

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF REGINA COUNCIL  
28 NOVEMBER 2018  
ADMINISTRATION-HUMANITIES BOARDROOM 527**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**Ex Officio:** E. Aito, D. Button, T. Chase, J. Cranston, J. D'Arcy, N. Deren, D. Farenick, A. Fizzard, G. Grandy, S. Gray, d. Gregory, Y. Petry, S. Helewa, B. Hillis, E. Hussein, H. King, R. Kleer, D. Malloy, K. McNutt, N. Onder, K. Ricketts, H. Riemer, J. Smith, R. Staseson, B. Waytuck, J. White

**Elected:** M. Argerami, A. Armstrong, A. Bais, S. Britto, P. Bruno, D. Cripps, M. Cule, M.DeCoste, L. Domm, K. Eisler, J. Farney, D. Flood, R. Genoe, B. Hall, S. Hengen, L. Hoeber, R. Johner, S. Khan, C. Kulczycki, P. Leavitt, O. Lovick, T. McIntosh, D. Meban, A. Meis Mason, J. Melancon, B. Nelke, W. Pearce, R. Petry, A. Pitariu, J. Piwowar, H. Pridmore, C. Ramsay, G. Ramsey, B. Reul, S. Rheault, M. Rollo, S. Sadaoui, S. Schroeter, D. Sharpe, M. Spooner, D. Stilling, A. Stoddart, M. Trussler, J. Wagner, H. Weger, S. Wilson, C. Winter, S. Wiskar,

**Guests:** W. Arnal, T. Grande, B. MacNeil, D. Senkow, F. Tannouri, S. Wilson

**Regrets:** I. Al-Anbagi, S. Arvidson, A. Cameron, D. Gagnon, B. Kayseas, G. Sherbert, A. Snider, G. Sylvestre, V. Timmons

**Recorder:** S. Stewart

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Provost and Vice-President (Academic), Dr. Thomas Chase. He expressed regrets for President Timmons who was attending meetings in India.

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

The Chair requested the addition of item 7.2 Correction to Previously Approved Graduate and removal of 7.1.3 Graduand Lists (Centre for Continuing Education).

Stilling - King

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

CARRIED

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**2. Approval of the Minutes of Meeting 31 October 2018**

Rheault - Gregory

**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.

Dr. Chase offered the following remarks:

Promise "Max" Chukwudum, a University of Regina student has been missing since 17 November 2018. If anyone hears anything regarding this student's disappearance, please contact Regina Police Service.

The Research Office just released its latest edition of Discourse Magazine. The magazine emphasizes the quality of research the University of Regina is producing. Featured on the cover is Simon Granovsky-Larsen who has examined violence in Guatemala.

The University of Regina has welcomed two new Canada Research Chairs, Dr. Michelle Coupal and Dr. Jennifer Gordon. Dr. Coupal's research is in Truth and Reconciliation, and Dr. Gordon's is in Biopsychosocial Determinants of Women's Mental Health.

Budget preparation for 2019-2020 is underway. Information and updates are available on the budget website at: <https://www.uregina.ca/orp/budget/index.html>

Dr. Judy White, Dean, Faculty of Social Work is intending to retire in 2019. As such, a search launch will begin in January. Dr. White has been a great scholar, professor and friend of the University of Regina.

Following the presentation of remarks, Executive of Council was invited to present any further updates. Discussion followed and included:

- The University of Regina's plan to address the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report.
- The feasibility of the University of Regina investing in a Geothermal Power Plant.
- Addressing the lack of composting available on campus.

**5. Report from the University Secretary**

Sarah Stewart presented the report on behalf of Glenys Sylvestre, Executive Director (University Governance) and University Secretary who sent her regrets.

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A call for volunteers to the Council Committee on Budget has been issued. Please consider volunteering for this Committee. The deadline to volunteer is Wednesday, 5 December 2018.

## 6. Reports from Committees

6.1 Council Committee on Academic Mission, Appendix I, Pages 3-6 of the Agenda.

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

6.1.1 Council Committee on Academic Mission Report to Executive of Council

The report was received for information.

6.1.2 Faculty of Arts - Amalgamation of Departments

Farney - Kleer

**Moved that** the Department of Religious Studies and the Department of Women's and Gender Studies in the Faculty of Arts be combined and renamed the Department of Gender, Religion, and Critical Studies, effective 201920.

Discussion followed and included:

- The consideration of merging the two degrees
- Emphasis on activism in Women and Gender Studies

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

6.2 Council Committee on Budget, Appendix II, Page 7 of the Agenda

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

The report was received for information.

Discussion followed and included:

- The lack of quorum obtained at the Council Committee on Budget meetings

6.3 Council Committee on the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, Appendix III, Pages 8-15 and Attachments A and B of the Agenda

K. McNutt presented the report on behalf of the Committee.

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6.3.1 Faculty of Business Administration

Program Change

McNutt - Grandy

**Moved that** the Master of Human Resource Management program (course option) be modified to add GBUS 846AA–ZZ: Selected Topics as an option under “Choose 3 of:” as outlined in Appendix III, Page 8 of the Agenda, effective 201930.

CARRIED

Program Change

McNutt - Grandy

**Moved that** the Master of Human Resource Management co-op program be changed to align with the course based program, as outlined in Appendix III, Pages 9-10 of the Agenda, effective 201930.

CARRIED

Program Change

McNutt - Grandy

**Moved that** the Master of Administration (course and co-op option) be modified to include GBUS 851AA-ZZ, effective 201930.

CARRIED

Program Admissions Suspension

McNutt - Grandy

**Moved that** admissions to the MBA Specialization in International Business be suspended as outlined in Appendix III, Page 11 and Attachment A of the Agenda, effective 201910.

Discussion followed and included:

- Specializations for students completing the MBA program are declining
- All MBA programs have an international component

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Program Admissions Suspension

McNutt - Grandy

**Moved that** admissions to the MBA Specialization in Engineering Management be suspended, as outlined in Appendix III, Page 12 and Attachment A of the Agenda, effective 201910.

CARRIED

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New Program

McNutt - Grandy

**Moved that** the Masters Certificate in Labour Relations be created, as outlined in Appendix III, Page 12 and Attachment B of the Agenda, effective 201930.

CARRIED

Admission Requirements

McNutt - Grandy

**Moved that** the admission criteria for the Master of Science in Organization Studies, as outlined in Appendix III, Page 13 of the Agenda, be approved, effective 201910.

CARRIED

6.3.2 Faculty of Education

Program Suspension

McNutt - Cranston

**Moved that** the School of Librarianship Masters program be suspended until further consultation occurs, effective 201910.

CARRIED

6.3.3 Faculty of Science

Reinstate MHIM Program

McNutt - Farenick

**Moved that** the Master of Health Information Management (MHIM) program be re-instated, as outlined in Appendix III, Page 14 of the Agenda, effective 201930.

Discussion followed and included:

- The program was introduced previously but suspended due to lack of funding
- A professor has been hired to teach within this program
- Future plans include utilizing other programs for course offerings

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

The remainder of the report was received for information.

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## 7. Graduand Lists

*These lists were distributed confidentially at the meeting.*

### 7.1 Graduand Lists for Approval

Grandy - Leavitt

**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

### 7.2 Correction to Previously Approved Graduate

McNutt - McIntosh

**Moved to** approve the correction of the error to the credential of the previously approved graduate whose name appears on the list as distributed at the meeting and is appended to the official file.

CARRIED

## 8. Other Business

### 8.1 Writing Skills Task Force, Attachment C

N. Önder, Chair of the Writing Skills Task Force presented the report to Executive of Council.

Discussion followed and included:

- Students struggling with English 100 and the high demands of the course
- Online supports for students
- Evaluating the English Language Proficiency requirements for the University of Regina and how this translates to student success

A question was raised whether it was appropriate to make a motion directing further investigation of possible correlation between English language preparedness and resulting academic achievement. Discussion followed regarding introduction of motions from the floor at Executive of Council. It was also noted that this information may not currently be easily accessed or tracked. It was agreed that more information will be provided at the next meeting of Executive of Council regarding the availability of relevant data on English language proficiency and student academic success at the University.

## 9. Reports from Faculties and Other Academic Units

9.1 Arts – No report.

9.2 Business Administration – No report.

9.3 Education – No report.

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- 9.4 Engineering and Applied Science – No report.
  - 9.5 Graduate Studies and Research – No report.
  - 9.6 Kinesiology and Health Studies – No report.
  - 9.7 Media, Art, and Performance – No report.
  - 9.8 Nursing – No report.
  - 9.9 Science –

Dr. Doug Farenick, Dean, Faculty of Science offered the following remarks:

The Let's Talk Science initiative that First Nations University of Canada is operating in partnership with the Faculty of Science has exceeded the hopes and expectations of the program. To date, 500 K-12 students have been exposed to Let's Talk Science activities. Thanks were given to Faculty advisor, Dr. Vincent Ziffle, Waylon DeCotrau, Andrew Lauresen and the Science Students' Society.

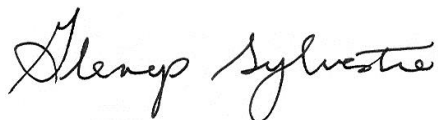
- 9.10 Social Work – No report.
- 9.11 Centre for Continuing Education –

Dr. Harvey King, Director, Centre for Continuing Education offered the following remarks:

Thanks were given to everyone who attended the Centre for Continuing Education Open House. The event was well attended.

- 9.12 La Cité universitaire francophone – No report.
- 9.13 Library – No report.
- 9.14 Federated Colleges
  - 8.14.1 Champion College – No report.
  - 8.14.2 First Nations University of Canada – No report.
  - 8.14.3 Luther College – No report.

**10. Adjournment – Stilling (4:07 p.m.)**



Glenys Sylvestre  
Executive Director (University Governance) and University Secretary