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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF REGINA COUNCIL  
25 MARCH 2026  
ADMINISTRATION HUMANITIES BUILDING BOARDROOM 527 AND WEB CONFERENCING**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**Ex-Officio:** L. Campbell, H. Chaudhry, P. Choi, N. Deren, D. Dick, D. Eberts, R. Evans, D. Farenick, D. Ford, d. Gregory, J. Keshen (Chair), D. Meban, E. Oldford, N. Önder, T. Phenix, H. Riemer, C. Rocke, C. Schultz, T. Sperlich, G. Sylvestre, B. Waytuck, C. Yost

**Elected:** M. Akinpelu, R. Alao, M. Argerami, E. Beckwell, C. Bradley, P. Bruno, K. Butler, M. Cappello, L. Clune, I. Coulson, M. Çule, S. Davies, M. DeCoste, J. deLugt, D. deMontigny, P. Douglas, O. El-Halfawy, A. Fizzard, M. Goodwin, N. Hansmeier, M. Hart, K. Herman, S. Holmes, A. Hyduk, X. Ji, C. Kulczycki, P. Leavitt, A. Manera, V. Mathews, T. McIntosh, E. McNair, C. Melhoff, M. Mouhoub, H. Nelson, Z. Papandreou, W. Peng, R. Petry, Y. Petry, C. Ramsay, M. Rutten-James, S. Sangster, D. Sharpe, S. Siddiqui, M. Stewart, D. Stilling, A. Stoddart, S. Talbot, H. Weger, C. Widdifield, C. Winter

**Guests:** N. Carleton, M. Diamantopoulos

**Regrets:** N. Deren, J. Farney, S. Gaudet, J. Riordan, J. Smith, D. Starblanket, S. Yim

**Recorder:** S. Stewart

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 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**

The Chair requested an amendment to the agenda to correct a typo. Item 6.1 should read "Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies" and Item 6.2 should read "Council Committee on the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research."

M. Hart – D. Farenick

**Moved that** the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

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**2. Approval of the Minutes of Meeting of 25 February 2026**

E. Oldford – P. Choi

**Moved that** the minutes be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

**3. Business Arising from the Minutes – None.**

**4. Remarks from the President**

President Keshen provided an update on recent activities, including:

- Update on domestic and international recruitment and enrolment
- Update on the preparation of the 2026-2027 budget and the upcoming budget forum
- Update on the Provost’s Advisory Group: Exploring Structural Changes at the University of Regina
- Update on the search for the Provost and Vice-President (Academic) and the AVP (Facilities Management)
- Upcoming launch of the new strategic plan
- Questions raised by the academy on the use of generative artificial intelligence (AI) at the University
- Upcoming elections of the University of Regina Students’ Association
- Recent achievements of faculty, staff, and students

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

- Timing of recommendations and reporting by the Provost’s Advisory Group and clarification of Council’s involvement in decisions involving faculties and academic programming

**5. Report from the University Secretary**

G. Sylvestre provided a reminder of the call for nominations to Executive of Council and asked members to consider continued service or encouraging colleagues to be a part of Executive of Council.

The election for the faculty member on the University of Regina Board of Governors is currently open.

**6. Reports from Committee(s) of Council**

**6.1 Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies, Appendix I, pp. 2-3**

M. Diamantopoulos presented the report on behalf of the Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies.

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6.1.1 Faculty of Science

Admission Requirement Revision – Admission, Re-Admission, and Transfer, and Academic Program General Information

M. Diamantopoulos – M. Hart

**Moved that** the “Admission, Re-Admission, and Transfer” and the “Academic Program General Information” sections of the Undergraduate Calendar be revised, effective 202630.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

**6.2 Council Committee on the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, Appendix II, pp. 4-12**

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

6.2.1 Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science

New Program – Master of Engineering in Industrial Systems Engineering (Course)

A. Douai – P. Choi

**Moved that** the Master of Engineering (MEng) in Industrial Systems Engineering (ISE) (Course) program be created, effective 202630.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Program Revision – Master of Engineering in Software Systems Engineering (Co-op)

A. Douai – P. Choi

**Moved that** the Master of Engineering (MEng) in Software Systems Engineering (co-op) be revised, effective 202630.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

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Admission Requirement Revision – Industrial Systems Engineering Programs WES  
ICAP Requirements

A. Douai – P. Choi

**Moved to** make the WES-ICAP course-by-course evaluation of international transcripts optional but recommended for the Industrial Systems Engineering thesis-based programs, effective 202730.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

6.2.2 Faculty of Science

Graduate Calendar Revision – Department Description for the Department of Earth  
Sciences

A. Douai – M. Hart

**Moved that** the Earth Sciences department description be revised, effective immediately.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

The remainder of the report was received for information.

**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. Hart

**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.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

**8. Other Business – None.**

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**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 – M. Stewart (3:31 p.m.)**