

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF REGINA SENATE HELD FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2021
BY VIDEO CONFERENCE**

PRESENT: P. Klein (Chair), A. Adeoluwa, E. Aito, J. Anderson, R. Arnot, G. Bamford, V. Barber, M. Barteski-Hoberg, R. Berthiaume, R. Bourassa, F. Boutin, D. Brunskill, D. Button, W. Carney, L. Chabot, T. Chase, J. Clarke, V. Clarke, J. Cranston, J. D’Arcy, A. Davidson, S. Dea, K. Dietrich, A. Douai, R. Evans, D. Farenick, J. Farney, S. Fortman, G. Grandy, d. Gregory, S. Helewa, E. Hussein, M. Jerry, B. Kayseas, G. Keith, R. Kies, P. Kindred, K. Klippenstine, R. Krismer, B. Lacey, G. Lagrandeur, K. Mazur, B. McClinton, T. McKague, K. McNutt, S. Myers, B. Nobert, K. Nolin, N. Önder, R. Palmarin, D. Paproski, G. Penney, V. Petry, M. Pioro, H. Riemer, C. Roche, L. Rosia, L. Ruschiensky, A. Russell, C. Schultz, J. Schultz, J. Smith, A. Stadnek, R. Staseson, E. Strueby, J. Tomkins, C. Veresh, B. Waytuck, C. Yost, K. Zawada

REGRETS: S. Abhiskek, K. Addison, A. Adenuga, C. Akrigg, R. Aman, R. Andreychuk, S. Armstrong, O. Arnal, J. Bumbac, T. Fisher, M. Hossain, R. Kullman, G. Makowsky, C. Martin, G. McCaffrey, M. McLoughlin, P. Modi, M. Mollenhauer, L. Mougeot, J. Nadeau, V. Oriola, L. Sulz, D. Sydiaha, C. Toman, A. Wakabayashi

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

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

1. Call to Order – 9:00 a.m.

The Chancellor welcomed all Senators and guests to the meeting.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Boutin – Klippenstine

Moved approval of the agenda as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Approval of the Minutes of October 16, 2020 – *circulated with the Agenda*

Dietrich – Bourassa

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 provided a verbal report to Senate, including:

- The Chancellor welcomed all new Senators.
- The Chancellor reported on the outcome of a Senate Appeals Committee meeting in which the decision of the Council Discipline Committee was upheld.
- The Chancellor noted the upcoming virtual Inspiring Leadership Forum being held on March 3, 2021. The theme of this year's event is 'The Courage Within' and proceeds from the event will support a new scholarship at the University (the Inspiring Leadership Academic Entrance Award). All Senators are encouraged to attend the Forum.

5.2 President's Report

Dr Chase provided a verbal report to Senate, including:

- Dr Chase acknowledged that the University of Regina is situated on Treat 4 territory, with a presence in Treaty 6.
- Dr Chase reminded Senators of his Friday messages that are shared weekly.
- Despite the pandemic, Winter enrolments have exceeded any previous January registrations.
- For the Fall term, there is uncertainty around international student enrolments due to challenges posed by the pandemic, including travel restrictions.
- For the Spring/Summer term, we are planning for continued low on-campus density of students, faculty and staff.
- Dr Chase noted that Saskatchewan post-secondary institutions have worked closely with the Ministry of Advanced Education to share information and enable alignment of significant decisions.
- Dr Chase welcomed Dr Jim Farney, Director of the Regina campus of the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, and asked Dr McNutt to introduce Dr Aziz Douai, Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies and 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 and the University leadership for their excellent work during this pandemic.

5.3 University Secretary, Appendix I, p.2

5.3.1 2021 Senate Election, *For Information*

G. Sylvestre reported on the District vacancies for the upcoming year, and asked Senators to reach out to alumni and encourage them to consider putting forward a nomination. She also noted that the call to fill Senate Committee vacancies will be distributed to Senate in the next few weeks.

6. Reports from Senate Committees

6.1 Report on Actions Taken from the June 24, 2020 Senate Executive Committee, *For Information*, Appendix II, p. 3

G. Sylvestre introduced this item to Senate and noted that motions passed at the June 24, 2020 Senate Executive Committee were not reported at the October 16, 2020 meeting, due to an oversight. The two items that were approved by the Senate Executive Committee required immediate attention in order to respond quickly to assist students who were faced with unforeseen difficulties due to impacts of the pandemic.

7. Items from the Executive of Council, *For Approval/Information*, Appendix III, pp. 4-58

7.1 COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON THE FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH

7.1.1 FACULTY OF EDUCATION

7.1.1.1 New Program – Master of Education in Adult Education and Human Resource Development

Chase – Cranston

That the new Master of Education in Adult Education and Human Resource Development course, project and thesis programs be created, effective 202130.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.1.1.2 Admission Suspension – Master of Adult Education and Community Engagement

Chase – Cranston

That admissions to the Master of Adult Education and Community Engagement (thesis route, project route, course route) programs be suspended, effective 202130.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.1.1.3 Admission Suspension-Master of Human Resource Development

Chase – Cranston

That admissions to the Master of Human Resource Development (thesis route, project route, course-based route) programs be suspended, effective 202130.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.1.1.4 Discontinued Route – Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction

Chase – Lagrandeur

That the Master of Education in Educational Leadership course route to discontinued, effective 202130.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.1.1.5 Discontinued Route – Master of Education in Educational Leadership

Chase – Cranston

That the Master of Education in Educational Leadership route be discontinued, effective 202130.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.1.2 FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH

7.1.2.1 Regulation Change – Graduate Co-operative Education

Chase – McNutt

That the regulation on Co-operative Education at the graduate level be modified, effective 202130.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.1.3 FACULTY OF MEDIA, ART, AND PERFORMANCE

7.1.3.1 Program Renamed and Revised – Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies

Chase – Staseson

That the Master of Arts (MA) in Interdisciplinary Studies program be renamed to the Interdisciplinary MA in Media and Artistic Research and be modified, effective 202130.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.1.3.2 Program Renamed and Revised – Master of Fine Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies

Chase – Douai

That the Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in Interdisciplinary Studies be renamed to Interdisciplinary MFA in Media and Artistic Research and be modified, effective 202130.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.1.4 FACULTY OF SCIENCE

7.1.4.1 New Program – Master in Science in Computer Science (Data Science)

Chase – Farenick

That the Master of Science in Computer Science (Data Science) course route program be created, effective 202130.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.1.4.2 New Program – Master of Science in Human Centred Computing

Chase – Farenick

That the Master of Science in Computer Science (Human Centred Computing) program be created, effective 202210.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.1.4.3 Admission Suspension – Master of Science in Computer Science (Course Route)

Chase – Farenick

That the admissions to the Master of Science in Computer Science (Course Route) be suspended, effective 202130.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.2 COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS AND STUDIES

7.2.1 FACULTY OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

7.2.1.1 Concurrent Program – Certificate in Ideation, Creativity and Entrepreneurship

Chase – Grandy

That the Certificate in Ideation, Creativity and Entrepreneurship (ICE Certificate) be allowed as a concurrent (secondary) program for students of the Faculty of Business Administration and for University of Regina students in other Faculties, effective 202120.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.2.2 FACULTY OF EDUCATION

7.2.2.1 New Certificate – le certificat Voie d’avenir pour enseigner en Saskatchewan

Chase – Cranston

Que le certificate Voie d’avenir pour enseigner en Saskatchewan soit mis au calendrier académique, date effective 202130.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.2.3 LA CITE UNIVERSITAIRE FRANCOPHONE

7.2.3.1 New Minor – Bilingual Minor in African Studies

Chase – Aito

To create a Bilingual Minor in African Studies, effective 202130.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.2.4 FACULTY OF MEDIA, ART AND PERFORMANCE

7.2.4.1 Admission Suspension – Bachelor of Arts in Theatre and Performance Major, Acting Concentration and Bachelor of Arts in Theatre and Performance Major, Design/Stage Management Concentration

Chase – Staseson

That all admissions to the current Bachelor of Arts, Theatre and Performance Major – Acting Concentration, and the Bachelor of Arts, Theatre and Performance Major – Design/Stage Management Concentration be suspended immediately, effective 202130.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.2.4.2 Revision to the Post Baccalaureate in Visual Arts

Chase – Staseson

That a second note be added to the Post Baccalaureate in Visual Arts program template, effective 202120.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.2.4.3 New Program – Bachelor of Fine Arts in Devised Performance and Theatre Creation

Chase – Staseson

That the Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in Devised Performance and Theatre Creation program be created, effective 202120.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.2.5 FACULTY OF NURSING

7.2.5.1 Addition of Minor

Chase – Evans

To add a Minor from the Faculty of Kinesiology and Health Studies to Minors for Nursing Programs, effective 202110.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.2.5.2 Revision to the English Language Proficiency Requirements

Chase – Evans

To revise the English proficiency required in the Admissions section of the Undergraduate Calendar, effective for the 202230 Admissions.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.2.6 FACULTY OF SCIENCE

7.2.6.1 Revision to the Diploma in Computer Science

Chase – Farenick

To revise the Diploma in Computer Science, effective 202120.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.2.6.2 Admission Requirements Revision – Bachelor of Science Honours Program

Chase – Farenick

To revise the admission requirements to the Bachelor of Science Honours program, effective 202120.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.2.7 CENTRE FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION

7.2.7.1 New Certificate – Certificate in Indigenous Language I

Chase – Strueby

To create the 15-credit hour Certificate in Indigenous Language I, effective 202120.

Dr Chase noted the importance of this initiative to the University's commitment to Indigenization and Reconciliation. Dr Chase requested Dr B. Kayseas, Interim President, First Nations University of Canada and C. Schultz, Director of the Centre for Continuing Education, to provide more information.

C. Schultz affirmed that the Centre for Continuing Education was very pleased to partner with First Nations University of Canada to offer these new programs. Dr Kayseas noted the importance of creating opportunities for Indigenous language education, and the hope that these programs would assist with the Indigenous language revitalization happening throughout Canada.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.2.7.2 New Certificate – Certificate in Indigenous Language II

Chase – Schultz

To create the 30-credit hour Certificate in Indigenous Language II, effective 202120.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.2.7.3 New Certificate – Certificate in Indigenous Language Guardianship

Chase – Boutin

To create a Certificate in Indigenous Language Guardianship, effective 202120.

Dr Kayseas noted that the intent of this Certificate is to provide programming to students with an interest in Indigenous language, but who do not wish to pursue a career in Indigenous language instruction.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.2.8 REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

7.2.8.1 Senior Citizens' Tuition Waiver

Chase – Smith

To update the Senior Citizens' Tuition Waiver, effective 202120.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.3 COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH

7.3.1 President's Research Chair and Chancellor's Research Chair

Chase – McNutt

That the President's Research Chair and Chancellor's Research Chair be approved.

Dr K. McNutt noted that this initiative will support continued growth of the research enterprise, and that seed funding was provided from proceeds from the sale of the president's residence.

The Chancellor noted the importance of the relationship between the University and the larger community, and Dr Chase expressed the importance of these types of initiatives in assisting with retention of exceptional researchers.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.3.2 Policy Update – Research Centres and Institutes (RCH-010-005)

Chase – McNutt

That the revised policy “Research Institutes and Centres (RCH-010-005)” be approved as outlined in Attachment 3.

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 III, pp. 54-58 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 since the last meeting of Senate, which included the following:

At the December meeting, the Board approved:

- Pension Governance Documents (Policies and Standards)
- An Update to the University’s Safe Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Policy
- Sustainable Utilities Master Plan and the Cypress Hills Field Station Facility Replacement Project
- The Audit & Risk Management Committee met with the Provincial Auditor and her staff and approved the Provincial Auditor’s Audit Planning Memorandum for 2021
- The Audit & Risk Management Committee heard a presentation from Art Exner, AVP-Information Services, on how the University is managing cyber risks.
- The Human Resources Committee received for information the annual Workforce Demographics Report.
- The Board also heard a presentation by Dr Andrew Cameron, lead of the University Recovery Planning Group, on ‘Post-Pandemic Scenario Planning and Risk Mitigation’ and a presentation from AON Hewitt Consulting on the University’s pension plans.

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- At the December meeting, in addition to the updates on the University’s financial position, the Board received information and discussed the Campus Store transition, new partnerships in delivery of Community-based programs, and updates on major capital projects including the Darke Hall project.
 - An update was also provided on the Performance Measurement Framework, which highlighted the progress towards the University’s strategic goals.
 - The Presidential Search process continues. There have been many meetings of the Presidential Search Advisory Committee, with the expectation that a new President will be in place by July 1, 2021.

The Board also met in October and January for special Board meetings to deal with a few emerging items, including related to the presidential search. The next regular meetings of the Board of Governors are scheduled for March 8th and 9th and May 3rd and 4th.

A question was raised regarding the University’s financial position, given the challenges of COVID-19. Dr Chase responded by noting that ancillary operations have been significantly impacted by the pandemic, resulting in a revenue shortfall in the current year. This has been managed through the hard work and collaboration of the University’s leadership team. Dr Chase also noted that budgeting for the 2021-2022 fiscal year is underway, and the University is carefully watching future term enrolments.

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

9. Academic and Administrative Reports

(Agenda items were re-ordered, in order to accommodate the start time of the presentation)

9.2 Winter 2021 In-Progress Report of Registrations, *For Information*, Appendix IV, pp. 59-68

J. Smith, Associate Vice-President (Student Affairs), presented the report and highlighted the headcounts for full and part time studies, total number of registered credit hours and credit hours taught for the Winter 2021 term, full load equivalents, and population segments including Indigenous and International students.

The Chancellor thanked J. Smith for the report.

(The Senate had a recess from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.)

9.1 ‘Intuition, Reason and Social Media’, presentation by Dr Gordon Pennycook, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Business Administration

Dr K. McNutt introduced Dr Gordon Pennycook to Senate.

After the presentation, discussion followed. All questions were addressed by Dr Pennycook.

The presentation is appended to the Official File.

The Chancellor thanked Dr Pennycook for his presentation.

10. Other Business
 - 10.1 Next Meeting of Senate – 9:00 a.m., June 9, 2021
11. In Camera Session – Not required
12. Adjournment – C. Schultz (11:13 a.m.)



Glenys Sylvestre
University Secretary