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

PRESENT: E. Aito, T. Andrist, L. Bennett, F. Boutin, J. Bumbac, W. Carney, P. Choi, J. Clarke, J. D’Arcy, A. Davidson, S. Dea, M. Deters, D. Dick, I. Dostaler, A. Douai, Z. Dumont, N. Ekheteraetoussi, O. Erifetam, D. Farenick, J. Farney, D. Ford, S. Helewa, M. Hoffart, T. Keil, J. Keshen, S. Khan, P. Klein (Chair), D. Lemieux, A. Machmer, K. McIntyre, B. McKen, M. McStravick, M. Mollenhauer, J. Nahachewsky, F. Ogunrinde, N. Önder, P. Ottmann, C. Pollard, C. Rocke, C. Schultz, J. Schultz, J. Smith, W. Strueby, J. Tomkins, A. Wakabayshi, B. Waytuck, W. Wells, C. Yost

REGRETS: O. Arnal, D. Brunskill, R. Dash, S. Fortman, M. Jerry, T. McKague, R. Osicki, H. Riemer, L. Rosia, L. Ruschinsky, A. Russell, M. Sinclair

GUESTS: J. Barden, J. Brown, L. Campbell, H. Chaudhry, D. Cherney, W. Lemieux

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 – 9:03 a.m.

The Chancellor welcomed all Senators and guests to the meeting.

2. Approval of the Agenda

J. Schultz – D. Lemieux

Moved that the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Approval of the Minutes of 20 October 2023 – Circulated with the Agenda

S. Khan – M. Deters

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:

- In November, attended the Saskatchewan Government Insurance (SGI) donation announcement. SGI donated \$1.5 million over 10 years to support undergraduate programming in data science
- Also in November, hosted “*A Taste of Research: The Chancellor’s Community Lecture,*” focusing on health and wellness
- Later this month, a “*Theatre of Dreams: A Chancellor’s Community Dinner and Tour*” will be held focusing on the Faculty of Media, Art, and Performance
- Various Senate Committee meetings were held including, the Joint Committee of Senate and Council on Ceremonies, Senate Committee on Affiliation and Federation, and Senate Appeals Committee
- The 15th Annual Inspiring Leadership Forum is sold out, but online tickets are still available. All are encouraged to attend

5.2 President’s Report

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

- Attendance at COP 28 and the University of Regina’s involvement at the event
- Update on Fall 2023 enrolment
- Federal government’s recent announcement on capping the number of study permits issued to international students, and introduction of provincial attestation requirement
- Launch of the Chancellor’s Scholarship
- Upcoming major capital project initiatives, including the renovation of the Administration Humanities Building Pit
- Update on University food services and future changes to offerings for students
- Upcoming events to celebrate the University’s 50th anniversary

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

- How the revised international student regulations will impact the University of Regina, including its recruitment activities and revenue projections
- Changes to examinations and other assessments as a result of return to more in-person delivery and artificial intelligence tools
- Senators’ willingness to be advocates and champions of the University

The Chancellor thanked President Keshen for his report.

5.3 University Secretary Report

5.3.1 2024-2025 Senate Meeting Schedule, *For Information*, Appendix I, Page 2

G. Sylvestre reported on the 2024-2025 Senate Meeting Schedule.

The report was received for information.

5.3.2 2024 Senate Election of District Representatives, *For Information*, Appendix II, Page 3

G. Sylvestre reported on upcoming vacancies in Senate Districts.

The report was received for information.

6. Presentation

6.1 “Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research,” presentation by A. Douai, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

I. Dostaler, Provost and Vice-President (Academic) introduced A. Douai, Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research to the University of Regina Senate.

After the presentation discussion followed and included recruitment initiatives for graduate students.

The Chancellor thanked A. Douai for his presentation.

The presentation is [*appended to the Official File.*](#)

(A brief recess was held from 10:37 a.m. to 10:57 a.m.)

7. Report from Committees of Senate

7.1 Senate Committee on Affiliation and Federation, Appendix III, Pages 4-22

7.1.1 Affiliation Agreement with the Gabriel Dumont Institute (GDI) and the University of Regina

J. Tomkins – N. Önder

Moved that Senate approve the recommendation from the Senate Committee on

Affiliation and Federation the affiliation agreement with the Gabriel Dumont Institute (GDI) and the University of Regina, effective September 1, 2024.

It was clarified that the expiration date of the current agreement is August 31, 2024.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

8. Items from Executive of Council, *For Approval/Information*, Appendix IV, Pages 23-64

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

8.1 Council Committee on the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

8.1.1 Faculty of Arts

Master of Journalism – Program Suspension

J. Keshen – S. Dea

Moved to suspend admissions to the Masters of Journalism program for the 2024-2025 academic year, effective 202420.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

8.1.2 Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy

Mater of Public Administration Internship Program Route – New Program

J. Keshen – J. Farney

Moved that a Master of Public Administration (MPA) Internship Program Route be created, effective 202430.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

8.1.3 Faculty of Media, Art, and Performance

Master of Fine Arts in Media Production – Program Name Change

J. Keshen – D. Dick

Moved that the Master of Fine Arts in Media Production be changed to Master of Fine Arts in Film Production, effective 202420.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Master of Arts in Media Studies – Program Name Change

J. Keshen – D. Dick

Moved that the Master of Arts in Media Studies be changed to Master of Arts in Film Studies, effective 202420.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

8.1.4 Faculty of Science

Master of Science in Mathematics and Master of Science in Statistics – Program Revisions

J. Keshen – D. Farenick

Moved that the Master of Science in Mathematics (course-based) and the Master of Science in Statistics (course-based) be revised, effective 202430.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Master of Science in Statistics (Co-op Option) – New Program

J. Keshen – D. Farenick

Moved that a Master of Science in Statistics (co-op option) be created, effective 202430.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

8.1.5 Faculty of Nursing

Graduate Certificate in Nursing Education – New Program

J. Keshen – C. Pollard

Moved to create a Graduate Certificate in Nursing Education, effective 202430.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Graduate Certificate in Nursing Leadership – New Program

J. Keshen – C. Pollard

Moved to create a Graduate Certificate in Nursing Leadership, effective 202430.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Master of Nursing – New Program

J. Keshen – C. Pollard

Moved to create a course-based Master of Nursing, effective 202430.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

8.2 Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies

8.2.1 Faculty of Arts

Pre-Journalism Program – Historical Status

J. Keshen – S. Dea

Moved to make the two-year Pre-Journalism program historical, effective 202420.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Bachelor of Arts in Journalism, News Media, and Communication – New Program

J. Keshen – S. Dea

Moved to create the Bachelor of Arts in Journalism, News Media, and

Communication Program, effective 202420.

Senators expressed their support of the Bachelor of Arts in Journalism, News Media, and Communication and the importance journalism plays in today's society.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Bachelor of Arts in Indigenous Journalism and Communication Arts – New Program

J. Keshen – S. Dea

Moved to create the following Bachelor of Arts in Indigenous Journalism and Communication Arts, effective 202420.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Bachelor of Indigenous Journalism and Communication Arts After Degree – New Program

J. Keshen – S. Dea

Moved to create the Bachelor of Indigenous Journalism and Communication Arts After Degree Program, effective 202420.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Psychology Honors Program Admission Requirements – Revision

J. Keshen – S. Dea

Moved to revise the Program Grade Point Average (PGPA) and Major Grade Point Average (GPA) admission requirements to the Psychology Honours program, effective 202420.

In response to a question, Dean Dea noted that the increase in admission average will provide more realistic expectation of academic requirements in this very competitive honours program.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

8.2.2 Faculty of Education

Bachelor of Indigenous Education After Degree Elementary Program – Program Revision

J. Keshen – J. Nahachewsky

Moved that the credit hours of the Bachelor of Indigenous Education After Degree Elementary Program be revised from 72 credit hours to 60 credit hours, effective 202420.

CARRIED

8.2.3 Faculty of Kinesiology and Health Studies

Credit and Non-Credit Micro-Credential in High Performance and Tactical Strength and Conditioning – New Program

J. Keshen – J. Barden

Moved to create the micro-credential in High Performance and Tactical Strength and Conditioning, for both credit and non-credit delivery, effective 202420.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Credit and Non-Credit Micro-Credential in Event and Production Management – New Program

J. Keshen – J. Barden

Moved to create the micro-credential in Event Production Management, for both credit and non-credit delivery, effective 202420.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

8.2.4 Faculty of Media, Art, and Performance

Diploma in Film Production – Admission Suspension

J. Keshen – D. Dick

Moved to suspend admission to the Diploma in Film Production, effective 202420.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Certificate in Film Production – New Program

J. Keshen – D. Dick

Moved to create a 30-credit hour Certificate in Film Production, effective 202420.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Creative Technologies – New Program

J. Keshen – D. Dick

Moved to create a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Creative Technologies, effective 202420.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

8.2.5 Faculty of Science

Bachelor of Science in Psychology Honours Program Eligibility Average – Revisions

J. Keshen – D. Farenick

Moved to revise the Program Grade Point Average and Major Grade Point Average eligibility requirements for the BSc Psychology Honours program to 80.00%, effective 202420.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Bachelor of Science Honours in Computer Science Averages – Revisions

J. Keshen – D. Farenick

Moved to increase the Bachelor of Science Honours in Computer Science Program Grade Point Average from 70.00% to 75.00% and Major Grade Point Average from 75.00% to 80.00%, effective 202420.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

8.2.6 Faculty of Social Work

Admission Term to the Bachelor of Social Work Program – Revision

J. Keshen – C. Rocke

Moved that newly admitted Bachelor of Social Work students start in the Fall term, effective 202420.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

8.2.7 Centre for Continuing Education

Post-Secondary Admission Requirements – Revision

J. Keshen – C. Schultz

Moved to change the admission requirements for applicants based on post-secondary admission criteria, effective 202420.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

8.2.8 La Cité universitaire francophone

Bachelor of Arts in French as a Second Language – New Program

J. Keshen – E. Aito

Moved that the Bachelor of Arts (BA) in French as a Second Language be created, effective 202430.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Bachelor of Arts Honours in French as a Second Language – New Program

J. Keshen – E. Aito

Moved that the Bachelor of Arts Honours (BA Hons) in French as a Second Language be created, effective 202430.

CARRIED

8.2.9 Pathway Program

J. Keshen – J. D’Arcy

Moved that the following Faculties be removed from the Pathway Program:

- Faculty of Kinesiology and Health Studies
- Faculty of Media, Art, and Performance
- Faculty of Science

And that admission to the Pathway Program be suspended immediately.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

The remainder of the report was received for information.

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

9.1 Board Members Elected by Senate, *Verbal Update*

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

At the December Board meeting, the Board approved:

- The 2024 Audit Planning Memorandum prepared by the Office of the Provincial Auditor
- Revised Charter of the Office of Internal Audit
- Statements of Investment Policies and Goals for the University’s Pension Plans and Trust and Endowment Fund
- Capital projects including card access replacement, replacement of the Gym #1 floor, renovations for the Clinical Psychology expansion project, design project to expand the Student Wellness Centre, and the La Cité pressure relief valve station replacement project

The Board and its Committees also received updates on:

- Enterprise Risk Management and Internal Audit
- The 2023-2024 Performance Measurement Framework, measuring progress on the Strategic Plan
- 2022-2023 Workforce Demographics

The Board heard a presentation on “Institutional Identity” from Lindsay Rabyj, Executive Director, University Communications and Marketing.

The Chancellor thanked M. Deters for her report.

10. Administrative Reports

10.1 Winter 2024 Enrolment Report, *For Information*, Appendix V, Pages 65-67

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

11. In Camera Session

11.1 Joint Committee of Senate and Council on Ceremonies, Appendix VI, Page 68

J. Keshen – W. Wells

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.

12. Adjournment – S. Dea (11:21 a.m.)