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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ex-Officio: H. Chaudhry, P. Choi, J. D’Arcy, S. Dea, D. Dick, D. Eberts, J. Farney, S. Gaudet, d. Gregory, S. Helewa, J. Keshen (Chair), M. Knuttila, J. Nahachewsky, E. Oldford, N. Önder, T. Phenix, C. Pollard, H. Reimer, C. Roche, C. Schultz, J. Smith, G. Sylvestre, B. Waytuck, C. Yost

Elected: M. Akinpelu, R. Alao, C. Bakker, E. Beckwell, J. Brown, P. Bruno, I. Coulson, M. Culę, M. Dalrymple, M. DeCoste, J. deLugt, M. Dubnewick, N. Ekhteraeetoussi, O. El-Halfawy, B. Hall, Y. Han, A. Hancock, N. Hansmeier, M. Hart, K. Herman, O. Hoeber, S. Holmes, G. Kabir, S. Khan, M. Khondoker, P. Leavitt, J. MacDonald, M. MacKinnon, V. Mathews, E. McNair, D. Meban, M. Mouhoub, A. Mudde, H. Nelson, A. Oehler, P. Oretga, Z. Papandreou, K. Phillips, H. Phipps, C. Ramsey, C. Riegel, S. Sangster, A. Sardali, J. Seinín, N. Shariar, D. Sharpe, G. Sherbert, J. Siemer, T. Sperlich, D. Stilling, L. Tiggelers, B. Tomin, M. Trussler, G. Vujanovic, H. Weger, S. Wilson, J. Xue

Regrets: M. Argerami, L. Campbell, M. Diamantopoulos, X. Ji, B. Lichtenwald, A. Magnan, T. McIntosh, B. Waytuck, S. Yim

Guests: T. Bae, A. Eaton, A. Hodson

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, Anihšínāpēk, Dakota, Lakota, and Nakoda, and the traditional homeland of the Métis/Michif Nation.

1. Approval of the Agenda

The chair requested an amendment to the agenda to include Item 7.2 “Correction to Previously Approved Graduate List – Faculty of Arts.”

P. Leavitt – D. Stilling

Moved that the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Minutes of Meeting of 19 June 2024

G. Sherbert – Z. Papandreou

Moved that the minutes be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes – None.

4. Remarks from the Chair

President Keshen provided an update on recent activities, including:

- Upcoming recruitment events
- Update on the federal regulations limiting the issuance of study permits to Canadian post-secondary institutions
- Partnership with North Central Family Centre
- Update on various capital projects, including renovations to the Administration Humanities Building Pit
- Update on food services on campus
- Upcoming searches, including the Executive Director, Strategic Enrolment Management and Registrar, Government Relations Advisor, and the Provost and Vice-President (Academic)

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

- How postdocs are treated under the federal government's new regulations
- Ensuring research needs are considered in government funding requests, including for research facilities
- Concerns regarding lack of English-language and academic preparedness of some incoming students and its impact on both students and faculty
- The Provost reported on various academic integrity initiatives that will be undertaken shortly
- Consideration of appropriate level of enrolment for the University
- Level of government funding required to support ongoing operations

5. Report from the University Secretary

The Fall Convocation ceremony will be held on Thursday, October 17th at the Centre for Kinesiology, Health, and Sport. All are encouraged to attend and we look forward to seeing everyone at the ceremony.

6. Reports from Committees of Council

6.1 Consent Items, Appendix I, Pages 3-25

The following 10 motions were presented as an omnibus motion.

J. D'Arcy – S. Dea

6.1.1 Council Committee on the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

6.1.1.1 Faculty of Business Administration

Program Change – Master's Certificate in Organizational Leadership

Moved that GBUS 830 (Business, Government and Society) be included in the Master's Certificate in Organizational Leadership program, effective 202510.

Program Change – Master of Human Resource Management (Project and Co-op)

Moved that the requirement for GBUS 900 (Research Project in Business Administration) for the Master of Human Resources Management program – project and co-op routes be changed, effective 202510.

Program Change – Master of Administration (Course and Co-op)

Moved that the Master of Administration (MAdmin) in Leadership course and co-op route be changed, effective 202510.

6.1.1.2 Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

Graduate Calendar Update – Application Requirements

Moved that the Application Procedures section of the Calendar be updated, effective immediately.

6.1.2 Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies

6.1.2.1 Faculty of Arts

Program Change – Bachelor of Arts in History, Bachelor of Arts Honours in History, and Combined Major in Economics and History

Moved to revise the Bachelor of Arts in History, Bachelor of Arts Honours in History, and Combined Major in Economics and History, effective 202520.

Program Change – Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Bachelor of Arts Honours in Political Science

Moved to revise the major requirements in the Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Bachelor of Arts Honours in Political Science, effective 202520.

6.1.2.2 Faculty of Education

Undergraduate Calendar Update - Les programmes de Baccalauréat en éducation française

Moved that changes be made to English Summary / Sommaire en français section, Les programmes de Baccalauréat en éducation française, effective 202520.

6.1.2.3 Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science

Program Change – Software Systems Engineering

Moved to revise the requirements for Software Systems Engineering in the Bachelor of Applied Science, effective 202530.

6.1.2.4 Faculty of Science

Program Change – Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Bachelor of Science Honours in Psychology

Moved that the Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Bachelor of Science Honours in Psychology be revised, effective 202520.

Program Change – Bachelor of Science in Geography and Environmental Studies

Moved that the Bachelor of Science in Geography and Environmental Studies program be revised, effective 202520.

The question was called on the omnibus motion.

CARRIED

The remainder of the consent items were received for information.

6.2 Joint Report – Council Committee on the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research and Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies, Appendix II, Pages 26-31

6.2.1 Faculty of Arts

Department Name Change – Department of English

J. D’Arcy – S. Dea

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

CARRIED

6.3 Council Committee on the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, Appendix III, Pages 32-49

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

6.3.1 Faculty of Business Administration

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

A. Douai – E. Oldford

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

CARRIED

New Program – Master of Business Administration (Project Route)

A. Douai – E. Oldford

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

CARRIED

6.3.2 Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

Graduate Calendar Change – English Language Proficiency Requirements

A. Douai – P. Leavitt

Moved to update the U of R ESL exam in the English Language Proficiency Requirements table of the graduate calendar, effective immediately.

CARRIED

Graduate Calendar Change – General Regulations

A. Douai – S. Dea

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.

It was clarified that students would not be permitted to complete embedded certificates outside of their home Faculty.

It was further clarified that the practice of issuing an additional parchment for an embedded certificate is quite common in Canada.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Graduate Calendar Update – Graduate Calendar Addition

A. Douai – S. Dea

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

CARRIED

Graduate Minimum Funding – PhD Students

A. Douai – S. Dea

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

It was clarified that some programs are exempt from this requirement and students and supervisors can provide documentation of self-funding.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

6.3.3 Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy

Certificate Discontinuation – Science and Innovation Policy Certificate

A. Douai – J. Farney

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

effective 202510.

CARRIED

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

A. Douai – 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.

CARRIED

6.4 Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies, Appendix IV, Pages 50-51

J. D’Arcy, Registrar, presented the report on behalf of the Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies.

6.4.1 Faculty of Education

Admission Requirements – Faculty of Education

J. D’Arcy – J. Nahachewsky

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

CARRIED

6.4.2 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. D’Arcy – 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.

CARRIED

6.5 Council Committee on Research, Appendix V, Pages 52-88

A. Eaton presented the report on behalf of the Council Committee on Research.

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

A. Eaton – I. Coulson

Moved that Executive of Council 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 intent is that GIEMS will be set up as a not-for-profit organization to ensure proper consultation with various stakeholders, including Indigenous communities. The Vice-President (Research) clarified that the Institute’s focus will be on energy transition rather than extraction.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

6.6 Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research Scholarship and Awards Committee, *Distributed Confidentially*

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

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

6.6.1 President’s Distinguished Graduate Student Award

A. Douai – M. DeCoste

Moved that the President’s Distinguished Graduate Student Award be awarded to Hugh McCall (Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology).

CARRIED

6.7 Council Committee on Undergraduate Awards, *Distributed Confidentially*

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

A. Hodson presented the report on behalf of the Council Committee on Undergraduate Awards.

A.7.1 President's Medal for the 2023 Fall Convocation

A. Hodson – C. Pollard

Moved that the President's Medal for the 2024 Fall Convocation be awarded to Elizabeth Roberts from the Faculty of Nursing.

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

d. Gregory – 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

7.2 Correction of Error to Previously Approved Graduate List – Faculty of Arts

d. Gregory – N. Önder

Moved to approve the correction of an error to the credentials of a previously approved graduate whose name appears on the list as distributed.

CARRIED

8. Other Business – None.

9. Adjournment – C. Pollard (4:20 p.m.)

Glenys Sylvestre
University Secretary