

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF REGINA COUNCIL  
6 DECEMBER 2019  
EDUCATION AUDITORIUM 106

**MEMBERS:** 119 present.

**GUESTS:** 10 present.

The attendance record is included with the official file.

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by President Timmons.

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

H. King - M. Spooner

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

CARRIED

**2. Approval of the Council Minutes of the Meeting 16 April 2018**

C. Londoño Sulkin - L. Watson

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

CARRIED

**3. Business Arising from the Minutes – None.**

**4. Report from the Chair of Council**

In keeping with the Indigenization commitment in the University's strategic plan, the Chair acknowledged that the University is located on Treaty 4 and Treaty 6 territory and the traditional homeland of the Metis.

President Timmons offered the following remarks:

The University Town Hall held prior to the Meeting of Council was recorded and will be available for those who could not attend. President Timmons provided a report to the campus community at the Town Hall.

December 6<sup>th</sup> is the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of 14 female École Polytechnique students, and the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women. A vigil will be held at 12:00 p.m. (noon) in the Research and Innovation Centre (RIC) atrium.

---

5. **Item(s) for Consideration by Council**

5.1 **Council Agenda Committee, Appendix I, Pages 2-39**

C. Londoño Sulkin, Council Member, presented the report on behalf of the Committee.

C. Londoño Sulkin - P. Charrier

**Moved that** Council approve the revisions to the Council Rules and Regulations as presented in Attachments A and B.

Discussion followed regarding the rationale for the proposed revisions.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED  
8 Opposed

5.2 **Climate Action and Environmental Stewardship, Appendix II, Pages 40-41**

S. Campbell, Council Member, introduced the following motion to Council.

S. Campbell - A. Magnan

**Moved that** Council recommend to the President that the University of Regina recognizes that we face a climate emergency and commits to being a leader in our community through climate action for decarbonisation.

Discussion followed. Topics of discussion included:

- The meaning of decarbonisation, and intended outcomes of the motion
- Linkage between this motion and consultation related to the current strategic planning process
- Travel and potential purchase of carbon offsets

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

B. Hall, Council Member, introduced the following motion to Council.

B. Hall - S. Abbott

**Moved that** Council recommend to the President that the University of Regina monitor and publicly report the University's resource consumption (energy and water use, waste generation, greenhouse gas emissions, and other environmental metrics) each year, and set targets within each institutional strategic plan to improve these metrics.

A suggestion was made to amend the motion to clarify "... set targets within each institutional strategic plan to improve *the outcome of* these metrics." B. Hall and S. Abbott were in agreement with the amendment.

---

In response to a further question about the wording of the motion, President Timmons noted that it would be interpreted to include consideration of the impact of air travel.

Discussion followed. Topics of discussion included:

- There is opportunity to highlight and better communicate the progress of the University toward environmental sustainability
- Cost to implement enhanced reporting initiatives versus cost of not doing more
- The need to make massive change to respond to crisis

President Timmons invited K. Finlay, the lead facilitator of the 2020-2025 Strategic Planning process, to speak about input received to date related to environmental sustainability.

The question was called on the amended motion.

CARRIED

In closing, President Timmons thanked everyone for attending and for Council members' continued engagement. Appreciation was expressed to the Council Agenda Committee and those organizing the Council meeting.

**6. Adjournment - D. Stilling (10:36 a.m.)**



Glenys Sylvestre  
Executive Director (University Governance) and University Secretary