

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ex Officio: E. Aito, L. Campbell, H. Chaudhry, P. Choi, J. D'Arcy, S. Dea, D. Dick, A. Douai, J. Farney, G. Grandy, d. Gregory (Chair), S. Helewa, M. Jerry, N. Önder, Y. Petry, T. Phenix, C. Pollard, C. Roche, J. Smith, A. Sterzuk, G. Sylvestre, B. Waytuck, C. Yost

Elected: E. Almehdawe, M. Argerami, J. Bird, K. Bracht, J. Brown, M. Chipanshi, L. Clune, I. Coulson, M. Coupal, M. Çule, M. Diamantopoulos, R. Doran, R. Dosselmann, Z. Du, O. El-Halfawy, H. Fay, C. Gelowitz, H. Guliani, B. Hall, M. Hart, O. Hoerber, M. Hrebenik, D. Hulston, S. Khan, C. Kulczycki, P. Leavitt, R. Manzon, V. Mathews, J. Melançon, F. Moasun, Z. Papandreou, W. Peng, R. Petry, R. Piercey, C. Polster, J. Purnis, C. Ramsay, M. Rennie, S. Russell, M. Rutten-James, N. Shariar, D. Sharpe, G. Sherbert, T. Shokirova, T. Sperlich, M. Stewart, D. Swapp, H. Weger, A. Wickson-Griffiths, C. Widdifield, S. Wilson, J. Xue, K. Yow, M. Zimmermann

Regrets: M. Brigham, P. Bruno, J. deLugt, J. Demers, A. Hodson, J. Keshen, F. Pirbhai-Illich, C. Schultz

Recorder: S. Stewart

The meeting was called to order at 2:31 p.m. by the Interim Provost and Vice-President (Academic), Dr. David Gregory. Dr. Gregory expressed regrets for President Keshen who was attending UR Days in Melfort, Saskatchewan.

In keeping with the University's commitment to Reconciliation, the Chair acknowledged that the University is located on Treaty 4 territory 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

C. Pollard – C. Roche

Moved that the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Minutes of Meeting of 25 January 2023

N. Önder – C. Ramsay

Moved that the minutes be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes – None.

4. Remarks from the Chair

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

- Update on recruitment and retention initiatives
- International recruitment initiatives, including an upcoming visit to India
- Update on preparation of the 2023-2024 budget, including planning of budget fora for the University community

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

Discussion followed. Topics of discussion included:

- Involvement of the Council and its committees (including the Council Committee on Budget and Council Committee on Research) in understanding the impact of budget reductions, and advising on budget principles and allocations
- Concern that the budget process for 2023-2024 felt rushed, given that enrolment activity was known in the fall
- With static government funding and enrolment challenges, faculty and staff are asked to "do more with less"; we must be mindful of employee health and well-being
- There is a great deal of expertise among members of the University community who have institutional knowledge and can assist with solving some of our current challenges, such as those related to retention, residences, etc. The Provost committed to following up on this matter.

A Councillor expressed appreciation for the University's decision to rescind the honorary doctorate of Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond, recently approved by the University Senate.

5. Report from the University Secretary

The University Secretary announced that the deadline for the call for nominations to Executive of Council has been extended to allow for receipt of additional nominations.

6. Reports from Committees of Council

6.1 Council Committee on Academic Mission, Appendix I, Pages 2-4

L. Clune presented the report on behalf of the Council Committee on Academic Mission.

L. Clune – N. Önder

Moved that Executive of Council approve the Terms of Reference for the Council Committee on Academic Mission.

Discussion followed. Topics of discussion included:

- Committee rationale for changing the terms of reference, including broadening the terms of reference to reflect CCAM's involvement in the academic planning process
- Executive of Council's role in approving the terms of reference of Council Committees

After discussion, it was recommended that point 4. of the terms of reference be amended:

"... regular consultation with ~~the~~ academic planning committees or the academic planning leads and advise..."

The question was called on motion, with the amended wording proposed at the meeting.

CARRIED
1 Opposed

6.2 Council Committee on Budget, Appendix II, Page 5

M. Çule presented the report on behalf of the Council Committee on Budget.

Discussion followed. Topics of discussion included:

- Council Committee on Budget's advisory role in the budget development process, and their recent activities
- Changes to the previous budget development process since the pandemic, and the need to analyze and adjust after completion of this budget cycle

The report was received for information.

6.3 Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies, Appendix III, Pages 6-13

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

6.3.1 Faculty of Arts

Economics Major Programs – Revisions

J. D'Arcy – M. Çule

Moved to add ECON 280 in the list of courses with a major writing component that is required for all Economics Major Programs, effective 202330.

CARRIED

6.3.2 Faculty of Education

Elementary Pre-K-5 Bachelor of Education After Degree (BEAD) Program – Revision

J. D’Arcy – M. Hart

Moved that the two year (60 credit hours) Elementary PreK-5 BEAD program be revised, effective 202330.

CARRIED

Faculty of Education Dean’s Honours List – Revision

J. D’Arcy – T. Sperlich

Moved to revise the Faculty of Education Dean’s Honours List regulation, effective 202330.

CARRIED

6.3.3 Registrar’s Office

Instructor Responsibilities – Calendar Revision

J. D’Arcy – A. Douai

Moved to revise instructor responsibilities in the Academic Regulations section of the Undergraduate Academic Calendar, effective immediately.

Discussion followed. Topics of discussion included:

- Confusion about treatment of Sunday when setting deadlines, given that the academic calendar indicates that fall and winter breaks end on Saturday. J. D’Arcy noted that this would be clarified in a future calendar update
- Recognition that the breaks result in additional challenges for students faced with a “pile up” of assignments due immediately prior to and after the break
- Confirmation that the regulation is not relevant for co-op, practicum, internship, and other similar placements

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Undergraduate Student Leave of Absence – New Calendar Regulation

J. D’Arcy – A. Douai

Moved to approve the Leave of Absence regulations to be added to the Academic Regulations section of the Undergraduate Academic Calendar, effective immediately.

CARRIED

7. Graduand Lists

These lists were distributed confidentially prior to the meeting.

7.1 Graduand Lists for Approval

S. Dea – B. Waytuck

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 – None

9. Adjournment – C. Pollard (3:39 p.m.)



Glenys Sylvestre
Executive Director (University Governance) and University Secretary