewan and Woodrow Lloyd lectures;
- An event hosted by the BIPOC Graduate Students’ Association;
- Film screenings by both the Centre on Aging and Health and the Faculty of Social Work;
- The Alumni Association’s annual general meeting, which was held exactly 50 years to the day of the Association’s first meeting on March 12, 1975;
- The Faculty of Kinesiology and Health Studies’ Distinguished Alumni reception, the Rams Sports Dinner, and the annual athletics awards ceremony;
- The “Pi Day” launch of the Big Hearts Family Giving fundraising campaign;
- A tariff-related panel discussion held by the Economics Department;
- The Neekaneewak Leadership Initiative scholarship presentation ceremony;
- The Creative Technologies and Design student showcase and the Visual Arts Open House;
- The Psychology Honours students’ research symposium;
- An open house to educate the University community on the work of the University Secretariat and the Office of Institutional Research;
- The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition of the Media, Art, and Performance’s “Big Band Dinner and Dance”;
- Student theatre and musical performances in the Faculty of Media, Art, and Performance, as well as events where students presented their capstone projects in both the Visual Arts and the Creative Technologies and Design programs; and
- The Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science’s graduating student Project Day.

**Engagement with the wider community:** Since the last report, my engagement with individuals and groups in the wider community has included:

- Making a series of high school visits with the Chancellor to present this year’s Chancellor’s Scholarships, and hosting a reception for the recipients;
- Participating in a UR Days event in Lloydminster, and visiting Luther College High School to speak to students at their assembly;
- Engaging with the Ministry of Education and SaskLEADS about the University’s recruitment efforts in Saskatchewan schools for the forthcoming year, and writing to the Directors of Saskatchewan’s school divisions to facilitate additional school visits;
- Meeting with the Minister and Deputy Minister of Advanced Education, attending the announcement of the provincial budget, and participating in other events held at the Legislature;
- Meeting with representatives of other Saskatchewan post-secondary institutions about issues of mutual interest;
- Participating in a leadership-themed podcast at the request of a community organization;

- Meeting with diplomats and representatives of organizations from other countries, including Switzerland, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and Ecuador;
- Providing letters of support to assist in bids that the City of Regina is making for national events that would make use of University facilities in coming years;
- Hosting a lunch and research presentations for the Vice-President of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council while he visited campus;
- Meeting with the Business Development Manager (Agriculture) for the Kahkewistahaw First Nation;
- Continuing my activities representing the University in the Canadian Military, Veteran and Family Connected Campus Consortium, as well as the national MyCreds™ Strategic Advisory Board; and
- Attending and in many cases speaking on the University's behalf at a variety of events that were either hosted in or involved the wider community, including:
  - The Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce's "Economic Priorities for Growth" dinner, as well as that organization's "Food, Fuel, and Fertilizer" summit in Regina, at which the University hosted a reception and I introduced a panel discussion;
  - The Regina and District Chamber of Commerce's Paragon Awards;
  - A reception at the Canada Farm Show;
  - The Inspiring Leadership Forum;
  - A Community Connections event at which the University presented to non-profit organizations about developing further experiential and service learning opportunities for students;
  - The Chancellor's Community "Explore the Stars and Dreams" event;
  - A collaborative event put on by the University's GATE Centre and the Regina and District Chamber of Commerce to provide a networking opportunity for graduate students and local CEOs;
  - The Three Minute Thesis competition, which attracted approximately 300 members of the wider community to Darke Hall. I also met with the winner of the French-language version of the event prior to her going to the national championships;
  - The YWCA of Regina's Women of Distinction finalist reception; and
  - The Chinese community's Spring Festival event as well as the Jewish and Greek communities' annual cultural celebrations.

**My academic research program and related activities:** Since the last report, I have:

- Received assessments from three reviewers for the manuscript of *A History of Canada in 15 Moments*, the textbook that I am writing for Bloomsbury Press with Dr. Raymond Blake of the Department of History. Dr. Blake and I are now performing the next round of revisions, which will keep the book on track for publication in Fall 2025;
- Presented on one of the *History of Canada in 15 Moments* book chapters for a class in the Faculty of Education;
- Presented my research at a SSHRC-funded research workshop at the University of Western Ontario. The presentation was on my book chapter entitled "Canada's Homefront in the Second World War: A Brief Overview" that is being included in a book scheduled to be published in early 2026; and

- Taught two history classes on Second World War history at a high school in Lloydminster as part of the UR Days visit to that city.