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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF REGINA SENATE
18 OCTOBER 2024
ADMINISTRATION HUMANITIES FIFTH FLOOR BOARDROOM, ROOM 527**

PRESENT: R. Andreychuk, T. Andrist, O. Arnal, H. Baldiwala, R. Boutin, J. Bumbac, R. Cameron, P. Choi, J. Clarke, J. D'Arcy, A. Davidson, M. Deters, D. Dick, K. Dietrich, A. Douai, Z. Dumont, N. Ekhteraeetoussi, D. Farenick, J. Farney, D. Ford, S. Fortman, S. Gaudet, d. Gregory, S. Helewa, A. Hicks, M. Hoffart, M. James, T. Keil, J. Keshen, P. Klein (Chair), M. Knuttila, D. Lemieux, Z. Li, A. Lunov, A. Machmer, B. McKen, E. Oldford, N. Önder, R. Osicki, C. Pollard, H. Riemer, C. Rocke, L. Rosia, A. Russell, S. Saxby, J. Schultz, N. Shanks, N. Siddiqi, J. Skific, W. Strueby, D. Tesarowski, J. Tomkins, C. Veresh, A. Wakabayashi, B. Waytuck, W. Wells, F. Wesolowski, A. Williams, C. Yost

REGRETS: L. Bennett, D. Brunskill, L. Campbell, C. Gelowitz, M. Mollenhauer, L. Neufeld, V. Petry, J. Smith, K. Spice

GUESTS: B. Ball (Advanced Education), H. Chaudhry (UR International), C. Delorme (University of Regina Board of Governors), J. deLugt (Faculty of Education), T. McIntosh (Faculty of Arts), M. Mensah (Student Presenter), M. Pestill (Advanced Education), J. Ritchie (Guest of F. Wesolowski), C. Willimott (Guest of Z. Dumont)

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

In keeping with the University's commitment to Reconciliation, Chancellor Klein 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. Call to Order and Introductions – 9:03 a.m.

The Chancellor welcomed all Senators and guests to the meeting.

2. Approval of the Agenda

D. Tesarowski – N. Ekhteraeetoussi

Moved that the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Approval of the Minutes of 12 June 2024 – *Circulated with the Agenda*

A. Douai – E. Oldford

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 update to Senate, including:

- Attendance at the 2024 Pride Parade in June 2024
- Chancellor's September Sizzler BBQ and Reception was held on September 3rd
- A Taste of Research: Enduring Discoveries will be held on November 6th
- Attended the Hill Dinner: Celebrating 50 Years on October 9th. The featured speaker was Tracey Robinson, President and CEO of Canadian National Railway Company
- The Fall 2024 Convocation Ceremony was held on October 17th. Chris Getzlaf and Ryan Getzlaf received Honorary Degrees from the University of Regina

Chancellor Klein welcomed the following new members of Senate:

- Hussain Baldiwala – Student Representative
- Raymond Boutin – District 9 (North Battleford-Prince Albert)
- Robert Cameron – Saskatchewan Association of Chiefs of Police
- Jasmeen Dhilon – Student Representative
- Nadiya Ekhteraeetoussi, Student Representative
- Christine Fleming – Saskatchewan Society of Occupational Therapists
- Sophie Gaudet – Dean, La Cité universitaire francophone
- Ziyang Li – Student Representative
- Erin Oldford – Dean, Faculty of Business Administration
- Naomi Shanks – Saskatchewan Dietitians Association
- Nabeera Siddiqi – Student Representative
- Samarath Singh – Student Representative
- Jordan Wall – Saskatchewan Association of Recreation Professionals
- Fred Wesolowski – District 6 (Saskatoon and Area)

5.2 President's Report

President Keshen provided a verbal update on recent activities since the last meeting of Senate, including:

- Update on 2024-2025 enrolment
- Attendance at various 50th anniversary and recruitment events in Saskatchewan

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- Changes to federal regulations regarding the issuing of study permits for international students
 - Update on capital projects, including the renovation of the Administration Humanities Building Pit
 - Update on discussions with the Government of Saskatchewan regarding future funding

Following the President's report, Senators were invited to ask questions. Discussion followed and included:

- Challenges with the federal regulations for the issuing of study permits and how the University is navigating the new regulations
- Challenges and opportunities for the University with generative artificial intelligence (GenAI) and how the Faculties and Academic Units can best integrate the software and tools

The Chancellor thanked President Keshen for his report.

5.3 University Secretary Report

G. Sylvestre presented the reports outlining the upcoming Senate elections.

5.3.1 2025 Nomination and Election of the University of Regina Chancellor, Appendix I, Page 2

5.3.2 2025 Nomination and Election of Senate District Representatives, Appendix II, Pages 3-4

The reports were received for information.

6. Presentation

6.1 Three-Minute Thesis (3MT), presentation from M. Mensah, Graduate Student

A. Douai, Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research introduced M. Mensah, Graduate Student to Senate.

Senators will be provided the voting and viewing link for the national 3MT competition.

The Chancellor thanked M. Mensah for his presentation.

(A brief recess was held from 10:35 a.m. to 10:54 a.m.)

7. Items for Executive of Council, *For Approval/Information*, Appendix III, Pages 5-19

President Keshen presented the report on behalf of the Executive of Council.

7.1. Council Committee on the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research and the Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies

7.1.1 Faculty of Arts

Arts Department Name Change – Department of English

J. Keshen – T. McIntosh

Moved to rename the Department of English to the Department of English and Creative Writing, effective 202510.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.2 Council Committee on the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

7.2.1 Faculty of Business Administration

New Program – Master of Administration in Leadership (Project-Route)

J. Keshen – E. Oldford

Moved to formalize the program template for the Master of Administration (MAdmin) in Leadership project route, effective 202510.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

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J. Keshen – E. Oldford

Moved to formalize the program template for the Master of Business Administration (MBA) project route, effective 202510.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.2.2 Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

Graduate Calendar Change – English Language Proficiency

J. Keshen – A. Douai

Moved to update the UofR English as a Second Language (ESL) exam in the English Language Proficiency Requirements table of the graduate calendar, effective immediately.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Graduate Calendar Change – General Regulations

J. Keshen – A. Douai

Moved that the General Regulations of the Registration Regulations section be updated to allow students to add an embedded certificate program to their main Master's degree program, effective immediately.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Graduate Calendar Change – Graduate Calendar Addition

J. Keshen – A. Douai

Moved that an Embedded Certificates section be added to the Programs Overview section of the Graduate Calendar, effective immediately.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Graduate Minimum Funding – PhD Students

J. Keshen – A. Douai

Moved that admission to PhD Programs at the University of Regina will be contingent upon satisfying the FGSR Guaranteed Minimum Funding requirements, effective 202530.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.2.3 Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy

Certificate Discontinuation – Science and Innovation Policy Certificate

J. Keshen – J. Farney

Moved that Science and Innovation Policy Master’s Certificate be discontinued, effective 202510.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Admission Requirements – PhD in Public Policy (after Master’s) and Master of Public Policy

J. Keshen – J. Farney

Moved to update the Admission Requirements sections of the PhD in Public Policy (after Master’s) and the Master of Public Policy (MPP) to include information on the personal statement questions, 202510.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.3 Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies

7.3.1 Faculty of Education

Admission Requirements – Faculty of Education

J. Keshen – d. Gregory

Moved that the Additional Program Specific Admission Requirements section, Undergraduate Admissions be revised, effective 202520.

Clarification was sought on the evaluation process. Additional information was provided to Senators via email following the meeting with details of assessment including transcript review and placement test results.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.3.2 Faculty of Science

Program Suspension – Bachelor of Science Minor in Creative Technologies and Bachelor of Science in Computer Science with a Concentration in Creative Technologies

J. Keshen – D. Farenick

Moved to suspend admissions or transfers into the Bachelor of Science (BSc) minor Creative Technologies and to suspend admissions or transfers into the Bachelor of Science (BSc) in Computer Science with a concentration in Creative Technologies, effective 202510.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.4 Council Committee on Research

7.4.1 Research Institute – Global Institute for Energy, Minerals, and Society (GIEMS)

J. Keshen – C. Yost

Moved that Senate support the participation of the University of Regina, in partnership with the University of Saskatchewan and Saskatchewan Polytechnic, in the formation of the Global Institute for Energy, Minerals, and Society (GIEMS).

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

The remainder of the report was received for information.

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

8.1 Board Members Elected by Senate, *Verbal Update*

M. Deters and A. Russell provided a brief update on the activities undertaken by the Board of Governors since the last meeting of Senate.

At the July meeting, the Board approved:

- Annual audited financial statements and pension plans for the year ending April 30, 2024
- Annual audited statement of expenses for the Healthcare Professional Training and Retention Project for the period of April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024
- Content for the 2023-2024 Annual Report
- Operations forecast for 2025-2026

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- Recommended targets for the 2024-2025 Performance Management Framework
 - 2024-2025 President's Performance Objectives
 - Capital projects, including the Administration-Humanities Building Pit revitalization, parkade sealant project, expansion for the Student Wellness Centre and the Saskatchewan Police College
 - The Board also reviewed its annual self-assessment and confirmed the 2025-2026 meeting schedule

The Board also received a presentation on the Pension Master Trust Investments.

At the September meeting, the Board approved:

- 2024-2025 Terms of Reference and Annual Work Plans for the Board of Governors and its standing Committees
- Revisions to the Internal Audit Charter and Internal Audit Policy based on changes to the Global Internal Audit Standards being implement in January 2025
- The President's performance review and compensation
- Capital projects including, the Faculty of Nursing hyflex classroom, renovations for UR International, Faculty of Education sessional hub, La Cité infrastructure project

At the September meeting, the Board also received updates on:

- Student enrolment
- Pension and endowment fund performance
- Workforce demographics
- Indigenous procurement

Chancellor Klein thanked M. Deters and A. Russell for their report.

9. Administrative Reports

9.1 Fall 2024 Enrolment Report, *For Information*, Appendix IV, Pages 20-22

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

Chancellor Klein thanked J. D'Arcy for his report.

10. In Camera

10.1 Joint Committee of Senate and Council on Ceremonies, *Distributed Confidentially*

10.1.1 Addition of Honorary Degree Candidates to the Approved Roster

J. Keshen – J. Schultz

Moved that the list of honorary degree candidates recommended by the Joint Committee of Senate and Council on Ceremonies be added to the approved roster, *as appended to the University's Official File.*

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

10.1.2 Spring Convocation Ceremony Dates

The report was received for information.

11. Adjournment – d. Gregory (11:13 a.m.)