

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF REGINA COUNCIL  
20 MAY 2020  
VIA WEB CONFERENCING**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**Elected:** M. Akinpelu, I. Al-Anbagi, A. Bais, M. Brigham, P. Bruno, A. Cameron, S. Campbell, M. DeCoste, D. Dick, E. Eaton, J. Farney, J. Gagnon, C. Gelowitz, D. Halabuza, B. Hall, S. Hengen, A. Herman, M. Hrebenik, S. Khan, P. Laforge, P. Leavitt, K. Lehmann, K. Lloyd, A. Magnan, J. Mantesso, R. Manzon, D. Meban, J. Melançon, B. Nelke, Z. Papandreou, R. Petry, J. Piwowar, C. Ramsay, B. Reul, K. Richardson, C. Riegel, A. Rubalcava, D. Sharpe, J. Siemer, M. Singh, C. Somers, A. Snider, M. Spooner, B. Sterenberg, D. Stilling, A. Stoddart, D. Storie, C. Street, A. Urban, J. Wagner, L. Watson, H. Weger, S. Whalley, A. Wickson-Griffiths, S. Wilson, C. Winter, S. Young

**Guests:** J. Bird, M. Çule

**Regrets:** L. Hoeber, B. Kayseas, P. Mather, T. McIntosh

**Recorder:** S. Stewart

The meeting was called to order at 2:29 p.m. by the Interim President and Vice-Chancellor, Dr Thomas Chase.

In keeping with the University’s commitment to reconciliation, the Chair acknowledged that the University is located on Treaty 4 and Treaty 6 territory and the traditional homeland of the Métis.

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

The Chair requested the removal of Item 7.1.8 Graduat Lists - Faculty of Science and the addition of Items 7.1.10 Graduat Lists - Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science, 7.1.11 Graduat Lists - La Cité universitaire francophone, and 8.1 Other Business - Faculty of Nursing.

Campbell - Papandreou

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

CARRIED

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**2. Approval of the Minutes of Meeting of 22 April 2020**

Stilling - Spooner

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

CARRIED

**3. Business Arising from the Minutes**

3.1 Faculty of Arts, Appendix I, Page 3

R. Kleer presented the report to Executive of Council for information and outlined that the Faculty of Arts has postponed its change of name to the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences to 1 May 2022.

**4. Remarks from the Chair**

Executive of Council observed a moment of silence for Ahmed Cheema, a former University of Regina student who passed away suddenly.

Dr Chase offered remarks including:

The 2020-2021 University budget has been approved by the Board of Governors. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the creation of a balanced budget without an increase in tuition.

Fall 2020 will look different than in previous years, with mostly remote delivery of courses. Dr Chase invited Dr d. Gregory, Interim Provost and Vice-President (Academic) and Dr A. Cameron, chair of the University Recovery Planning Group (URP-G), to provide a more detailed update on plans for the Fall 2020 term and the anticipated impact of COVID-19 on academic operations.

The University, with the support of the Board of Governors, has decided to sell the president's residence. Dr Chase invited D. Button, Vice-President (Administration), to provide additional information on the proposed sale.

The search for the Vice-President (Research) is wrapping up, with an appointment to be announced shortly. Thank you to all who served on the Advisory Committee for this key search.

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 timing of a COVID-19 vaccine and the impact on the ability to return to campus
- Annual maintenance costs of the president's residence, future plans for events that had typically been held there, and whether selling the residence is a disincentive for potential presidential candidates
- Composition of the presidential search advisory committee, which will be publicly announced soon

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- Plans for the Fall 2020 term with regards to research and teaching space, as well as common areas and natural gathering spaces
  - Coordination of Fall 2020 planning with the advanced education sector
  - Indigenous engagement, and an update by the Interim President on his recent meeting with the Indigenous Advisory Committee

Dr Chase shared the University of Regina Choir's recent virtual performance, which may be found on the University's website: <https://www.uregina.ca/external/communications/feature-stories/current/2020/05-201.html>

## 5. Report from the University Secretary

Thank you to Executive of Council members for attending these critical meetings. A reminder that the June Executive of Council meeting will be important, as the list of remaining Spring 2020 graduands will need to be approved. Please attend to ensure quorum.

## 6. Reports from Committees of Council

### 6.1 Consensus Items, Appendix II, Pages 4-24

J. D'Arcy presented the Consensus Items to Executive of Council.

The following fifteen (15) motions were presented as an omnibus motion.

D'Arcy - Jones

*Minor amendments to some of the Consensus Items were provided to Executive of Council prior to the meeting. This information is noted within each relevant item.*

#### 6.1.1 Faculty of Arts

##### Revision to the Bachelor of Arts Honours in Sociology Program

*An amendment to the program template was distributed to Executive of Council prior to the meeting and is [appended to the Official File](#).*

To revise the Bachelor of Arts Honours in Sociology as outlined in Appendix II, Pages 4-5 of the Agenda *with the amendments as noted*, effective 202030.

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Revisions to the Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Society Program

*An amendment to the program template was distributed to Executive of Council prior to the meeting and is [appended to the Official File](#).*

To revise the Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Society requirements as outlined in Appendix II, Page 5 of the Agenda *with the amendments as noted*, effective 202120.

Revision to the Bachelor of Arts Honours in Philosophy Program

*An amendment to the program template was distributed to Executive of Council prior to the meeting and is [appended to the Official File](#).*

To revise the Bachelor of Arts Honours in Philosophy as outlined in Appendix II, Pages 5-6 of the Agenda *with the amendments as noted*, effective 202030.

6.1.2 Faculty of Education

Undergraduate Calendar Revisions - Elementary Program

That changes be made regarding progress in the Elementary program, as outlined in Appendix II, Pages 6-7 of the Agenda, effective 202030.

Undergraduate Calendar Revisions - Progress in the Program

That changes be made to the Progress in the Program section of the Education portion of the undergraduate calendar, as outlined in Appendix II, Pages 7-8 of the Agenda, effective 202030.

Revision to the Two-Year Elementary Bachelor of Education (BEd) After Degree Program

That Term 4 of the Two-Year Elementary BEd After Degree (BEAD) Program template be changed from "one of ECE 325, 425, 435 or 445 (3)" to "One ECE 300- or 400-level (3)" as outlined in Appendix II, Page 8 of the Agenda, effective 202030.

Revisions to the Elementary Program

To make revisions to the Elementary Program templates, as outlined in Appendix II, Pages 8-10 of the Agenda, effective 202110.

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Revisions to the Secondary Bachelor of Education (BEd)

That ECS 303 be moved to term 5 in all four-year Secondary Bachelor of Education Programs as outlined in Appendix II, Pages 11-13 of the Agenda, effective 202030.

Revision to the Baccalauréat en éducation secondaire Template Option A (120 crédits) and Option B (150 crédits)

That changes be made to the Baccalauréat en éducation secondaire templates Option A (120 credits) and Option B (150 credits), as outlined in Appendix II, Pages 13-14 of the Agenda, effective 202030.

6.1.3 Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science

Revision to the Environmental Systems Engineering (EVSE) Elective List

To update the elective list for EVSE program as outlined in Appendix II, Pages 14-15 of the Agenda, effective 202110.

Revisions to the Software Systems Engineering (SSE) Program

To update the SSE program as outlined in the following list and as indicated in Appendix II, Pages 15-18 of the Agenda, effective 202110.

6.1.4 Faculty of Science

Revisions to the Bachelor of Science Honours in Chemistry

To replace one CHEM 400-level course with one CHEM 300 or 400-level Course in the BSc Honours in Chemistry, effective 202120.

6.1.5 Centre for Continuing Education

Revision to the Certificate in Administration I and II

To remove ECON 202 as a named course in the Certificate in Administration Level I and II, effective 202030.

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6.1.6 La Cité universitaire francophone

Revision to the French and Francophone Intercultural Studies (FFIS) - Bachelor of Arts Honours Program

That the changes to the BA Honours Program in French and francophone intercultural studies (FFIS) be approved as outlined in Appendix II, Pages 20-22 of the Agenda, effective 202030.

6.1.7 Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy

Master of Health Administration

That the Master of Health Administration program be modified as outlined in Appendix II, Page 22 of the Agenda, effective 202030.

Clarification was sought regarding the Undergraduate Calendar Revisions – Elementary Program and why the program grade point average (PGPA) was being reduced to 65%. Dr J. Cranston responded that this was to provide consistent expectations of students, as a 65% PGPA is the required graduation average in the program.

The question was called on the omnibus motion.

CARRIED

The remainder of the report was received for information.

6.2 Council Committee on Academic Mission, Appendix III, Pages 25-26

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

6.2.1 Update to the Terms of Reference

Farney - Herman

Moved that Executive of Council approve the amendments to the Council Committee on Academic Mission Terms of Reference as outlined in Appendix III, Pages 25-26 of the Agenda, effective immediately.

CARRIED

6.3 Council Committee on Budget, Appendix IV, Page 27

Dr M. Çule presented the report on behalf of the Committee.

The annual report was received for information.

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6.4 Council Committee on the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, Appendix V, Pages 28-29

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

6.4.1 Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science

Program Name Change - PhD in Process Systems Engineering (PSEng) - Thesis after Bachelor's Degree

Jones - Hussein

Moved that the PhD in PSEng (thesis) program be changed to PhD in Process Systems Engineering (PSEng) - Thesis after Bachelor's degree, effective 202030.

It was clarified that this is a name change only, and the program requirements will stay the same.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

6.4.2 Faculty of Nursing

Course Change - NURS 900 AA-ZZ

Jones - Wagner

Moved that the NURS 900AA-ZZ - Special Topics in Nursing course change, as outlined in Appendix V, Pages 28-29 of the Agenda, effective 202020.

CARRIED

6.4.3 Faculty of Science

Credit Hour Changes – CS 601/602

Jones - Farenick

Moved that the credit hours for the following two courses be changed, as outlined in Appendix V, Page 29 of the Agenda, effective 202030.

CS 601 - Graduate Co-op Work Term I

CS 602 - Graduate Co-op Work Term II

CARRIED

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6.5 Council Nominating Committee, Appendix VI, Pages 30-35

Dr L. Watson presented the report on behalf of the Committee.

*An amendment to the membership list was distributed to Executive of Council prior to the meeting, correcting typos and updating the membership of the Council Committee on Research. The amended membership list is [appended to the Official File](#).*

6.5.1 Replacements on Council Committees Requiring Council Membership

Watson - Campbell

Moved that the individuals listed in Appendix VI, Pages 30-35 of the Agenda, *with the amendments as noted* be approved to serve on the committees as indicated.

The question was called on the amended motion.

CARRIED

The remainder of the report was received for information.

6.6 Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies, Appendix VII, Pages 36-57

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

6.6.1 Faculty of Arts

Admission Requirements to the Department of Economics

D'Arcy - DeCoste

Moved to make revisions to the Canadian High School, Universities and Colleges (Including Transfers from other University of Regina Faculties), and Outside Canada admission requirements for Economics, as outlined in Appendix VII, Pages 36-38 of the Agenda, effective 202110.

CARRIED

6.6.2 Faculty of Arts and Faculty of Science

Revisions to the Geography and Environmental Studies Program

*An amendment to the program template was distributed to Executive of Council prior to the meeting and is [appended to the official file](#).*

For clarity, the following amendment was proposed to the program description:



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“Students meeting admission requirements will be granted 30 credit hours of block transfer credit toward this degree program which includes GEOG GES 203, GEOG-GES 303 and 21 credit hours of elective credit.”

D’Arcy - Kleer

Moved to revise the Bachelor of Geographic Information Science; minor in Geographic Information Science; Bachelor of Science in Environmental Geoscience; and Bachelor of Science Honours in Environmental Geoscience program requirements to include the GES course name and prefixes as outlined in Appendix VII, Pages 38-41 of the Agenda *with the amendments as noted*, effective 202120.

The question was called on the amended motion.

CARRIED

Geography and Environmental Studies Admission Suspension

D’Arcy - Kleer

Moved to suspend admissions to the following programs in Geography and Environmental Studies, effective 202120.

CARRIED

Creation of New Geography and Environmental Studies Program

D’Arcy - Kleer

Moved to create the Bachelor of Arts (BA) and Bachelor of Arts Honours (BA Hons) in Geography and Environmental Studies; the Bachelor of Science (BSc) and Bachelor of Science Honours (BSc Hons) in Geography and Environmental Studies; and a Minor in Geography and Environmental Studies as outlined in Appendix VII, Pages 42-46 of the Agenda, effective 202120.

CARRIED

6.6.3 Faculty of Business Administration and Centre for Continuing Education

Revision to the Certificate in Hospitality, Tourism, Gaming, and Entertainment Management

D’Arcy - Grandy

Moved that the required courses in the Certificate in Hospitality, Tourism, Gaming and Entertainment Management be revised as outlined in Appendix VII, Pages 46-47 of the Agenda, effective 202030.

CARRIED

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6.6.4 Faculty of Education

Revisions to the Arts Education Program

D'Arcy - Cranston

Moved that the Four-Year Bachelor of Education (BEd) and Two-Year After Degree in the Arts Education program templates be revised as outlined in Appendix VII, Pages 47-48 of the Agenda, effective 202030.

CARRIED

6.6.5 Faculty of Social Work

Revisions to the Admissions Requirements for the Bachelor of Indigenous Social Work (BISW) and Certificate in Indigenous Social Work (CISW)

D'Arcy - Singh

Moved to make admission requirements revisions to the Bachelor of Indigenous Social Work (BISW) and Certificate in Indigenous Social Work (CISW), as outlined in Appendix VII, Pages 49-50 of the Agenda, effective 202030.

CARRIED

Practicum Grade Point Average for Indigenous Social Work Programs

D'Arcy - Rocke

Moved to increase the practicum GPA for CISW and BISW from 65% to 70%, effective 202120.

CARRIED

Program Grade Point Average (PGPA) for Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) in Indigenous Social Work Programs

D'Arcy - Rocke

Moved to increase the PGPA for PLAR purposes for Certificate in Indigenous Social Work (CISW) and the Bachelor of Indigenous Social Work (BISW) from 65% to 70%, effective 202120.

CARRIED

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Program Grade Point Average (PGPA) for Graduation in Indigenous Social Work Programs

D’Arcy - Rocke

Moved to increase the PGPA from 65% to 70% for graduation purposes for Certificate in Indigenous Social Work and the Bachelor of Indigenous Social Work, effective 202120.

CARRIED

Aurora Certificate in Social Work (CSW)

D’Arcy - Halabuza

Moved to assign a completion date of August 31, 2020 for the Aurora Certificate in Indigenous Social Work (CSW), and remove most CSW references from the Calendar, effective 202030.

CARRIED

Admission for UofR Certificate of Social Work (CSW) graduates to the Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)

D’Arcy - Rocke

Moved to add a statement to the Calendar clarifying the BSW Admission process for graduates of the former U of R CSW (not Aurora CSW) program, effective 202030.

CARRIED

Revisions to the Recommended General University Studies List

D’Arcy - Rocke

Moved to update the ‘Recommended General University Studies’ course listing for the BSW as outlined in Appendix VII, Pages 52-53 of the Agenda, effective 202030.

CARRIED

6.6.6 Centre for Continuing Education

Admission from Universities and Colleges (Including Transfer from Other University of Regina Faculties)

D’Arcy - King

Moved to include language around post-secondary admission requirements for undergraduate certificate programs in the Admissions section, page 17 of the 2020-21 Undergraduate Calendar as outlined in Appendix VII, Pages 53-54 of the Agenda, effective 202110.

CARRIED

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6.6.7 Enrolment Services and UR International

Creation of an Admissions Grade Point Average (AGPA)

D’Arcy - Gregory

Moved to create new terminology of an “Admissions Grade Point Average (AGPA)” for use in undergraduate admissions, effective 202110.

A question was raised on the practice of using an AGPA across Canada and the benefits of creating it. J. D’Arcy noted that creating this term will assist Admissions in determining post-secondary admissibility of students.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

6.6.8 Academic and Research Committee

Temporary Admission and Transfer Regulation Change

D’Arcy - DeCoste

Moved to approve the High School Grading Variances and Neutral Post-Secondary Grade Credit Recognition - Winter 2020 Grades Only as outlined in Appendix VII, Pages 55-56 of the Agenda, effective as soon as possible.

CARRIED

6.6.9 Registrar’s Office

Academic Schedule 2021-2022

D’Arcy - Jones

Moved to approve the 2021-2022 Academic Schedule as presented in Appendix VII, Pages 56-57 of the Agenda, effective 202120.

CARRIED

6.7 Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research Scholarship and Awards Committee, *Distributed Confidentially*

*The report was distributed confidentially prior to the meeting.*

Dr A. Cameron presented the report on behalf of the Committee.

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6.7.1 Governor General Academic Gold Medal

Cameron - Jones

Moved that Dr. Michelle Teal Sapach (Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology) be awarded the Governor General's Academic Gold Medal, as [appended to the Official File](#).

CARRIED

6.8 Joint Committee of Council and Senate on Ceremonies, *Distributed Confidentially*

*The report was distributed confidentially prior to the virtual meeting.*

Dean R. Staseson presented the report on behalf of the Committee.

Staseson - Whalley

Moved that the list of Honorary Degree Candidates for addition to the approved roster and [appended to the Official File](#), be approved.

CARRIED

**7. Graduand Lists**

*These lists were distributed confidentially prior 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**

8.1 Faculty of Nursing

8.1.1 Temporary Suspension of Admissions to the After Degree Nursing Program

*The report was distributed to Executive of Council prior to the meeting and is [appended to the Official File](#).*

Interim Dean R. Evans presented the report on behalf of the Faculty of Nursing.

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Evans - Wagner

Moved that admissions to the After Degree Nursing Program be temporarily suspended for the Fall 2020 intake only, effective immediately.

Dr R. Evans noted that there is a lack of clinical placements for these students due to COVID-19.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

**9. Adjournment - Campbell (3:43 p.m.)**



Glenys Sylvestre  
Executive Director (University Governance) and University Secretary