

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF REGINA COUNCIL  
25 MAY 2022  
VIA WEB CONFERENCING

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**Ex Officio:** J. Keshen, E. Aito, D. Button, L. Campbell, H. Chaudhry, J. D'Arcy, S. Dea, D. Dick, A. Douai, D. Farenick, J. Farney, G. Grandy, d. Gregory, E. Hussein, K. McNutt, N. Önder, T. Phenix, C. Rocke, C. Schultz, J. Smith, G. Sylvestre, C. Yost

**Elected:** S. Acoose, E. Ashton, J. Barden, K. Bracht, M. Brigham, S. Carnochan Naqvi, A. Chan, M. Chipanshi, L. Dai, M. Davis, M. Diamantopoulos, R. Doran, Z. Du, D. Elliot, H. Fay, R. Ganey, C. Gelowitz, G. Grinyer, H. Guliani, B. Hall, A. Hodson, T. Hopper, M. Hrebenik, H. Huang, D. Hulston, Y. Jin, S. Khan, D. Lane, P. Leavitt, J. Loucks, R. Manzon, T. McIntosh, K. Meagher, R. Murphy, C. Oriet, Z. Papandreou, R. Petry, R. Piercey, F. Pino, T. Pirbhai-Illich, M. Poplyansky, J. Purnis, C. Ramsay, M. Rennie, M. Rutten-James, A. Sardarli, G. Saul, N. Shahriar, D. Sharpe, G. Sherbert, T. Sperlich, M. Spooner, A. Sterzuk, D. Stilling, H. Weger, A. Wickson-Griffiths, K. Yow

**Guests:** A. Armstrong, D. Cripps

**Regrets:** B. Bonner, J. Brown, J. Cranston, S. Helewa, M. Jerry, C. Pollard, C. Riegel, M. Shires

**Recorder:** S. Stewart

The meeting was called to order at 2:31 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**

Leavitt - Stilling

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

CARRIED

**2. Approval of the Minutes of Meeting of 25 April 2022**

Papandreou - Sardarli

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

CARRIED

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**3. Business Arising from the Minutes – None**

**4. Remarks from the Chair**

Dr Keshen provided an update on recent activities, including:

- The Spring Convocation ceremonies will be held in person on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to having our graduating students on campus to celebrate their achievements
- An update to the masking requirements will be announced shortly
- UR Days will be concluding. UR Days was hosted in Weyburn, Yorkton, Swift Current, Regina and Prince Albert
- The University is expanding its dual credit opportunities for students in high school
- Prior Learning and Assessment Recognition (PLAR) is being formalized for the Royal Regina Rifles and the 15 Wing Moose Jaw
- The University is experiencing an increase in applications from international students
- Academic and administrative units are being urged to provide greater scrutiny when hiring for various unfilled positions
- The Confucius Institute underwent an administrative review. The results of the review will be shared with the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) in coming weeks
- Search for the Provost and Vice-President (Academic) and Vice-President (Administration) are proceeding well. Public presentations for the Provost and Vice-President (Academic) are currently being held. A position description for the Vice-President (Administration) has been posted
- A number of different events have been held on campus in the past few weeks including the UR Leading wrap up, the Cougars/Rams Varsity Sports Awards, Campus Beautification Day
- Thank you to all who have donated to the Big Hearts campaign
- A Town Hall will be held on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. An update on the University's institutional identity project will be shared, in addition to the results of the employee engagement survey

Following the Chair's remarks, Executive of Council was invited to share any further information or raise any questions for discussion. In response to a question, the President confirmed that hiring supported by research or external funding would not be impacted by the increased oversight requirements.

**5. Report from the University Secretary**

The Council Nominating Committee will be meeting to recommend the volunteers to fill Council's Committees. A report will be brought forward at the next Executive of Council meeting to approve these appointments.

The Spring Convocation ceremony will be held in person on June 8, 9, 10<sup>th</sup> at the Centre for Kinesiology, Health, and Sport. We look forward to seeing everyone at the ceremony.

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## 6. Reports from Committees of Council

### 6.1 Council Committee on the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, Appendix I, Pages 2-5

A. Douai presented the report on behalf of the Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies.

#### 6.1.1 Faculty of Arts

##### 6.1.1.1 Department of Psychology

###### Graduate Record Examination – Suspension

Douai - Oriet

**Moved** that the requirement of scores from the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) for applicants applying to the Clinical Psychology and Experimental & Applied Psychology Masters and PhD programs be suspended for the 202330 intake.

A question was raised regarding the rationale for the continued suspension. It was clarified that the GRE requirement was initially suspended due to examination access difficulties during the pandemic, but the suspension has continued in other Canadian psychology programs post-pandemic. Applicant quality and quantity has not decreased as a result of this suspension and it has allowed the University of Regina to remain competitive nationally.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

#### 6.1.2 Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science

###### Master's Certificate in Carbon Capture, Utilization and Storage (CCUS) – New Program

Douai - Hussein

**Moved to** create a Master's Certificate in Carbon Capture, Utilization and Storage (CCUS) effective 202230.

Discussion followed. Topics of discussion included:

- Suggestion to adjust the program name to "Carbon Capture, Use and Storage, and clarification by Dr Hussein that this naming convention is standard in the industry
- Urgency of program effective date and rationale behind implementing the program for the Fall term, with the Dean and Registrar noting that the courses are already developed and are simply packaged differently in this new program offering

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The question was call on the motion.

CARRIED  
Opposed –  
M. Brigham

Master’s Certificate in Advanced Manufacturing – New Program

Douai - Hussein

**Moved to** create a Master’s Certificate in Advanced Manufacturing effective 202230.

CARRIED

6.1.3 La Cité universitaire francophone

Change in Admission Requirements

Douai - Aito

**Moved that** applicants must normally have completed a university degree in French or have obtained level B2 at the DELF (or equivalent as approved by the Graduate Studies Committee of La Cité), this change does not affect the Master’s certificate program, effective 202230.

CARRIED

The remainder of the report was received for information.

6.2 Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies, Appendix II, Pages 6-62

T. Sperlich presented the report on behalf of the Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies.

6.2.1 Faculty of Arts

Faculty of Arts Core Curriculum – Revision

Sperlich - Dea

**Moved to** revise the Arts Core Curriculum, effective 202320.

Discussion followed. Topics of discussion included:

- Rationale to remove the requirement for Arts students to complete a Science course with a lab component
- Impact on Science courses that were created for students enrolled in the Faculty of Arts (BIOL 140, BIOL 150)

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After discussion, it was recommended that the Faculty of Arts conduct additional analysis and consultation.

WITHDRAWN

The Faculty of Arts asked to defer introduction of the following two motions as well, as the Arts core curriculum directly impacts the two proposed program revisions.

- 6.3 Council Committee on the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research and the Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies, Appendix III, Pages 63-65

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

- 6.3.1 2023-2024 Academic Schedule

D’Arcy - Douai

**Moved to** approve the 2023-2024 Academic Schedule.

CARRIED

- 6.4 Council Committee on Undergraduate Awards, *Distributed Confidentially*

*The report was distributed confidentially prior to the meeting and is appended to the Official File.*

A. Wickson-Griffiths presented the report on behalf of the Council Committee on Undergraduate Awards.

- 6.4.1 Governor General’s Academic Silver Medal for the Spring 2022 Convocation

Wickson-Griffiths - Farenick

**Moved that** the Governor General’s Academic Silver Medal for the Spring 2022 Convocation be awarded to Kendra Lemieux from the Faculty of Science, Campion College.

CARRIED

- 6.4.2 University Medal for Spring 2022 Convocation

Wickson-Griffiths - Farenick

**Moved that** the University Medal for the Spring 2022 Convocation be awarded to Carissa Melynk from the Faculty of Science, Campion College.

CARRIED

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6.4.3 President's Medal for the Spring 2022 Convocation

Wickson-Griffiths - Lane

**Moved that** the President's Medal for the Spring 2022 Convocation be awarded to Emily Lints from the Faculty of Arts, Luther College.

CARRIED

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

*The report was distributed confidentially prior to the meeting and is appended to the Official File.*

A. Douai presented the report on behalf of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research Scholarship and Awards Committee.

6.5.1 Governor General's Academic Gold Medal

Douai - Farenick

**Moved that** the Governor General's Academic Gold Medal for the Spring 2022 Convocation be awarded to Safa Bakheet Alsafari from the Faculty of Science.

CARRIED

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

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Jim D'Arcy presented the report on behalf of the Joint Committee of Council and Senate on Ceremonies.

D'Arcy - Gregory

**Moved that** the list of Honorary Degree Candidates for addition to the approved roster be approved.

CARRIED

**7. Graduand Lists**

*These lists were distributed confidentially prior to the meeting.*

7.1 Graduand Lists for Approval

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Gregory - Leavitt

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

CARRIED

**8. Other Business**

A question was raised regarding the possibility of issuing a “notice of motion” when there are complex motions or proposals that may significantly impact other faculties or academic units. This might allow for discussion and feedback by Executive of Council and avoid having motions withdrawn or tabled, or referred back to committee.

Discussion followed. Topics of discussion included:

- Difficulty of predicting which motions will receive negative feedback
- Importance of the work of Executive of Council, as it brings together the different faculties, academic units, and federated colleges to consider implications across the institution
- Need for education at the Faculty or Council Committee level of the ability to share and discuss the materials with colleagues to ensure motions and program proposals are being reviewed widely

The University Secretariat will consider the recommendation and ways to allow for more efficient and effective use of Executive of Council’s time, as well as best support those who bring forward items for the body’s consideration.

**9. Adjournment – D’Arcy (3:43 p.m.)**



Glenys Sylvestre  
Executive Director (University Governance) and University Secretary