

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF REGINA COUNCIL
23 FEBRUARY 2022
VIA WEB CONFERENCING

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

Elected: M. Argerami, E. Ashton, J. Barden, J. Bird, B. Bonner, K. Bracht, M. Brigham, J. Brown, S. Carnochan Naqvi, A. Chan, M. Chipanshi, M. Davis, H. Dietz, R. Doran, K. Dorsch, R. Dosselmann, Z. Du, D. Elliot, H. Fay, R. Ganey, C. Gelowitz, H. Guliani, B. Hall, M. Hrebenik, H. Huang, D. Hulston, Y. Jin, D. Lane, P. Leavitt, T. McIntosh, K. Meagher, R. Murphy, C. Oriet, R. Piercey, F. Pino, T. Pirbhai-Illich, M. Poplyansky, J. Purnis, C. Ramsay, M. Rennie, K. Robinson, M. Rutten-James, A. Sardarli, G. Saul, N. Shahriar, D. Sharpe, G. Sherbert, M. Shires, T. Sperlich, A. Sterzuk, D. Stilling, J. Venter, H. Weger, S. Whalley, A. Wickson-Griffiths, J. Xue, K. Yow

Guests: S. Cheng, S. Hengen, N. Jia, J. Spalding

Regrets: L. Campbell, M. Diamantopoulos, J. Farney, J. Loucks, Z. Papandreou, C. Riegel, J. Smith

Recorder: S. Stewart

The meeting was called to order at 2:33 p.m. by the President and Vice-Chancellor, Dr Jeff Keshen.

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 Item 7.1.8 “Graduand List – La Cité universitaire francophone.”

Stilling - Brigham

Moved that the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Minutes of Meeting of 26 January 2022

Leavitt - Sardarli

Moved that the minutes be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

The Chair noted that the Graduate Advanced Training and Entrepreneurship (GATE) Centre proposal will be discussed at the next meeting of the Council Committee on Academic Mission (CCAM) and will be brought back to the March Executive of Council meeting.

4. Remarks from the Chair

Dr Keshen provided an update on recent activities, including:

- Acknowledgement of Pink Shirt Day to recognize the importance of anti-bullying activities
- Retirement announcement of Dave Button, Vice-President (Administration), and the upcoming search for this position
- Update on the Associate Vice-President (International) position
- Update on the search for the Provost and Vice-President (Academic)
- Return to in-person classes and vaccination requirements for students for the Winter 2022 term
- Budget update, and financial impact of enrolment losses
- Planned focus groups with students
- Planning for an employee engagement survey in 2022
- Recruitment and outreach events held in southern Saskatchewan
- Upcoming Big Hearts fundraising campaign
- Creation of an office of experiential learning and planned decommissioning of the UR Guarantee program
- Board approval of recognition of the 1794 Jay Treaty, which provides domestic tuition rates to American Indigenous students
- Tour of the Saskatoon campus
- Project related to the University's institutional identity
- Consultation is underway on a draft EDI action plan
- Upcoming creation of a sustainability office, resulting from the work of the President's Advisory Committee on Sustainability
- The University's ranking in the Times Higher Education Young University category has improved significantly over the prior year
- Research successes, including SSHRC insight development grants
- Upcoming visit to Calgary to meet potential donors and alumni

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

- COVID-19 restrictions will be lifted for the Spring/Summer 2022 term, although some individuals may wish to continue masking

All questions were addressed by President Keshen.

5. Report from the University Secretary

No report.

6. Reports from Committees of Council

6.1 Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies, Appendix I, Pages 2-39

S. Cheng presented the report on behalf of the Council Committee on the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research.

6.1.1 Centre for Continuing Education

English as a Second Language Program – Revisions

Cheng - Schultz

Moved that the English as a Second Language Program at the University of Regina offer EAP 100 Advanced English Reading and Communication and EAP 101 Advanced English Writing and Research as 3-credit courses each, effective 202230.

CARRIED

ESL Course Level Names – Revision

Cheng - Schultz

Moved that ESL 005, ESL 010, ESL 020, ESL 030 and ESL 040 level names be changed, effective 202220.

CARRIED

EAP 030 Vantages 030 (Intermediate) – Direct Entry Scores

Cheng - Schultz

Moved to include Direct Entry for EAP 030 Vantages 2 (Intermediate) in the ESL section of the Undergraduate Calendar, effective 202220.

CARRIED

6.1.2 Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science

Petroleum Systems Engineering – Admission Suspension

Cheng - Hussein

Moved to suspend admission for the Petroleum Systems Engineering Major at undergraduate level, effective 202230.

CARRIED

Energy Systems Engineering Major – New Program

Cheng - Hussein

Moved to create the Energy Systems Engineering Major (ERSE), effective 202320.

CARRIED

6.1.3 Faculty of Arts

Economics Major Program – Revision

Cheng - Dea

Moved to add ECON 373 in the list of courses with a major component that is required for all Economics Major Programs to read as follows, effective 202230.

CARRIED

Faculty of Arts Admission Requirements – Revision

Cheng - Dea

Moved to revise the Faculty of Arts admission requirements, effective 202230.

CARRIED

Bachelor of Arts in Journalism – Revision

Cheng - Dea

Moved to remove the note from the Bachelor of Arts in Journalism (BAJ) and Bachelor of Journalism (BJ), effective 202230.

CARRIED

Bachelor of Journalism – Revisions

Cheng - Dea

Moved to update the description and course sequencing information on the Bachelor of Journalism (BJ), effective 202230.

CARRIED

Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Bachelor of Journalism – Residency Requirement Revision

Cheng - Dea

Moved to revise the residency requirement that all courses must be completed after admission to the School of Journalism, effective 202230.

CARRIED

6.1.4 Faculty of Science

Minor in Environmental Geoscience – New Program

Cheng - Farenick

Moved to create a minor in Environmental Geoscience. This minor is to be mutually exclusive from the Minor in Geology, effective 202230.

Dean Farenick noted a small typo in the program template it should read: “Two GEOL courses any level.”

The question was called on the amended motion.

CARRIED

Diploma in General Science – Revision

Cheng - Farenick

Moved to add Environmental Geoscience as a concentration in the Diploma in General Science, effective 202230.

CARRIED

The remainder of the report was received for information.

7. Graduand Lists

These lists were distributed confidentially prior to the meeting.

7.1 Graduand Lists for Approval

Gregory - Sperlich

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** - None

9. **Adjournment** - Pollard (3:09 p.m.)



Glenys Sylvestre
Executive Director (University Governance) and University Secretary