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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF REGINA COUNCIL
28 MAY 2025
ADMINISTRATION HUMANITIES BUILDING BOARDROOM 527 AND WEB CONFERENCING**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ex-Officio: L. Campbell, P. Choi, J. D'Arcy, S. Dea, D. Dick, A. Douai, R. Evans, D. Farenick, J. Farney, J. Keshen (Chair), D. Ford, S. Gaudet, d. Gregory, S. Helewa, N. Önder, T. Phenix, C. Rocke, C. Schultz, J. Smith, A. Sterzuk, G. Sylvestre

Elected: M. Akinpelu, R. Alao, C. Bakker, E. Beckwell, J. Brown, P. Bruno, L. Clune, M. DeCoste, J. deLugt, D. deMontigny, R. Dosselmann, M. Dubnewick, O. El-Halfawy, M. Hart, K. Herman, A. Hodson, S. Holmes, X. Jia, M. MacKinnon, A. Magnon, V. Mathews, T. McIntosh, E. McNair, D. Meban, H. Nelson, K. Phillips, C. Ramsay, M. Rutten-James, N. Shariar, D. Sharpe, G. Sherbert, T. Sperlich, D. Stilling, L. Tiggelers, M. Trussler, H. Weger, S. Wilson, S. Yim

Guests: J. Barden, S. Fitterer, C. Oriet

Regrets: E. Arries-Kleyenstuber, B. Hall, R. Manzon, A. Oehler, P. Ortega, Z. Papandreou, H. Phipps, S. Sangster, J. Seinen

Recorder: S. Stewart

The meeting was called to order at 2:32 p.m. by the President and Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Jeff Keshen.

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, Anihšīnāpēk, Dakota, Lakota, and Nakoda, and the traditional homeland of the Métis/Michif Nation.

1. Approval of the Agenda

D. Stilling – M. MacKinnon

Moved that the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Minutes of Meeting of 23 April 2025

G. Sherbert – M. DeCoste

Moved that the minutes be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes – None.

4. Remarks from the Chair

President Keshen provided an update on recent activities, including:

- Spring Convocation will be held on June 11-13
- Update on athletics, including a couple of new team coaches
- Faculty, staff, and student achievements
- National Building Reconciliation Forum hosted by the University of Regina and First Nations University of Canada
- Update on capital projects
- Update on domestic and international student recruitment and enrolment
- Update on the 2025-2026 University budget, approved by the Board at its April meeting
- Update on the Strategic Planning process
- Update on the University of Regina Students' Union

Following the Chair's remarks, Executive of Council was invited to share further information or raise questions for discussion. Topics of discussion included:

- Potential implications of the University's decision to eliminate a Biosafety Officer in the Health and Safety department
- Anticipated next steps related to the University of Regina Student's Union

5. Report from the University Secretary

- 5.1 Results of the 2025 Executive of Council Call for Nominations, *For Information*, Appendix I, Pages 3-4

G. Sylvestre presented the report to Executive of Council.

The report was received for information.

6. Reports from Committees of Council

- 6.1 Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies, Appendix II, Pages 5-33

J. D'Arcy presented the report on behalf of the Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies.

6.1.1 Centre for Continuing Education

English for Academic Purposes – Admission Suspension

J. D’Arcy – C. Schultz

Moved to suspend admission to EAP 005 – Foundations 1 (Beginner), EAP 010 – Foundations 2 (Elementary), or EAP 020 – Vantages 1 (Low Intermediate) into the English for Academic Purposes (EAP) program, effective 202610.

It was clarified that enrolment is declining in these three courses, due to changes in the issuance of study permits. The Centre for Continuing Education will continue to offer the higher-level EAP courses.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

6.1.2 Faculty of Social Work

Concurrent Programs – Undergraduate Calendar Revision

J. D’Arcy – C. Rocke

Moved to add language on Concurrent Programming into the admission section of the Faculty of Social Work section of the Undergraduate Calendar, effective 202620.

CARRIED

Social Work Practicum Regulation – Undergraduate Calendar Revision

J. D’Arcy – C. Rocke

Moved to remove “SW 348 placements must be completed in Saskatchewan” from the Undergraduate Calendar, effective 202620.

CARRIED

Social Work Practicum Regulation – Undergraduate Calendar Revision

J. D’Arcy – C. Rocke

Moved to remove “Limited Spring/Summer practicum placements for SW 448 and SW 348 may be available for special projects offered through the Faculty of Social Work. In extenuating circumstances, Faculty approval for Spring/Summer practicum may be considered for placements in rural or northern Saskatchewan, or out-of-province/international placements,” effective immediately.

CARRIED

6.1.3 Registrar's Office and Enrolment Services

Mature Admission – Admission Requirement Revision

J. D'Arcy – N. Önder

Moved to approve revisions to the Mature Admission requirements, effective 202620.

CARRIED

UNIV 001: University Preparedness – Course Revisions

J.D'Arcy – N. Önder

Moved to revise UNIV 001: University Preparedness Course, effective immediately.

It was clarified that the University-level Committee that will be overseeing the course has not yet been created and that the Associate Vice-President (Academic) is currently working closely with three associate deans to develop course content. An administrator will also be hired to manage and monitor students. There was brief discussion regarding the expectations whether students will require multiple attempts to successfully complete the course, with a commitment to report back to this body.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Undergraduate Credential Framework – Revisions

J. D'Arcy – N. Önder

Moved to approve revisions to the Undergraduate Credential Framework, effective immediately.

A typo was noted in the Undergraduate Credential Framework - Micro-Biology in the document should be spelled Microbiology. In addition, it was further noted that a concentration in Microbiology is not available. J. D'Arcy noted the typos and they will be corrected in the Framework.

The question was called on the motion, with the noted amendments.

CARRIED

6.2 Council Committee on the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, Appendix III, Pages 34-109

A. Douai presented the report on behalf of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research Scholarships and Awards Committee.

6.2.1 Faculty of Arts

Master of Journalism – Program Suspension

A. Douai – S. Dea

Moved to extend the suspension of admissions to the Master of Journalism program, effective until 202730.

CARRIED

6.2.2 Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science

Graduate Programs in Energy Systems Engineering – New Programs

A. Douai – P. Choi

Moved that the Graduate Program in Energy Systems Engineering, offering the following six degree programs, be created, effective 202530.

- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Energy Systems Engineering (after MASc in Engineering)
- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Energy Systems Engineering (after MEng)
- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Energy Systems Engineering (after Bachelor's)
- Master of Applied Science (MASc) in Energy Systems Engineering (Thesis)
- Master of Engineering (MEng) in Energy Systems Engineering (Project)
- Master of Engineering (MEng) in Energy Systems Engineering (Co-op)

It was clarified that a PhD program after Bachelor's has been available in the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science for a number of years, and that students in this program must complete additional courses in order to earn the PhD.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

6.2.3 Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

Registration Status – Graduate Calendar Revision

A. Douai – N. Önder

Moved that the Registration Status section of the Registration Regulations page of

Graduate Calendar be updated to provide clarifying language around full-time registration, effective immediately.

CARRIED

Academic Standards – Graduate Calendar Revision

A. Douai – N. Önder

Moved that the Academic Standards section of the Program Requirements page of the Graduate Calendar be updated, effective immediately.

CARRIED

Non-Degree Student – Graduate Calendar Revision

A. Douai – N. Önder

Moved that the Non-Degree Student section of the Classification of Students page of the Graduate Calendar be updated, effective immediately.

CARRIED

Fee and Program Changes and Program Transfers – Graduate Calendar Revision

A. Douai – N. Önder

Moved that details about the laddering process be added in the Fees and Program Changes and Program Transfers sections of the Graduate Calendar, effective 202530.

CARRIED

Completion of a Subsequent Credential – Graduate Calendar Revision

A. Douai – N. Önder

Moved to add a new Completion of a Subsequent Credential section to Program Requirements page of the Graduate Calendar, effective 202530.

CARRIED

Calculation of Averages – Graduate Calendar Revision

A. Douai – N. Önder

Moved that the Calculation of Averages for Graduate Students section of the Grading System page in the graduate calendar be updated, effective 202620.

CARRIED

6.2.4 Faculty of Media, Art, and Performance

WES-ICAP Requirement – Admission Requirement Revision

A. Douai – D. Dick

Moved to require the WES-ICAP course by course report for applicants with international credentials in all MAP Programs, effective 202620.

CARRIED

Interdisciplinary Programs – Admission Requirement Revision

A. Douai – D. Dick

Moved that the application requirements for Interdisciplinary Programs in MAP be revised, effective 202620.

CARRIED

Master of Music Application Requirement – Graduate Calendar Revision

A. Douai – D. Dick

Moved that Application Requirements be added to the Master of Music Program Information section, effective 202620.

CARRIED

Mater of Fine Arts (Studio Art Practice) – Graduation Requirements Revision

A. Douai – D. Dick

Moved that the graduation requirements for Master of Fine Arts Program (Studio Art Practice) be changed, effective 202620.

CARRIED

6.2.5 Faculty of Social Work

WES ICAP Course-by-Course Exemption – Admission Requirement Revision

A. Douai – C. Rocke

Moved to exempt applicants with international credentials from the WES ICAP Course-by-Course report if they have completed a BSW degree and a research course from a Canadian post-secondary institution for Master of Social Work Application, effective 202720.

CARRIED

6.2.6 La Cité universitaire francophone

Master of Arts in French and Francophone Intercultural Studies (Course) – Program Revision

A. Douai – S. Gaudet

Moved that the Master of Arts (MA) in French and Francophone Intercultural Studies (course) be changed effective 202530.

CARRIED

The remainder of the report was received for information.

6.3 Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research Scholarships and Awards Committee, *Distributed Confidentially*

A. Douai presented the report on behalf of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research Scholarships and Awards Committee.

6.3.1 Governor General's Academic Gold Medal

A. Douai – D. Farenick

Moved that Dr. Brendan Bishop (Doctor of Philosophy in Geology) be awarded the Governor General's Academic Gold Medal.

CARRIED

6.4 Council Committee on Undergraduate Awards, *Distributed Confidentially*

A. Hodson presented the report on behalf of the Council Committee on Undergraduate Awards.

6.4.1 Governor General's Academic Silver Medal

A. Hodson – D. Farenick

Moved that the Governor General's Academic Silver Medal be awarded to Carissa Melnyk from the Faculty of Science.

CARRIED

6.4.2 University Medal

A. Hodson – S. Dea

Moved that the University Medal be awarded to Huzaifah Asghar from the Faculty of Arts.

CARRIED

6.4.3 President's Medal

A. Hodson – S. Dea

Moved that the President's Medal be awarded to Jeremy Beam from the Faculty of Arts.

CARRIED

6.5 Joint Committee on Council and Senate on Ceremonies, *Distributed Confidentially*

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

6.5.1 Master of Kinesiology Hood

J. Keshen – A. Douai

Moved that the Master of Kinesiology (MKin) hood be approved as having a silver grey inside and outside trim and a navy blue border with silver edge and silver lining in the hood.

CARRIED

6.5.1 Honorary Degree Candidates for Addition to the Approved Roster

J. Keshen – d. Gregory

Moved that the list of Honorary Degree Candidates in the Approved Roster be amended to include the additional candidate as presented.

CARRIED

7. Graduand Lists

The lists were distributed confidentially prior to the meeting and are appended to the Official File.

7.1 Graduand Lists for Approval

d. Gregory – M. DeCoste

Moved that all students whose names appear on the lists distributed at the meeting and having satisfied the requirements, be granted the degrees, diplomas, and/or certificates as designated.

CARRIED

8. Other Business

8.1 On Campus Housing – Tactical Occupancy Plan, *For Information*, Appendix IV, Pages 110-128

J. Smith, Associate Vice-President (Student Affairs) and S. Fitterer, Director, Housing and Hospitality presented the report to Executive of Council.

Discussion followed. Topics of discussion included:

- Opportunities to make living in residence more attractive to University of Regina students and Saskatchewan Polytechnic students
- Addressing the oversupply of housing in the medium-term

The report was received for information.

9. Reports from Faculties, Academic Units, and Federated Colleges

The Deans provided updates on past and future events and activities in their faculties and academic units.

10. Adjournment – S. Dea (3:48 p.m.)