

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF REGINA COUNCIL
27 March 2019
ADMINISTRATION-HUMANITIES BOARDROOM 527

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ex Officio: V. Timmons, E. Aito, L. Castellanos, 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, Y. Petry, K. Ricketts, H. Riemer, J. Smith, G. Sylvestre, B. Waytuck, J. White

Elected: M. Argerami, A. Armstrong, A. Bais, P. Bruno, D. Cripps, M. Çule, M. DeCoste, D. Durst, K. Eisler, J. Farney, J. Feeney, D. Flood, D. Gagnon, B. Hall, S. Hengen, R. Johner, S. Khan, C. Kulczycki, P. Laforge, O. Lovick, T. McIntosh, J. Melançon, J. Munro, B. Nelke, R. Petry, A. Pitariu, J. Piwowar, H. Pridmore, C. Ramsay, G. Ramsey, B. Reul, S. Rheault, M. Rollo, G. Russell, S. Sadaoui, S. Schroeter, D. Sharpe, G. Sherbert, A. Snider, M. Spooner, R. Thomas, M. Trussler, C. Winter

Regrets: A. Cameron, L. Hoeber, R. Kleer, N. Önder, R. Staseson, A. Stoddart

Recorder: S. Stewart

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by President and Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Vianne Timmons.

1. Approval of the Agenda

It was noted that the report from the Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies should be corrected as Item 6.3. The Chair also requested the addition of Item 6.4 "Council Committee on Budget, Verbal Report."

Eisler - Sherbert

Moved that the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Minutes of Meeting 27 February 2019

Winter - Waytuck

Moved that the minutes be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

3.1 English Language Proficiency Requirements Task Force

L. Castellanos, AVP International, provided an update on the work of the English Language Proficiency task force. The task force will recommend that English Language Proficiency (ELP) requirements for undergraduate admissions increase to align with other comprehensive universities in Canada. The recommended changes will be considered by the Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies, Executive of Council and Senate.

Discussion followed. Topics of discussion included:

- The impact on international recruitment
- The possibility of changes to academic requirements for international admissions in the future

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.

Executive of Council observed a moment of silence in memory of Dr. Dominic Gregorio and Joe Fafard.

President Timmons offered the following remarks:

The 10th annual Inspiring Leadership Forum was held on March 6th. This year's forum included Elizabeth Smart, Cheryl Strayed, Jann Arden and Mira Sorvino. Over 800 individuals attended the event and it has now become one of the University's signature events.

The 5th annual Prairie Kitchen Party will be held on May 10th. The event supports students in financial need, everyone is encouraged to attend.

On March 21st, the "You Belong Here" event was launched. This is an important campaign to ensure that the University is a safe and respectful place for all.

The Federal Budget was recently announced and there are some positives in the budget for students, including international study and work opportunities, scholarships and the lowering of interest for student loans. Additionally, there was support for research projects including TRIUMF and CIMHVR.

The Provincial Budget was announced and we received a 0% increase from last year. The University budget team is working to limit tuition increases while investing in priority areas.

The University of Regina and the University of Regina Faculty Association (URFA) have reached a tentative agreement for academic staff members. Thank you to both bargaining teams for this important work.

The University of Regina Women's Basketball team reached the national finals. While there were tough losses and injuries, these women were great ambassadors for the University.

5. Report from the University Secretary

Thank you to those who put their names forward to serve on Executive of Council. All new members have been informed, and the slate of members for 2019-2020 will be posted shortly.

A call for volunteers to Council's Committees has been issued; please consider putting your name forward for the various committees.

There was an inquiry as to vacancies on Executive of Council. There are always a number of unfilled positions, although many academic units have recently been very proactive in working to fill all vacant positions every year.

6. Reports from Committees

6.1 Council Committee on the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, Appendix I, Pages 3-12

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

6.1.1 Faculty of Arts

Suspend Admissions to SOPT

McNutt - Grandy

Moved that the MA in Social and Political Thought program suspend admissions, effective 201930.

A question was raised as to the rationale provided with the motion. J. Farney noted that the intent is to ultimately create a more Indigenous-focused program.

It was noted that a suspended program may be reinstated at a later date.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

6.1.2 Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

Suspend Admissions and Discontinue CPS

McNutt - Flood

Moved that the Canadian Plains Studies program admissions be suspended and discontinue the program, effective 201930.

A suggestion was made to possibly consider a designation for Canadian Plains Studies in the future.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Maintenance of Candidacy

McNutt - Grandy

Moved that non-thesis based students be permitted to register in post program maintenance of status in order to complete and defend their project, practicum, etc., as outlined in Appendix I, Pages 4-5 of the Agenda, effective 201930.

CARRIED

Registration Audits for Graduate Students

McNutt - Piwowar

Moved that graduate students may only request one course for audit per semester while in a graduate program, as outlined in Appendix I, Pages 5-6 of the Agenda, effective 201930.

CARRIED

6.1.3 Faculty of Media, Art and Performance

Masters Program Change

McNutt - Waytuck

Moved that the Masters in Conducting Concentration be modified, as outlined in Appendix I, Page 6, effective 201930.

CARRIED

Masters Program Change

McNutt - Pridmore

Moved that the Master of Music in Performance (Voice) be modified, as outlined in Appendix I, Page 7 effective 201930.

CARRIED

6.1.4 Faculty of Science

Program Change

McNutt - Farenick

Moved that the Mathematics and Statistics program English Language Proficiency and Probationary Status be modified, as outlined in Appendix I, Pages 7-8 of the Agenda, effective 201930.

CARRIED

Masters Program Change

McNutt - Farenick

Moved that the MSc in Mathematics programs be modified, as outlined in Appendix I, Pages 8-9 of the Agenda, effective 201930.

CARRIED

PhD Program Change

McNutt - Farenick

Moved that the PhD in Mathematics and Statistics programs be modified, as outlined in Appendix I, Pages 9-10 of the Agenda, effective 201930.

CARRIED

The remainder of the report was received for information.

6.2 Council Committee on Research, Appendix II, Pages 13-52

D. Malloy presented the report on behalf of the Committee.

6.2.1 Emerging Cluster – Living Heritage: Identities, Communities, Environments Cluster

Malloy - Melançon

Moved to establish Living Heritage: Identities, Communities, Environments as a new strategic research cluster at the University of Regina.

D. Malloy thanked all who worked on the development of this research cluster.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

6.3 Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies, Appendix III, Pages 53-55, Attachment A and B

J. D’Arcy presented the report on behalf of the Committee.

6.3.1 Registrar’s Office

Academic Schedule 2020-2021

D’Arcy - Cripps

Moved to approve the 2020-2021 Academic Schedule, as outlined in Appendix III, Page 53 and Attachment A, effective 202020.

CARRIED

Posthumous Degrees

The motion was amended to provide additional clarity.

D’Arcy - Chase

Moved that the Posthumous Degree regulation of the Undergraduate Calendar (page 55 in the 2019-2020 Undergraduate Calendar [printed publication] or page 57 [web publication]), be revised, as presented in Appendix III, Page 53-54, effective 201920.

The question was called on the amended motion.

CARRIED

Instructor Responsibilities

D’Arcy - McNutt

Moved that the calendar regulation requiring instructors to submit grades for the approval of the department head be changed from 5 calendar days to 5 business days, as outlined in Appendix III, Pages 54-55, effective date of 201930.

CARRIED

The remainder of the report was received for information.

6.4 Council Committee on Budget, Verbal Update

M. Çule highlighted the current work of the Council Committee on Budget.

President Timmons thanked the Council Committee on Budget for their hard work and dedication.

7. Graduand Lists

These lists were distributed confidentially at the meeting.

7.1 Graduand Lists for Approval

Chase - Piwowar

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. Other Business

8.1 Development of the Sexual Assault and Violence Policy, For Discussion

d. Gregory, Chair of the Sexual Assault, Violence and Misconduct task force presented an update on the development of the policy.

Discussion followed. Topics of discussion included:

- Alternate resolution mechanisms provided by the policy
- Specialized training for staff members
- Planned data collection and reporting
- The consultation process and the various groups that were consulted
- Comparison to policies in other universities
- Future updates planned for the Respectful Workplace Policy
- The role of the Sexual Violence Prevention and Response (SVPR) Coordinator
- The applicability of the policy for students and staff on international exchanges and throughout the province

All questions were addressed.

President Timmons thanked d. Gregory and the task force for their important work in developing the Sexual Violence/Misconduct policy.

9. **Adjournment** – DeCoste (3:50 p.m.)



Glenys Sylvestre
Executive Director (University Governance) and University Secretary