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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF REGINA COUNCIL
28 FEBRUARY 2024
ADMINISTRATION HUMANITIES BUILDING BOARDROOM 527 AND WEB CONFERENCING**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ex-Officio: E. Aito, L. Campbell, P. Choi, J. D’Arcy, S. Dea, D. Dick, I. Dostaler, A. Douai, D. Farenick, D. Ford, J. Keshen, S. Khan, J. Nahachewsky, N. Önder, Y. Petry, T. Phenix, C. Pollard, C. Rocke, C. Schultz, J. Smith, G. Sylvestre, B. Waytuck, C. Yost

Elected: E. Almehdawe, M. Argerami, A. Armstrong, C. Bakker, J. Brown, P. Bruno, I. Coulson, M. Coupal, M. Çule, M. Dalrymple, M. DeCoste, J. Demers, R. Dosselmann, O. El-Halfawy, L. French, S. Gaudet, B. Green, B. Hall, A. Hodson, O. Hoeber, C. Kulczucki, D. Lane, P. Leavitt, B. Lichtenwald, M. MacKinnon, A. Magnon, R. Manzon, E. Matthews, V. Matthews, E. McNair, D. Meban, J. Melançon, A. Mudde, A. Oehler, W. Peng, R. Petry, K. Phillips, V. Ramshaw, M. Rennie, C. Riegel, B. Rossow-Kimball, S. Russell, M. Rutten-James, A. Sardarli, N. Shariar, D. Sharpe, J. Siemer, T. Sperlich, D. Stilling, D. Swapp, M. Trussler, L. Tiggelers, G. Vujanovic, S. Wilson, H. Weger

Guest: J. Barden

Regrets: J. Bird, H. Chaudhry, J. deLugt, M. Diamantopoulous, S. Khan, A. Hancock, M. Hart, B. Tomin

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 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

The Chair requested the addition of Item 3 as part of the Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies materials, “Faculty of Kinesiology and Health Studies Distance-Delivered Final Exams – Undergraduate Calendar Update.” The materials were circulated to Executive of Council In advance of the meeting.

D. Stilling – M. DeCoste

Moved that the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Minutes of Meeting of 24 January 2024

P. Choi – O. Hoeber

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:

- Attendance at various recruitment events in Saskatchewan
- Attendance tomorrow, along with Lori Campbell, at an Indigenous post-secondary education forum
- Rebranding of Campus Security to Protective Services, with a lessened focus on “policing”
- July 1st marks the beginning of the University of Regina 50th anniversary events
- Recent student successes, both academically and athletically
- Second annual Big Hearts Bake Sale was a success raising over \$6,000 toward student emergency aid
- Announcement of the re-envisioned journalism program and the creative technologies program
- Recent meetings with the provincial government, including related to capital and operating needs, and anticipated consultation on a new multi-year funding agreement
- Update on the 2024-25 University budget process
- Update on food services
- Renovation of the Administration Humanities Pit and adjoining space
- New federal regulations limiting the issuing of study permits to Canadian post-secondary institutions, and cautious approach to permanent commitments due to uncertainty of impact

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

- Allocation of study permits to Saskatchewan post-secondary institutions is still unknown. The University continues to advocate to the government, and also consider strategies to increase acceptance rates
- Residence vacancies and comparability to non-university rental rates
- Opportunity to explore expanded/different offerings (i.e. grocery store, grocery shuttle) as part of food services re-envisioning
- Planned engagement with new food service vendors to ensure expectations, including in relation to staffing and service

5. Report from the University Secretary

The University Secretary announced that the call for nominations to Executive of Council will be issued shortly and encouraged members to consider putting their names forward or encouraging others to be a part of Executive of Council.

6. Reports from Committees of Council

6.1 Consent Items, Appendix I, Pages 2-8

The following 4 motions were presented as an omnibus motion.

J. D'Arcy – A. Douai

6.1 Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies

6.1.1 Faculty of Education

Physical Education Major, Physical Education Major (BEAD), and the Secondary BEd/BKin Joint Program – Program Restrictions

That the EFLD 060 (PLACE) (0) requirement be removed from the following programs: Secondary BEd Program Physical Education Major (EPE) (120 Credit Hours), Secondary BEd After Degree (BEAD) Program Physical Education Major (EPE) (60 credit hours), and Secondary BEd/BKin Joint Program Physical Education Major/Physical Literacy Major (150 Credit Hours), effective 202430.

6.1.2 Faculty of Media, Art, and Performance

Minor in Creative Technologies – Program Revision

To revise the Minor in Creative Technologies, effective 202520.

Bachelor of Arts in Creative Technologies – Program Revision

To revise the Bachelor of Arts in Creative Technologies, effective 202520.

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Creative Technologies – Program Revision

To remove 3 credit hours from Open Electives and add CTCH 209/DES 209 Fundamentals of Creative Practice to the BFA in Creative Technologies, effective 202520.

The question was called on the omnibus motion.

CARRIED

6.2 Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies

6.2.1 Faculty of Media, Art, and Performance

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Devised Performance & Theatre Creation and
Bachelor of Arts in Drama & Theatre Studies – Admission Requirements

J. D’Arcy – D. Dick

Moved to implement an interview and letter of intent as entrance requirements for students coming into the BFA in Devised Performance & Theatre Creation and the BA in Drama & Theatre Studies. The letter of intent may be written or take the form of a video recording of the applicant discussing their intent in applying to our program(s), effective 202520.

CARRIED

6.2.2 Registrar’s Office

Awarding of Concurrent and Additional Degrees, Diplomas, and Certificates
– Undergraduate Calendar Revision

J. D’Arcy – R. Manzon

Moved that changes to the Awarding of Concurrent and Additional Degrees, Diplomas, and Certificates be approved, effective 202420.

CARRIED

Exam Regulations – Undergraduate Calendar Update

J. D’Arcy – R. Manzon

Moved that revisions to Exams Regulations be approved, effective 202420.

P. Bruno spoke to the materials he prepared for Executive of Council, noting some updated information from recent experience.

Discussion followed. Topics of discussion included:

- Online examinations and their contribution to a “cheating culture”; a move to in-person examinations is expected to greatly reduce incidences of academic misconduct
- Number of students who are taking courses from a distance (outside Regina and immediate area) is limited

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- Significant time must be spent reviewing Proctortrack videos
 - Commitment by the Provost to assist academic units and/or the Registrar's Office with funding that may be required for implementation
 - Analysis prepared by CCE note challenges that may result, and considerations to assist with implementation
 - There is a working group looking at better online invigilation tools, which may assist those who choose to continue with online exams
 - Much work to do on logistics, including responsibilities of students, instructors, academic units, Registrar's Office
 - Note that #6 in the proposed Exam Scheduling regulations regarding inclusion in UR Self-Service (page 16 of the package) is not feasible, especially in light of full-year registration
 - Consideration of processes already in place to support remote students, athletes who are away, etc. that may inform implementation of these revised regulations

Concerns were raised regarding the proposed effective date of the new regulations. Some academic units would prefer more time to understand the required logistics, as well as the impact on students. As such, a subsidiary motion was introduced to modify the wording of the main motion:

T. Sperlich – J. Melançon

Moved that the motion be amended to change the effective date to 202430.

Discussion on the subsidiary motion followed. Topics of discussion included:

- Deans will require more guidance to understand the regulations and their impacts, prior to making these changes
- Changes to exam delivery modality is optional, and academic units can choose to require in-person final exams effective Spring 2024, in a later term, or not at all
- Concern that there may be confusion to students with implementation of this regulation at this time
- If some faculties are ready to implement, they should not be prevented from moving ahead

The question was called on the subsidiary motion.

DEFEATED
12 In Favour
28 Opposed

Discussion resumed on the main motion and included:

- Risks to the University by not permitting in-person examinations for online or remote courses
- Significant workload attached to proctored examinations

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED
3 Opposed

6.2.3 Faculty of Kinesiology and Health Studies

Faculty of Kinesiology and Health Studies Distance-Delivered Final Exams – Undergraduate Calendar Update

As a result of the approval of the revised Exam Regulations, The Acting Dean of Kinesiology and Health Studies requested that the proposed regulation on distanced delivered final exams be postponed to a future meeting of Executive of Council, in order to allow the Faculty to make adjustments to better conform with the institutional regulation.

7. **Graduand Lists**

The lists were distributed confidentially prior to the meeting and are appended to the Official File.

7.1 **Graduand Lists for Approval**

M. DeCoste – C. Kulczycki

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** – G. Sherbert (4:14 p.m.)

Glenys Sylvestre
University Secretary