

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF REGINA COUNCIL  
25 JANUARY 2023  
ADMINISTRATION HUMANITIES BOARDROOM 527 AND WEB CONFERENCING

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**Ex Officio:** E. Aito, L. Campbell, P. Choi, J. Cranston, J. D’Arcy, S. Dea, D. Dick, A. Douai, D. Farenick, J. Farney, D. Ford, 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, A. Sterzuk, G. Sylvestre, B. Waytuck

**Elected:** M. Argerami, J. Bird, K. Bracht, M. Brigham, J. Brown, P. Bruno, L. Clune, I. Coulson, M. Coupal, M. Çule, J. Daschuk, J. Demers, M. Diamantopoulos, R. Dosselmann, Z. Du, O. El-Halfawy, C. Gelowitz, H. Guliani, B. Hall, M. Hart, A. Hodson, O. Hoerber, D. Hulston, S. Khan, C. Kulczycki, P. Leavitt, E. Mathews, V. Mathews, J. Melançon, F. Moasun, Z. Papandreou, R. Petry, R. Piercey, F. Pirbhai-Illich, C. Polster, J. Purnis, C. Ramsay, M. Rennie, S. Rheault, K. Ricketts, B. Rossow-Kimball, G. Russell, M. Rutten-James, N. Shahriar, D. Sharpe, G. Sherbert, T. Shokirova, T. Sperlich, M. Stewart, D. Stilling, D. Swapp, H. Weger, C. Widdifield, S. Wilson, J. Xue, K. Yow, M. Zimmermann

**Guests:** S. Hirani, B. McQuinn, D. Storie

**Regrets:** B. Bonner, H. Chaudhry, J. deLugt, H. Fay, M. Hrebenik, R. Manzon, C. Riegel, J. Smith, S. Whalley, A. Wickson-Griffiths, C. Yost

**Recorder:** S. Stewart

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 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, Anihšînâpêk, Dakota, Lakota, and Nakoda, and the traditional homeland of the Métis/Michif Nation.

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

The Chair requested the addition of item 3.2 “Master’s Certificate in Applied Artificial Intelligence.”

Choi – Douai

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

CARRIED

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2. **Approval of the Minutes of Meeting of 23 November 2022**

G. Sherbert – O. Hoeber

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

CARRIED  
1 Abstention

3. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

3.1 Faculty of Arts Core Curriculum, Appendix I, Pages 3-65

S. Dea – T. Sperlich

**Moved that** Executive of Council approve revisions to the Faculty of Arts Core Curriculum, as outlined in Appendix I, Pages 3-65 of the Agenda, effective 202320.

Concern was raised regarding the impact on the Federated Colleges with the removal of BIOL 140: Human Biology for Non-Majors and BIOL 150: Biological Principles for Non-Majors. In response, it was noted that the impact on registration for these courses is expected to be minimal. It was further highlighted that removal of the lab requirement is expected to positively impact potential transfer credit opportunities for students transferring to the University of Regina.

The program template was amended to read:

“Note: Students who, as part of their admission to the Faculty of Arts, had to complete an English Language Proficiency test or who completed EAP 100 ~~or~~ and 101....”

The question was called on the amended motion.

CARRIED  
5 Opposed

3.2 New Program – Master’s Certificate in Applied Artificial Intelligence

A. Douai – P. Choi

**Moved to** created 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.

Concern was raised regarding the use of “artificial intelligence” in the title without specifying an Engineering program. This may be confusing for students due to the significant expertise in artificial intelligence housed within the Department of Computer Science. Additional concerns were raised with the program requirements, noting that students can obtain this credential without taking an artificial intelligence course. After discussion, the following subsidiary motion was made:

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M. Stewart – P. Bruno

**Moved to** postpone the motion to a future meeting of Executive of Council, and requiring that the materials be shared in advance of such meeting.

CARRIED  
43 in Favour  
18 Opposed,  
1 Abstention

#### 4. Remarks from the Chair

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

- Welcome to Dianne Ford, Vice-President (Administration)
- Congratulations to Dr. Gordon Asumndson who will be invested in the Order of Canada
- Congratulations to Dr. James Nahachewsky on his upcoming appointment as Dean, Faculty of Education and Haroon Chaudhry on his recent appointment as Associate Vice-President (International). Congratulations were also extended to Dr. Jerome Cranston on his upcoming appointment as Vice-Provost Students and Learning at the University of Saskatchewan
- Update on the search for the Vice-President (Research)
- Update on enrolment and retention initiatives
- Update on the development of a comprehensive academic plan and Indigenous strategic plan
- Update on the 2023-2024 budget

Following the Chair's remarks, Executive of Council was invited to share any further information or raise questions for discussion. A question was raised regarding the relationship between the operating and capital budgets and the impact of losses in ancillary services on the University's financial position. The President noted that budgeting based on continued enrolment growth will not be sustainable.

#### 5. Report from the University Secretary

5.1 Executive of Council Meeting Schedule 2023-2024, *For Information*, Appendix II, Page 66

The meeting schedule was received for information.

The University Secretary also encouraged members to encourage colleagues to put their names forward for service on Executive of Council.

#### 6. Reports from Committees of Council

6.1 Council Committee on the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, Appendix III, Pages 67-72

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

6.1.1 Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

Council Committee on the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research Terms of Reference

A. Douai – d. Gregory

**Moved to** approve the Terms of Reference for the Council Committee on the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, effective 202320.

Discussion followed. Topics of discussion included:

- Deans are members of other Faculty Councils, but not the Council Committee on the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research
- The number of accredited faculty members could be increased for those Faculties with a large number of graduate students, to better reflect their various interests

Dean Douai agreed to consider these suggestions during the next review of the Terms of Reference.

It was further noted that there is lack of clarity regarding the Associate Deans listed in the Membership section, Dean Douai agreed that this will be clarified to ensure both the Associate Deans of FGSR and the Associate Deans representing Faculties are represented.

The question was called on the motion, with the proposed amendment to clarify membership of Associate Deans.

CARRIED

Change of Program Requirements – Leave of Absence

A. Douai – d. Gregory

**Moved to** update the Leave of Absence language in the Graduate Calendar, as outlined in Appendix III, Pages 67-68 of the Agenda, effective 202320.

It was noted that this regulation will allow graduate students to take 18 consecutive months of parental leave during their program without having to re-apply to the University. A similar undergraduate regulation is currently under development.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

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6.2 Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies, Appendix IV, Pages 73-121

J. D’Arcy presented the report on behalf of the Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies.

6.2.1 Faculty of Arts

New Program – Certificate in Queer, Trans, and Gender Studies

J. D’Arcy – S. Dea

**Moved to** create a Certificate in Queer, Trans, and Gender Studies, as outlined in Appendix IV, Pages 73-74 of the Agenda, effective 202320.

CARRIED

New Program – Certificate in Forensic Psychology

J. D’Arcy – S. Dea

**Moved to** create a Certificate in Forensic Psychology, as outlined in Appendix IV, Pages 74-75 of the Agenda, effective 202320.

CARRIED

Admission Suspension – Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics

J. D’Arcy – S. Dea

**Moved to** suspend admission to the major in Linguistics, as outlined in Appendix IV, Pages 76-77 of the Agenda, effective 202320.

CARRIED

Program Revision – Sauteaux Language Major and Sauteaux Language Studies Minor

J. D’Arcy – S. Dea

**Moved to** revise the Bachelor of Arts in Sauteaux Language Literacy Major and the Sauteaux Language Studies Minor, both program titles and requirements, to include the Anihšināpēmowin (NISH) course name and prefixes, as outlined in Appendix IV, Pages 77-78 of the Agenda, effective 202320.

CARRIED

Calendar and Catalogue Updates - Sauteaux to Anihšināpēmowin

J. D’Arcy – S. Dea

**Moved to** revise the Undergraduate Calendar and Course Catalogue references of SAUL XXX and Sauteaux, to NISH and Anihšināpēmowin, as outlined in Appendix IV, Page 78 of the Agenda, effective 202320.

CARRIED

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Admission Suspension – Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Bachelor of Journalism

J. D’Arcy – S. Dea

**Moved to** suspend admission to the Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and the Bachelor of Journalism, as outlined in Appendix IV, Pages 78-79 of the Agenda, effective 202320.

CARRIED

6.2.2 Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science

Program Revision – Petroleum Systems Engineering and Energy Systems Engineering Program

J. D’Arcy – P. Choi

**Moved to** update the PSE program template and ERSE program templates, as outlined in Appendix IV, Pages 79-81 of the Agenda, effective 202320.

CARRIED

6.2.3 Faculty of Media, Art, and Performance

Revisions – Graduate Requirements and Time Limit Revisions

J. D’Arcy – D. Dick

**Moved to** insert clarifying language to Graduation requirements and to insert a Graduate Requirement Table, as outlined in Appendix IV, Pages 81-82 of the Agenda, effective 202320.

CARRIED

Revisions – Awarding of Concurrent and Additional Certificates

J. D’Arcy – D. Dick

**Moved to** include language regarding the awarding of concurrent and additional certificates in the Faculty of Media, Art, and Performance, as outlined in Appendix IV, Pages 82-83 of the Agenda, effective 202320.

CARRIED

Revision – Dean’s Honours List

J. D’Arcy – D. Dick

**Moved to** update the Faculty of Media, Art and Performance Spring/Summer Dean’s Honour List requirements, as outlined in Appendix IV, Page 83 of the Agenda, effective 202320.

CARRIED

Program Revision – Minor in Film Studies

J. D’Arcy – D. Dick

**Moved to** revise the Minor in Film Studies, as outlined in Appendix IV, Page 84 of the Agenda, effective 202320.

CARRIED

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Revisions – Faculty Probation and Discontinuance

J. D’Arcy – D. Dick

**Moved to** revise the Faculty Probation and Discontinuance regulation in the Undergraduate Calendar, as outlined in Appendix IV, Page 81-85 of the Agenda, effective 202320.

CARRIED

Program Revisions – Bachelor of Arts in Creative Technologies

J. D’Arcy – D. Dick

**Moved to** revise the Major Requirements of the Bachelor of Arts in Creative Technologies, as outlined in Appendix IV, Pages 86-88 of the Agenda, effective 202320.

CARRIED

6.2.4 Faculty of Nursing

Program Revision – Bachelor of Science in Nursing

J. D’Arcy – C. Pollard

**Moved that** the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN) program be revised, as outlined in Appendix IV, Pages 88-89 of the Agenda, effective 202330.

CARRIED

Revisions – Admission Information

J. D’Arcy – C. Pollard

**Moved that** the admission information regarding the Saskatchewan Collaborative Bachelor of Science in Nursing (SCBScN) be updated to reflect expanded seat allotment and the admission category of LPN, as outlined in Appendix IV, Page 89 of the Agenda, effective 202320.

CARRIED

New Admission Pathway – Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN)

J. D’Arcy – C. Pollard

**Moved to** create an admission pathway within the Upper Year admission category which is specific to Licensed Practical Nurses, as outlined in Appendix IV, Page 90 of the Agenda, effective 202320.

CARRIED

Required Courses – LPN to BScN Pathway

J. D’Arcy – C. Pollard

**Moved to** approve the required courses for the Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN) pathway within the SCBScN program, as outlined in Appendix IV, Pages 90-91 of the Agenda, effective 202320.

CARRIED

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6.2.5 Faculty of Science

Program Revisions – Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Science Honours in Psychology

J. D’Arcy – D. Farenick

**Moved that** the requirements for the majors in Psychology in the Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Science Honours be revised, as outlined in Appendix IV, Pages 91-93 of the Agenda, effective 202320.

CARRIED

Program Revisions – Bachelor of Science in Data Science

J. D’Arcy – D. Farenick

**Moved that** the requirements to the major in Data Science in the Bachelor of Science be revised, as outlined in Appendix IV, Pages 93-95 of the Agenda, effective 202320.

CARRIED

Program Revisions – Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Science Honours in Environmental Geoscience

J. D’Arcy – D. Farenick

**Moved that** the requirements to the major in Environmental Geoscience in the Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Science Honours be revised, as outlined in Appendix IV, Pages 95-97 of the Agenda, effective 202320.

CARRIED

Program Revisions – Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Science Honours in Statistics

J. D’Arcy – D. Farenick

**Moved that** the requirements to the major in Statistics in the Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Science Honours be revised, as outlined in Appendix IV, Pages 97-99 of the Agenda, effective 202320.

CARRIED

6.2.6 Faculty of Social Work

Program Revisions – Bachelor of Social Work

J. D’Arcy – C. Rocke

**Moved that** the Bachelor of Social Work program be revised, as outlined in Appendix IV, Pages 99-100 of the Agenda, effective 202320.

CARRIED



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6.2.7 Registrar's Office

Revision – Exam Scheduling Regulation

J. D'Arcy – d. Gregory

**Moved that** the Exam Scheduling section of the undergraduate academic calendar be revised to provide clarity that mid-term exams are scheduled during scheduled class times and that it is only Final Exams that are added to the web course schedule, as outlined in Appendix IV, Pages 100-101 of the Agenda, effective immediately.

CARRIED

Revision – Online Invigilated/Supervised Exam Regulations

J. D'Arcy – d. Gregory

**Moved that** the Online Invigilated/Supervised Exam Regulations section of the undergraduate academic calendar be revised to provide clarity about process surrounding technical difficulties, as outlined in Appendix IV, Pages 101-102 of the Agenda, effective immediately.

CARRIED

New Regulations – Religious/Cultural Accommodations

J. D'Arcy – d. Gregory

**Moved that** the Religious/Cultural Accommodations regulations and processes be added to the Academic Regulations section of the Undergraduate Academic Calendar, as outlined in Appendix IV, Pages 102-103 of the Agenda, effective 202320.

CARRIED

6.3 Council Committee on Research, Appendix V, Pages 122-143

S. Hirani presented the report on behalf of the Council Committee on Research.

6.3.1 New Research Centre – Centre for Artificial Intelligence, Data, and Conflict (CAIDAC)

S. Hirani – A. Sterzuk

**Moved that** Executive of Council recommend the endorsement of the faculty based research centre: Centre for Artificial Intelligence, Data, and Conflict (CAIDAC).

Concern was raised regarding grants received from Facebook. It was noted that the funding was received without conditions (other than reporting requirements) and the amount of funding would be made publicly available.

The Centre is a Faculty-based research centre, however colleagues from outside the Faculty of Arts can participate. There is always potential to convert to a University-based centre in the future.

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A few typos were noted in the materials, including faculty members listed from the University of Calgary instead of University of Alberta, as well as misspelling of “laptops”.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED  
2 Opposed

6.3.2 Research Data Management Strategy

S. Hirani – A. Sterzuk

**Moved that** Executive of Council approve the Research Data Management Strategy.

CARRIED

6.4 Council Nominating Committee, Appendix VI, Pages 144-145

G. Sherbert presented the report on behalf of the Council Nominating Committee.

6.4.1 Vacancies on the Council Committee on Academic Mission

G. Sherbert – d. Gregory

**Moved that** the individuals listed on Appendix VI, Page 144 of the Agenda, be approved to serve on the Council Committee on Academic Mission.

CARRIED

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

J. Keshen presented the report on behalf of the Joint Committee of Senate and Council on Ceremonies.

6.5.1 Honorary Degree Candidate for Addition to the Approved Roster

J. Keshen – A. Sterzuk

**Moved that** the list of honorary degree candidates in the Approved Roster, *appended to the University’s File*, be amended.

CARRIED

6.5.2 Potential Rescission of Honorary Degree

J. Keshen – d. Gregory

**Moved that** Executive of Council recommend to Senate the rescission of the honorary Doctor of Laws degree of Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond previously awarded by the University of Regina.

CARRIED

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**7. Graduand Lists**

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

7.1 Graduand Lists for Approval

d. Gregory – J. D’Arcy

**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 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion for Students Policy, *For Information*, Appendix VII, Pages 146-158

J. D’Arcy presented the draft Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Policy to Executive of Council for discussion.


The draft policy was received for information. Executive of Council was invited to provide additional feedback to the Registrar following the meeting.

8.2 First Nations University of Canada/University of Regina Memorandum of Understanding, *For Information*, Appendix V, Pages 159-164

L. Campbell highlighted the collaboration that occurred between First Nations University of Canada and the University of Regina in the development of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The MOU highlights how the two institutions will continue to work together.

The MOU was received for information.

**9. Adjournment – G. Sherbert (4:24 p.m.)**



Glenys Sylvestre  
Executive Director (University Governance) and University Secretary