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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF REGINA COUNCIL
25 MARCH 2024
ADMINISTRATION HUMANITIES BUILDING BOARDROOM 527 AND WEB CONFERENCING**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ex-Officio: L. Campbell, H. Chaudhry, J. D’Arcy , S. Dea, D. Dick, I. Dostaler, A. Douai, D. Farenick, D. Ford, S. Helewa, J. Keshen (Chair), S. Khan, J. Nahachewsky, N. Önder, Y. Petry, C. Pollard, C. Rocke, G. Sylvestre, B. Waytuck, C. Yost

Elected: E. Almehdawe, M. Argerami, E. Arries-Kleyenstuber, M. Asadullah, C. Bakker, J. Bird, P. Bruno, L. Clune, M. Coupal, M. Çule, M. DeCoste, J. DeLugt, J. Demers, M. Diamantopoulos, R. Dosselmann, O. El-Halfawy, M. Hart, A. Hodson, O. Hoeber, D. Hulston, D. Lane, P. Leavitt, M. MacKinnon, A. Magnan, R. Manzon, V. Matthews, J. Melançon, Z. Papandereou, W. Peng, C. Polster, C. Ramsey, V. Ramshaw, M. Rennie, S. Russell, M. Rutten-James, A. Sardarli, J. Seinín, N. Shariar, G. Sherbert, J. Siemer, D. Sharpe, T. Sperlich, L. Tiggelers, H. Weger, C. Widdifield, S. Wilson, J. Xue, K. Yow

Regrets: E. Aito, A. Armstrong, P. Choi, I. Coulson, M. Dalrymple, L. French, B. Hall, M. Jerry, E. Matthews, A. Mudde, T. Phenix, C. Riegel, G. Russell, C. Schultz, J. Smith, M. Trussler,

Recorder: S. Stewart

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. 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, Anihšînapêk, Dakota, Lakota, and Nakoda, and the traditional homeland of the Métis/Michif Nation.

1. Approval of the Agenda

The Chair requested the addition of item 7.1.5 “Graduand List – La Cité universitaire francophone.”

Z. Papandereou – G. Sherbert

Moved that the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Minutes of Meeting of 28 February 2024

M. MacKinnon – S. Helewa

Moved that the minutes be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

A question was raised regarding the federal government's approach to the allocation of study permits and attestation letters for the province's post-secondary institutions.

Management provided an overview of the allocation and attestation processes, as well as the steps the University will be taking to support the success of our new international students.

4. Remarks from the Chair

President Keshen provided an update on recent activities, including:

- University of Regina men's curling team claimed the USPORTS Curling Championship in Fredericton, N.B.
- Visits to various high schools in Regina with Chancellor Pam Klein to present the Chancellor's Scholarships to student recipients
- On Tuesday, March 19th, Sir Stephen Hough performed at Darke Hall in what was considered a world class event. Thank you to Michael Angell from the Faculty of Media, Art, and Performance for bringing Sir Stephen Hough to Regina
- Spring recruitment events in Saskatchewan
- Update on the grocery bus and residence rental rates, noting that information was also circulated to Executive of Council with the agenda materials
- Attendance at Faculty Council meetings
- Evaluation of future space needs in Saskatoon for the Faculty of Nursing and Faculty of Social Work, and space improvements on Regina campus to better meet student needs
- Update on the 2024-2025 budget process

Following the Chair's remarks, Executive of Council was invited to share further information or raise questions for discussion. Topics of discussion included:

- Expectation for increased residence occupancy through new scholarships that include housing, and improvements to food services
- Opportunity to bring food vendors to campus that can cater to a wide array of student preferences

5. Report from the University Secretary

The University Secretary announced the deadline for the call for nominations to Executive of Council is Friday, April 5th and encouraged Council members to consider putting their names forward or encouraging others to be a part of Executive of Council.

6. Reports from Committees of Council

6.1 Council Committee on the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research and the Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies, Appendix I, Page 2

A. Douai presented the report on behalf of the Council Committee on the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research and Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies.

6.1.1 Faculty of Science

Department of Geology and Department of Earth Sciences – Department Renaming

A. Douai – D. Farenick

Moved that the Department of Geology be renamed the Department of Earth Sciences, effective 202420.

CARRIED

6.2 Council Committee on the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, Appendix II, Pages 3-57

A. Douai presented the report on behalf of the Council Committee on the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research.

6.2.1 Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

Graduate Credential Framework – Update

A. Douai – C. Pollard

Moved to add embedded certificates to the Graduate Credential Framework, effective immediately.

CARRIED

The following four motions were presented as an omnibus motion.

A. Douai – C. Pollard

Graduate Co-operative Education Experience – Graduate Calendar Update

Moved to update the Graduate Co-operative Education Experience section of the Graduate Calendar and provide clarity, effective immediately.

Maintenance of Candidacy – Graduate Calendar Update

Moved that the Maintenance of Candidacy section be updated to provide clarity around full- and part-time Maintenance of Candidacy, effective immediately.

Transcripts – Graduate Calendar Update

Moved that the Transcripts section under Application Requirements be updated to show the acceptance of official transcripts through MyCreds or similar services, effective immediately.

Course Requirements – Graduate Calendar Update

Moved that the language in the Course Requirements section of the Registration Regulations in the Graduate Calendar be updated, effective immediately.

The question was called on the omnibus motion.

CARRIED

General Admission Requirements (CanTEST and TOEFL) – Graduate Calendar Update

A. Douai – C. Pollard

Moved to remove the CanTEST and TOEFL (paper, new) as accepted exams in the General Admission Requirements section of the graduate calendar due to their discontinuance, effective immediately.

CARRIED

General Admission Requirements (MELAB) – Graduate Calendar Update

A. Douai – C. Pollard

Moved to remove MELAB, which retired in 2018, and add its replacement, the Michigan English Test (MET), as an accepted exam in the General Admission Requirements table, in the graduate calendar, effective immediately.

CARRIED

6.2.2 Faculty of Kinesiology and Health Studies

Master of Kinesiology – New Program

A. Douai – H. Riemer

Moved to create the Master of Kinesiology, effective 202430.

CARRIED

Kinesiology Graduate Programs – Change to Admission Requirements

A. Douai – H. Riemer

Moved to require international students to submit a WES ICAP Course-by-Course evaluation report as part of their graduate application to the MSc, MKin, and PhD programs in the Faculty of Kinesiology & Health Studies, effective 202430.

Following a question from a Council member on the cost of this service, it was clarified that it costs applicants approximately \$240, however it assists Faculties in the proper assessment of an applicant’s international credentials.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

6.2.3 Faculty of Science

Master of Science in Geology and Doctor of Philosophy in Geology – Program Name Changes

A. Douai – D. Farenick

Moved that the Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy in Geology be renamed, effective 202520.

MSc in Earth Sciences (formerly MSc in Geology)

PhD in Earth Sciences (formerly PhD in Geology)

CARRIED

6.2.4 Faculty of Social Work

Master of Social Work – Change to Admission Requirements

A. Douai – C. Rocke

Moved to require the WES ICAP Course-by-Course report for Master of Social Work Application from applicants with international credentials, effective 202430.

CARRIED

The remainder of the report was received for information.

6.3 Joint Committee of Senate and Council on Ceremonies, Appendix III, Page 58

The report was distributed confidentially prior to the meeting and is appended to the Official File.

J. Keshen presented the report on behalf of the Committee

6.3.1 Honorary Degree Candidates for Addition to the Approved Roster

J. Keshen – A. Douai

Moved that the list of Honorary Degree Candidates for addition to the approved roster be approved.

CARRIED

7. Graduand Lists

The lists were distributed confidentially prior to the meeting and are appended to the Official File.

7.1 Graduand Lists for Approval

C. Roche – N. Önder

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.

CARRIED

8. Other Business

8.1 Fall Academic Schedule, *For Discussion*, Appendix IV, pp. 59-61

J. D’Arcy presented the discussion item to Executive of Council and provided an overview of the recommended changes to the academic schedule.

Discussion followed. Topics of discussion included:

- Beginning the term in September, as opposed to the end of August, is favourable for students
- Preference to avoid December 23 final exams, when possible
- Consider opportunity to reduce the number of days of the final exam period through the following suggestions:
 - o Concentration of final exams in larger exam spaces i.e.) gymnasiums to allow for

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- more classes to complete examinations at one time
 - Possibility of having two hour final exams, allowing for more examinations times during the final exam period
 - The rationale for the current practice of requiring no less than 63 teaching days
 - Importance of the exam study days to some Faculties and Departments

A typo was noted on Page 61 of the discussion item, it should read:

“An additional Monday teaching day in the 3rd year of every 7 year period.”

Executive of Council requested more information on:

- Whether a reduction in the number of teaching days will impact accreditation of any University of Regina programs
- Possible reduction in final exams from 3 hours to 2 hours, in order to compress the final exam schedule

J. D’Arcy agreed to look into these matters further.

9. Adjournment – D. Dick (3:32 p.m.)

Glenys Sylvestre
University Secretary