

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF REGINA COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY, 29 APRIL 2015  
ADMINISTRATION-HUMANITIES BOARDROOM 527**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**Ex officio:** V. Timmons, S. Bouffard, D. Button, L. Castellanos, T. Chase, S. Cheng, J. D'Arcy, A. Eberlein, A. Fizzard, D. Gagnon, A. Gaudes, d. Gregory, V. Greifenhagen, E. Hussein, J. Kincaid, H. King, R. Kleer, D. Malloy, J. Meehan, P. Resch, A. Revet, H. Riemer, J. Smith, R. Staseson, J. Tupper, L. Wells, J. White

**Elected:** K. Arbuthnott., Bredohl, J. Buttigieg, R. Caines, R. Camp, D. Candow, L. Cavanagh, A. East, J. Farney, C. Gelowitz, S. Hengen, L. Hoeber, D. Hulston, P. Lewis, K. Montgomery, N. Novik, L. Peyachew, J. Piwowar, J. Purnis, C. Ramsay, M. Rennie, G. Sherbert, J. Siemer, D. Stilling, J. Wagner, L. Ward, L. Watson, H. Weger

**Guests:** N. Deren, S. Gray, D. Senkow

**Regrets:** N. Ashton, D. Blachford, D. Bowman, C. Butz, A. Cameron, M. Chipanshi, G. Donnelly, P. Douglas, E. Eaton, F. Freddolini, R. Genoe, G. Grandy, R. Horowitz, S. Johnson, T. Levit, D. McMartin, K. McNutt, C. Murphy, R. Piercey, F. Pirbhai-Illich, L. Schaefer, M. Spooner, A. Wee

**Recorder:** D. Schauerte

The meeting was called to order at 2:32 p.m. by V. Timmons.

**1. Approval of Agenda**

Camp – Stilling

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

CARRIED

**2. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of 25 March 2015**

Ramsay – Sherbert

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

CARRIED

**3. Remarks from the Chair**

President Timmons provided the following report:

In keeping with the Indigenization commitment in our strategic plan, the President acknowledged that the University is located on Treaty 4 and Treaty 6 territory, which is an important part of our history, and which will be equally significant for our future.

Appreciation was expressed to members for their attendance and work they have done this year.

Budget:

- Has been prepared and submitted to the Board for approval in May.
- Dr. Chase and Mr. Button will speak to the budget.

### Academic Matters:

- Dr. Jennifer Tupper has been appointed Dean of the Faculty of Education until June 2018.
- Dr. Kathy McNutt has been appointed the Executive Director of JSGSPP until June 30, 2020.
- Vice-President (Research) David Malloy gave a research presentation on March 31.
- Actuarial Sciences program has once again received accreditation from the Canadian Institute of Actuaries. It is one of only 10 programs nationwide with this designation.
- Enrolment for winter 2015 was 12,993 students who are currently active in degree-eligible credit courses. That is an increase of 2.6% compared to this same time in 2014.
- The Faculty of Nursing will be receiving the President's Partnership Award for 2015 this weekend at the Saskatchewan Polytechnic President's Gala.

### Faculty and Staff Successes:

- Chancellor Jim Tomkins was awarded the Distinguished Science Alumni Award, from Purdue University, making him the first Canadian ever to receive the award.
- Dr. Craig Chamberlin, formerly Dean of Kinesiology and Health Studies and Acting Dean of Social Work, has been named President of Algoma University.
- Dr. Peter Dorrington of the Department of French has been named Vice-President of Teaching and Research at l'Université de Saint-Boniface.
- The Humanities Research Institute hosted its Research Showcase, which included presentations by 2014-15 research fellows: Dr. Raymond Blake, Professor Leesa Streifler and Professor Sarah Abbott.
- The Alumni Association Awards of Excellence were named and the recipients are Dr. Thomas Hadjistavropoulos for Graduate Research Mentorship, Dr. Janis Dale for Teaching and Dr. Gordon Huang for Research.
- Former Director of Athletics Dick White was inducted into both the University of Regina and the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame.
- The University of Regina Press release of *The Education of Augie Merasty: A Residential School Survivor* debuted at number 7 on the Bookmaster bestseller list.
- The Centre for Teaching and Learning announced the recipients of its annual teaching and learning awards:
  - Dr. Alec Couros (Education) and Dr. Susanne Kuehling (Anthropology) received Awards for Innovation in Teaching;
  - Andi Céline Martin (Kinesiology and Health Studies), Dr. Dominic Gregorio (Music) and Dr. Francesco Freddolini (Luther Fine Arts) received New Faculty Teaching Awards of Recognition; and,
  - Dr. Fidji Gendron (First Nations University of Canada Science) received the Award of Excellence in Flexible Learning.

### Campus Events and Announcements:

- The Community Connections Tour visited Saskatoon on April 1.
- "Prairie Kitchen Party" fundraiser for student aid was held on the weekend with very positive reviews.

The following two discussion topics followed the President's report.

### University of Regina Research Seed Grant:

- A faculty member has asked for an explanation regarding the changes to the applications for the UofR Research Seed Grants. It is an expansion of former funds of

the President's Fund and the SSHRC General Research Grant. That fund was originally SSHRC-returned funds, plus allocation from President and designed to facilitate larger research funding applications. It has now been expanded to include CIHR and NSERC. SSHRC funding has not been reduced, as it comes from SSHRC and the President. CIHR funding is an allocation from the President. NSERC funding is an allocation from the Vice-President (Research). All are separate sources of funds. Adjudication is done separately by area (NSERC scholars not adjudicating SSHRC applications, for example). The idea is to provide bridging/seed funding across all disciplines. It is not being done at the expense of one area. It is an expansion of funding to assist all areas. The next deadline for submissions is May 8.

Budget:

- Dr. Chase and Mr. Button gave a brief update on Budget. The detailed budget is going to the Board of Governors in May. Everyone is encouraged to attend the May 6 budget forum.

**4. Report from the University Secretary**

A. Revet reminded faculty that convocation RSVPs are due May 23.

**5. Reports from Committees**

5.1 Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies, Appendix I

J. D'Arcy presented the following motions on behalf of the Council Committee:

5.1.1 Faculty of Arts

BA Major, Honours Major and Certificate in International Studies

D'Arcy – Kleer

**moved to** revise the International Studies core requirements in the BA Honours Major, BA Major and Certificate in International Studies to allow students to complete either ECON 202 or ECON 211, effective September 1, 2015, as outlined in Appendix I, page 2 of the agenda.

CARRIED

BA Major, Honours Major and Minor in Religious Studies

D'Arcy – Kleer

**moved to** add CATH 200 to the list of classes that can contribute to the BA Major, Honours Major, and Minor in Religious Studies, effective September 1, 2015, as outlined in Appendix I, pages 2-5 of the agenda.

CARRIED

International Languages, BA Major in German

D'Arcy – Kleer

**moved to** revise the BA Major in German to require LING 100 and to change the number of approved electives from five to four, effective September 1, 2015, as outlined in Appendix I, page 5 of the agenda.

CARRIED

5.1.2 Centre for Continuing Education

Revision to Liberal Arts Certificate and Diploma

D'Arcy – King

**moved to** include RLST 245 and RLST 248 to the textual studies requirement for both the Liberal Arts Certificate and Diploma, and add CTCH, MUCO, MUEN, MUHI, MUTH, THAC, THSDS and THSTS to the fine arts requirement for the Liberal Arts Diploma, effective September 1, 2015, as outlined in Appendix I, pages 6-7 of the agenda.

CARRIED

5.1.3 Faculty of Nursing

The following two motions were submitted as joint motions from Enrolment Services and the Faculty of Nursing

Revision to Admission Requirements

D'Arcy – Gregory

**moved to** add “Saskatchewan Polytechnic (formerly SIAST) Practical Nursing diploma program graduates (since 2008) and NorQuest Practical Nursing diploma program graduates (since 2003) are considered to have met **all** admission requirements for the SCBScN program. These applicants must have a minimum 65% grade point average” as an admission regulation for the Faculty of Nursing for the 2016 Fall intake, as outlined in Appendix I, pages 7-8 of the agenda.

CARRIED

Revision to the Approved Tests of Proficiency in English

D'Arcy – Gregory

**moved to** revise the acceptable minimum standard for the TOEFL paper-based test effective for the 2016 Fall intake, as outlined in Appendix I, page 8 of the agenda.

CARRIED

Revision to SCBScN Program Curriculum

D'Arcy –Gregory

**moved to** revise the SCBcN program requirements effective for the 201530 term, as outlined in Appendix I, pages 8-9 of the agenda.

CARRIED

5.1.4 Faculty of Social Work

Transfer Credit

D'Arcy – White

**moved that** effective immediately, the Undergraduate Calendar section 17.3.2 Transfer Credit be revised to include a statement on the transfer credit assessment of courses from Bible colleges, theological colleges and seminaries, as outlined in Appendix I, page 10 of the agenda.

CARRIED

5.1.5 Student Affairs

Academic Recovery Program Regulations

D'Arcy – Kincaid

**moved to** revise the Academic Recovery Program Regulations, as outlined in Appendix I, pages 10-12 of the agenda.

CARRIED

The report on the pilot year was included as an item for information with the agenda.

5.1.6 Registrar's Office

2016/17 Academic Schedule

D'Arcy – Chase

**moved to** recommend approval of the 2016/17 Academic Schedule, as outlined in Appendix I, pages 12-13 of the agenda.

CARRIED

The remainder of the report was received for information.

5.2 Council Nominating Committee, Appendix II

D. Senkow presented the following motions:

5.2.1 Replacements on Council Committees requiring Membership

Senkow – Watson

**moved that** the individuals listed be approved to serve on the following committees, as outlined in Appendix II, pages 17-18 of the agenda.

CARRIED

The remainder of the report was received for information. A recent vacancy has become available on the Council Committee on Budget. The Nominating Committee will review the list of volunteers.

**6. Graduand Lists**

6.1 Graduand Lists for Approval

Chase – Camp

**moved that** all students whose names appear on the lists as distributed at the meeting and appended to the official file, having satisfied the requirements, be granted the degrees, diplomas and/or certificates as designated.

CARRIED

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

**8. Reports from Faculties and Other Academic Units**

8.1 Arts – No Report

8.2 Business Administration – Dean Gaudes announced the Hill School of Business is hosting the fourth annual High School Business Case Competition April 30 and May 1. The event, run by the Saskatchewan Business Teachers' Association, involves 13 high schools from Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

The UofR is celebrating the 10th anniversary of a \$4 million donation made by Kenneth Levene. At the time, it was the largest donation from an individual to the University. The funds were used to develop, advance and promote the Kenneth Levene Graduate School of Business.

The Annual Levene Dinner, which will be attended by Kenneth Levene, takes place on May 6, with guest speaker Murad Al-Katib, President & CEO of Alliance Grain Traders.

8.3 Education – Dean Tupper announced the following awards:

Dr. Alec Couros has been named the recipient of the UofR Award for Innovation in Teaching.

Dr. Fatima Pirbhai-Illich was named a Regina YWCA Women of Distinction award winner for education and mentorship.

Dr. Lee Schaefer will be receiving the Young Scholar Award (the only one in Canada) from the International Association for Higher Education in Phys Ed.

Dr. Darryl Hunter has been awarded the Thomas B. Greenfield Award for 2015, as the best doctoral dissertation in Educational Administration written by a graduate of a Canadian university.

8.4 Engineering and Applied Science – Dean Hussein announced the following awards:

Dr. Amr Henni and Dr. Ezzeddin Shirif and a team of graduate students were the winners of the 2015 Award of Innovation offered jointly by Innovation Place and the University of Regina, presented at the Regina Chamber of Commerce Paragon Awards.

At the annual meeting of the Association of Professional Engineers & Geoscientists of Saskatchewan, Dr. Dena McMartin will be receiving the McCannell Award and Professor Emeritus Art Opseth will be receiving the Brian Eckel Distinguished Service Award.

Ms. Leah Lawrence, alumni of Industrial Systems Engineering, has been appointed as President and CEO of Sustainable Development Technology Canada. Most recently, she was the president of Clean Energy Capitalists Inc.

8.5 Fine Arts – Dean Staseson reported that the Faculty is honouring the memory of Michele Sereda by setting up the “Artist in Residence for Socially Engaged Practices” and is seeking applicants.

8.6 Graduate Studies and Research – Dean Eberlein announced Kayla Balderson, a Biology graduate student, is competing at the 3MT Western Regional Championship April 30 at Thompson Rivers University in Kamloops, B.C.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Shen Kuo Research Exchange Program will take place from May 10-22. Students will travel to Beijing and Changsha and be met by representatives of their respective Chinese university hosts.

8.7 Kinesiology and Health Studies – No Report

8.8 Nursing – Dean Gregory announced Dr. Katherine King-Shier, Professor and AIHS Health Scholar, Faculty of Nursing, University of Calgary will serve as Scholar in Residence from May 20-22.

8.9 Science – Dean Gagnon invited everyone to the Annual Science Rendezvous event on May 9.

8.10 Social Work – No Report

8.11 Centre for Continuing Education – No Report

8.12 Library – P. Resch reported Zoé Beaulieu Prpick is the recipient of the 2015 Dr. John Archer Library Award. Ms. Prpick is in her fourth year of the English (Honours) program. Zoé won \$1,000 for writing the best reflective essay about how she utilized the Library to complete her research project for Kate Cushon’s English 499 course.

8.13 Institut français – No Report

8.14 Federated Colleges

8.14.1 Campion College – President Meehan reported the Board of Governors meet for a Strategic Planning Retreat and is working on their draft plan. The building enhancement project will begin the week of May 5<sup>th</sup> and include replacing the elevators. President Meehan attending meetings focusing on Jesuit Universities and Indigenization. Campion will be looking at hosting these meetings in the future as the group was very impressed with the University’s status on this topic.

8.14.2 First Nations University of Canada – Vice-President Wells reported that around 250 students from four Regina high schools attended a two-day youth conference focusing on treaty citizenship. Individual teachers from Campbell, Balfour, Martin and Scott collegiate applied to be part of the inaugural Treaty 4: The Next Generation Youth Conference, which is funded through ArtSmarts Saskatchewan.

8.14.3 Luther College – No Report

**9. Other Business**

The next meeting of Executive of Council will be May 20<sup>th</sup>. The Presidents sends her regrets and the Provost and Vice-President (Academic) will chair the meeting.

**10. Adjournment** – Purnis (3:25 p.m.)



Annette Revet, University Secretary