MINUTES

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF REGINA COUNCIL
8 DECEMBER 2025
ADMINISTRATION HUMANITIES BUILDING BOARDROOM 527 AND WEB CONFERENCING

MEMBERS PRESENT: S. Abbott, O. Afolabi, S. Ahmed, M. Akinpelu, I. Al-Anbagi, E. Alston-O'Connor, A. Armstrong, E. Arries-Kleyenstuber, C. Bakker, E. Beckwell, C. Bradley, C. Bradley, M. Brigham, J. Brown, K. Bruer, P. Bruno, K. Butler, L. Campbell, A. Chan, H. Chaudhry, T. Chaudhry, S. Cheng, G. Chernov, M. Chipanshi, P. Choi, L. Clune, I. Coulson, M. Coupal, K. Cushon, T. Dahms, L. Dai, J. Daschuk, J. de Lugt, M. DeCoste, M. Diamantopoulos, R. Doran, R. Dosselmann, A. Douai, A. East, E. Eaton, D. Eberts, O. El-Halfawy, R. Horowitz, R. Evans, J. Farney, J. Fields, D. Flood, D. Ford, J. Gacek, L. Gamble, R. Ganev, S. Gaudet, C. Gelowitz, M. Goodwin, d. Gregory, L. Groeneveld, B. Hall, C. Hart, K. Herman, L. Hoeber, A. Holden, A. Hughes, A. Hyduk, D. Ji, E. Johnson, S. Johnston, J. Keshen (Chair), M. Khondoker, S. Klassen, C. Kulczycki, P. Leavitt, A. Leudjo Taka, D. Leung, J. Lewgood, J. MacDonald, A. Magnan, A. Manera, V. Mathews, T. McIntosh, D. Meban, J. Melancon, J. Nahachewsky, A. Oehler, E. Oldford, N. Önder, Z. Papandreou, R. Petry, R. Petry, T. Phenix, K. Phillips, G. Ramsey, V. Ramshaw, M. Rennie, B. Reul, T. Richards-Thomas, L. Robbins, C. Rocke, A. Rubalcava, J. Sakatch, S. Sangster, C. Schultz, D. Sharpe, M. Shires, J. Smith, T. Sperlich, M. Spooner, A. Snider, D. Starblanket, A. Sterzuk, D. Stilling, A. Stoddart, D. Swapp, G. Sylvestre, C. Thomson, L. Tiggelers, A. Tilson, B. Tomin, M. Velez Caicedo, B. Waytuck, H. Weger, A. Wickson-Griffiths, M. Wihak, S. Wilson, S. Wilson, S. Yim, C. Yost, K. Yow, G. Zhao

Guests: W. Blaisdell, T. Elliott, J. Ives, S. King, A. Lauf

Regrets: D. Dick, S. Holmes, T. Levit, C. Londono, A. Sardarli

Recorder: S. Stewart

In keeping with the University's commitment to Reconciliation, the Chair acknowledged that the University is located on Treaty 4 territory with a presence in Treaty 6. These are the territories of the nêhiyawak, Anihšināpēk, Dakota, Lakota, and Nakoda, and the traditional homeland of the Métis/Michif Nation.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m. by the President and Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Jeff Keshen.

2. Approval of the Agenda

D. Stilling – M. DeCoste
Moved that the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Minutes of Meeting of 1 December 2023

It was noted that the mover and seconder on Item 5.1 were incorrectly noted. It should read “M. Stewart – E. Eaton.”

P. Choi – E. Oldford
Moved that the minutes be approved as amended.

CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes – None.

4. Report from the Chair of Council

President Keshen offered the following remarks:
- Update on the referendum for the University of Regina Students’ Association (URSA)
- Update on the 2026-2027 budget processes
- Update on domestic and international student recruitment and enrolment

Following the Chair’s remarks, Council was invited to share information or raise questions for discussion.

Discussion followed. Topics of discussion included:
- Governance training opportunities and the onboarding of new student leaders
- Dissolution of the University of Regina Students’ Union and information about the new student organization (URSA)

6. Academic Items

6.1 Revisions to the Council Rules and Regulations

G. Sylvestre, University Secretary, introduced the motion to Council.

G. Sylvestre – d. Gregory
Moved to approve revisions to the Council Rules and Regulations as presented in Attachment A and B of the Agenda.

Discussion followed on Section 2.2.3 and Section 4.5. Topics of discussion included:
- Impact of the proposed changes to student election procedures and student representation on University Council
- How students are currently elected to University Council
- Intent of the proposed revisions in enabling student representation on Council and Council committees
- Possibility to implement the proposed changes, in order to ensure student representation, and re-visit the procedures after a new student governing body is elected and fully functioning

- Suggestion that the student union should run student elections to Council on behalf of the University

After discussion a subsidiary motion was presented:

T. Sperlich – d. Gregory
Moved to remove the proposed revisions to Section 2.2.3 and Section 4.5 of the Council Rules and Regulations, as well as Attachments B and C.

The question was called on the subsidiary motion.

10 Opposed
CARRIED

Discussion followed on Section 4.1 of the proposed changes to the Council Rules and Regulations. G. Sylvestre noted that Section 4.1 of the Council Rules and Regulations was to be revised in 2019, when Section 2.1.3 was amended by Council. This proposed amendment would correct an error in the document.

A subsidiary motion was presented:

R. Petry – D. Eberts
Moved to remove the proposed changes to Section 4.1 of the Council Rules and Regulations.

The question was called on the subsidiary motion.

12 Opposed
CARRIED

Further discussion occurred on the proposed revision to Electoral Units (Section 4.3.5) Faculty of Arts elections, as well as a suggestion to ensure removal of gendered language in the document.

Due to the considerable discussion and questions about the proposed changes to the Council Rules and Regulations, it was suggested that consideration of amendments to the Council Rules and Regulations be postponed to a future meeting to allow time for further consultation and discussion.

D. Stilling – M. DeCoste
Moved to postpone consideration of revisions to the Council Rules and Regulations to a future meeting.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7. Presentation

7.1 University of Regina Strategic Plan

Due to a lack of remaining time in the scheduled meeting a presentation on the draft strategic plan did not occur and was deferred to a future meeting of Council.

8. Other Business – None.

In closing, the Chair thanked everyone for attending and Council members' continued engagement. The Chair expressed appreciation to the Council Agenda Committee and to those who organized the meeting.

9. Adjournment – M. Spooner (2:55 p.m.)