

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF REGINA COUNCIL  
22 APRIL 2020  
VIA WEB CONFERENCING

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**Ex Officio:** T. Chase, E. Aito, D. Button, L. Castellanos, J. Cranston, J. D’Arcy, R. Evans, D. Farenick, G. Grandy, d. Gregory, S. Helewa, E. Hussein, N. Jones, H. King, R. Kleer, K. McNutt, N. Önder, F. Patel, Y. Petry, T. Phenix, H. Riemer, C. Rocke, J. Smith, R. Staseson, G. Sylvestre, B. Waytuck

**Elected:** M. Akinpelu, I. Al-Anbagi, M. Argerami, A. Bais, M. Brigham, P. Bruno, S. Campbell, N. Chevalier, D. Cripps, M. DeCoste, D. Dick, E. Eaton, J. Farney, C. Gelowitz, D. Halabuza, B. Hall, S. Hengen, A. Herman, L. Hoerber, M. Hrebenik, P. Laforge, P. Leavitt, K. Lehmann, P. Lewis, A. Magnan, R. Manzon, P. Mather, D. Meban, J. Melançon, J. Munro, B. Nelke, Z. Papandreou, J. Piwowar, R. Petry, C. Ramsay, B. Reul, K. Richardson, B. Ridha, C. Riegel, A. Rubalcava, G. Russell, D. Sharpe, J. Siemer, M. Spooner, B. Sterenberg, D. Stilling, A. Stoddart, D. Storie, R. Truskowski, A. Urban, J. Wagner, L. Watson, H. Weger, S. Whalley, C. Winter

**Guests:** M. Davis, C. Yost

**Regrets:** A. Cameron, D. Gagnon, J. Mantesso, D. Moen, A. Snider, C. Somers, A. Wickson-Griffiths

**Recorder:** S. Stewart

The meeting was called to order at 2:31 p.m. by the Interim President and Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Thomas Chase.

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

Ramsay - Jones

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

CARRIED

**2. Approval of the Minutes of Meeting of 26 February 2020**

Stilling - Spooner

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

CARRIED

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

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#### 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 Métis.

Executive of Council observed a moment of silence for the victims of the Nova Scotia shootings.

Dr Chase offered remarks including:

This is my first Executive of Council as interim President. Thank you for your continued support during this challenging time. Over the next year, it will be important to ensure continuity and stability for the University and Executive of Council plays an important role in this.

Thank you to everyone who has assisted in ensuring the success of the Winter 2020 term. This has been a rapid transition and everyone has done a superb job in ensuring academic continuity.

The Spring/Summer 2020 term will be conducted remotely. Information Services is currently working to ensure there are comprehensive resources for students and instructors.

The new strategic plan is completed and approved, but formal launch will be delayed until Fall.

The modality of course delivery in the Fall 2020 term has not yet been decided. This will be a sector-wide decision following advice and directives from public health authorities, and updates will be provided as they are available.

The Vice-President (Research) search is ongoing. Please attend the presentations and provide feedback on the candidates.

Congratulations to Lamont Stradeski, who has been appointed to the position of Associate Vice-President (Finance).

Earth Day 2020 is today. This is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the event and an important date to note. A webinar will be delivered by Dr Amber Fletcher on "Change and Resistance: Agriculture and the Environment". Dr Chase also noted the work of the University of Regina in its leadership of the United Nations Sustainability Development Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production.

Following the Chair's remarks, Executive of Council was invited to share any further information or raise items for discussion. Discussion followed and included:

- Potential memorandum of understanding with the University of Regina Faculty Association
- Uncertainty regarding government funding of post-secondary education in neighbouring provinces
- Might be better to wait until June to better understand more about COVID 19. Government direction is expected regarding incremental return to "normal" in the province, and the impact on delivery of post-secondary learning will be considered
- Access to research labs and fieldwork, and whether this will be a sector decision

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**5. Report from the University Secretary**

5.1 Approval of the Minutes from the Special Meeting of Executive of Council 30 March 2020

G. Sylvestre presented the Minutes from the Special Meeting of Executive of Council for approval.

Papandreou - D'Arcy

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

CARRIED

**6. Reports from Committees of Council**

6.1 Consensus Items, Appendix I, Pages 2-7

N. Jones presented the Consensus Items to Executive of Council.

The following five motions were presented as an omnibus motion.

Jones - Cranston

6.1.1 Faculty of Education

Master of Indigenous Education (MIED) Program Change

That the Master of Indigenous Education Program be modified as outlined in Appendix I, Page 2 of the Agenda, effective 202030.

6.1.2 Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

Gerontology Program Change

That the Master of Arts / Science in Gerontology program be modified as outlined in Appendix I, Pages 3-4 of the Agenda, effective 202030.

6.1.3 Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy

Master of Public Administration (MPA) Program Change

That the Master of Public Administration program be modified as outlined in Appendix I, Pages 4-5 of the Agenda, effective 202030.

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6.1.4 Faculty of Media, Art and Performance

PhD in Media and Artistic Research Program Change

That the Interdisciplinary PhD in Media and Artistic Research program be modified as outlined in Appendix I, Pages 5-6 of the Agenda, effective 202030.

Master of Music (Voice) Program Change

That the Master of Music in Voice Performance program be modified as outlined in Appendix I, Page 6 of the Agenda, effective 202030.

The following two amendments to the Consensus Items were proposed:

*PhD in Media and Artistic Research Program Change*

The last sentence of the rationale changed to “*Whether a student will be able to take an individual course is dependent on its fit within the program and instructor interest and availability.*”

*Master of Music (Voice) Program Change*

The second column of the template should be changed, in the 7<sup>th</sup> row from the top to “*One of: MU 803-809, 811 817, 818, 820, 821, 841 or GER, FRN, SPAN, MU 860 (at any graduate level)*”

The mover and seconder supported the proposed amendments.

The question was called on the omnibus motion, as amended.

CARRIED

The remainder of the report was received for information.

A typographical error was noted in the FA 900 Comprehensive Exams (3), which will be corrected to:

*“Examination comprehensively measuring the knowledge and practice in the disciplines relevant to the PhD thesis/project.”*

6.2 Council Committee on the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, Appendix II, Page 8

N. Jones presented the report on behalf of the Committee.

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6.2.1 Faculty of Arts

Justice Studies Program (Thesis-Based) Admission Suspension

Jones - Kleer

**Moved that** the admissions to the Master of Arts in Justice Studies (thesis-based) and the Master of Arts in Police Studies (thesis-based) programs be suspended for a period of 2 years effective immediately.

CARRIED

6.3 Council Committee on Research, Appendix III, Pages 9-44

C. Yost presented the report on behalf of the Committee.

6.3.1 Amendment of Research Chairs Policy

Yost - Stilling

**Moved the** approval of the revisions to the Research Chairs policy RCH-010-020 as outlined in Attachment A.

C. Yost requested a further amendment to the policy (Appendix III, Page 16), as follows:

*“All Research Chair LOIs should address equity with the four designated groups: women, persons with disabilities, Indigenous Peoples, members of visible minority/racialized groups, and members of LGBTQ2+ communities.”*

The mover and seconder supported the proposed amendment.

A question was raised about the significant number of proposed changes, and the much shorter policy, as proposed. C. Yost, Chair of the Council Committee on Research, noted that the reduction was deliberate, and that the supporting processes are still undertaken, but their inclusion is unnecessary within the policy document. The flowchart with the policy (page 17 of the agenda materials) contains minor formatting and typographical errors that will be corrected in the published version.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

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6.3.2 Changes to Council Committee on Research Terms of Reference

Yost - Al-Anbagi

**Moved to** approve the amendments to the Council Committee on Research Terms of Reference as outlined in Attachment B, effective 1 July 2020.

C. Yost noted that the main changes in the Terms of Reference related to a lengthened term for Committee members, and explicit recognition of the Committee's involvement in the review of University-based research centres.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

**7. Graduand Lists**

*These lists were distributed confidentially during the virtual meeting.*

7.1 Graduand Lists for Approval

Gregory - 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.

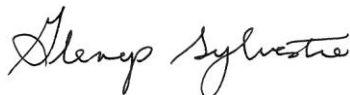
CARRIED

**8. Other Business**

A question was raised about the impact of the CRC/NCC grade on student scholarships. J. D'Arcy, Registrar, noted that these grades do not impact GPA calculations.

It was noted that this was the last Executive of Council meeting for L. Castellanos, as she will begin a two-year secondment with the Ministry of Advanced Education on 1 May 2020.

**9. Adjournment - Stilling (3:07 p.m.)**



Glenys Sylvestre  
Executive Director (University Governance) and University Secretary