

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF REGINA SENATE HELD WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2020
BY VIDEO CONFERENCE
UNIVERSITY OF REGINA**

PRESENT: P. Klein (Chair), K. Addison, A. Adebajji, E. Aito, J. Anderson, O. Arnal, S. Baer, G. Bamford, M. Barteski-Hoberg, R. Berthiaume, R. Bourassa, F. Boutin, D. Brundige, D. Brunskill, D. Button, L. Chabot, T. Chase, V. Clarke, J. Cranston, J. D’Arcy, K. Dietrich, R. Evans, D. Farenick, T. Fisher, S. Fortman, G. Grandy, d. Gregory, D. Hawryluk, S. Helewa, B. Hillis, Md A. Hossain, E. Hussein, N. Jones, B. Kayseas, G. Keith, R. Kies, P. Kindred, H. King, R. Kleer, K. Klippenstine, R. Krismer, R. Kullman, B. Lacey, G. Lagrandeur, C. Martin, K. Mazur, T. McKague, K. McNutt, P. Modi, D. Moen, M. Mollenhauer, L. Mougeot, B. Nobert, N. Önder, R. Palamarin, D. Paproski, M. Pioro, H. Riemer, C. Rocke, L. Rosia, L. Ruschiensky, A. Russell, J. Smith, A. Stadnek, R. Staseson, L. Sulz, F. Titanich, C. Toman, J. Tomkins, A. Wakabayashi, B. Waytuck, K. Zawada

REGRETS: S. Abhishek, A. Adenuga, C. Akrigg, R. Andreychuk, S. Armstrong, G. Blackmore, J. Bumbac, J. Gallagher, P. Leson, G. McCaffrey, B. McClinton, H. McKerracker, S. Myers, K. Olson, V. Oriola, K. Owens, V. Petry, C. Scheidt, E. Strueby, D. Sydiaha, A. Young

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

RESOURCES: P. Daniels (Recorder), S. Martin (Technical Assistance), G. Sylvestre

1. Call to Order – 9:33 a.m.

The Chancellor thanked the leadership team for all the work undertaken since declaration of the COVID 19 pandemic. The Chancellor recognized the work of Dr. T. Chase, and also provided a welcome to individuals in new roles – Dr. d. Gregory, Interim Provost and Dr. R. Evans, Interim Dean, Faculty of Nursing. She congratulated Dr. K. McNutt on her full-term appointment as Vice President (Research).

2. Approval of the Agenda

Brunskill – Farenick

Moved approval of the agenda as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Approval of the Minutes of February 7, 2020 – *circulated with the Agenda*

Adebajji – Addison

Moved approval of the minutes as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

4.1 Faculty of Arts renaming, Verbal Update

Dean R. Kleer reported that the Faculty of Arts has decided to postpone its change of name to the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences from May 1, 2021 to May 1, 2022, due to the time required to undertake additional planning and academic modifications related to COVID 19 impacts on the priorities of the Faculty.

5. Optional Reports

5.1 Chancellor's Report

Chancellor Klein provided a verbal report to Senate, including:

- The Chancellor welcomed the new student members and acknowledged the student members who completed their terms as of April 30, 2020.
- A welcome was provided to G. Lagrandeur, the new representative of the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities.
- The Chancellor thanked Dr. R. Kleer and Dr. H. King for their years of service to the University.
- The Chancellor also expressed her continued focus on linking campus to community and community to campus. She noted that activities and engagement have been limited due to COVID 19, however she has attended several Senate Committee meetings.

5.2 President's Report

Dr. Chase provided a verbal report to Senate, including:

- Dr. Chase thanked Senators for attending by Zoom and staying engaged.
- Dr. Chase noted that Convocation ceremonies would normally follow this Senate meeting; however, due to the restrictions of COVID 19, the University is recognizing our graduates in other ways.
- Dr. Chase indicated that his goal as Interim President is the stability and safety of the University community to ensure needs of students, faculty and staff are met.
- In addition to a number of committees engaged in assessment of research, course delivery and operations in light of COVID 19, the University has also engaged a small team (the University Recovery Planning Group) to advise the Executive Team on potential long-term impacts of COVID 19, and assist with planning and risk mitigation.
- The University continues to focus on student financial support, and student employment opportunities on campus.

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- The University released a balanced budget, containing a 0% tuition increase. This was possible due to government support, strong enrolments and careful financial management.
 - Dr. Chase thanked the Senate for their input to the Strategic Plan, which has been approved by the Board of Governors.
 - Dr. Chase personally thanked Dr. R. Kleer and Dr. H. King for their service to the University. He also noted the new appointments of the Dean of Arts, Director of CCE, and Vice-President (Research).

Following Dr. Chase's verbal report, Senators were invited to ask questions. The President's written report will be circulated to Senators following the meeting.

The Chancellor thanked Dr. Chase for his report to Senate.

5.3 University Secretary, Appendix I, p. 3

5.3.1 Senate District Representatives, *For Information*

G. Sylvestre reported that the following persons were declared elected by acclamation:

District 2 (Weyburn-Indian Head) – Patti Kindred

District 9 (North Battleford-Prince Albert) – Robert Krismer

District 11 (Regina) – Bryan Lacey, Greg Bamford

No nominations were received for District 8; however, it was noted that within the Senate material, a solution for this continuing vacancy has been recommended.

5.3.2 Representative of Senate elected to the Board of Governors, *For Information*

G. Sylvestre reported that Dr. Marlene Smadu was elected by acclamation to serve from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2023.

G. Sylvestre congratulated the returning District members and Dr. M. Smadu.

6. Reports from Senate Committees

6.1 Senate Nominating Committee Report

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

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

A typographical error was noted in B. Lacey's given name. This will be corrected in the final version of the document.

Krismer – Kleer

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 Membership and Elections Committee Report

6.2.1 Amendment to the District Boundaries, *For Approval*, Appendix III, pp. 9-11

D. Farenick presented the report on behalf of the Senate Membership and Elections Committee.

Farenick – Waytuck

That Senate approves the recommendation of the Senate Membership and Elections Committee to adjust the Senate district boundaries to:

- *Expand the boundaries of District 12 (Saskatoon) to include District 8 (Dundurn-Delisle), and rename this district to District 6 (Saskatoon and Area); and*
- *Renumber the current District 6 (Melville-Yorkton-Hudson Bay) to District 8 (Melville-Yorkton-Hudson Bay); and*
- *Allocate 3 members of Senate to District 11 (Regina); and as a result*
- *Reduce the number of Senate Districts from 12 to 11, but retain 14 members of Senate as district representatives.*

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

6.3 Senate Bylaws Committee Report

6.3.1 Senate Bylaws – Revisions, *For Approval*, Appendix IV, pp. 12-65

R. Berthiaume presented the report on behalf of the Senate Bylaws Committee.

Berthiaume – Chabot

That Senate approves the revisions to the Senate Bylaws as presented in Attachment A.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7. Items from Executive of Council, *For Approval/Information*, Appendix V, pp.66-147

7.1 COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON THE FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH

7.1.1 Faculty of Arts

7.1.1.1 Justice Studies Program (Thesis-Based) Admission Suspension

Chase - Kleer

Moved that the admissions to the Masters of Arts in Justice Studies (thesis-based) and the Master of Arts in Police Studies (thesis-based) programs be suspended for a period of 2 years effective immediately.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.1.2 Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science

7.1.2.1 Program Name Change – PhD in Process Systems Engineering (PSEng) – Thesis after Bachelor’s Degree

Chase – Hussein

That the PhD in PSEng (thesis) program be changed to PhD in Process Systems Engineering (PSEng) – Thesis after Bachelor’s degree, effective 202030.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.1.3 Faculty of Nursing

7.1.3.1 Course Change – NURS 900AA-ZZ

Chase – Evans

That the NURS 900AA-ZZ – Special Topics in Nursing course change, effective 202020.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.1.4 Faculty of Science

7.1.4.1 Credit Hour Changes – CS 601/602

Chase – Farenick

That the credit hours for the following two courses be changed, effective 202030.

CS 601–Graduate Co-op Work Term I

CS 602–Graduate Co-op Work Term II

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.2 COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS AND STUDIES

7.2.1 Faculty of Arts

7.2.1.1 Admission Requirements to the Department of Economics

Chase – Kleer

To make the following revisions to the Canadian High School, Universities and Colleges (Including Transfers from other University of Regina Faculties), and Outside Canada admission requirements for Economics, effective 202110.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.2.2 Faculty of Arts and Faculty of Science

7.2.2.1 Revisions to the Geography and Environmental Studies Programs

Chase – Farenick

To revise the Bachelor of Geographic Information Science; minor in Geographic Information Science; Bachelor of Science in Environmental Geoscience; and Bachelor of Science Honours in Environmental Geoscience program requirements to include the GES course name and prefixes, effective 202120.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.2.2.2 Geography and Environmental Studies Admissions Suspension

Chase – Kleer

To suspend admissions to the following programs in Geography and Environmental Studies, effective 202120.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.2.2.3 Creation of New Geography and Environmental Studies Program

Chase – Kleer

To create the Bachelor of Arts (BA) and Bachelor of Arts Honours (BA Hons) in Geography and Environmental Studies; the Bachelor of Science (BSc) and Bachelor of Science Honours (BSc Hons) in Geography and Environmental Studies; and a Minor in Geography and Environmental Studies, effective 202120.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.2.3 FACULTY OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

7.2.3.1 New Certificate – Ideation, Creativity, and Entrepreneurship Certificate

Chase – Boutin

To create a new Ideation, Creativity, and Entrepreneurship (ICE) certificate, effective 202030.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.2.4 FACULTY OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND CENTRE FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION

7.2.4.1 Revision to the Certificate in Hospitality, Tourism, Gaming and Entertainment Management

Chase – Grandy

That the required course in the Certificate in Hospitality, Tourism, Gaming and Entertainment Management be revised, effective 202030.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.2.5 FACULTY OF EDUCATION

7.2.5.1 Revision to Admission Requirements

Chase – Stadnek

That the following information be added to the Education portion of the additional requirement of the Admission Requirements of the Undergraduate Calendar, effective 202030.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.2.5.2 Program Deletion – Nantes Collaborative Program

Chase – Cranston

To delete the Nantes Collaborative Program, effective 202030.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.2.5.3 Revision to the Arts Education Program

Chase – Hawryluk

That the Four-Year Bachelor of Education (BEd) and Two-Year Agree Degree in the Arts Education program templates be revised as outlined below, effective 202030.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.2.6 FACULTY OF SCIENCE

7.2.6.1 Revision to Admission Requirements – Science Qualifying Program

Chase – Farenick

To update the admission requirements to the Science Qualifying Program for applicants from outside of Canada as outlined in the table below, effective 202030.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.2.6.2 Residency and Transfer Credit Revisions

Chase - Farenick

To make the following changes to the Residency and Transfer Credit section in the Undergraduate Calendar, effective 202030.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.2.6.3 Science Qualifying Process Revisions

Chase – Farenick

To update the requirements of the Faculty of Science Qualifying Process as outlined below, effective 202030.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.2.7 FACULTY OF SOCIAL WORK

7.2.7.1 Revisions to the Admission Requirements for the Bachelor of Indigenous Social Work (BISW) and Certificate of Indigenous Social Work (CISW)

Chase – Rocke

To make the following admission requirements revisions to the Bachelor of Indigenous Social Work (BISW) and Certificate in Indigenous Social Work (CISW).

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.2.7.2 Program Grade Point Average (PGPA) for Graduation in Indigenous Social Work Programs

Chase – Rocke

To increase the PGPA from 65% to 70% for graduate purposes for Certificate in Indigenous Social Work and the Bachelor of Indigenous Social Work, effective 202120.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.2.7.3 Aurora Certificate in Social Work (CSW)

Chase – Sulz

To assign a completion date of August 31, 2020 for the Aurora Certificate in Indigenous Social Work (CSW), and remove most CSW references from the Calendar, effective 202030.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.2.7.4 Admission for U of R Certificate in Social Work (CSW) Graduates to the Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)

Chase – Rocke

To add a statement to the Calendar clarifying the BSW Admission process for graduates of the former U of R CSW (not Aurora CSW) program, effective 202030.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.2.8 CENTRE FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION

7.2.8.1 Admission from Universities and Colleges (Including Transfer from Other University of Regina Faculties)

Chase – King

To include language around post-secondary admission requirements for undergraduate certificate programs in the Admissions section, page 17 of the 2020-21 Undergraduate Calendar as outlined, effective 202110.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.2.9 LA CITÉ UNIVERSITAIRE FRANCOPHONE

7.2.9.1 New Pathway – Integrated Pathway: La Cité and University of Ottawa

Chase – Aito

That the creation of an Integrated Pathway in French and Francophone Intercultural Studies (FFIS) Program and Law be approved as outlined, effective 202120.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.2.10 ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE

7.2.10.1 Temporary Admission and Transfer Regulation Change

Chase – Aito

To approve the High School Grading Variances and Neutral Post-Secondary Grade Credit Recognition – Winter 2020 Grades only as outlined, effective as soon as possible.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.3 FACULTY OF NURSING

7.3.1 Temporary Suspension of Admissions to the After Degree Nursing Program

Chase – Baer

That admissions to the After Degree Nursing Program be temporarily suspended for the Fall 2020 intake only, effective immediately.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.4 COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH

7.4.1 Amendment of Research Chairs Policy

Chase – McNutt

The Council Committee on Research recommends approval of the revisions to the Research Chairs policy RCH-010-020 as outlined in Attachment B.

Further explanation of Industrial Research Chairs and examples of current industry partners were provided. Dr. K. McNutt also described situations whereby an emerging scholar may be a Research Chairholder.

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 V, Pages 97-147 of the Agenda.

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

8.1 Board Members Elected by Senate, *Verbal Update*

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 March meeting, the Board approved:

- The 2020-2025 Strategic Plan presented by Dr. K. Finlay and her team
- The importance of the 2020-2021 Annual Internal Audit Plan and an updated University Risk Register

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- The Child Trauma Centre and Canadian Institute of Public Safety Research and Treatment
 - Terms of Reference for the pension committees
 - University's 10 Year Capital Plan
 - Capital projects including office renovations, Darke Hall and College Building landscaping, and a new Student Wellness Centre.
 - Luther College and Campion College Lease renewals

At the May meeting, the Board approved:

- The financial statements for the pension plans for the year ending December 31, 2019
- The 2020-2021 Comprehensive Budget Plan, including 0% increase in tuition
- Sale of the President's residence
- Terms of Reference and membership of the Presidential Search Advisory Committee

The full-term appointment of Dr. K. McNutt as Vice-President (Research) was approved by the Board at the end of May. Dr. McNutt currently occupies the role on an interim basis; the full-term appointment begins July 1, 2020.

Welcome to Gurjinder Singh Lehal, the new URSU President, who is also an ex-officio member of the Board of Governors.

The next regular meetings of the Board of Governors are scheduled for early July and September.

Discussion followed. Topics of discussion included:

- Potential for construction of a new Business building, in light of COVID 19 impacts and potential government stimulus funding
- Whether Canadian universities provide a presidential residence, incentive/disincentive for presidential recruitment and condition of the home on McNiven Avenue.

All questions were addressed by Dr. Chase.

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

9. Academic and Administrative Reports

9.1 "University of Regina Pandemic Response", presentation by Dr. d. Gregory, Interim Provost and Vice-President (Academic)

Dr. Chase introduced Dr. Gregory to Senate.

After the presentation, discussion followed. Topics of discussion included:

- The number of students currently in residence
- Introduction of additional grade options for Winter 2020

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- Access to library materials, in light of the temporary closure of the physical library space

All questions were addressed.

The presentation is appended to the Official File.

The Chancellor thanked Dr. Gregory for the presentation.

9.2 Annual Enrolment Report 2019-2020, *For Information*, Appendix VI, pp. 148-157

J. Smith, Associate Vice-President (Student Affairs), presented the report and highlighted the five-year enrolment trends, population segments, and the top nations for international recruitment.

A question was raised regarding the increase in number of graduate students. Dean N. Jones highlighted the recent development of innovative programming, strategic funding initiatives targeting specific underrepresented groups, and new graduate scholarships assisting with student recruitment.

The Chancellor thanked J. Smith for the report.

10. Other Business

10.1 Recognition of Departing Senate Members

The following members of Senate were acknowledged for their service to the University upon completion of their terms.

Gordon Blackmore – University of Saskatchewan Alumni Association
David Brundige – Law Society of Saskatchewan
Jim Gallagher – Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation
Wendy Gowda – Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities
Diana Hawryluk – Municipalities of Saskatchewan
Patricia Leson – Provincial Council of Women of Saskatchewan
Krista Olson – Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers
Fred Titanich – Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce

Chancellor Klein thanked the departing Senate members, and noted that letters of appreciation and a small gift would be sent to them by mail.

10.2 Next Meeting of Senate – 9:00 a.m., October 16, 2020

11. *In Camera* session – (11:05 a.m.)

11.1 Report from Joint Committee on Senate and Council on Ceremonies

11.1.1 Honorary Degree Candidates for Addition to the Approved Roster, *For Approval*, Appendix VII, p. 158

R. Staseson presented the report from the Joint Committee of Senate and Council on Ceremonies.

Staseson – Sulz

Moved that the list of honorary degree candidates for addition to the Approved Roster, as appended to the University's official file, be approved.

The question was called on the motion.

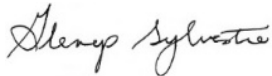
CARRIED

All documentation is *appended to the Official File*.

11.2 Report from Senate Appeals Committee, *For Information*, Verbal Update

Chancellor Klein provided an update on the work of the Committee. The Chancellor noted that the Committee heard one appeal on April 24, 2020, with another scheduled for later this month.

12. Adjournment – Nobert (11:15 a.m.)



Glenys Sylvestre
Executive Director (University Governance) and University Secretary