

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF REGINA SENATE
10 FEBRUARY 2023
ADMINISTRATION-HUMANITIES FIFTH FLOOR BOARDROOM, ROOM 527

PRESENT: E. Aito, J. Anderson, S. Argue, A. Armstrong, R. Arnot, B. Barber, R. Bourassa, F. Boutin, J. Bumbac, W. Carney, P. Choi, J. Clarke, J. D'Arcy, R. Dash, A. Davidson, S. Dea, M. Deters, D. Dick, K. Dietrich, A. Douai, Z. Dumont, D. Farenick, T. Fisher, S. Fortman, G. Grandy, d. Gregory, S. Helewa, A. Hicks, M. Hoffort, M. Jerry, J. Keshen (Chair), P. Kindred, P. Klein, R. Krismer, B. Lacey, G. Lagrandeur, D. Lemieux, A. Lunov, M. Mollenhauer, J. Nadeau, L. Neufeld, B. Nobert, K. Nolin, F. Ogunrinde, N. Önder, P. Ottmann, V. Petry, M. Pioro, C. Pollard, H. Riemer, C. Roche, L. Rosia, L. Ruschensky, A. Russell, C. Schultz, J. Schultz, M. Smadu, J. Smith, A. Sterzuk, J. Tomkins, C. Veresh, A. Wakabayashi, B. Waytuck, A. Williams, C. Yost

REGRETS: K. Addison, O. Arnal, V. Barber, D. Brunskill, A. Crowe, D. Ford, D. Tesarowski, K. Zawada

GUESTS: F. Babalola, K. Bolen, L. Campbell, V. Johnson

RESOURCES: S. Stewart (Recorder), G. Sylvestre

Chancellor Klein requested that Dr. Jeff Keshen, President and Vice-Chancellor, Chair the meeting of Senate to allow her additional time to recover due to recent health issues.

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

1. Call to Order – 9:02 a.m.

The President and Vice-Chancellor welcomed all Senators and guests to the meeting.

2. Approval of the Agenda

F. Ogunrinde – F. Boutin

Moved that the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Approval of the Minutes of 20 October 2022 - circulated with the Agenda

F. Ogunrinde – G. Grandy

Moved that the minutes be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Business Arising from the Minutes – None

5. Optional Reports

5.1 Chancellor's Report

Chancellor Klein provided a verbal report to Senate, including:

- Attended various events featuring alumni, including the November and January Alumni Effect Speaker Series
- Attended various events celebrating the University's faculty, staff, and community, including:
 - o President's Celebration of Teaching, Excellence, and Service Awards
 - o President's Community Holiday Reception
 - o Opening of the Centre for Experiential and Service Learning
- Participated in the Board of Governors retreat
- Attended the Joint Committee of Senate and Council on Ceremonies meeting
- Upcoming meetings of the Senate Appeals Committee

Chancellor Klein highlighted the 2023 Inspiring Leadership Forum, to be held on International Women's Day, with keynote speakers including:

- Jody Wilson-Raybould
- Lise Doucet
- Lisa Nichols

5.2 President's Report

Dr. Keshen provided a verbal update on recent activities, including:

- Congratulations to Dr. Gordon Asmundson who will be invested in the Order of Canada
- Congratulations to the University of Regina faculty members who have received support for their research from various provincial and national funding agencies
- Slam Dunk of Evening and performance of the Cougars during this year's varsity sports season
- Accomplishments of the Hill School of Business at the Inter Collegiate Business Competition (ICBC) and JDC West
- Congratulations to Dr. James Nahachewsky on his upcoming appointment as the Dean, Faculty of Education and Haroon Chaudhry on his recent appointment as Associate Vice-President (International)
- Update on the search for the Vice-President (Research) and Dean, Faculty of Media, Art, and Performance

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- Changes in the Executive Offices, including a welcome to Dianne Ford, Vice-President (Administration)
 - Signing of memorandums of understanding (MOUs) with various regional colleges in Saskatchewan
 - Expanded transfer credit opportunities with Saskatchewan Polytechnic to allow students to transfer to the Faculty of Education from the Early Childhood Education program
 - Update on enrolment and retention initiatives
 - Update on the development of a comprehensive academic plan and Indigenous engagement strategic plan
 - Update on preparation of the 2023-2024 budget

The President's written report will be circulated to Senators following the meeting.

5.3 University Secretary's Report

G. Sylvestre presented the reports outlining the upcoming Senate elections and the 2024 Senate meeting schedule.

5.3.1 2023 Senate Election of District Representatives, Appendix I, Page 2

5.3.2 2023 Elected Member of Senate to the Board of Governors, Appendix II, Page 3

5.3.3 2024 Senate Meeting Schedule, Appendix III, Page 4

The reports were received for information.

G. Sylvestre encouraged Senators to watch for the upcoming call for volunteers to Senate Committees and Faculty/ Academic Unit Councils.

6. Academic Presentation

6.1 "Overview of the Faculty of Kinesiology and Health Studies," presentation by Dr. H. Riemer, Dean, Faculty of Kinesiology and Health Studies

Dr. d. Gregory, Interim Provost and Vice-President (Academic), introduced Dr. H. Riemer to Senate.

After the presentation, discussion followed. Topics of discussion included:

- Learnings that can be brought from H. Riemer's experience in the United States to the University of Regina
- Consider extending recruitment efforts to elementary schools to highlight opportunities for careers related to sport and athletics

The President thanked Dr. H. Riemer for his presentation.

The presentation is appended to the Official File.

(The Senate had a recess from 10:24 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.)

7. Items from Executive of Council, For Approval/Information, Appendix IV, Pages 5-28

Dr. d. Gregory, Provost and Vice-President (Academic) presented the report on behalf of Executive of Council.

7.1 Council Committee on the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

7.1.1 Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science

New Program – Master’s Certificate in Engineering Management

d. Gregory – P. Choi

Moved to create the Master’s Certificate in Engineering Management effective 202320.

CARRIED

New Program – Master’s Certificate in Geothermal Engineering

d. Gregory – P. Choi

Moved to create the Master’s Certificate Program in Geothermal Engineering. This is to be operated within the Graduate Program of Petroleum Systems Engineering, effective 202320.

CARRIED

7.1.2 La Cité universitaire francophone

Admission Requirements English Language Proficiency – Revision

d. Gregory – E. Aito

Moved that the English Language Proficiency requirement be removed for all applicants to graduate programs at La Cité universitaire francophone effective 202320.

CARRIED

7.1.3 Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

Graduate Credential Framework

d. Gregory – A. Douai

Moved to approve the Graduate Credential Framework.

Dean Douai noted a typo in the Graduate Credential Framework in Appendix IV, Page 31. It should read “~~Post~~-Graduate Diploma in...”

The question was called on the amended motion.

CARRIED

Leave of Absence Calendar Update – Revision

d. Gregory – A. Douai

Moved to update the Leave of Absence language in the Graduate Calendar, effective 202320.

CARRIED

7.2 Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies

7.2.1 Faculty of Arts

Core Curriculum – Revisions

d. Gregory – S. Dea

Moved that the Faculty of Arts Core Curriculum be revised, effective 202320.

CARRIED

Certificate in Queer, Trans, and Gender Studies – New Program

d. Gregory – S. Dea

Moved to create a Certificate in Queer, Trans, and Gender Studies, effective 202320.

It was requested that the course descriptions be provided in all new programs being brought forward to Senate.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Certificate in Forensic Psychology – New Program

d. Gregory – S. Dea

Moved to create a Certificate in Forensic Psychology, effective 202320.

CARRIED

Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Bachelor of Journalism

d. Gregory – S. Dea

Moved to suspend admission to the Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and the Bachelor of Journalism, effective 202320.

Discussion followed and included:

- Connection between the Public Relations Certificate and the Journalism programs and opportunities for the Journalism program to provide education in this area
- Current student demand for the program, and changes in the field since the program was designed
- How interest in the program is being managed during the suspension, including communication with, and advising for, all current pre-Journalism students and creation of pathways to enable their retention

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics – Admission Suspension

d. Gregory – S. Dea

Moved to suspend admission to the major in Linguistics, effective 202320.

CARRIED

7.2.2 Faculty of Arts and First Nations University of Canada

Bachelor of Arts Honours in Linguistics – Admission Suspension

d. Gregory – S. Dea

Moved to suspend admission to the BA Honours in Linguistics, effective 202320.

CARRIED

7.2.3 Faculty of Kinesiology and Health Studies and First Nations University of Canada

Indigenous Birthing Support Worker Certificate – New Program

d. Gregory – H. Riemer

Moved to create the Indigenous Birthing Support Worker certificate program, effective 202320.

CARRIED

7.2.4 Faculty of Media, Art, and Performance

Graduation Requirements and Time Limit Calendar Update – Revisions

d. Gregory – D. Dick

Moved to insert clarifying language to the Faculty of Media, Art, and Performance Graduation requirements and to insert a Graduate Requirement Table in the Undergraduate Calendar, effective 202320.

CARRIED

Awarding of Concurrent and Additional Certificates – Revisions

d. Gregory – D. Dick

Moved to include language regarding the awarding of concurrent and additional certificates in the Faculty of Media, Art, and Performance, effective 202320.

CARRIED

Dean's Honours List – Revision

d. Gregory – D. Dick

Moved to update the Faculty of Media, Art and Performance Spring/Summer Dean's Honour List requirements, effective 202320.

CARRIED

7.2.5 Faculty of Nursing

Admission Information – Revisions

d. Gregory – C. Pollard

Moved that the admission information regarding the Saskatchewan Collaborative Bachelor of Science in Nursing (SCBScN) be updated to reflect expanded seat allotment and the admission category of LPN, effective 202320.

CARRIED

New Admission Pathway Licensed Practical Nurses – Admission Requirements

d. Gregory – C. Pollard

Moved to create an admission pathway within the Upper Year admission category which is specific to Licensed Practical Nurses, effective 202320.

Discussion followed and included:

- There are two programs offered in the province - the University of Saskatchewan Nursing program, and the collaborative Nursing program delivered by University of Regina and Saskatchewan Polytechnic

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- How the admission process for Licensed Practical Nurses was previously managed, and the benefits for students resulting from this change
 - Designated spaces for Licensed Practical Nurses and the allocation of seats for all nursing students. The Faculty of Nursing is working towards rolling admissions to assist with increasing capacity and ensure students are progressing through the program

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Program Requirements Licensed Practical Nurses to Bachelor of Science in Nursing Pathway – New Program

d. Gregory – C. Pollard

Moved to approve the required courses for the Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN) pathway within the SCBScN program, effective 202320.

Dean Pollard clarified that this change to the program requirements will provide structure for all Licensed Practical Nurses entering the program as it provides a base standardized framework.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.2.6 Centre for Continuing Education

UR Accelerated – Program Name Change

d. Gregory – C. Schultz

Moved to change the name of the UR Accelerated Program to the High School Accelerated program, effective 202330.

CARRIED

High School Accelerated Program – Admission Requirements

d. Gregory – C. Schultz

Moved to create minimum academic admission requirements to the High School Accelerated Program, effective 202330.

CARRIED

7.3 Council Committee on Research

7.3.1 Centre for Artificial Intelligence, Data, and Conflict – New Research Centre

d. Gregory – C. Yost

Moved that Senate recommend the endorsement the faculty-based research centre: Centre for Artificial Intelligence, Data, and Conflict (CAIDAC).

A Senator expressed support for the Centre and the opportunities it will bring to the University of Regina. C. Yost noted that this is especially exciting in that the Centre will support many early-career researchers.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

The remainder of the report was received for information. For further information on these items, please view Appendix IV, Pages 25-28.

8. Briefs, Submissions, or Recommendations from Elected or Appointed Representatives of Senate

8.1 Board Members Elected by Senate, *Verbal Update*

A. Russell and M. Smadu provided a brief update on the activities undertaken by the Board of Governors since the last meeting of Senate, which included the following:

At the December Board meeting, the Board approved:

- Investment-related items, including:
 - Replacement of an investment manager for the Pensions Plans Master Trust
 - Statements of Investment Policies and Goals for the University of Regina Pension Plans
 - Statement of Investment Policies and Goals for the Trust and Endowment Fund
- The Provincial Auditor's Planning Memorandum for the 2023 audit
- Two faculty-based research centres
- Revisions to two policies - Enterprise Risk Management, and Sexual Violence/Misconduct
- Collective bargaining agreement with the Administrative, Professional, and Technical (APT) employees
- Performance Management Framework Proposed Indicators for the third year of the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan
- Amendments to the Board Bylaws, and the 2023-2024 Board Meeting Schedule

At the December Board meeting, the Board also received an update on

Annual workforce demographics, and was given a strategic presentation on the Campus Master Plan.

In December, the Board also hosted the Distinguished Service Award dinner honouring Rob Kleisinger, former Manager of Mechanical Services

A half-day retreat was held in December that included a campus tour, including a tour of the ta-tawâw Student Centre, and an introduction to the consultants who will be leading the development of the Indigenous Engagement Strategic Plan. In January, a full-day facilitated retreat was held to reflect on accomplishments, discuss the current University environment and explore new ideas.

Two Board members' terms have expired: David Chow and Gary Bosgoed. The Lieutenant Governor will appointment new members by Order-in-Council. Chief Cadmus Delorme has agreed to assume the Vice-Chair position from Gary Bosgoed on an interim basis.

The Board will next meet on February 13th to provide input on the Indigenous Engagement Strategic Plan. Regular meetings of the Board are scheduled for March 7th and April 28th.

Following the report by the Board Members Elected by Senate, Senators were invited to ask questions. Discussion followed and included:

- Monitoring of the University's financial situation and oversight of the budget process by the Board of Governors
- The impact of the increase in remote learning on the budget

The President and Vice-Chancellor thanked M. Smadu and A. Russell for their report.

9. Administrative Reports

9.1 Winter 2023 In-Progress Report of Registrations, Appendix V, Pages 54-57

J. D'Arcy, Registrar, presented the report and highlighted the five-year enrolment trends, population segments, and the top nations for international recruitment.

Discussion followed. Topics of discussion included:

- It may be helpful for future reports to include the breakdown of remote vs. in person credit hours taught
- Some faculties and academic units provide a great deal of "service teaching" to students in other programs; a good example is La Cité universitaire francophone
- Confirmation that students registered through First Nations University of Canada and the other federated colleges are included in the figures presented, as all are University of Regina students

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- Small variations in the reporting date for enrollment figures can occur due to meeting agenda deadlines
 - New opportunities for international recruitment in areas such as Western Africa (Nigeria, Ghana, Sierra Leone), Vietnam and the Philippines
 - Limitations on the number of remote courses that can be taken by international students, due to governmental restrictions

The President and Vice-Chancellor thanked J. D'Arcy for his report.

10. Other Business

10.1 "Centre for Experiential and Service Learning," presentation by K. Bolen, V. Johnson, and Z. Nasir

J. Smith, Associate Vice-President (Student Affairs) introduced K. Bolen, V. Johnson, and Z. Nasir to Senate.

The President and Vice-Chancellor thanked K. Bolen and V. Johnson for their presentation.

The presentation is appended to the Official File.

11. In Camera Session

11.1 Report from the Joint Committee on Senate and Council on Ceremonies, *Distributed Confidentially*

11.1.1 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, *appended to the University's Official File*, be amended.

CARRIED

11.1.2 Potential Rescission of Honorary Degree

J. Keshen – d. Gregory

Moved that that Senate rescind the honorary Doctor of Laws degree of Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond previously awarded by the University of Regina.

Discussion followed and included:

- Discussions in the post-secondary sector related to Indigenous identity verification
- Next steps in the rescission process
- Opportunities to improve the vetting of honorary degree nominees in the future

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

12. Adjournment – R. Krismer (12: 07 p.m.)

Glenys Sylvestre
University Secretary