

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF REGINA COUNCIL
28 APRIL 2021
VIA WEB CONFERENCING

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ex Officio: T. Chase, E. Aito, 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, B. Kayseas, 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: M. Akinpelu, E. Ashton, J. Barden, J. Bird, M. Brigham, S. Campbell, A. Chan, L. Dai, M. Davis, D. Dick, K. Dorsch, E. Eaton, D. Elliott, B. Hall, T. Hopper, H. Huang, Y. Jin, S. Khan, R. Kyabaggu, D. Lane, P. Leavitt, K. Lehmann, K. Lloyd, P. Mather, T. McIntosh, K. Meagher, R. Murphy, S. Naqvi, C. Oriet, Z. Papandreou, R. Petry, F. Pino, J. Piwowar, M. Poplyansky, C. Ramsey, M. Rennie, C. Riegel, K. Robinson, A. Rubalcava, M. Rutten-James, A. Sardali, G. Saul, D. Sharpe, M. Shires, J. Siemer, A. Snider, C. Somers, M. Spooner, B. Sterenberg, D. Stilling, D. Storie, S. Talbot, M. Trussler, J. Venter, J. Wagner, L. Watson, H. Weger, S. Whalley, A. Wickson-Griffiths, K. Yow

Guests: R. Blake, S. Wilson

Regrets: S. Acoose, D. Button, C. Butz, G. Grinyer

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

Papandreou - Douai

Moved that the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

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

Stilling - Campbell

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, and requested members of the Senior Leadership Team to also provide information:

The Spring/Summer 2021 term has temporarily moved to remote learning due to high case count in Regina and the increase of variants of concern (VoC) in the province. This decision will be reassessed on or before May 10th.

Our thoughts are with those who are impacted by the current COVID-19 crisis in India.

The April 30th town hall will focus on the COVID-19 virus in the province and implications for the University, an update on campus' deferred maintenance, and environmental sustainability initiatives.

The WHL abbreviated season is coming to a close. The University and Luther College hosted approximately 250 players and staff since February 2021. Throughout the season, everyone was kept healthy and safe.

The University of Regina Board of Governors meetings will occur next week. The comprehensive budget plan, as well as any changes to tuition and fees, will be discussed and approved at this meeting. Communications will be sent to the University community following the Board meetings. In addition, there will be a town hall on May 7th to discuss the budget.

A sector wide announcement will be made in coming weeks announcing plans for the Fall 2021 term. The Fall term will be transitional where we hope to see many more students on campus, with a return to a much more typical Winter 2022 term.

The Chair invited J. D'Arcy, Registrar, and d. Gregory, Interim Provost and Vice-President (Academic), to provide additional details on enrolments and student initiatives:

- Enrolment for the Spring/Summer 2021 term is trending similar to previous years. Currently the Fall 2021 term is seeing an increase in headcount and credit hours. This is likely to settle out somewhat over coming months.
- The University of Regina is the first Saskatchewan post-secondary institute to join MyCreds, a digital credential wallet developed by the Association of Registrars of the Universities and Colleges of Canada. Currently students are able to access their transcripts and confirmation of enrolments. Over the coming months services will increase to include digital parchments, confirmation of graduation, immigration documents, etc. Thanks were extended to the Registrar's Office team for this initiative.

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

- Fall 2021 potential to adjust to remote delivery if required

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- University regulations and processes including students holds continue to apply with the introduction of the MyCreds platform

Thank you to the student representatives on Executive of Council for their service over the past year.

5. Report from the University Secretary

The call for volunteers to fill vacancies on Council's committees has been issued. Please encourage those who may have an interest in serving to put their names forward. The volunteer process has been moved online through UR Source. The deadline for receipt of volunteer forms is May 7th.

6. Reports from Committees of Council

6.1 Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies, Appendix I, Pages 2-11

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

6.1.1 La Cité universitaire francophone

Program Change - Bachelor of Arts in French and Francophone Intercultural Studies

Wilson - McNutt

Moved that the changes to the requirements for the Bachelor of Arts in French and Francophone and Intercultural Studies be approved as outlined in Appendix I, Pages 2-4 of the Agenda, effective 202220.

CARRIED

6.1.2 Faculty of Arts

Admission/Transfer Credit Average Revision - Articulation Agreement Programs

Wilson - Dea

Moved to revise the Articulation Agreement Programs' minimum graduating Program Grade Point Average (PGPA) for admission/transfer credit to the University of Regina, as outlined in Appendix I, Page 4 of the Agenda, effective 202220.

CARRIED

6.1.3 Faculty of Business Administration

Undergraduate Calendar Revision - Faculty of Business Administration Academic Action Regulations

Wilson - Grandy

Moved that the Faculty of Business Administration Undergraduate Academic Action regulations be revised, as outlined in Appendix I, Pages 4-6 of the Agenda, effective at the end of the 202110 term.

CARRIED

Discontinue Program - Major in Entrepreneurship

Wilson - Grandy

Moved that the Major in Entrepreneurship be discontinued, effective 202230.

G. Grandy noted that the entrepreneurship minor is being discontinued in favour of students completing the Certificate in Ideation, Creativity, and Entrepreneurship. The certificate is also available to students outside the Faculty of Business Administration.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

6.1.4 Faculty of Education

Program Revisions - Elective Terminology

Wilson - Cranston

Moved that the elective terminology in all Faculty of Education program templates be changed, as outlined in Appendix I, Pages 7-8 of the Agenda, effective 202130.

CARRIED

Admission Requirement - New Education Profile

Wilson - Cranston

Moved that the newly created Education Profile be used for admission to all Faculty of Education Programs, effective 202230.

J. Cranston thanked all those involved in the creation of this document. The education profile reflects the strategic plan, in that diversity candidates who want to self-identify are able to do so. A number of other institutions across Canada have either implemented a similar profile or are taking steps to do so.

In response to a question, J. Cranston noted that disclosure of a criminal record is a requirement of the legislation governing teachers.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

6.1.5 Faculty of Education and Centre for Continuing Education

Program Revision - Certificate of Extended Studies in Inclusive Education

Wilson - Schultz

Moved that changes be made to the elective requirements on the Certificate of Extended Studies in Inclusive Education, as outlined in Appendix I, Page 9 of the Agenda, effective 202130.

C. Schultz and J. Cranston noted that this change allows for greater flexibility for students, and allows for electives in Indigenous languages.

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 - Oriet

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

7.2 Correction of Error to Previously Approved Graduate List

Cranston - Gregory

Moved to approve the correction of the error to the credential of the previous approved graduate whose name appears on the list as distributed at the meeting and is appended to the official file.

CARRIED

8. **Other Business** - None.

9. **Adjournment** - Watson (3:01 p.m.)



Glenys Sylvestre
Executive Director (University Governance) and University Secretary