

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**Ex Officio:** E. Aito, H. Chaudhry, P. Choi, J. Cranston, J. D’Arcy, D. Dick, A. Douai, D. Farenick, J. Farney, D. Ford, d. Gregory, J. Keshen, N. Önder, Y. Petry, T. Phenix, C. Pollard, H. Riemer, C. Rocke, C. Schultz, J. Smith, G. Sylvestre, B. Waytuck, C. Yost

**Elected:** E. Almehdawe, M. Argerami, A. Armstrong, J. Bird, K. Bracht, J. Brown, L. Clune, M. Çule, J. DeLugt, J. Demers, R. Dosselmann, Z. Du, O. El-Halfawy, B. Hall, M. Hart, A. Hodson, D. Hulston, S. Khan, C. Kulczycki, D. Lane, P. Leavitt, V. Mathews, J. Melançon, F. Moasun, Z. Papandreou, W. Peng, R. Petry, R. Piercey, C. Ramsay, V. Ramshaw, M. Rennie, K. Ricketts, B. Rossow-Kimball, A. Sardarli, N. Shahriar, D. Sharpe, T. Shokirova, T. Sperlich, D. Stilling, D. Swapp, H. Weger. C. Widdifield, S. Wilson, J. Xue, K. Yow

**Regrets:** M. Brigham, P. Bruno, L. Campbell, I. Coulson, M. Coupal, S. Dea, G. Grandy, H. Guiliani, S. Helewa, E. Matthews, J. Purnis, G. Russell, G. Sherbert, M. Stewart

**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 territory with a presence in Treaty 6. These are the territories of the nêhiyawak, Anihşināpēk, Dakota, Lakota, and Nakoda, and the traditional homeland of the Métis/Michif Nation.

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

The Chair requested the addition of 7.1.3 Graduate Lists for Approval – Centre for Continuing Education.

C. Schultz – Z. Papandreou

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

CARRIED

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**2. Approval of the Minutes of Meeting of 29 March 2023**

P. Leavitt – d. Gregory

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

CARRIED

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

**4. Remarks from the Chair**

President Keshen provided an update on recent activities, including:

- Update on arrival of incoming Provost and Vice-President (Academic)
- The 2023-2024 University of Regina budget will be approved by the Board later this week
- Domestic and international student recruitment and enrolment update
- Recent initiatives to offer dual credit opportunities for high school students in various school divisions in Saskatchewan
- Recent signing of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Great Plains Regional College
- Potential repurposing of space, rather than new builds on campus to meet specific space needs

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

- Potential to renovate and repurpose certain unused residence space, often dormitory style without cooking facilities
- Opportunities to improve food services on campus, including availability during summer, evenings, and weekends

**5. Report from the University Secretary**

The University Secretary announced that the deadline for volunteers for vacancies on the Council Committees will close shortly. In addition, the call for nominations for the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research representatives on Executive of Council will be announced shortly.

**6. Reports from Committees of Council**

**6.1 Council Committee on the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, Appendix II, Pages 3-26**

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

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6.1.1 Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

English Language Proficiency Test – Duolingo English Test

A. Douai – P. Leavitt

**Moved that** the online Duolingo English Test (DET) with a minimum score of 120 for all programs except Media Studies & Media Production, and English where 135 is the minimum, as well as La Cité Universitaire Francophone where an English test is not required, be accepted as an approved test of proficiency in English (ELP) for graduate admission, on a permanent basis.

Discussion followed. Topics of discussion included:

- Clarification that the DET was added as an approved test during the pandemic and does not replace any other ELP tests
- Differences in required proficiency scores for Graduate and Undergraduate students and also for different programs
- Centre for Continuing Education will be bringing forward a motion to a future meeting for their English as an Additional Language (EAL) programs

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

6.2 Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies

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

6.2.1 Faculty of Business Administration

New Admission Status – Faculty of Business Administration Qualifying Status

J. D’Arcy – M. Rennie

**Moved that** a Qualifying Status be initiated on a three-year trial wherein applicants to Faculty of Business Administration undergraduate programs who meet all admissions requirements with the exception that they are lacking one of the required high school courses will be admitted to their program with qualifying status, as described below, effective 202330.

CARRIED

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6.2.2 Faculty of Education

Program Revisions - Le Baccalauréat en éducation

J. D'Arcy – K. Ricketts

**Moved that** Le Baccalauréat en éducation élémentaire, après diplôme, and Baccalauréat en éducation (DFRN) programs be revised, effective 202430.

CARRIED

Program Revisions – Secondary Bachelor of Education After Degree Program General Science Major

J. D'Arcy – A. Armstrong

**Moved that** revisions be made to the Secondary BEd After Degree (BEAD) General Science Major (60 credit hours), effective 202430.

CARRIED

Undergraduate Calendar Revisions – Faculty Action

J. D'Arcy – A. Armstrong

**Moved that** the Faculty Action/ Sanctions de la Faculté and Academic and Professional Development/ Développement scolaire et professionnel sections of the Undergraduate Calendar be revised, effective 202330.

It was clarified that revisions to faculty action are being updated to align the calendar with current practices for all Education students. The revisions are correcting an inaccuracy in the Undergraduate Calendar.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Program Revisions – Literature Education Major and Minor

J. D'Arcy – A. Armstrong

**Moved that** the requirements of the Literature Education (ELIT) Major and Minor in the Arts Education Secondary program be revised, effective 202330.

CARRIED

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6.2.3 Faculty of Science

Revisions – Residency and Transfer Credit

J. D’Arcy – D. Farenick

**Moved that** the Faculty of Science’s “Residency and Transfer Credit” regulation be revised, effective 202330.

CARRIED

Program Revision – Bachelor of Science Honours in Geology

J. D’Arcy – D. Farenick

**Moved that** the requirements for the major in Geology in the Bachelor of Science Honours be revised, effective 202330.

CARRIED

Program Revisions – Bachelor of Science Honours in Statistics

J. D’Arcy – D. Farenick

**Moved that** the requirements for the major in Statistics in the Bachelor of Science Honours be revised, effective 202330.

It was clarified that “Python” is a programming language used in Computer Science.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

6.2.4 UR International and Enrolment Services

English Language Proficiency Test – Duolingo English Test

J. D’Arcy – J. Smith

**Moved that** the Duolingo Online English Test be accepted as an approved test of proficiency in English for undergraduate admissions (with the exception of the Faculty of Nursing).

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 – N. Önder

**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** – d. Gregory (3:11 p.m.)

Glenys Sylvestre

Executive Director (University Governance) and University Secretary