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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**
**Ex-Officio:** H. Chaudhry, P. Choi, D. Dick, D. Eberts, R. Evans, D. Ford, S. Gaudet, M. Hart, A. Hughes, J. Keshen (Chair), E. Lyle, D. Meban, J. Nahachewsky, E. Oldford, N. Önder, J. Riordan, C. Rocke, C. Schultz, J. Smith, T. Sperlich, A. Sterzuk, G. Sylvestre, B. Waytuck, C. Yost, A. Zarzeczny

**Elected:** M. Angell, M. Argerami, A. Asfari, F. Bischoff, C. Bradley, J. Brown, P. Bruno, K. Butler, S. Chalise, L. Clune, I. Coulson, S. Crooks, M. Çule, A. Daley, S. Davies, P. Douglas, O. El-Halfawy, A. Fizzard, M. Goodwin, C. Graham, S. Hengen, T. Islam, D. Ji, C. Kulczycki, P. Leavitt, K. Lott, A. Manera, A. Martin, J. McDonald, T. McIntosh, J. Melançon, C. Melhoff, P. Ortega, Z. Papandreou, R. Petry, Y. Petry, R. Piercey, D. Rislund, E. Ruddy, S. Sangster, S. Siddiqui, D. Starblanket, H. Weger, C. Widdifield, C. Winter, K. Zhao

**Guests:** S. Cheng, C. Marsh, C. Oriet

**Regrets**: K. Battie, J. DeLugt, R. Doran, L. Hoeber, M. Stewart, A. Stoddart

**Recorder:** S. Stewart

**1. Call to Order –** 2:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order 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, Anihšināpēk, Dakota, Lakota, and Nakoda, and the traditional homeland of the Métis/Michif Nation.

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

The Chair requested that "Item 7.2 Report from the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research Scholarship and Awards Committee" be removed from the agenda and replaced with "Item 7.2 Correction of Errors to Previously Approved Graduate Lists – Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research and Faculty of Social Work."

Z. Papandreou – D. Dick
**Moved that** the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

**3. Approval of the Minutes of Meeting of 24 June 2026**

N. Önder – M. DeCoste
**Moved that** the minutes be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

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

**5. Verbal Updates and Reports**

5.1 President's Report

President Keshen provided an update on recent activities, including:

- Welcome to new and returning members of Executive of Council
- Update on 2027-2028 budget planning
- Update on 2026-2027 domestic and international enrolment
- Update on recent recruitment trips and events
- Update on transnational education opportunities
- Update on the University of Regina Students' Association (URSA)
- Thank you and congratulations were extended to Lori Campbell for her service to the University as the AVP Indigenous Engagement
- Other recent and anticipated staffing changes related to government relations and legal support
- Updates on land development, University housing, food services, and the anticipated opening of a pharmacy on campus
- 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:

- Impact of the improvement in University housing occupancy on the ancillary operations
- Declines in international enrolment as current students graduate are minimally offset by small increases in new international students, resulting in a slightly higher projected deficit than originally budgeted
- How English Language Proficiency (ELP) is being considered in transnational education (TNE) opportunities, and the potential to include English as a Second Language (ESL) in TNE programming
- Request for further information on the recommendations of the Provost's Advisory Group: Exploring Structural Changes

5.2 University Secretary's Report

Welcome to new members of Executive of Council. A short orientation on University governance will take place in October for those who are interested.

A reminder that the Fall Convocation ceremonies will be held on Thursday, November 12th at the Centre for Kinesiology, Health, and Sport. A morning and afternoon celebration will be held. Invitations to the platform party will be sent shortly and all are encouraged to attend.

## 6. Academic Items

### 6.1 Joint Report – Item(s) from the Council Committee on the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research and the Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies

6.1.1 Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research and the Registrar's Office

N. Önder presented the Joint Report.

Graduate and Undergraduate Calendar Revision – Grade of IN (Incomplete)

N. Önder – E. Oldford
**Moved that** non-numeric grade IN (Incomplete) be deleted from the University's Grading System and the relevant calendar sections concerning the grade of DE (Deferred) be revised, effective 202720.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Graduate and Undergraduate Calendar Revision – Grade of NP (Not Passed)

N. Önder – A. Hughes
**Moved that** the non-numeric grade NP (Not Passed) and its usage be revised in the Undergraduate and Graduate Calendars, effective 202720.

Discussion followed. Topics of discussion included:

- Concern about the complexity of the proposal and whether the grade of NP is required, with N. Önder noting that the option of NP retirement was considered by the subcommittee of UR Deans' Council that drafted this motion
- Impact of the revised regulations on current grading practices, and application of "group of activities" with respect to identification of a required component in a class

- Rationale for 25% grade weighting for a course element to be considered a required component, thus permitting the use of the NP grade. N. Önder noted that there was lots of discussion on this item, and no strong rationale for the use of 25% (instead of 20% or 30%, for example)
- Clarification that the Federated Colleges must align with the relevant Faculty, with respect to a Dean's or Faculty's approval of a lower weight for a required element

A subsidiary motion was made to simplify and clarify the language within the proposed regulations:

D. Eberts – M. Çule
**Moved to** remove the word "passing" prior to "grade" and the example "(e.g. passing the final exam means earning a grade of at least 45% on the final exam)" on Page 18 of the Agenda.

CARRIED
1 Opposed

The question was then called on the main motion.

CARRIED
4 Opposed

**6.2 Item(s) from the Council Committee on the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research**

N. Önder presented the report on behalf of the Committee.

6.2.1 Faculty of Arts

Program Revision – Master of Arts in Social Studies (Thesis)
N. Önder – T. Sperlich
**Moved that** the thesis-based Master of Arts in Social Studies be revised to include both SOST 801 and SOC 804, effective 202710.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

6.2.2 Faculty of Education

Discontinue Programs – Master of Adult Education & Community Engagement (Thesis, Project, Course), Master of Human Resource Development (Thesis, Project, Course), Maîtrise en éducation française (Thesis, Project, Course), and School Librarianship by Distance Learning Program

N. Önder – J. Nahachewsky

**Moved that** the following programs be discontinued, effective immediately:
Master of Adult Education & Community Engagement (Thesis, Project, Course)
Master of Human Resource Development (Thesis, Project, Course)
Maîtrise en éducation française (Thesis, Project, Course)
School Librarianship by Distance Learning Program

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

6.2.3 Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

Graduate Calendar Revision – Scholarship and Teaching Assistantships/Fellowships

N. Önder – P. Charrier

**Moved that** the Scholarships and Teaching Assistantships/Fellowship section of the Financial Support page in the Graduate Calendar be revised, effective immediately.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Graduate Calendar Revision – General Admission Requirements

N. Önder – P. Charrier

**Moved that** the General Admission Requirements section in the Graduate Calendar be revised, effective immediately.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Graduate Calendar Revision – Registration Status

N. Önder – A. Hughes

**Moved that** the Registration Status section of the Graduate Calendar be revised to include ENEL 917 plus 3 credit hours of additional registration, effective 202710.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Graduate Calendar Revision – Applicants for Graduate Programs Who Are, or Are, Closely Associated with, UofR Staff

N. Önder – P. Choi
**Moved that** the Applicants for Graduate Programs Who Are, or Are Closely Associated with, U of R Staff title and regulation be revised, effective immediately.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

6.2.4 Faculty of Nursing

Admission Requirement Revision – WES ICAP Course-By-Course Report

N. Önder – R. Evans
**Moved to** require the WES ICAP course-by-course report as an admission requirement for all Nursing programs except the CNPP program, effective 202730.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Program Revisions – Master of Nursing, Graduate Certificate in Nursing Education, and the Graduate Certificate in Nursing Leadership

N. Önder – R. Evans
**Moved that** the Master of Nursing, the Graduate Certificate in Nursing Education, and the Graduate Certificate in Nursing Leadership programs be revised, effective immediately.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Embedded Certificate Options – Master of Nursing

N. Önder – R. Evans
**Moved to** allow graduate students the option to take an embedded certificate in conjunction with their Master of Nursing (MN) degree program. The following certificates are permitted to be embedded, effective immediately:

- Graduate Certificate in Nursing Education
- Graduate Certificate in Nursing Leadership

Dean Evans clarified that only one embedded graduate certificate can be completed in the Master of Nursing program. It was further clarified by the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research that current regulations for all graduate programs only permit one embedded certificate to be completed in a student's program.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Admission Requirement Revision – Collaborative Nurse Practitioner Program

N. Önder – R. Evans
**Moved to** revise the admission requirements to the Collaborative Nurse Practitioner Program, effective 202730.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

6.2.5 Faculty of Science

Program Suspension – Master of Science in Computer Science (Project)

N. Önder – M. Hart
**Moved to** suspend admissions to the Master of Science in Computer Science (Project) degree, effective 202810.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

6.2.6 Hill Levene School of Business

Program Suspension – Master of Business Administration (Course, Co-op, Project)

N. Önder – E. Oldford
**Moved that** admissions to the Master of Business Administration (course, co-op, project) be suspended, effective immediately.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

6.2.7 Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy

Admission Requirement Revision – Master of Public Administration

N. Önder – A. Zarzeczny
**Moved that** the admission requirements for the Master of Public Administration (MPA) be changed to include personal statement questions, effective 202830.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Admission Requirement Revision – Master of Public Policy and PhD in Public Policy

N. Önder – A. Zarzeczny
**Moved that** the personal statement questions for the Master of Public Policy (MPP) and for the PhD in Public Policy, be revised effective 202830.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

The remainder of the report was received for information.

**6.3 Item(s) from the Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies**

S. Cheng, Chair of the Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies presented the report on behalf of the Committee.

6.3.1 Registrar's Office

Undergraduate Calendar Revision – Exam Regulations

S. Cheng – A. Hughes
**Moved that** the Exam Regulations section of the Undergraduate Calendar be revised, effective 202710.

Discussion on the proposed process for alternate exam invigilation approvals occurred and included:

- Involvement of the Registrar's Office in approving alternate exam invigilation requests
- Consultation that was conducted with the Faculties and Academic Units who utilize this process
- Requested inclusion of special consideration for faculty and students at the Saskatoon site in the proposed process

Following the discussion, it was recommended that the motion be referred to the Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies for further consultation and consideration.

S. Sangster – T. Sperlich
**Moved that** the Exam Regulations section of the Undergraduate Calendar be referred to the Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and

Studies for further consideration and consultation.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

6.3.2 Faculty of Education

Undergraduate Calendar Revision – Policies and Regulations with the Secondary Program

S. Cheng – J. Nahachewsky
**Moved that** the Faculty of Education's Policies and Regulations within the Secondary Programs section be revised, effective 202720.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Undergraduate Calendar Revision – Pass/Fail Courses

S. Cheng – J. Nahachewsky
**Moved to** remove the Faculty of Education's Pass/Fail Courses regulation from the Undergraduate Calendar, effective 202720.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

**6.4 Item(s) from the Council Nominating Committee**

C. Marsh presented the report on behalf of the Committee.

6.4.1 Replacements on the Committees of Council

C. Marsh – M. Hart
**Moved that** the individuals listed on the circulated report be approved to serve on the Committees of Council as indicated.

G. Sylvestre reported that a student election platform is under development by Information Services and that student elections are anticipated to occur in the Fall 2026 term, after which student appointments to the Committees of Council will occur.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

### 6.5 Annual Report from the Council Committee on Academic Mission

N. Önder presented the report on behalf of the Committee.

The report was received for information.

## 7. *In Camera Session*

### 7.1 Approval of the Graduand Lists

C. Yost – 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

### 7.2 Correction of Errors to Previously Approved Graduate Lists – Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research and the Faculty of Social Work

R. Evans – N. Önder
**Moved to** approve the correction of errors to the previously approved graduates whose names appear on the lists as distributed and that are *appended to the Official File.*

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

### 7.3 Item(s) from the Council Committee on Undergraduate Awards

#### 7.3.1 President's Medal

A. Hughes presented the report on behalf of the Committee.

A. Hughes – C. Yost
**Moved that** the President's Medal be awarded to Madison Sagert from the Faculty of Kinesiology & Health Studies.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

**8. 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.

**9. Adjournment –** D. Dick (4:17 p.m.)