

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF REGINA COUNCIL
27 September 2017
ADMINISTRATION-HUMANITIES BOARDROOM 527

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ex officio: V. Timmons, T. Bredohl, D. Button, L. Castellanos, T. Chase, J. D'Arcy, N. Deren, D. Farenick, A. Fizzard, V. Greifenhagen, E. Hussein, H. King, R. Kleer, D. McMartin, H. Riemer, D. Senkow, A. Sterzuk, G. Sylvestre, B. Waytuck, J. White

Elected: I. Al-Anbagi, A. Armstrong, S. Arvidson, A. Bais, J. Bazzul, S. Britto, S. Campbell, J. Conway, M. Cule, K. Cushon, J. de Lugt, L. Domm, K. Eisler, S. Fallat, D. Flood, R. Floricel, D. Gagnon, C. Gelowitz, R. Genoe, S. Granovsky-Larsen, D. Gregorio, K. Handerek, S. Hengen, R. Hordern, D. Hulston, S. Johnson, R. Johnner, P. Laforge, P. Leavitt, O. Lovick, C. Massing, T. McIntosh, A. Molina, Ö. Nilgün, P. Osmond-Johnson, Z. Papandreou, R. Paranjape, W. Pearce, R. Petry, A. Pitariu, J. Piwowar, H. Pridmore, C. Ramsay, G. Ramsey, S. Rheault, S. Sadaoui, T. Salm, S. Schroeter, B. Schumacher, D. Sharpe, R. Thomas, S. Tucker, M. Trussler, J. Wagner, L. Watson, A. Weenie, M. Zabutnyy

Guests: P. Bruno, P. Daniels, G. Grandy, A. Herman, D. Juschka, C. Londono, B. Schneider

Regrets: E. Aito, M. Dockstator, G. Donnelly, D. Durst, d. Gregory, B. Kayseas, A. MacDonald, D. Malloy, J. Meehan, W. Sgrazzutti, J. Smith, R. Staseson, D. Stilling, H. Weger

Recorder: D. Schauerte

The meeting was called to order at 2:31 p.m. by President Timmons.

1. Approval of Agenda

Friendly Amendment to add 7.1.12 La Cite Graduand List

Farenick – McMartin

moved that the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of 24 May 2017

Chase – McMartin

moved that the minutes be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes – None

4. Remarks from the Chair

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:

Issue of Quorum:

- Quorum was not meet at the June meeting, which was disappointing, please try to make every effort to attend as important decisions are made for our students.

Move-In Day:

- Thank you to the volunteers for assisting and making it a great experience for families.
- We hear many of the reasons why students choose the UofR including; certain programs, friendliness of city, size and a positive experience with recruiters.
- Congratulations and thank you to the whole Student Affairs team for a successful day!

Enrolment:

- Seventh year of record enrolments for the University which is defying provincial demographic predictions.
- We have 1/3 more students than in 2008.
- Spring/Summer enrolment was up 5.3% compared to last year.
- Current enrolment headcount is 15,318 students.

Government:

- The appointment of The Honourable Kevin Doherty as our new minister. He is our former minister and recent finance minister.
- A new deputy minister has been appointed as well, Mr. Mark McLoughlin.

Deliberation and Debate series:

- Two recent lectures from Dr. Gad Saad and Dennis Edney.
- The Saad lecture was controversial as it was the only one in the series that really met the criteria of generating critical debate on difficult topics. It was important to go forward with the lecture to be able to critically assess and discuss challenging positions – and allow views to be voiced if they do not promote hatred.
- The Saad lecture is available online.

Reception with the Board:

- Scheduled after our meeting today, it is good opportunity for two key decision-making bodies to meet.
- The faculty representative to the Board of Governors, Dr. Carlos Londono attended Executive of Council, to report on recent board activities and introduce himself as a new member of the Board. Dr. Londono will try to attend Executive of Council following each board meeting.

Northern Tour:

- The President recently returned from a northern tour, meeting with schools, band councils and city councils, as well as an alumni event in La Ronge.
- Online course offerings have increased over the past several years but the University of Regina would like to offer more Community based programs in the North in the future.

5. Report from the University Secretary

5.1 Report from the Senate Executive Committee, Appendix I

The report was received for information.

A reminder Convocation RSVPs are due October 6th.

6. Reports from Committees

6.1 Council Committee on Academic Mission, Appendix II

A. Herman presented the report on behalf of the Committee.

6.1.1 Academic Mission Vision Statement

Onder – Juschka

Moved that the Council Committee on Academic Mission recommend that Executive of Council adopt the Academic Mission Vision Statement with the understanding it be included in the University's future 5-year Strategic Plans, as detailed in Appendix II of the agenda.

CARRIED
1 opposed

6.1.2 Revision to Academic Program Approval Process

Juschka – Onder

Moved that the Council Committee on Academic Mission recommend that Executive of Council revise its Process for Academic Program Approvals beginning in AY 2017/18 to the process described in "Guidelines for Academic Program Approval Process, June 2017", as detailed in Appendix III of the agenda.

A friendly amendment was made on page 6 under Step 1: Point 3 – change will need to may as follows:

Those proposing new Graduate Programs may need to consult with FGSRs Program Development Advisory Panel (PDAP).

It was recommended to develop a simpler diagram on page 6.

CARRIED

6.2 Council Committee on Budget

M. Cule presented the report on behalf of the Committee for information.

6.3 Council Committee on the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, Appendix IV

T. Bredohl presented the report on behalf of the Committee.

6.3.1 Faculty of Education

Program Change

Bredohl – Sterzuk

Moved that ED 817 be added to the list of approved research methods courses to the EPSY, MAED and HRD programs effective 201810, as detailed in Appendix IV of the agenda.

CARRIED

6.3.2 Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

Graduate Co-operative Education Program

Bredohl – Campbell

Moved that the Graduate Co-operative Education program change effective 201810, as detailed in Appendix IV of the agenda.

CARRIED

Graduate Co-operative Course Policy

Bredohl – Campbell

Moved that the following policy be adopted to create graduate co-operative courses outside of a graduate co-operative program effective 201810, as detailed in Appendix IV of the agenda.

CARRIED

Graduate Transfer Credit Policy

Bredohl – Campbell

Moved that the Graduate Transfer Credit and Advanced Standing policy be changed effective 201820, as detailed in Appendix IV of the agenda.

CARRIED

6.3.3 Faculty of Science

Program Suspension

Bredohl – Farenick

Moved that the Master of Health Information Management (MHIM) program be suspended effective 201730, as detailed in Appendix IV of the agenda.

It was clarified there are no new applicants.

CARRIED

The remainder of the report was received for information.

6.4 FGSR Graduate Scholarships and Awards Committee, Appendix I of the Minutes

6.4.1 President's Distinguished Graduate Student Award

Bredohl – Sterzuk

Moved that Sylvia Rose Smith be awarded the President's Distinguished Graduate Student Award, be approved, as detailed in Appendix I of the minutes.

CARRIED

6.5 Council Committee on Student Appeals, Appendix V

A Pitariu presented the report on behalf of the Committee for information.

6.6 Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies, Appendix VI

A. Pitariu presented the report on behalf of the Committee.

6.6.1 Commission to Review the Fresh Start Program

The Fresh Start Program Revision

Pitariu – Pearce

Moved to revise the Fresh Start Program, effective date: 201820, as detailed in Appendix VI of the agenda.

CARRIED

6.6.2 Faculty of Arts

Bachelor of Arts, Linguistic Major Revisions

Pitariu – Kleer

Moved to revise the BA major in Linguistics effective 201730 to:

1. permit students to take an Indigenous Language course numbered 206;
2. add LING 325 and 327 as a replacement for the requirement of a course in historical linguistics or the history of language;
3. require only one of LING 410 – 413 (instead of two); and
4. require that students complete one of their approved electives at the 400-level

as detailed in Appendix VI of the agenda.

CARRIED

6.6.3 Faculty of Education

Changes to Secondary Education

Pitariu – Pearce

Moved that the Visual Education Minor in the Secondary Program be modified, effective 201730, according to the course lists as detailed in Appendix VI of the agenda.

CARRIED

Changes to Indigenous Education

Pitariu – Leavitt

Moved that “open electives” in Indigenous Education be changed to “approved electives,” effective 201810, as detailed in Appendix VI of the agenda.

CARRIED

6.6.4 Faculty of Science

Revisions in Computer Science and Mathematics

Pitariu – Fallat

Moved to remove MATH 429 from the “Three courses from:” in the BSc and the “Two courses from:” BSc Hons Combined Major in Computer Science and Mathematics, as well as in the BSc and BSc Hons Combined Major in Mathematics and Computer Science, effective 201820, as detailed in Appendix VI of the agenda.

CARRIED

Science Qualifying Process Revision

Pitariu – Farenick

Moved to remove “Not permitted to begin their program in the Spring/Summer semester without permission of the Associate Dean (Academic)” from Section 16.2.3 of the Undergraduate Calendar and Course Catalogue, effective 201730, as detailed in Appendix VI of the agenda.

CARRIED

The remainder of the report was received for information.

6.7 Council Committee on Undergraduate Awards, Appendix I of the Minutes

J. Wagner presented the report on behalf of the Committee.

6.7.1 President’s Medal

Wagner – Eisler

Moved that the President’s Medal for the 2017 Fall Convocation be awarded to Cyrena Lockert from the Faculty of Business Administration, as detailed in Appendix II of the minutes.

CARRIED

6.8 Council Discipline Committee, Appendix VII

Provost Chase presented the report on behalf of the Committee for information and discussed the trends on campus. Discussion followed.

6.9 Joint Council/Senate Committee on Ceremonies, Appendix VIII

G. Sylvestre presented the report on behalf of the Committee.

6.9.1 Honorary Degree Candidates for Addition to the Approved Roster

Sylvestre – Chase

Moved that the honorary degree candidate be approved for addition to the Approved Roster, as *appended to the University’s official file*, and as detailed in Appendix VIII of the agenda.

CARRIED

7. Graduand Lists

7.1 Graduand Lists for Approval

D’Arcy – Senkow

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

8. Reports from Faculties and Other Academic Units

8.1 Arts – No Report

8.2 Business Administration – No Report

8.3 Education – over 300 students, faculty and staff participated in treaty education this month.

- 8.4 Engineering and Applied Science – for the first time in five years enrolment numbers are down.
- 8.5 Graduate Studies and Research – is offering a new format to the Graduate Student Conference - a one day fall conference that offers multiple sessions aimed at supporting graduate students on October 14.
- 8.6 Kinesiology and Health Studies – recently hosted an International Research Seminar Series on Sport, Nutrition and Training. A similar event is being planned for next year.
- 8.7 Media, Art, and Performance – the annual Gingerbread Throw Down will take place on November 29, last year over \$1400 was raised for the URSU Emergency Bursary Fund.
- 8.8 Nursing – No Report
- 8.9 Science –enrolment numbers are up in science programs, including Luther College and First Nations University of Canada are up significantly. Nominations have been submitted for the Canada 150 research chairs. Former Dean Daniel Gagnon has returned to the Department of Biology. Two new tenure track professors have been appointed.
- 8.10 Social Work – No Report
- 8.11 Centre for Continuing Education – No Report
- 8.12 La Cité universitaire francophone – No Report
- 8.13 Library – URSU recently donated \$10,000 to the Textbooks for All program. Thanks to the donation, the program can continue for another year. The Library will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the opening of the Dr. John Archer Library with a Kick-Off Event on the main floor of the Library on October 16.
- 8.14 Federated Colleges
 - 8.14.1 Campion College – is celebrating Campion’s 100th anniversary with special events planned from October 4-8. A complete list of events is available online, including tickets to the Alumni of Distinction Gala Dinner on October 7.
 - 8.14.2 First Nations University of Canada – announced Bob Kayseas has been appointed the new Vice-President Academic. This Friday everyone is encouraged to wear orange shirts to remember and honour those involved in the residential school system. Three million dollars was awarded to create a National Centre for Indigenous Education.
 - 8.14.3 Luther College – This year’s Luther Lecturer is Dr. Nicholas Terpstra, Professor of History from the University of Toronto. The title of his lecture will be "Reframing the Reformation: Religious Refugees in the Early Modern World." The lecture will be held on October 30.

9. Other Business

It was suggested a financial update as well as a presentation on the University’s strategy with Government take place at the October meeting.

HRI Lecture "American Politics & the Lost Art of Compromise" presented by Dr. Adam Smith from the University College London this evening.

HRI Workshop on "The Politics of Emotion" will take place on September 29.

9.1 Meet and Greet with the University of Regina Board of Governors

Members were invited to a reception with the Board of Governors following the meeting.

10. Adjournment – Chase (3:41p.m.)



Glenys Sylvestre
Executive Director and University Secretary