

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF REGINA COUNCIL
24 MARCH 2021
VIA WEB CONFERENCING

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ex Officio: T. Chase, E. Aito, D. Button, H. Chaudhry, J. Cranston, J. D’Arcy, S. Dea, A. Douai, R. Evans, D. Farenick, G. Grandy, d. Gregory, S. Helewa, E. Hussein, M. Jerry, K. McNutt, N. Önder, Y. Petry, T. Phenix, H. Riemer, C. Rocke, C. Schultz, J. Smith, R. Staseson, G. Sylvestre, B. Waytuck, C. Yost

Elected: S. Acoose, E. Ashton, J. Barden, J. Bird, M. Brigham, S. Campbell, S. Carnochan Naqvi, A. Chan, L. Dai, M. Davis, D. Dick, E. Eaton, D. Elliott, C. Gelowitz, B. Hall, T. Hopper, H. Huang, D. Hulston, Y. Jin, R. Kyabaggu, D. Lane, P. Leavitt, K. Lehmann, P. Mather, T. McIntosh, K. Meagher, R. Murphy, P. Neary, C. Oriet, Z. Papandreou, R. Petry, M. Poplyansky, C. Ramsey, M. Rennie, K. Ricketts, C. Riegel, K. Robinson, A. Rubalcava, A. Sardali, G. Saul, D. Sharpe, G. Sherbert, M. Shires, J. Siemer, M. Spooner, B. Sterenberg, D. Stilling, D. Storie, M. Trussler, J. Wagner, L. Watson, H. Weger, S. Whalley, A. Wickson-Griffiths, K. Yow

Guests: R. Blake, M. Çule, S. Wilson

Regrets: C. Butz, B. Kayseas, J. Piwowar, C. Somers, J. Venter

Recorder: S. Stewart

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 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 addition of 7.1.5 Graduand List - Centre for Continuing Education.

Papandreou - Leavitt

Moved that the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Minutes of Meeting of 24 February 2021

McIntosh - Brigham

Moved that the minutes be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes - None.

4. Remarks from the Chair

Dr Chase offered his remarks including:

In response to the increased spread of COVID-19 and variants of concern (VoC) in the City, and in light of the Province's amended health order for the Regina area, the University will pause face-to-face delivery of classes beginning March 29th. In-person classes will temporarily move to remote platforms and are currently scheduled to resume face-to-face instruction on April 12th, unless otherwise communicated. All faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to limit their visits to campus and attend only when necessary. During this time the Archer Library will pause most in-person access, and access to the Fitness & Lifestyle Centre and Aquatics Centre for faculty and staff will be temporarily suspended. Many research activities, including community-based research conducted in the Regina area, have been suspended.

This evening, the Department of Computer Science will host a virtual public lecture with alumnus Dr Larry Matthies (BSc Hons '79). Dr Matthies works with NASA at the Jet Propulsion Lab (JPL), California Institute of Technologies, to put robots on other planets, including Perseverance on Mars.

Congratulations to Christie Schultz, Director of the Centre for Continuing Education, who successfully defended her PhD thesis last week at the University of Alberta. The degree will be conferred at an upcoming convocation ceremony.

5. Report from the University Secretary

No report.

6. Reports from Committees of Council

6.1 Council Committee on Budget, Appendix I, Page 2

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

The report was received for information.

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

A. Douai presented the report on behalf of the Committee.

6.2.1 Faculty of Business Administration

Master of Administration (MAdmin) Preamble Change

Douai - Grandy

Moved that the preamble to the Master of Administration (MAdmin) program description in the graduate calendar be removed effective 202130.

CARRIED

4 Seasons of Reconciliation Requirement

Douai - Grandy

Moved that the 4 Seasons of Reconciliation Professional Development Program be a non-credit compulsory requirement for students entering all Levene programs, including certificates effective 202130.

G. Grandy highlighted that this recommendation was the result of a consultative process, led by the Faculty of Business Administration's Lead on Indigenization.

Discussion followed regarding implementation of this program by other Faculties, and more broadly throughout the University.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

6.2.2 Faculty of Education

Indigenous Education Program Change

Douai - McNutt

Moved that the Master of Indigenous Education (MIED) course, thesis and project route program be modified, as outlined in Appendix II, Pages 4-5 of the Agenda, effective 202130.

CARRIED

6.2.3 Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

English Language Proficiency Test - Duolingo

Douai - McNutt

Moved that the Duolingo online English test with a minimum score of 110 for all programs except Media Studies & Media Production, and English where 120 is the minimum, be accepted as an approved test of proficiency in English (ELP) for graduate admission, on a temporary basis for the 2021-2022 academic year (July 1 to April 30), effective July 1, 2021.

CARRIED

6.2.4 Faculty of Science

Master of Science (MSc) Physics Program Change

Douai - Farenick

Moved that the Master of Science in Physics program be modified, as outlined in Appendix II, Pages 6-7 of the Agenda, effective 202130.

CARRIED

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Physics Program Change

Douai - Farenick

Moved that the PhD in Physics be modified, as outlined in Appendix II, Pages 7-8 of the Agenda, effective 202130.

CARRIED

The remainder of the report was received for information.

6.3 Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies, Appendix III, Pages 13-18

S. Wilson presented the report on behalf of the Committee.

6.3.1 Registrar's Office

Revisions to the Graduation Section of the Undergraduate Calendar

Wilson - Stilling

Moved to approve the revisions to the Graduation section (p. 50) of the Undergraduate Calendar as outlined in Appendix III, Page 13 of the agenda, effective 202220.

CARRIED

6.3.2 Faculty of Nursing

Revision to the Faculty of Nursing Admission Requirements

Wilson - Evans

Moved that the admissions section of the Undergraduate Calendar “Admissions from Universities and Colleges” Faculty of Nursing requirements be revised as outlined in Appendix III, Pages 13-14 of the Agenda, effective 202210.

CARRIED

6.3.3 Faculty of Science

Chemistry and Biochemistry Co-operative Education Program Change

Wilson - Farenick

Moved to include CHEM 140 as a required course for admission to the Co-operative Education Program in Chemistry and Biochemistry, effective 202130.

CARRIED

Physics Program Changes

Wilson - Farenick

Moved to include ASTR 300-level courses in the Bachelor of Science (BSc) and Bachelor of Science (BSc) Honours in Physics, Bachelor of Science (BSc) and Bachelor of Science (BSc) Honours in Applied Physics, and the Minor in Physics, effective 202220.

CARRIED

6.3.4 Enrolment Services and UR International

English Language Proficiency Test - Duolingo

Wilson - Smith

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 admissions, on a temporary basis for the 2021-2022 academic year (July 1 to April 30), effective July 1, 2021.

CARRIED

6.4 Council Committee on Research, Appendix IV, Pages 19-21

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

6.4.1 Research Chair - Canada CIFAR Artificial Intelligence (AI) Chair

Yost - Farenick

Moved that Dr Sandra Zilles be approved as the Canada CIFAR Artificial Intelligence Chair in the Faculty of Science.

C. Yost and D. Farenick highlighted that this is the first Canada CIFAR Chair at the University of Regina. CIFAR is a highly prestigious organization with a goal to recruit and retain the world's leading artificial intelligence researchers. The funding for this Chair will come from Amii, based in Edmonton.

Congratulations were offered to Dr Zilles on being awarded this prestigious Chair.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7. **Graduand Lists**

These lists were distributed confidentially prior to the meeting.

7.1 Graduand Lists for Approval

Gregory - Douai

Moved that all students whose names appear on the lists as distributed at the meeting and having satisfied the requirements, be granted the degrees, diplomas and/or certificates as designated.

CARRIED

8. **Other Business**

The new pandemic-related restrictions will result in additional stress for some. The Chair encouraged everyone to continue to show kindness and compassion, especially to those whose livelihoods are being impacted.

9. **Adjournment** - Stilling (3:00 p.m.)



Glenys Sylvestre
Executive Director (University Governance) and University Secretary