

## ACTIVITIES REPORT: ENGAGEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY AND WIDER COMMUNITIES

In conjunction with the year-end report to the Board on my annual objectives, this is an overview of some of my main activities to engage with the University and wider communities during the reporting period from April 15 – July 14, 2026. Should the Board have any questions about any of the information below – or about any activities that are not listed in this partial summary – I would be pleased to discuss them either at the July 2026 meeting or as follow-up.

**Engagement with the University community:** Since mid-April, my engagement with the University community included:

- Participating in a wide array of daily operational decisions;
- Weekly or near-weekly planning meetings with:
  - The University Executive Team as a group;
  - The Vice-Presidents (both as a group and individually);
  - The Chief Governance Officer;
  - The Associate Vice-President (Human Resources); and
  - The President's Office administrative team.
- Regular meetings with:
  - The Associate Vice-President (Indigenous Engagement);
  - The Presidents of the Federated Colleges;
  - The Senior Leadership Team; and
  - The CUPE and URFA/APT Chairs.
- Meeting as requested with individuals or small groups – including academic and administrative staff as well as students – about a variety of University-related issues. This included meeting with University of Regina Students' Association representatives;
- Chairing meetings of Executive of Council each month, and providing operational updates to Faculty Councils and administrative units at their regular meetings as scheduling permitted;
- Hosting a budget forum for faculty and staff;
- Chairing a meeting of University Council;
- Visiting the Faculties of Nursing and Social Work at their new site in Saskatoon;
- Participating in meetings of the University of Regina Alumni Association as an *ex officio* member, and meeting with alumni, donors, and prospective donors;
- Participating in the June meeting of Senate as well as Senate-related committee meetings;
- Meetings of the Space Allocation Committee;
- Participating in Spring Convocation, which included meeting with the honorary degree recipients, delivering an address at each of the four ceremonies, hosting the Convocation dinner, and attending First Nations University of Canada's Convocation celebration;
- Sending monthly messages to the University community; and
- Attending and in many cases speaking at numerous University-organized events, including:
  - Retirement events for several longtime University employees;

- A book launch for Dr. Mathew Thompson of the Film Department;
- The on-campus launch of the history textbook I co-authored with Dr. Raymond Blake of the History Department;
- A lecture on Global Energy Policy that was hosted by the Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy;
- The opening of the Model United Nations summit organized by the student Model United Nations club;
- The “Reimagining Nonprofits” conference hosted at Luther College;
- The annual conference of the Canadian Applied and Industrial Mathematics Society, which was hosted by the Department of Mathematics and Statistics for the first time in the University’s history;
- The Faculty of Business Administration’s annual Levene Dinner;
- A reception for graduate students who have received significant internal and national scholarships;
- The grand opening on campus of Da India Curry Express – the final vendor in place to complete the two-year food services enhancement project;
- A celebration of research hosted by the Office of the Vice-President (Research);
- First Nations University of Canada’s 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration;
- The annual lecture organized by the University in partnership with the Herman family;
- The graduation of those participating in the UR Leadership Development program;
- The Psychology Department’s annual symposium featuring the work of the department’s Honour’s students; and
- An event to mark the completed renovations to the Cypress Hills Field Station.

**Engagement with the wider community:** During the reporting period, my engagement with the wider community included:

- Regular meetings with officials from the Ministry of Advanced Education. This included presenting the University’s operations forecast and capital plans to the Ministry;
- Individual meetings with officials from different levels of government;
- Meeting with representatives of other Saskatchewan post-secondary institutions about issues of mutual interest;
- Discussing prospective educational partnerships with officials from other countries – including China and Nepal – while they were visiting the province;
- Signing a Memorandum of Understanding with SaskTel related to experiential learning, collaborative research, and training, innovation, and commercialization;
- Teaching two history classes at Weyburn Comprehensive School during the recruitment team’s visit to that school;
- Attending the Rural Innovation Festival and Forum held in Estevan;
- Continuing my work on the Saskatchewan Honours Advisory Council, Economic Development Regina’s Growth Board, and the Canadian Military, Veteran and Family Connected Campus Consortium;
- Discussing potential academic partnerships with representatives of different organizations in the province;
- Conducting media interviews as requested, including on the new institutional strategic plan as well as enrolments; and

- Attending and in many cases speaking on the University's behalf at a variety of externally organized events, including:
  - An event put on by the Art Institute of Canada and the President's Art Collection to launch a book about past and contemporary Regina artists;
  - The annual First Nations University of Canada Pow Wow;
  - The "Food, Fuel, and Fertilizer" global summit that was held in Regina, as well as the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce Political Forum;
  - The Three-Minute Thesis Western Regional Competition, which was hosted by the University at Darke Hall;
  - The Western Canada-India Leaders Summit in Regina;
  - An "Innovation Week" event co-hosted on campus by Innovation Saskatchewan and the University's Office of Research Partnerships and Innovation;
  - The Mother Teresa Middle School's 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration;
  - Presenting on international education at a joint meeting of the Rotary Club of Regina and Regina Eastview Rotary;
  - The TedX event held at Darke Hall;
  - The annual Queen City Pride parade; and
  - Participating in a roundtable discussion at the Global Energy Show in Calgary.