

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF REGINA COUNCIL  
23 NOVEMBER 2022  
ADMINISTRATION HUMANITIES BOARDROOM 527 AND WEB CONFERENCING

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**Ex Officio:** E. Aito, L. Campbell, H. Chaudhry, P. Choi, J. Cranston, S. Dea, D. Dick, A. Douai, D. Farenick, J. Farney, G. Grandy, d. Gregory, S. Helewa, M. Jerry, J. Keshen (Chair), N. Önder, Y. Petry, T. Phenix, C. Pollard, H. Riemer, C. Roche, C. Schultz, J. Smith, G. Sylvestre, B. Waytuck

**Elected:** E. Almehdawe, M. Argerami, A. Armstrong, B. Bonner, K. Bracht, M. Brigham, J. Brown, P. Bruno, M. Chipanshi, I. Coulson, M. Coupal, M. Çule, J. DeLugt, J. Demers, M. Diamantopoulos, H. Fay, C. Gelowitz, H. Guliani, B. Hall, A. Hodson, O. Hoerber, D. Hulston, S. Khan, C. Kulczycki, D. Lane, E. Matthews, J. Melançon, F. Moasun, Z. Papandreou, W. Peng, R. Petry, R. Piercey, F. Pirbhai-Illich, J. Purnis, C. Ramsay, M. Rennie, K. Ricketts, C. Riegel, M. Rutten-James, A. Sardarli, N. Shahriar, D. Sharpe, G. Sherbert, T. Shokirova, D. Stilling, D. Swapp, Y. Tang, H. Weger, S. Whalley, A. Wickson-Griffiths, C. Widdifield, S. Wilson, K. Yow, M. Zimmermann

**Guests:** J. Barden, B. Elich, W. Pearce

**Regrets:** J. D'Arcy, J. Daschuk, O. El-Halfawy, P. Leavitt, G. Russell, H. Riemer, C. Yost

**Recorder:** S. Stewart

The meeting was called to order at 2:32 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 territories with a presence in Treaty 6. These are the territories of the nêhiyawak, Anihšīnāpēk, Dakota, Lakota, and Nakoda, and the traditional homeland of the Métis/Michif Nation.

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

Stilling - Papandreou

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

CARRIED

**2. Approval of the Minutes of Meeting of 26 October 2022**

Brigham - Stilling

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

CARRIED

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### 3. Business Arising from the Minutes

Following the discussion at the October 26<sup>th</sup> meeting regarding the University's international recruitment practices in light of the recent CBC Fifth Estate documentary, a memo was sent to Executive of Council on behalf of UR International to address a number of the concerns and questions raised.

### 4. Remarks from the Chair

Dr. Keshen provided an update on recent activities, including:

- Restructuring of the University Advancement and Communications unit in order to achieve savings and improve coordination of activity across the institution
- Endorsement of the memorandum of understanding with First Nations University of Canada by Dean's Council and the Senior Leadership Team
- Update on development of a comprehensive academic plan and Indigenous strategic plan
- Recent meetings in Ottawa related to the Canadian Institute for Public Safety Research and Treatment (CIPSRT), in addition to meetings with various government officials and foreign diplomats
- Signing of a memorandum of understanding with the Colorado School of Mines
- Continued success of UR Days
- Launch of the Centre for Experiential and Service Learning (CESL)
- Opening of the Brad Hornung Accommodations Test Centre
- Continued expansion of dual credit options for Saskatchewan high school students
- Update on enrolment, and the importance of both enrolment and retention initiatives

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

- High rates of absenteeism of students in courses this Fall, with potential reasons including the increased presence of colds, flu, and COVID-19 this fall, students lack of attention to course structures and deadlines, and increased student stress
- Opportunities for the University and instructors to engage in activities to increase student engagement mid-semester to draw students to campus and reduce student stress and fatigue

### 5. Report from the University Secretary - No report

### 6. Reports from Committees of Council

6.1 Council Committee on the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research and Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies, Appendix I, Pages 2-4

6.1.1 2024-2025 Academic Schedule

Douai - Stilling

**Moved to** approve the 2024-2025 Academic Schedule.

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Discussion followed. Topics of discussion included:

- Options for instructors who are scheduled to teach on Monday
- Continued challenges with developing the academic schedule
- Movement of the Fall break from November to October in 2024 and the future plans for this break in 2025 and beyond

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

6.2 Council Committee on the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, Appendix II, Pages 5-27

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

6.2.1 Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science

New Program – Master’s Certificate in Engineering Management

Douai - Choi

**Moved to** create the Master’s Certificate in Engineering Management effective 202320.

P. Choi noted that the beginning of the rationale should be adjusted as follows:

*“The certificate is supported by the expertise in the Faculty of Engineering and fully supported by ~~the Industrial Systems Engineering and Facultyies of Engineering and Applied Science. and Business Administration. The program aligns with the University strategic plan for retention and recruitment, and contains courses that are transferable to the Faculty of Business Administration/Kenneth Levene Graduate School of Business.”~~*

A question was raised regarding approval of the certificate prior to the approval of the credential framework. It was noted that the new Engineering certificates were developed prior to the establishment of the credential framework, but can be later adjusted to better conform with the new guidance.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

1 Opposed

New Program – Master’s Certificate in Geothermal Engineering

Douai - Choi

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**Moved to** create the Master’s Certificate Program in Geothermal Engineering. This is to be operated within the Graduate Program of Petroleum Systems Engineering, effective 202320.

A typo was noted in the rationale referring to the appendix associated with the motion. It incorrectly references the wrong certificate, and will be corrected.

CARRIED

New Program – Master’s Certificate in Applied Artificial Intelligence

Douai - Choi

**Moved to** create the Master’s Certificate Program in Applied Artificial Intelligence as one of the graduate program options in the Program of Software Systems Engineering, Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science, effective 202320.

A typo was noted in the rationale referring to the appendix associated with the motion. It incorrectly references the wrong certificate, and will be corrected.

Concern was raised regarding the use of artificial intelligence when referring to a program outside the Department of Computer Science, where expertise in that area largely resides, even when the word “applied” is included in the program name.

The Chair suggested that the motion be withdrawn and further consultation undertaken.

The motion was WITHDRAWN

6.2.2 Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

Graduate Credential Framework

Douai - Önder

**Moved to** approve the Graduate Credential Framework.

CARRIED

6.2.3 La Cité universitaire francophone

Admission Requirements – English Language Proficiency Requirements

Douai - Aito

**Moved that** the English Language Proficiency requirement be removed for all applicants to graduate programs at La Cité universitaire francophone, effective 202320.

Discussion followed. Topics of discussion included:

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- Survey conducted of other post-secondary institutions across Canada that require English Language Proficiency (ELP) as part of their admission requirements to French language programs
  - Barrier created by requiring the ELP test as an admission requirement to graduate programs offered by La Cité
  - Removal of the ELP requirement relates only to programs housed in La Cité, not other French language graduate programs at the University such as the Bilingual Nursing program

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

The remainder of the report was received for information.

### 6.3 Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies, Appendix III, Pages 28-34

W. Pearce presented the report on behalf of the Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies.

#### 6.3.1 Centre for Continuing Education

##### Program Name Change – UR Accelerated

Pearce - Schultz

**Moved to** change the name of the UR Accelerated Program to the High School Accelerated program, effective 202330.

After discussion, it was agreed that the calendar entry would be amended:

*“Applicants who are currently enrolled in high school, as home-based learners (minimum age 16), or at an adult education learning centre may be admitted...”*

The question was called on the amended motion.

CARRIED

##### Admission Requirements – High School Accelerated Program

Pearce - Schultz

**Moved to** create minimum academic admission requirements to the High School Accelerated Program, effective 202330.

It was agreed that the calendar entry would be amended:

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*“Applicants who are currently enrolled in high school, as home-based learners (minimum age 16), or at an adult education learning centre may be admitted...”*

The question was called on the amended motion.

CARRIED

6.3.2 Faculty of Education

Program Revisions – Baccalauréat en education Élémentaire (BacEd) and Secondaire (BacEd) française programs

Pearce - Cranston

**Moved that** the changes be made to the Baccalauréat en education Élémentaire (BacEd) and Secondaire, (BacEd) française programs, effective 202320.

CARRIED

6.3.3 Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science

Program Revision – Environmental Systems Engineering

Pearce - Choi

**Moved to** update the Environmental Systems Engineering (EVSE) program, effective 202320.

CARRIED

**7. Graduand Lists**

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

7.1 Graduand Lists for Approval

Brigham - Gregory

**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**

8.1 Sustainability Action Plan, Appendix IV, Pages 35-59

d. Gregory presented the Sustainability Action Plan to Executive of Council.

Discussion was opened to Executive of Council and included how the results of the action

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plan will be measured and communicated. The Provost and Vice-President (Academic) noted that the Sustainability Advisory Committee will recommend metrics and annual reports will be prepared to report on results.

The report was received for information.

**9. Adjournment – Stilling (3:37 p.m.)**



Glenys Sylvestre  
Executive Director (University Governance) and University Secretary