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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF REGINA SENATE  
17 JUNE 2026  
ADMINISTRATION HUMANITIES FIFTH FLOOR BOARDROOM, ROOM 527**

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**PRESENT:** T. Andrist, B. Barber, L. Bennett, R. Boutin, J. Bumbac, P. Choi, J. Clarke, T. Coulthard, A. Davidson, C. Delorme (Chair), J. Denike, M. Deters, D. Dick, A. Douai, R. Evans, J. Farney, L. Folk, S. Gaudet, T. Gillies, d. Gregory, M. Hart, M. James, T. Keil, J. Keshen, P. Klein, B. McKen, J. Nahachewsky, F. Ogunrinde, H. Paluck, J. Riordan, C. Rocke, T. Roussel, C. Schultz, J. Schultz, N. Shanks, J. Skific, J. Smith, T. Sperlich, R. Stables, A. Stadnek, W. Strueby, J. Taylor, J. Tomkins, B. Vandale, A. Wakabayashi, B. Waytuck, W. Wells, A. Williams C. Yost

**REGRETS:** R. Cameron, Z. Dumont, D. Ford, S. Keisig, S. Kenny, L. Michaud, N. Önder, R. Osicki, T. Phenix

**GUESTS:** M. Beitel (Ministry of Advanced Education), L. Campbell (Indigenous Engagement), H. Chaudhry (UR International), B. Cummins (Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities), A. D'Alessandro (3MT Finalist), M. McStravick (Guest), A. Russell (Senate Representative to the Board of Governors), L. Siqueira (Associate Registrar, Technical Services)

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

In keeping with the University's commitment to Reconciliation, Chancellor Delorme 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 – 9:00 a.m.**

The Chancellor welcomed all Senators and guests to the meeting.

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

F. Ogunrinde – d. Gregory

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

CARRIED

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**3. Approval of the Minutes of 6 February 2026 – Circulated with the Agenda**

W. Wells – A. Douai

**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 and its faculty, staff, and students, including:
  - o Launch of the 10-year Strategic Plan: Together We Serve
  - o Inspiring Leadership Forum: Breaking New Ground
  - o State of the City address delivered by Mayor Chad Bachynski
  - o Participation with President Keshen in the Annual First Nations University of Canada Spring Celebration Powwow
  - o Opportunity to welcome 14 new Chancellor's Scholars to the University
  - o Opportunity to speak to Faculty and Academic Unit Councils over the past year
- Attendance at various Senate Committee meetings, including:
  - o Senate Appeals Committee
  - o Senate Nominating Committee
  - o Joint Committee of Senate and Council on Ceremonies

Chancellor Delorme thanked outgoing members of Senate for their dedicated service to the University of Regina.

**5.2 President's Report**

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

- Spring 2026 Convocation Ceremonies and recognition of the honorary degree recipients
- Gratitude was extended to Dr. Aziz Douai, Dr. Douglas Farencik, Dr. Jim Farney, Dr. David Gregory, and Dr. Harold Riemer on their dedicated service to the University of Regina
- Welcome was extended to Dr. Ellyn Lyle who will begin her term as Provost and Vice-President (Academic) on July 1<sup>st</sup> and Boris Dragičević who was recently appointed Associate Vice-President (Facilities Management)
- Update on domestic and international student recruitment and enrolment
- Update on transnational education partnerships being pursued by the University

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- Update on budget planning processes
  - Update on the land development project
  - Congratulations were extended to faculty, staff, and students on their recent achievements

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

- The opportunity to expand the Baccalauréat en éducation française (Le Bac) program in Northern Saskatchewan, specifically the Prince Albert and surrounding area.
  - o Dean Nahachewsky highlighted that the Faculty of Education is already pursuing this opportunity

The Chancellor thanked President Keshen for his report.

### 5.3 Annual Enrolment Report

L. Siqueira, Associate Registrar, Technical Services presented the report and highlighted five-year enrolment trends, population segments, and the top nations for international recruitment.

Discussion followed and included:

- Comparison of University of Regina international student tuition multiplier to other Canadian universities, and mitigation of cost increases for current students
- Transnational education partnership opportunities and the lessons learned from comparator universities who have explored these types of partnerships in Canada and abroad

The Chancellor thanked L. Siqueira for her report.

### 5.4 Report from the Board Members Elected by Senate

M. Deters and A. Russell provided an 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 break from 10:17 a.m. to 10:37 a.m.)

## 6. Academic Items

### 6.1 Items from Executive of Council

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

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6.1.1 Council Committee on the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

6.1.1.1 Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science

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

J. Keshen – 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

Admission Requirement Revision – Industrial Systems Engineering Program WES ICAP Requirement

J. Keshen – 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

Program Discontinuation – Advanced Manufacturing and Process Systems (AMPS)

J. Keshen – P. Choi

**Moved that** the Advanced Manufacturing and Process Systems (AMPS) program be discontinued, effective 202620.

A question was raised by a Senator regarding the rationale for suspending this program due to the need of the program within the community. Dean Choi clarified that the Faculty composition has changed, and the program is being suspended in order to modernize the curriculum.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

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Program Suspension – Master’s Certificate in Artificial Intelligence in Engineering

J. Keshen – P. Choi

**Moved that** the Master’s Certificate (MCert) in Artificial Intelligence in Engineering be suspended for one year, pausing the embedded certificate option, until a curriculum review is completed and new courses are approved, effective 202630.

A question was raised by a Senator regarding the lack of enrolment for this program. Dean Choi outlined the Faculty composition has changed and as a result, the curriculum will be reviewed to best correlate with the knowledge of the three current faculty members who teach artificial intelligence in Software Systems Engineering.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

6.1.1.2 Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy

Program Revision – Doctor of Philosophy in Public Policy

J. Keshen – J. Farney

**Moved that** the Doctor of Philosophy in Public Policy program be revised, effective 202730.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

6.1.2 Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies

6.1.2.1 Faculty of Education

Program Revision – Secondary Bachelor of Indigenous Education After Degree

J. Keshen – J. Nahachewsky

**Moved that** the Secondary Bachelor of Indigenous Education After Degree program be revised, effective 202630.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

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Admission Requirement Revision – Secondary Bachelor of Indigenous Education After Degree, Visual Arts Major

J. Keshen – J. Nahachewsky

**Moved to** revise the Secondary Bachelor of Indigenous Education After Degree, Visual Arts Major program, effective 202630.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Admission Suspension – Inclusive Education Minor

J. Keshen – J. Nahachewsky

**Moved that** admission to the Inclusive Education minor be suspended effective 202720 and made historical effective 203220.

It was clarified that the Centre for Continuing Education and the Faculty of Education currently offer the Certificate in Inclusive Education that is well subscribed and fulfills the needs of the various teachers and school divisions in the province.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

6.1.2.2 Faculty of Kinesiology and Health Studies

New Program - Diploma in Wāsākāmā Support Work

J. Keshen – H. Riemer

**Moved to** create the Diploma in Wāsākāmā Support Work, effective 202630.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

6.1.2.3 Faculty of Media, Art, and Performance

New Program – Certificate in Musical Theatre Performance

J. Keshen – D. Dick

**Moved that** the Certificate in Musical Theatre Performance be created, effective 202720.

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The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

New Program – Certificate in Screenwriting

J. Keshen – D. Dick

**Moved to** create the Certificate in Screenwriting, effective 202720.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

6.1.2.4 Faculty of Nursing

Admission Suspension – Bachelor of Science in Nursing After Degree Nursing Program

J. Keshen – R. Evans

**Moved that** admissions be suspended to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN) After Degree Nursing Program (ADNP) for the 202730 intake, effective immediately.

A question was raised from a Senator regarding the suspension of admissions to this program and the current need for nurses. Dean Evans clarified that as the program is on a shortened schedule and the workload for students is significant. The Faculty needs time to review the program and determine a better pathway for student success.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

6.1.2.5 Faculty of Science

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

J. Keshen – 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

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#### 6.1.2.6 Faculty of Social Work

##### New Admission Requirements – Bachelor of Social Work

J. Keshen – C. Rocke

**Moved to** create a direct-entry admission requirement process for the Bachelor of Social Work program, effective 202730.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

1 Opposed

A Senator noted concerns with assurance of professionalism, suitability and competency with the introduction of direct-entry admissions to the program. Further concerns were raised regarding the timelines for introduction of this pathway and inability to undertake full consultation and consideration prior to approvals. Dean Rocke highlighted that the Faculty is aware of the concerns raised and is working to add supports to ensure students are appropriately prepared and suitable for the profession.

##### New Admission Status – Social Work Qualifying Admission Pathway

J. Keshen – C. Rocke

**Moved to** create the Social Work Qualifying Admission Pathway and discontinue the Pre-Social Work program, effective 202730.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

##### Admission Requirement Revision – Fall 2026 Bachelor of Social Work Admission Process

J. Keshen – C. Rocke

**Moved that** for the Fall 2026 Bachelor of Social Work intake, the Faculty of Social Work will pilot admitting the top fifty (50) Pre-Social Work applicants directly into the Bachelor of Social Work program based solely on academic standing.

A question was raised by a Senator regarding the Faculty having enough teaching capacity and budget to ensure student success in the program. Dean Rocke outlined that the Faculty has been working to hire full-time Faculty members to support the program and maintain its accreditation.

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A further question was raised regarding the statement contained within the rationale related to “initial semesters.” Dean Rocke clarified that the course sequencing within the program has been changed, which will allow the Faculty to assess student performance and suitability for the program earlier.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

1 Opposed

#### 6.1.2.7 La Cité universitaire francophone

New Program – Certificate in Francophone Journalism and Communication/  
Certificat en journalisme et en communication francophone

J. Keshen – S. Gaudet

**Moved that** the Certificate in Francophone Journalism and Communication/  
/Certificat en journalisme et en communication francophone be created,  
effective 202720.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

New Program – Online Certificate in French as a Second Language/ Certificat  
en français langue seconde en ligne

J. Keshen – S. Gaudet

**Moved that** the Online Certificate in French as a Second Language/ /  
Certificat en français langue seconde en ligne be created, effective 202720.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

#### 6.1.2.8 Registrar’s Office, Enrolment Services, and UR International

Admission Requirement Revision – English Language Proficiency  
Requirements

J. Keshen – d. Gregory

**Moved to** update the TOEFL iBT scores in the Approved Tests of Proficiency  
in English section of the Undergraduate Calendar, effective immediately.

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The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

#### 6.1.2.9 Centre for Continuing Education

##### Centre for Continuing Education Name Change

J. Keshen – C. Schultz

**Moved to** change the name of the Centre for Continuing Education to the School of Professional and Continuing Education (SPaCE), effective 202710.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

#### 6.1.3 Council Committee on Research

##### 6.1.3.1 New Faculty Based Research Centre – Criminal Justice Centre for Advocacy, Research and Education (CJCARE)

J. Keshen – C. Yost

**Moved to** establish the faculty based research centre: Criminal Justice Centre for Advocacy, Research and Education (CJCARE).

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

The remainder of the report was received for information.

#### 6.2 Items from the Senate Nominating Committee

B. McKen presented the report on behalf of the Senate Nominating Committee

##### 6.2.1 Membership on Senate Standing Committees

B. McKen – A. Wakabayashi

**Moved that** Senate approve the recommendation from the Senate Nominating Committee that the individuals whose names are designated with highlights be approved to fill the vacancies on Senate Standing Committees for the terms indicated.

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The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

6.2.2 Appointment of Senate District Representative to District 5 (Maple Creek-Rosetown-Lloydminster)

B. McKen – T. Gillies

**Moved that** Senate approve the recommendation of the Senate Nominating Committee to appoint Olivia Arnal as the representative from District 5 (Maple Creek-Rosetown-Lloydminster) from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

G. Sylvestre offered congratulations to those who put their name forward in the 2026 Senate District Elections and were successfully elected to the University Senate for a three-year term.

6.3 Items from the Joint Committee of Senate and Council on Ceremonies

W. Wells presented the report on behalf of the Joint Committee of Council and Senate on Ceremonies.

6.3.1 Addition of Honorary Degree Candidates to the Approved Roster

*The Honorary Degree Candidates were distributed confidentially and are appended to the University's Official File.*

6.3.1.1 Addition of Candidate 1 to the Approved Roster

W. Wells – C. Schultz

**Moved that** the list of honorary degree candidates in the Approved Roster as *appended to the University Official File*, be amended to add Candidate 1.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

6.3.1.2 Addition of Candidate 2 to the Approved Roster

W. Wells – F. Ogunrinde

**Moved that** the list of honorary degree candidates in the Approved Roster as *appended to the University Official File*, be amended to add Candidate 2.

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The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

1 Abstention

#### 6.3.1.3 Addition of Candidate 3 to the Approved Roster

W. Wells – A. Stadnek

**Moved that** the list of honorary degree candidates in the Approved Roster as *appended to the University Official File*, be amended to add Candidate 3.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

#### 6.3.1.4 Addition of Candidate 4 to the Approved Roster

W. Wells – T. Andrist

**Moved that** the list of honorary degree candidates in the Approved Roster as *appended to the University Official File*, be amended to add Candidate 4.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

### 6.4 Items from the Senate Appeals Committee

#### 6.4.1 Senate Appeals Committee Annual Report

Chancellor Delorme noted that many of the appeals to the Senate Appeals Committee have been related to inappropriate use of generative artificial intelligence tools.

The report was received for information.

### 7. **“Cracking the Infinity,” Presentation from A. D’Alessandro, 2026 3MT Finalist**

M. Hart, Interim Dean, Faculty of Science introduced A. D’Alessandro to the University of Regina Senate.

The Chancellor thanked A. D’Alessandro for his presentation.

### 8. **University Secretary’s Report**

G. Sylvestre presented the report outlining the results of the election of the Senate Representative to the University of Regina Board of Governors.

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### **8.1 Senate Representative to the University of Regina Board of Governors**

Congratulations were extended to M. Deters on her re-appointment to the University of Regina Board of Governors.

The report was received for information.

### **9. Adjournment – F. Ogunrinde (11:44 p.m.)**