

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF REGINA SENATE HELD FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18,
2019 IN THE BOARDROOM, FIFTH FLOOR, ADMINISTRATION-HUMANITIES BUILDING,
UNIVERSITY OF REGINA**

PRESENT: P. Klein (Chair), K. Addison, A. Adebajji, A. Adenuga, E. Aito, C. Akrigg, R. Aman, J. Anderson, O. Arnal, S. Baer, T. Beaudry-Mellor, R. Berthiaume, G. Blackmore, R. Bourassa, F. Boutin, D. Brundige, D. Brunskill, J. Bumbac, L. Chabot, T. Chase, V. Clarke, J. Cra nston, J. D'Arcy, K. Dietrich, D. Farenick, S. Fortman, J. Gallagher, W. Gowda, G. Grandy, d. Gregory, D. Hawryluk, B. Hillis, A. Henni (for E.Hussein), N. Jones, B. Kayseas, G. Keith, P. Kindred, H. King, R. Kleer, R. Krismer, R. Kullman, B. Lacey, C. Martin, K. Mazur, B. McClinton, T. McKague, K. McNutt, M. Mollenhauer, L. Mougeot, S. Myers, B. Nobert, N. Önder, G. Penney, V. Petry, M. Pioro, H. Riemer, A. Russell, J. Smith, A. Stadnek, R. Staseson, L. Sulz, D. Sydiaha, V. Timmons, F. Titanich, C. Toman, J. Tomkins, A. Wakabayashi, J. White, A. Young, K. Zawada

REGRETS: R. Andreychuk, S. Armstrong, G. Bamford, M. Barteski-Hoberg, D. Button, T. Fisher, S. Helewa, R. Jensen, R. Kies, K. Klippenstine, P. Leson, G. McCaffrey, H. McKerracker, D. Moen, V. Oriola, K. Owens, R. Palamarin, D. Paproski, L. Rosia, L. Ruschiensky, C. Scheidt, H. Singh, E. Strueby, B. Waytuck

GUESTS: J. Hindley, A. Opseth, M. Smadu

RESOURCES: P. Daniels (Recorder), G. Sylvestre

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. and introductions were made.

P. Klein thanked Past Chancellor Tomkins for his service to the University of Regina.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Hawryluk – Pioro

Moved approval of the agenda as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Approval of the Minutes of June 5, 2019 – *circulated with the Agenda*

Boutin – Mougeot

Moved approval of the minutes as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Business Arising from the Minutes – None

5. Optional Reports

5.1 Chancellor's Report

Chancellor Klein presented her report.

- The Chancellor welcomed all the new Senators and acknowledged retiring Senator, Dr. Judy White, Dean of the Faculty of Social Work.
- The 46th Annual Spring Convocation will have 758 Graduates. The Chancellor acknowledged the honorary degree recipient for Fall Convocation: Dr. Art Wakabayashi, Chancellor Emeritus.

5.2 President's Report

President Timmons presented a verbal report to Senate and reported on key messages:

- The President acknowledged that the University of Regina is situated on Treaty 4 territory, with a presence in Treaty 6.
- The President requested a moment of silence for Chancellor Emeritus Dr. William Ready and Dr. Gordon Staseson, honorary degree recipient.
- Student enrolment has reached an all-time high of 16,501, with the largest year-over-year percentage increase in 37 years.
- The President shared information on recent student success initiatives.
- College Avenue Campus revitalization is nearly complete and Darke Hall is scheduled to re-open in early 2021.
- The University has identified two key fundraising priorities: construction of a new business building, which is the top capital priority, and the Child Trauma Research Centre as the top operational priority.
- An anti-racism campaign was launched last spring, and is continuing this fall.
- The President shared information on the new strategic plan and expressed that Senators have an important role in its development.
- The "Big Hearts" Family Giving fundraising campaign is being launched over the next few months.

Following President Timmons' verbal report, Senators were invited to ask questions. Discussion followed regarding the operational vision of Darke Hall.

The President's written report will be circulated to Senators following the meeting.

5.3 University Secretary

5.3.1 2020 Senate Election, Appendix I, Page 3

G. Sylvestre presented the report for information and noted that the call for nominations will be advertised in the *Degrees* magazine and posted on the University of Regina website.

G. Sylvestre noted that nominations will be required for District 2 (Weyburn-Indian Head), District 8 (Dundurn-Delisle), District 9 (North Battleford-Prince Albert), and District 11 (Regina). For Districts 2, 9, 11, the incumbents are eligible for re-election and are welcome and encouraged to serve a second term.

6. Reports from Senate Committees

6.1 Senate Nominating Committee

6.1.1 Membership on Senate Standing and Faculty Council Committees, *For Approval*, Appendix II, Pages 4-8

R. Krismer presented the report on behalf of the Senate Nominating Committee.

Krismer – Bumbac

Moved that Senate approves the recommendation from the Senate Nominating Committee that the individuals whose names are designated with highlights on the attached report (Attachment A) be approved to fill the vacancies on Senate Standing and Faculty Council Committees for the terms indicated.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

6.2 Senate Affiliation and Federation Committee Report

6.2.1 Approval of the Minutes, *For Approval*, Appendix III, Pages 9-12

6.2.1.1 Minutes from E-Ballot of May 2, 2013
Minutes from Meeting of May 7, 2019

B. Hillis presented the report on behalf of the Senate Affiliation and Federation Committee.

Hillis – Gregory

Moved that Senate approves the Minutes from the Senate Affiliation and Federation Committee for the following:

May 2, 2013

May 7, 2019

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7. Items for Approval/Information from Executive of Council, Appendix VI, Pages 13-27

President Timmons presented the report.

7.1 Council Committee on the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

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7.1.1.1 Course Change

Timmons – Jones

Moved that the following courses credit and billing hours be changed from 6 to 0 effective 201930.

Arts 601 – Graduate Co-op Work Term I

Arts 602 – Graduate Co-op Work Term II

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.2 Council Committee on Research

7.2.1 Constitutional Change and Name Change for the Saskatchewan Instructional Development & Research Unit (SIDRU)

Timmons – Stadnek

Moved that the Faculty of Education's Faculty based research centre, formerly known as the "Saskatchewan Instructional Development Research Unit" (SIDRU) be renamed the "Centre for Educational Research, Collaboration, and Development."

Moved to adopt the revised constitution for the Faculty of Education's Faculty-based research centre.

A question was raised regarding the constitutional changes. Dean Cranston noted that there were changes to the responsibilities of the Provincial Advisory Board.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.3 Faculty of Arts

7.3.1 Faculty of Arts Renaming

Timmons – Kleer

Moved that the Faculty of Arts be renamed the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, effective 202120.

A question was raised whether other Canadian universities are also pursuing name changes. Dean Kleer responded that many of his counterparts are having similar discussions. He also noted the other names that were considered are highlighted on page 17 of the agenda.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

The remainder of the report was received for information. For further information on these items, please view Appendix IV, Pages 18-20 of the Agenda.

8. Briefs, Submissions or Recommendations from Elected or Appointed Senate Members

8.1 Board Members Elected by Senate, *Verbal Report*

Dr. A. Opseth and Dr. M. Smadu provided a brief update on the activities undertaken by the Board of Governors, which included the following:

At the July Board Meeting, the Board approved:

- The Annual Audited Financial Statements for the year ending April 30, 2019
- The 2018-2019 Annual Report
- The Performance Measurement Framework targets for 2019-2020

The Board also approved revisions to the:

- Health and Safety Policy
- Travel Policy
- Senate Bylaws

In addition, changes to the Board Officer and Standing Committee Memberships were approved with a new Board Chair, Roger Brandvold, and Dr. Marlene Smadu as the new Vice-Chair. Pam Klein will remain on the Board as the new Chancellor.

The Board also heard a presentation on Fundraising Campaign Readiness.

In July and September, the Board received updates on various capital projects, including:

- Accommodations Test Centre/Bookstore Reconfiguration Project
- Northwest Building Project
- Darke Hall Interior Project

At the September Board meeting, the Board approved:

- The 2019-2020 Committee and Board Terms of Reference and Annual Work Plans
- Actuarial Funding Valuation for the Pension Plan for the Academic and Administrative Employees

The Board also approved revisions to various policies, including:

- Internal Audit Policy
- Establishing Student Awards Policy

At the September Board Meeting, the Board heard a presentation on impact of the Investment in the College Avenue Campus renovation from Dr. Harvey King and Mr. Doug Moen.

The Board recently also recognized Elaine Bourassa with the Distinguished Service Award for her many contributions to the University of Regina.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Governors is scheduled for December.

The Chancellor thanked Dr. Opseth and Dr. Smadu for their update.

(There was a break at 9:40 a.m. and the meeting reconvened at 9:50 a.m.)

9. Academic and Administrative Reports

9.1 'Academic Integrity Committee' presentation by Dr. Richard Kleer, Dean, Faculty of Arts

Provost Chase introduced Dean Kleer to Senate.

Dr. Kleer provided an overview of the work of the Academic Integrity Committee. The presentation is [appended to the official file](#).

Discussion followed.

Topics of discussion included:

- Use of electronic devices in exam rooms
- Academic misconduct notations on transcripts
- Student workload
- Bridging the gap from high school to university
- Arts 099
- Course citation management software to assist students in preparing citations
- Student Success Centre workshops
- Next steps on the recommendations from the Academic Integrity Committee

All questions were addressed.

The Chancellor thanked Dean Kleer for the presentation.

9.2 Fall 2019 In-progress Report of Registrations and Graduation, *For Information*, Appendix V, Pages 28-38

J. Smith, Associate Vice-President (Student Affairs), presented the report for information and highlighted increases in headcount, Indigenous students, and international students.

Discussion followed.

Topics of discussion included:

- Decrease in Petroleum Engineering enrolments tied to loss of Saudi students
- Investment in tenure-track faculty to support increased student numbers
- Statistics on gender diversity in Faculties. Data is available on the Office of Resource Planning website.
- Increase in students with disabilities (self-declared)

All questions were addressed.

The Chancellor thanked J. Smith for his report.

10. Other Business

10.1 Next Meeting of Senate – 9:00 a.m., Friday, February 7, 2020

11. *In Camera* session – An *In Camera* session was not required.

12. Adjournment – Nobert (11:01 a.m.)



Glenys Sylvestre
Executive Director (University Governance) and University Secretary