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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ex-Officio: E. Aito, L. Campbell, P. Choi, J. D’Arcy, D. Dick, I. Dostaler, D. Ford, J. Kehsen (Chair), S. Khan, J. Nahachewsky, N. Önder, Y. Petry, T. Phenix, C. Pollard, C. Rocke, C. Schultz, A. Sterzuk, G. Sylvestre C. Yost

Elected: E. Almehdawe, A. Armstrong, C. Bakker, J. Brown, P. Bruno, L. Clune, I. Coulson, M. Coupal, J. DeLugt, J. Demers, M. Diamantopoulos, O. El-Halfawy, S. Gaudet, B. Green, O. Hoeber, D. Hulston, S. Khan, C. Kulczycki, M. MacKinnon, A. Magnan, V. Matthews, E. McNair, J. Melançon, A. Mudde, W. Peng, K. Phillips, C. Polster, V. Ramshaw, S. Russell, M. Rutten-James, N. Shariar, D. Sharpe, G. Sherbert, T. Sperlich, L. Tiggelers, B. Tomin, M. Trussler, G. Vujanovic, C. Widdifield, S. Wilson, K. Yow

Regrets: H. Chaudhry, L. French, M. Jerry, P. Leavitt, C. Ramsay, A. Sardarli, J. Seinen, J. Smith, B. Waytuck

Guests: S. Hirani, L. Hoeber, X. Ji

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 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 7.2 “Correction of Error to Previously Approved Graduate List.”

G. Sherbert – G. Vujanovic

Moved that the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

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

G. Vujanovic – L. Hoerber

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 Fall 2024 enrolment
- Upcoming recruitment events, including UR Days
- The Spring Convocation Ceremonies will be held on June 12, 13, and 14
- Update on major capital project initiatives
- Employee engagement survey results
- Upcoming 50th anniversary events, including the launch of the new website
- Update on the one day sit-in in support of Palestine and other student encampments
- The 2nd annual Turtle Island Indigenous Science Conference (TIISC), hosted by the University of Regina and Faculty of Science, in partnership with First Nations University of Canada and the File Hills Qu'Appelle Tribal Council

5. Report from the University Secretary

The Spring Convocation ceremony will be held on Wednesday, June 12, Thursday, June 13, and Friday, June 14th at the Centre for Kinesiology Health and Sport. All are encouraged to attend and we look forward to seeing everyone at the ceremony.

6. Reports from Committees of Council

6.1 Consent Items, Appendix I, Page 2-16

The following 11 motions were presented as an omnibus motion.

A. Douai – J. D'Arcy

6.1.1 Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies

6.1.1.1 Faculty of Media, Art, and Performance

Certificate in Administration – Program Revision

Moved that the requirements for the Certificate in Administration be revised, effective 202520.

6.1.1.2 Centre for Continuing Education

Certificate in Reconciliation Studies – Program Revision

Moved to Certificate in Reconciliation Studies, effective 202520.

6.1.2 Council Committee on the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

6.1.2.1 Faculty of Business Administration

Levene Master of Business Administration – Program Revision

Moved that the Levene Master of Business Administration (MBA) in General Management be renamed Master of Business Administration (MBA), effective 202520.

Master’s Certificate in Human Resource Management – Program Revisions

Moved that GBUS 838 - Research Methods in Management be included as an elective course in the Master Certificate in Human Resource Management, effective 202430.

6.1.2.2 Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

Application Deadlines – Graduate Calendar Change

Moved that the Application Deadlines section of the Graduate Calendar be updated to provide more information to students, effective immediately.

Application Requirements – Graduate Calendar Change

Moved that the Application Requirements section in the Graduate Calendar be updated, effective immediately.

Eligibility to Register – Graduate Calendar Change

Moved that the Eligibility to Register information within the UR Self Service Online Registration section of the Graduate Calendar be revised to be in line with undergraduate eligibility, effective immediately.

6.1.2.3 Faculty of Media, Art, and Performance

Master of Fine Arts in Media and Artistic Research – Program Revision

Moved that the Interdisciplinary Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in Media and Artistic Research (research and exhibition) be changed, effective 202520.

Master of Fine Arts in Visual Arts – Program Revision

Moved that that Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in Visual Arts (research and

exhibition) be changed, effective 202520.

Master of Fine Arts in Film Production – Program Revision

Moved that the Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in Film Production Program (research and exhibition) be changed, effective 202520.

6.1.2.4 Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy

Master of Public Administration (Internship Route) – Program Revision

Moved to correct the title and program template of the Master of Public Administration – Internship Program Route, effective immediately.

The question was called on the omnibus motion.

CARRIED

The remainder of the report was received for information.

6.2 Council Committee on the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research and Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies, Appendix II, Pages 17-19

J. D’Arcy presented the report on behalf of the Committees.

6.2.1 2026-2027 Academic Schedule

J. D’Arcy – A. Douai

Moved that the 2026-2027 Academic Schedule be approved.

Discussion followed regarding the Fall term beginning no earlier than September 1st, which may or may not be prior to the Labour Day long weekend, and whether the scheduled break between the end of classes and beginning of finals will be held during the week or fall on the weekend.

All questions were addressed by the Registrar.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

6.3 Council Committee on the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

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

6.3.1 Faculty of Arts

Master of Arts in Applied History – New Program

A. Douai – T. Sperlich

Moved to create a Master of Arts in Applied History program, effective 202430.

CARRIED

6.3.2 Faculty of Business Administration

Master of Business Administration (Public Safety Management, International Business, and Engineering Management) – Program Discontinuation

A. Douai – S. Khan

Moved that the Master of Business Administration (MBA) – Public Safety Management, International Business, and Engineering Management be discontinued, effective immediately.

CARRIED

Certificate in Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Indigenization – New Program

A. Douai – S. Khan

Moved to create a Graduate Certificate in Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Indigenization, effective 202510.

CARRIED

6.3.3 Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

Conflict of Interest – Graduate Calendar Change

A. Douai – N. Önder

Moved to update the Conflict of Interest regulation related to Applicants for Graduate Programs who are, or are Closely Associated with, U of R Staff, effective immediately.

CARRIED

6.4 Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies, Appendix IV, Pages 62-85

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

6.4.1 Faculty of Media, Art, and Performance

Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Arts Honours in Art History; Bachelor of Arts in

Cultures of Display, and Minors in Art History and Cultures of Display – Admission Suspension

J. D’Arcy – D. Dick

Moved to suspend admissions to the Bachelor of Arts in Art History; the BA Honours in Art History; the Bachelor of Arts in Cultures of Display; the Minor in Art History; and the Minor in Cultures of Display, effective 202510.

CARRIED

Bachelor of Arts in Art History and Curatorial Studies – New Program

J. D’Arcy – D. Dick

Moved to create the new Bachelor of Arts in Art History and Curatorial Studies, effective 202520.

CARRIED

Bachelor of Arts Honours in Art History and Curatorial Studies – New Program

J. D’Arcy – D. Dick

Moved to create the new Bachelor of Arts Honours in Art History and Curatorial Studies, effective 202520.

CARRIED

6.4.2 UNIV 001: University Preparedness – New Course

J.D’Arcy – N. Önder

Moved to approve the UNIV 001: University Preparedness Course, effective 202530.

Discussion followed. Topics of discussion included:

- Concerns that had been raised at previous discussions with Deans’ Council, and whether they were addressed in the current proposal
- How the tutorials offered in the course will be integrated with the tutorials offered by the Student Success Centre
- Rationale behind requiring a \$50 fee associated with the mandatory course
- Support for the course and its importance for incoming students

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

(3 Opposed – L Clune, C. Pollard, T. Sperlich)

6.4.3 Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies – Terms of Reference Revision

J. D’Arcy – A. Douai

Moved to approve the Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies (CCUAS) Terms of Reference, effective 202430.

CARRIED

6.5 Council Committee on Research, Appendix V, Pages 86-89

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

6.5.1 Research Chair – CIHR-PHAC Applied Public Health Chair – Beyond Disparities: Indigenous Wellness Through Health Research

S. Hirani – C. Yost

Moved that Executive of Council approve the creation of a new University of Regina Research Chair titled the “CIHR-PHAC Applied Public Health Chair - Beyond Disparities: Indigenous Wellness Through Health Research.”

A typo was noted on page 87 and 88 of the agenda item, will be corrected to: “*The Nanatawihowikamik Healing Lodge and Wellness Centre.*”

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

6.6 Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research Scholarships and Awards Committee, *Distributed Confidentially*

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

6.6.1 Governor’s General Academic Gold Medal

A. Douai – C. Yost

Moved that Elyssa Jeanne Tromp Loewen (Master of Science in Biology) be awarded the Governor General’s Academic Gold Medal.

CARRIED

6.7 Council Committee on Undergraduate Awards, *Distributed Confidentially*

J. D’Arcy presented the report on behalf of the Council Committee on Undergraduate Awards.

6.7.1 Governor General’s Academic Silver Medal

J. D’Arcy – A. Douai

Moved that that the Governor-General’s Academic Silver Medal for the 2024 Spring Convocation be awarded to Saeid Hooshyar from the Faculty of Science.

CARRIED

6.7.2 University Medal

J. D’Arcy – N. Önder

Moved that the University Medal for the 2024 Spring Convocation be awarded to Vanna Hung from the Faculty of Science.

CARRIED

6.7.3 President’s Medal

J. D’Arcy – P. Choi

Moved that the President’s Medal for the 2024 Spring Convocation be awarded to Mitchell Brough from the Faculty of Engineering & Applied Science.

CARRIED

6.8 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.

6.8.1 Honorary Degree Candidates for Addition to the Approved Roster

J. Keshen – P. Choi

Moved that the list of Honorary Degree Candidates in the Approved Roster be amended to include the additional candidate as presented.

CARRIED

6.8.2 University of Regina Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Hood

J. Keshen – A. Douai

Moved that a new University of Regina Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) hood be approved as follows:

- Custom-made black and royal blue velvet hood (traditional PhD colour), with inserts of gold and green satin (University of Regina colours), entire outside trim with green and gold layered.
 - o Note: The addition of the University of Regina crest embroidered in gold, to be placed on one or both sides at the bottom of the hood is being considered. A final decision will be made upon receipt and review of a sample hood.

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

J. D’Arcy – A. Douai

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

7.2 Correction of Error to Previously Approved Graduate List

J. D’Arcy – O. Hoeber

Moved to approve the correction of an error to the credentials of a previously approved graduate whose name appears on the list as distributed.

CARRIED

8. Other Business – None.

9. Adjournment – D. Dick (3:20 p.m.)

Glenys Sylvestre
University Secretary