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

PRESENT: E. Aito, T. Andrist, B. Barber, R. Bourassa, F. Boutin, D. Brunskill, J. Bumbac, P. Choi, J. Clarke, J. D’Arcy, A. Davidson, S. Dea, M. Deters, K. Dietrich, A. Douai, Z. Dumont, D. Farenick, D. Ford, D. Gelowitz, S. Helewa, A. Hicks, M. Hoffort, M. Jerry, J. Keshen, S. Khan, P. Klein (Chair), D. Lemieux, A. Lunov, A. Machmer, B. McKen, J. Nahachewsky, K. Nolin, F. Ogunrinde, N. Önder, J. Ottmann, M. Piro, C. Pollard, H. Riemer, C. Rocke, A. Russell, C. Schultz, J. Schultz, D. Tesarowski, J. Tomkins, C. Veresh, A. Wakabayashi, J. Wall, W. Wells, A. Williams, C. Yost

REGRETS: W. Carney, D. Dick, A. Machmer, L. Neufeld

GUESTS: M. Butikofer, H. Chaudry, C. Delorme, S. Johnston, L. Rabyj

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 – 9:02 a.m.

The Chancellor welcomed all Senators and guests to the meeting.

2. Approval of the Agenda

F. Boutin – F. Ogunrinde

Moved that the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Approval of the Minutes of 9 February 2024 – Circulated with the Agenda

F. Ogunrinde – J. Schultz

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:

- The Inspiring Leadership Forum was held in March 2024 and was a resounding success
- Meetings of the Joint Committee of Council and Senate on Ceremonies, Senate Appeals Committee, and Senate Nominating Committee were held in May 2024
- The Chancellor's Community events have been well attended and inspiring to see the success of our students and faculties
- The Chancellor's Scholarship program has resulted in recruitment of amazing new students. Congratulations to all those who received a Scholarship

Chancellor Klein acknowledged departing members of Senate for their service to the University:

- Sharon Armstrong, Saskatchewan Library Trustees' Association
- Chief Richard Bourassa, Saskatchewan Association of Chiefs of Police
- Fern Boutin, District 6 (Saskatoon and Area)
- Isabelle Dostaler, Provost and Vice-President (Academic)
- Saqib Khan, Interim Dean, Faculty of Business Administration
- Marc Jerry, President, Luther College
- Maggie Pioro, Saskatchewan Dieticians Association
- Lore Ruschensky, Saskatchewan Registered Music Teachers' Association

5.2 President's Report

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

- The overwhelming success of the Chancellor's Scholarship program and the opportunity to meet with incredible incoming undergraduate students
- Over the next three days, the University will be celebrating its annual Spring Convocation. There will be over 2,500 credentials awarded, with approximately 1,800 students attending the ceremony in person
- The University has held various recruitment events throughout Saskatchewan, as well as globally
- Recent announcements on changes to study permit regulations continues to present challenges as the University navigates the changing recruitment landscape
- Recent faculty and student award winners
- Recent meetings with government officials and visits to the Saskatoon campus
- Launch of the University's 50th anniversary web pages
- Updates on capital projects, included new food service providers

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

- Appreciation for the University's approach and response to controversial and divisive issues
- Opportunities for the University to provide education to assist with complexity and diversity in classrooms
- International student recruitment and how the University is managing the changing landscape
- Recent CBC article on a research project from 2013, noting that internal and external research processes have significantly improved

The Chancellor thanked President Keshen for his report.

5.3 University Secretary Report

5.3.1 2024 Senate Election of District Representatives, *For Information*, Appendix I, Page 2

G. Sylvestre reported that the following individuals were elected by acclamation to the University of Regina Senate:

- District 6 (Saskatoon and Area) – Fred Wesolowski
- District 9 (North Battleford-Prince Albert) – Raymond Boutin
- District 11 (Regina) – Danae Lemieux

The Chancellor offered congratulations to those elected.

6. Report from Committees of Senate

6.1 Senate Appeals Committee, *For Information*, Appendix II, Pages 3

Chancellor Klein presented the report on behalf of the Senate Appeals Committee.

The annual report was received for information.

6.2 Membership on Senate Standing Committee and Faculty/Academic Unit Councils, *For Approval*, Appendix III, Pages 4-8

Z. Dumont – F. Boutin

Moved that Senate approve the recommendation from the Senate Nominating Committee that the individuals whose names are designated in Appendix III, Pages 4-8 be approved to fill the vacancies on Senate Standing Committees and Faculty/Academic Unit Councils for the terms indicated.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7. Items from Executive of Council, *For Approval/Information*, Appendix IV, Pages 9-36

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

7.1 Council Committee on the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research and the Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies

7.1.1 Faculty of Science

Department of Geology to Department of Earth Sciences – Department Renaming

J. Keshen – D. Farenick

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

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.2 Council Committee on the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

7.2.1 Faculty of Arts

Master of Arts in Applied History – New Program

J. Keshen – S. Dea

Moved to create a Master of Arts in Applied History program, effective 202430.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.2.2 Faculty of Business Administration

Master of Business Administration (Public Safety Management, International Business, and Engineering Management) – Program Discontinuation

J. Keshen – E. McNair

Moved that the Master of Business Administration (MBA) – Public Safety Management, International Business, and Engineering Management be discontinued, effective immediately.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Graduate Certificate in Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Indigenization – New Program

J. Keshen – E. McNair

Moved to create a Graduate Certificate in Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Indigenization, effective immediately.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.2.3 Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

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

J. Keshen – A. Douai

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.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

General Admission Requirements (MELAB) – Graduate Calendar Update

J. Keshen – A. Douai

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, in the graduate calendar, effective immediately.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.2.4 Faculty of Kinesiology and Health Studies

Master of Kinesiology – New Program

J. Keshen – H. Riemer

Moved to create the Master of Kinesiology, effective 202430.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Kinesiology Graduate Programs – Change to Admission Requirements

J. Keshen – 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 Master of Science (MSc), Master of Kinesiology (MKin), and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in the Faculty of Kinesiology and Health Studies, effective 202430.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.2.5 Faculty of Science

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

J. Keshen – D. Farenick

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

MSc in Earth Sciences (formerly MSc in Geology)

PhD in Earth Sciences (formerly PhD in Geology)

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.2.6 Faculty of Social Work

Master of Social Work – Change to Admission Requirements

J. Keshen – C. Rocke

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

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.3 Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies

7.3.1 Faculty of Education

Two-Year Elementary SUNTEP Bachelor of Education After Degree (BEAD) – New Program

J. Keshen – J. Nahachewsky

Moved to create the SUNTEP Elementary Bachelor of Education After Degree (BEAD) program (60 credit hours), effective 202520.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.3.2 Faculty of Media, Art, and Performance

Bachelor of Arts Honours; Bachelor of Arts in Cultures of Display and Minors in Art History and Cultures of Display – Admission Suspension

J. Keshen – N. Önder

Moved to suspend admissions to the Bachelor of Arts in Art in History; the Bachelor of Arts Honours in Art History; the Bachelor of Arts in Cultures of Display; the Minor in Art History; and the Minor in Cultures of Display, effective 202510.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Bachelor of Arts in Art History and Curatorial Studies – New Program

J. Keshen – N. Önder

Moved to create the new Bachelor of Arts in Art History and Curatorial Studies, effective 202520.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Bachelor of Arts Honours in Art History and Curatorial Studies – New Program

J. Keshen – N. Önder

Moved to create the new Bachelor of Arts Honours in Art History and Curatorial Studies, effective 202520.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Devised Performance and Theatre Creation and Bachelor of Arts in Drama and Theatre Studies – Admission Requirements

J. Keshen – N. Önder

Moved to implement an interview and letter of intent as entrance requirements for students coming into the Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in Devised Performance & Theatre Creation and Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Drama & Theatre Studies. The letter of intent may be written or take the form of a video recording of the applicant discussing their intent in applying to our program(s), effective 202520.

A question was raised regarding the availability of staff to interview and review each letter of intent for applicants. Associate Dean S. Johnston clarified that this process is manageable for the number applications received for the program.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.3.3 UNIV 001: University Preparedness – New Course

J. Keshen – N. Önder

Moved to approved the UNIV 001: University Preparedness Course, effective 202530.

It was clarified that the course description is being received for information and will continue to be developed.

Discussion followed, topics of discussion included:

- Inclusion of Reconciliation content in this mandatory introductory course
- Potential availability of the course to students in the Spring/Summer term to allow them to better prepare for University

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

The remainder of the report was received for information.

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

8.1 Board Members Elected by Senate, *Verbal Update*

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

At the March Board meeting, the Board approved:

- 2024 University Risk Register
- Annual internal audit plan for 2024-2025
- Appointment of a new CUPE 5791 representative to the Non-Academic Benefits Committee
- Design budget for the revitalization of the Administration-Humanities Pit and conversion of the Wakpá Tower residence suites for use by Supply Management services
- Tender and construction for the expansion of the Student Wellness Centre

In preparation for deliberations at the April meeting, the Board received information on tuition comparatives and affordability. The Board received regular annual reports on international activity, insurance, and health, safety, and wellness.

At the April Board meeting, the Board approved:

- 2024-2025 Tuition and Fees
- 2024-2025 Comprehensive Budget Plan
- 10 Year Capital Plan and Preventative Maintenance and Renewal request for submission to government
- Funding requests for several capital projects, including:
 - o Classroom building student services hub
 - o Faculty of Nursing hyflex classrooms

The Committees of the Board reviewed and received various reports, including:

- Audit and Risk Management Committee
 - o Report on mitigation of the University's Top 10 Risks
 - o Draft of the 2023-2024 Annual Report
- Human Resources Committee
 - o 2023 Annual Pension Reports provided to pension plan members
- Investment and Infrastructure Committee
 - o Facilities condition assessment update
 - o Trust and Endowment Fund annual report

The Board also heard a presentation from L. Campbell, Associate Vice-President (Indigenous Engagement) on "Indigenous Identity Verification."

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

9. Administrative Reports

9.1 Annual Enrolment Report 2023-2024, *For Information, Appendix V, Pages 37-39*

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

Following the report from J. D’Arcy, Senators were invited to ask questions. A question was raised regarding the decrease in domestic enrolment. J. D’Arcy clarified that enrolment does typically decrease from Fall to Winter terms, and that there was also a drop in enrolment of domestic students following the pandemic. These phenomena are not unique to the University of Regina.

10. Presentation

10.1 “University of Regina 50th Anniversary Celebrations,” Presentation by M. Butikofer, Executive Director, Advancement and L. Rabyj, Executive Director, University Communications and Marketing

Following the presentation from M Butikofer and L. Rabyj, Senators were invited to ask questions. Discussion followed and included:

- The University’s decision to use Go Far, Together as the tag line for the 50th Anniversary and retention of the motto As One Who Serves
- The role of the University’s Federated Colleges in the University’s history
- Rationale as to why the dates, 1974-2024, were not included in much of the promotional materials
- Opportunities to invite key stakeholders and community members to the various events the University has planned

All questions were addressed by management.

Chancellor Klein thanked M. Butikofer and L. Rabyj for their presentation.

11. In Camera Session

11.1 Joint Committee of Senate and Council on Ceremonies, *Distributed Confidentially*

11.1.1 Addition of Honorary Degree Candidates to the Approved Roster

J. Keshen – C. Yost

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, *as appended to the University’s Official File.*

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

11.1.2 University of Regina Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Hood

J. Keshen – H. Riemer

Moved that a University of Regina Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) hood be approved as follows:

- Custom-made black and royal blue velvet hood (traditional PhD colour), with inserts of gold and green satin (University of Regina colours), entire outside trim with green and gold layered.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

12. Adjournment – C. Yost (11:31 a.m.)