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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF REGINA SENATE
17 OCTOBER 2025
ADMINISTRATION HUMANITIES FIFTH FLOOR BOARDROOM, ROOM 527**

PRESENT: E. Almehdawe, T. Andrist, R. Arnot, B. Barber, L. Bennett, R. Boutin, J. Bumbac, M. Cappello, P. Choi, J. Clarke, T. Coulthard, A. Davidson, C. Delorme (Chair), J. Denike Elliott, M. Deters, A. Douai, R. Evans, D. Farenick, J. Farney, L. Folk, D. Ford, S. Gaudet, D. Gelowitz, T. Gillies, d. Gregory, A. Hughes, K. Jaggi, T. Keil, S. Kenny, J. Keshen, P. Klein, D. Lemieux, A. Machmer, B. McKen, A. McLetchie, M. McStravick, N. Önder, R. Osicki, P. Ottmann, H. Paluk, C. Ramsay, H. Riemer, J. Riordan, E. Rizk, C. Rocke, R. Roussel, C. Schultz, N. Shanks, J. Skific, J. Smith, T. Sperlich, A. Sterzuk, W. Streelasky, J. Taylor, J. Tomkins, S. Variyan, A. Wakabayashi, R. Wall, B. Waytuck, W. Wells, A. Williams

REGRETS: R. Andreychuk, D. Dick, Z. Dumont, A. Lunov, T. McKague, J. Nahachewsky, E. Oldford, T. Phenix, K. Spice, A. Stadnek, D. Tesarowski, B. Vandale, F. Wesolowski, C. Yost

GUESTS: H. Chaudhry (UR International), J. Jeannot (Ministry of Advanced Education), A. Russell (Senate Representative to the Board of Governors), M. Wyatt (Ministry of Advanced Education)

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 – 9:05 a.m.

The Chancellor welcomed all Senators and guests to the meeting.

2. Approval of the Agenda

D. Farenick – A. Douai

Moved that the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Approval of the Minutes of 11 June 2025 – Circulated with the Agenda

J. Farney – d. Gregory

Moved that the minutes be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Business Arising from the Minutes – None.

5. Verbal Updates and Reports

5.1 Chancellor’s Report

Chancellor Delorme provided a verbal update to Senate, including:

- Attendance at various University events celebrating the University’s faculty, staff, and community including:
 - o Chancellor’s Pipe Ceremony
 - o Grand re-opening of the Administration Humanities Building Pit
 - o Chancellor’s Community September Sizzle
 - o September Board dinner recognizing Chancellor Emerita Pam Klein and the unveiling of her portrait
 - o Glen Anaquod Tipi Raising Competition hosted by the Ta-tawâw Student Centre
 - o 2025 Honoring Integrity, Legacy, and Leadership (HILL) Dinner

5.2 President’s Report

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

- Update on domestic and international student enrolment
- Update on the 2025-2026 University budget
- Upcoming recruitment trips and initiatives
- Achievements of University of Regina faculty, staff, and students

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

- Efforts to increase both domestic and international enrolments, and the University’s importance to students in our immediate catchment area (Regina and Southern Saskatchewan)
- Opportunities to diversify the University’s business and increase partnerships with industry to provide specialized training
- Opportunity for the University to be a leader in nuclear energy research and education

The Chancellor thanked President Keshen for his report.

5.3 Fall 2025 Enrolment Report

A. Hughes, Registrar, presented the report and highlighted five-year enrolment trends, population segments, and the top nations for international recruitment.

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

- Opportunity to recruit in previously successful areas, such as China, as political tensions decrease

5.4 Report from the Board Members Elected by Senate

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

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

(Senate took a short break from 10:25 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.)

6. Academic Items

6.1 Items from Executive of Council

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

6.1.1 Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies

6.1.1.1 Registrar's Office and Enrolment Services

Admission Requirements Revision – Saskatchewan High School Admission Requirements

J. Keshen – A. Hughes

Moved to revise the Saskatchewan High School Admissions Requirements, as outlined on Pages 4-6 of the Agenda, effective 202720.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

6.1.1.2 Enrolment Services and UR International

English Language Proficiency Revision – IELTS One Skill Retake

J. Keshen – A. Hughes

Moved to revise the English Language Proficiency requirement for undergraduate admission to allow for temporary use of the IELTS One Skill Retake scores until July 1, 2026, effective immediately.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

English Language Proficiency Revision – Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB)

J. Keshen – A. Hughes

Moved to remove the Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB) from the English Language Proficiency requirement for undergraduate admission, effective immediately.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

English Language Proficiency Revision – High School Credentials for English Language Proficiency

J. Keshen – A. Hughes

Moved to revise the High School Credentials for English Language Proficiency requirement for undergraduate admissions, effective 202610.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

6.1.1.3 Faculty of Arts

New Program – Certificate in Canadian Studies

J. Keshen – T. Sperlich

Moved to create a Certificate in Canadian Studies, as outlined on Pages 12-13 of the Agenda, effective 202620.

Discussion followed and included:

- Current demand for the program includes international students with an interest in citizenship
- Future opportunity to include French language/cultural education

within the certificate

- This certificate focuses on Canadian studies, but course content is not divorced from international relations

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Admission Suspension – Certificate in Japanese Language and Culture and Certificate in Spanish Language and Hispanic Culture

J. Keshen – T. Sperlich

Moved to suspend admission to the Certificate in Japanese Language and Culture and Certificate in Spanish Language and Hispanic Culture, effective 202530.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Admission Suspension – Department of Justice Studies

J. Keshen – T. Sperlich

Moved to suspend admissions to programs currently offered by the Department of Justice Studies, effective 202620.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Department Renaming – Department of Justice Studies to the Department of Criminology

J. Keshen – T. Sperlich

Moved to rename the Department of Justice Studies as the Department of Criminology, effective 202620.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

New Program – Bachelor of Arts in Criminology, Diploma in Criminology, and Minor in Criminology

J. Keshen – T. Sperlich

Moved to create a Bachelor of Arts in Criminology, Diploma in Criminology, Certificate in Criminology, and Minor in Criminology, effective 202620.

Discussion followed and included:

- Increased focus on social justice issues within the revised curriculum
- The University has a strong relationship with RCMP Depot Division, and Depot engages many graduate and practicum students

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Program Revision – Bachelor of Arts in Police Studies

J. Keshen -T. Sperlich

Moved to revise the Bachelor of Arts in Police Studies, as outlined on Pages 19-20 of the Agenda, effective 202620.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Undergraduate Calendar Revision – Department of Justice Studies

J. Keshen – T. Sperlich

Moved to revise the Undergraduate Calendar information on the Department of Justice Studies, as outlined on Pages 21-25 of the Agenda, effective 202620.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

6.1.3.4 Faculty of Education

Program Suspension – Four-Year Elementary Bachelor of Education Middle Years (Grades 6-9) Program

J. Keshen – M. Cappello

Moved that the Four-Year Elementary Bachelor of Education Middle Years (Grades 6 to 9) program be suspended, effective 202620 and the program be made historical, effective 203020.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Program Suspension – Four-Year Elementary Bachelor of Education Early Years Elementary (Pre-K to Grade 5) Program

J. Keshen – M. Cappello

Moved that the Four-Year Elementary Bachelor of Education Early Elementary (Pre-K to Grade 5) Program be suspended, effective 202620 and made historical, effective 203020.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

New Program – Four-Year Elementary (Pre-K to Grade 8) Bachelor of Education Program

J. Keshen – M. Cappello

Moved that the Four-Year Elementary (Pre-K to Grade 8) Bachelor of Education program be created, as outlined on Pages 26-27 of the Agenda, effective 202620.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

6.1.3.5 Faculty of Kinesiology and Health Studies

Admission Suspension – Human Kinetics Major, Health Promotion Major, Gerontology Major, Adaptation and Rehabilitation Concentration, and High Performance Concentration

J. Keshen – H. Riemer

Moved to suspend admissions to the Human Kinetics major, Health Promotion major, Gerontology major, Adaptation and Rehabilitation concentration, and the High Performance concentration, effective 202620.

Dean Riemer clarified that enrolment levels have not supported continued offering of these programs, although there continues to be interest in Gerontology studies at the graduate level.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Program Revision – Bachelor of Kinesiology, Sport and Exercise Science

J. Keshen – H. Riemer

Moved to revise the Bachelor of Kinesiology and create the major in Sport and Exercise Science, effective 202620.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Program Revision – Bachelor of Kinesiology, Physical Literacy Major

J. Keshen – H. Riemer

Moved to revise the Bachelor of Kinesiology, Physical Literacy major, as outlined on Pages 30-33 of the Agenda, effective 202620.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

New Program – Diploma in Kinesiology, Health, and Recreation

J. Keshen – H. Riemer

Moved to create the Diploma in Kinesiology, Health, and Recreation, as outlined on Pages 33-34 of the Agenda, effective 202620.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

6.1.2 Council Committee on the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

6.1.2.1 Faculty of Arts

Program Resumption – Special Case Master of Arts in Political Science

J. Keshen – M. McStravick

Moved that the suspension of admissions to the Special Case Master of Arts in Political Science program be removed and the program resume admissions, effective 202610.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Admission Requirement Revision – Removal of WES ICAP Course-by-Course Evaluation Report for the Master of Applied Science and Doctor of Philosophy in Electronic Systems Engineering Programs

J. Keshen – A. Douai

Moved to remove the WES ICAP course-by-course evaluation report requirement for the Electronic Systems Engineering (ESE) Master of Applied Science (MASc) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) programs, effective 202710.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

6.1.2.2 Faculty of Media, Art, and Performance

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

J. Keshen – A. Douai

Moved to revise the WES ICAP course by course report requirement for applicants in all Media, Art, and Performance Programs, effective 202720.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

6.1.2.3 Faculty of Social Work

New Program Route – Master of Social Work (Field Education)

J. Keshen – C. Rocke

Moved to create the Field Education route of the Master of Social Work program, as outlined on Page 37 of the Agenda, effective 202620.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Program Route Suspension – Master of Social Work (Research Practicum) and Master of Social Work (Field Practicum)

J. Keshen – C. Rocke

Moved that admission to the Research Practicum and Field Practicum routes of the Master of Social Work program be suspended, effective 202710.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

The remainder of the report was received for information.

6.2 Report on Actions Taken from the 20 June 2025 Email Vote of the Senate Executive Committee

The report was received for information

7. **“University of Regina Strategic Plan,” Presentation from A. Douai, M. Hurlbert, and Z. Papandreu**

Following the presentation, Senators expressed interest in further opportunities to engage in the strategic planning process. A survey link will be provided following the meeting and Senators are invited to reach out with additional thoughts and input.

8. **University Secretary’s Report**

G. Sylvestre presented the reports outlining the upcoming Senate Elections and call for Volunteers to Standing Committees of Senate and Faculty/Academic Unit Councils.

8.1 **Nomination and Election of Senate District Representatives**

8.2 **Volunteers to Standing Committees of Senate and Faculty/Academic Unit Councils**

The reports were received for information.

9. **Adjournment** – W. Wells (11:58 a.m.)