

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF REGINA COUNCIL
17 JUNE 2020
VIA WEB CONFERENCING

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ex Officio: T. Chase, E. Aito, D. Button, 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, Y. Petry, T. Phenix, K. Ricketts, 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, C. Gelowitz, B. Hall, S. Hengen, A. Herman, L. Hoeber, M. Hrebenik, P. Laforge, P. Leavitt, K. Lehmann, K. Lloyd, A. Magnan, J. Mantesso, R. Manzon, P. Mather, T. McIntosh, D. Meban, J. Melançon, J. Munro, Z. Papandreou, J. Piwowar, R. Petry, C. Ramsay, B. Reul, K. Richardson, C. Riegel, A. Rubalcava, D. Sharpe, J. Siemer, M. Spooner, B. Sterenberg, D. Stilling, B. Stockton, A. Stoddart, D. Storie, A. Urban, J. Wagner, L. Watson, H. Weger, S. Whalley, A. Wickson-Griffiths

Guests: J. Bird

Regrets: M. Bajwa, E. Eaton, J. Farney, D. Halabuza, B. Nelke, G. Russell, C. Somers, C. Winter

Recorder: S. Stewart

The meeting was called to order at 2:35 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

Papandreou - Campbell

Moved that the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Minutes of Meeting of 20 May 2020

Stilling - Chevalier

Moved that the minutes be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes - None.

4. Remarks from the Chair

Dr Chase offered remarks including:

Fall 2020 planning is underway, with primarily distance courses being offered. While there is no specific timeline for faculty and staff to return to work, all are encouraged to continue working from home. Safety is paramount.

A petition to reduce tuition for the Fall 2020 term has been circulating. The University is not in a position to reduce tuition. However, steps have been taken to reduce the financial burden on students, including a freeze on tuition for 2020-2021, suspending or waiving some student fees, temporarily discontinuing late payment fees, and removing financial holds on student accounts to permit registration for the Fall term.

Canada West has cancelled all athletic competitions for the Fall 2020 term. A decision regarding Winter 2021 athletics will be announced in coming weeks.

On June 18th, the University will launch the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan. All faculty, staff, students, and members of the University community are welcome to attend. The launch will be held virtually and a recording will be made available on the University of Regina website.

Congratulations to Dr K. McNutt, who following a national search has been appointed Vice-President (Research) for a five-year term.

Thank you to Dr B. Hillis, Dr H. King, and Dr R Kleer for their years of service at the University of Regina.

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

- Coordination with regional colleges related to Fall 2020 course delivery
- Effort required to adapt courses for remote delivery, and differences between synchronous and asynchronous offerings
- Honouring athletic scholarships of students who were impacted by the cancellation of the season
- Update on the Associate Vice-President (Research) and Associate Vice-President (Indigenous) positions
- Expenses borne by University employees as a result of the requirement to work remotely

5. Report from the University Secretary

5.1 Results of the 2020 Council Elections, Appendix I, Pages 3-4

Typos were noted in the membership list which will be corrected prior to posting. The updated membership list has been [appended to the Official File](#).

The results of the 2020 Council Elections were announced and the report was received for information.

Thank you to Council members who agreed to put their name forward for service on Executive of Council.

6. Reports from Committees of Council

6.1 Consensus Items, Appendix II, Pages 5-12

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

The following six (6) motions were presented as an omnibus motion.

D'Arcy - Leavitt

6.1.1 Faculty of Arts

Revision to the Faculty of Arts Transition Program (ATP)

To revise the Faculty of Arts Transition Program, effective 202120.

6.1.2 Faculty of Education

Revision to the Secondary Education Program French Minor

That changes be made to the French minor in the Four-Year Bachelor of Education Secondary Education program and the Bachelor of Education After-Degree (BEAD), effective 202110.

6.1.3 Faculty of Science

Revision to the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science with a Concentration in Creative Technologies

To change two open electives in the BSc in Computer Science with a Concentration in Creative Technologies to two natural science electives, effective 202120.

Revision to the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science with a Concentration in Creative Technologies

To replace “CTCH 300- or 400-level from list in handbook” to “CTCH 300- or 400-level from the list available in the MAP and Science Advising offices,” effective 202120.

Revision to the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science with a Concentration in Creative Technologies

To replace “Capstone Project” with CTCH 499 – Creative Tech Capstone Project, and to delete the associated note, effective 202120.

Revision to the Minor in Geology

To revise the Minor in Geology, effective 202120.

The question was called on the omnibus motion.

CARRIED

The remainder of the report was received for information.

6.2 Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies, Appendix III, Pages 13-28

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

6.2.1 Faculty of Arts

Revision to the High School Admission Average

D’Arcy - Kleer

Moved to raise the Faculty of Arts high school admission average to 70.00% for domestic and international students, effective 202120.

CARRIED

Creation of the Faculty of Arts Qualifying Year

D’Arcy - Kleer

Moved to create the Faculty of Arts Qualifying Year for domestic and international students with a high school graduation average between 60.00% and 69.99%, effective 202120.

CARRIED

Discontinue the Faculty of Arts Pathway Program

D’Arcy - Kleer

Moved to discontinue the Faculty of Arts Pathway Program, effective 202120.

CARRIED

Suspension of Admission to the Major, Minor, and Certificate in Chinese

D’Arcy - Kleer

Moved to suspend admissions to the major, minor, and certificate in Chinese, effective 202110.

It was clarified that the Department of International Languages will no longer be offering majors or minors, but that the content of the new Certificate options is similar to the previous major requirements.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Creation of the Certificate in Chinese Language and Culture

D’Arcy - Kleer

Moved to create the Certificate in Chinese Language and Culture, effective 202120.

CARRIED

Suspension of Admission to the Major, Minor, and Certificate in Spanish

D’Arcy - Kleer

Moved to suspend admissions to the major, minor, and certificate in Spanish, effective 202110.

CARRIED

Creation of a Certificate in Spanish Language and Hispanic Cultures

D’Arcy - Kleer

Moved to create the Certificate in Spanish Language and Hispanic Cultures, effective 202120.

CARRIED

6.2.2 Faculty of Arts and First Nations University of Canada

Revision to the Admission Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts in Resource and Environmental Studies

D’Arcy - Kleer

Moved to revise the admission requirements for the Bachelor of Arts in Resource and Environmental Studies program to include Saskatchewan Polytechnic’s Integrated Resource Management Diploma, effective 202120.

CARRIED

6.2.3 Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science

Co-operative Education Program Requirements - Spring/Summer 2020 Term

D’Arcy - Stilling

Moved to allow students in the Faculty of Engineering & Applied Science who were to be on an ENGG 054 work term in Spring/Summer 2020 to receive their Co-operative Education designation after completing three out of four work-term placements, effective immediately.

CARRIED

6.2.3 Faculty of Science

Admission Requirements to the Science Qualifying Program

D’Arcy - Farenick

Moved to update the admissions requirements for the Science Qualifying Students as listed in the Admissions section of the Calendar to align with those approved in the Science section of the Calendar, effective 202120.

CARRIED

6.2.4 Registrar’s Office

Revision to the Undergraduate Calendar - Academic Performance Standards and Good Academic Standing

D’Arcy - DeCoste

Moved to approve changes to the Academic Regulations - Academic Performance Standards and Good Academic Standing section of the Undergraduate Calendar, effective 202120.

CARRIED

Revision to the Undergraduate Calendar - Good Academic Standing Definition

D’Arcy - Jones

Moved to add the definition of Good Academic Standing to the Glossary & Abbreviations section of Undergraduate Calendar, effective 202120.

Typos were noted in the definition, as well as the suggestion to include “Good Academic Standing” within the definition.

The definition was amended to include this information and is *appended to the Official File*.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Revision to the Fresh Start Program

D’Arcy - Campbell

Moved to revise the Fresh Start Program, effective 202120.

Within the program description, the term “credential” is meant to include a certificate, diploma, or degree from the University of Regina.

The program description was amended to add clarity, and is *appended to the Official File*.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

6.2.5 UR International and Enrolment Services

English Language Proficiency Test - Duolingo

An amendment to the proposed motion to include Graduate admissions was circulated to Executive of Council prior to the meeting and is [appended to the Official File](#).

D’Arcy - Chaudhry

Moved that the Duolingo Online English Test with a minimum score of 110 be accepted as an approved test of proficiency in English for undergraduate and graduate admissions, on a temporary basis for the 2020-2021 academic year (May 1st to April 30th), effective immediately.

Additional information on the rationale for the minimum score was provided to Executive of Council in response to a question.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

6.3 Council Committee on Undergraduate Awards, *Distributed Confidentially*

The report was distributed confidentially prior to the meeting.

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

6.3.1 Governor General's Academic Silver Medal for the 2020 Spring Convocation

Hoeber - Farenick

Moved that the Governor General's Academic Silver medal for the 2020 Spring Convocation be awarded to Joseph Ashworth from the Faculty of Science, as [appended to the Official File](#).

CARRIED

6.3.2 University Medal for the 2020 Spring Convocation

Hoeber - Farenick

Moved that the University Medal for the 2020 Spring Convocation be awarded to Nigel Olesen from the Faculty of Science, as [appended to the Official File](#).

CARRIED

6.3.3 President's Medal for the 2020 Spring Convocation

Hoeber - Rocke

Moved that the President's Medal for the 2020 Spring Convocation be awarded to Tara Nicole Racette White from the Faculty of Social Work, as [appended to the Official File](#).

CARRIED

6.4 Council Committee on Student Appeals, Appendix IV, Page 29

Dr D. Sharpe presented the report on behalf of the Committee.

The annual report was received for information.

6.5 Council Discipline Committee, Appendix V, Page 30

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

The annual report was received for information.

7. Graduand Lists

These lists were distributed confidentially prior the virtual meeting.

7.1 Graduand Lists for Approval

Gregory - Whalley

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 of Errors to Previously Approved Graduates

Gregory - Whalley

Moved to approve the correction of the errors to the credentials of the previously approved graduates whose names appear on the lists as distributed and are [appended to the Official File](#).

CARRIED

8. Other Business - None.

9. Adjournment - Stilling (3:23 p.m.)



Glenys Sylvestre
Executive Director (University Governance) and University Secretary