

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF REGINA SENATE
11 FEBRUARY 2022
VIA WEB CONFERENCING

PRESENT: J. Anderson, O. Arnal, R. Arnot, B. Barber, V. Barber, R. Bourassa, F. Boutin, D. Brunskill, D. Button, W. Carney, J. Clarke, J. Cranston, A. Crowe, J. D’Arcy, A. Davidson, S. Dea, D. Dick, K. Dietrich, A. Douai, D. Farenick, S. Ferre, N. Finch, T. Fisher, S. Fortman, K. Gerwing, G. Grandy, A. Hammad Ali, S. Helewa, A. Hicks, E. Hussein, M. Jerry, G. Keith, J. Keshen, R. Kies, P. Klein (Chair), R. Krismer, R. Kullman, B. Lacey, G. Lagrandeur, D. Lemieux, T. McKague, K. McNutt, L. Neufeld, B. Nobert, K. Nolin, F. Ogunrinde, N. Önder, A. Opseth, R. Palmarin, G. Penney, V. Petry, M. Pioro, C. Pollard, H. Riemer, C. Rocke, L. Ruschiensky, A. Russell, J. Schultz, M. Smadu, J. Smith, K. Spice, A. Stadnek, E. Strueby, L. Sulz, H. Tait, J. Tomkins, A. Wakabayashi, B. Waytuck, A. Williams, C. Yost

REGRETS: B. Balaski, D. Sydiaha

GUESTS: A. Adhikari, L. Berdahl, M. Boehm, L. Campbell, W. Norton, J. Patel

RESOURCES: S. Stewart (Recorder), G. Sylvestre

In keeping with the University’s commitment to reconciliation, the Chair acknowledged that the University is located on Treaty 4 and Treaty 6 territories and the traditional homeland of the Métis.

1. Call to Order - 9:00 a.m.

The Chancellor welcomed all Senators and guests to the meeting.

2. Approval of the Agenda

F. Boutin - C. Pollard

Moved that the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Approval of the Minutes of 22 October 2021 - circulated with the Agenda

F. Ogunrinde - F. Boutin

Moved that the minutes be approved 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 2021 Fall Convocation held on Friday, October 22, 2021 was a safe and successful event, that proved to be meaningful and memorable for our graduates
- An appeal to the Senate Appeals Committee was held in December
- Participated in various board director development opportunities through the Institute of Corporate Directors and Governance Solutions
- Attended the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce's Deputy Minister Series, with the Ministry of Advanced Education and Ministry of Education
- Participated in the celebration video for the Hill and Levene Schools of Business students
- The Inspiring Leadership Forum will take place on Wednesday, March 2nd. Speakers include:
 - o Collette Carlson – Behaviour expert and founder of Speak Your Truth, Inc.
 - o Jenn Harper – Founder of Cheekbone Beauty
 - o Serena Ryder – Juno Award winning musician and mental health advocate

5.2 President's Report

Dr Keshen provided a verbal update on recent activities, including:

- Acknowledgement of the recent announcement of D. Button's planned retirement
- Search for the Provost and Vice-President (Academic), including opportunity for input from Senate
- Creating and defining the University of Regina's institutional identity
- Recent and planned visits to Saskatchewan communities
- Planned creation of an experiential learning office
- Some in person course offerings resuming on February 7th, with all previously planned in person offerings resuming March 1st
- Adjustments to the University's COVID-19 vaccination requirements
- Updates on the development of the 2022-23 University budget
- Acknowledgement of recent University progress including those related to EDI initiatives, website redevelopment, and research

Following Dr Keshen's verbal report, Senators were invited to ask questions. Discussion followed and included:

- The University's focus on health and safety of its community, to more gradually transition away from pandemic-related protocols similar to other Canadian universities
- Careful consideration of the impact of budget decisions, whether adjusting base budget allocations or unit carryforward balances
- Current and future opportunities for the University in nursing and health education and research, including related to mental health and post-traumatic stress

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

5.3 University Secretary's Report

G. Sylvestre presented the reports outlining the upcoming Senate elections.

5.3.1 2022 Senate Election, Appendix I, Page 2

5.3.2 2022 Chancellor Election, Appendix II, Page 3

5.3.3 2022 Elected Member of Senate to the Board of Governors, Appendix III, Page 4

The reports were received for information.

6. Academic Presentation

6.1 "Overview of the Faculty of Arts," presentation by Dr. S. Dea, Dean, Faculty of Arts

Dr. K. McNutt, Vice-President (Research), introduced Dr. Dea to Senate.

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

- The varied career paths of graduates of the Faculty of Arts
- Acknowledgement of the great work of the Canadian Institute for Public Safety Research and Treatment (CIPSRT), the Online Therapy Unit, and PSPNET in supporting current and former public safety personnel

The Chancellor thanked Dr. Dea for her presentation.

The presentation is appended to the Official File.

(The Senate had a recess from 10:25 a.m. to 10:35 a.m.)

7. Items from Executive of Council, For Approval/Information, Appendix IV, Pages 5-68

President Keshen presented the report on behalf of Executive of Council.

7.1 Council Committee on the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

7.1.1 Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science

Program Changes – Co-op Hours

J. Keshen - E. Hussein

Moved that program changes adjusting the co-op hours be made, effective 202220.

Master of Engineering in Electronic Systems Engineering Co-op Option

Master of Engineering in Environmental Systems Engineering Co-op Option

Master of Engineering in Industrial Systems Engineering Co-op Option

Master of Engineering in Petroleum Systems Engineering Co-op Option
Master of Engineering in Process Systems Engineering Co-op Option
Master of Engineering in Software Systems Engineering Co-op Option

CARRIED

7.1.2 Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

New Programs – Multidisciplinary, Collaboration, and Cotuelle Doctor of Philosophy Programs

J. Keshen - A. Douai

Moved that the Multidisciplinary, Collaborative, and Cotutelle doctoral programs options be approved, effective 202230.

CARRIED

English Language Proficiency Test – Duolingo

J. Keshen - A. Douai

Moved that the Duolingo online English test with a minimum score of 110 for all programs except Media Studies & Media Production, and English where 120 is the minimum, be accepted as an approved test of proficiency in English (ELP) for graduate admission, on a temporary basis for the 2022-2023 academic year (May 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023), effective immediately.

CARRIED

7.2 Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies

7.2.1 Faculty of Education

Graduation Requirements – Distinction

J. Keshen - J. Cranston

Moved that the Faculty of Education Policy around Graduation with Distinction be updated to include the final Internship Placement Profile (IPP) rating of “Good”, effective 202220.

A question was raised regarding whether lowering the IPP rating to “good” may negatively impact the graduation designation “Distinction”. J. Cranston responded by noting that the rating of “good” is reflective of competency in the classroom. In addition, graduate recognition of “Distinction” and “Great Distinction” involve both an IPP rating related to internship (15 credit hours) and a minimum graduating GPA in graded courses (105 credit hours), and this change will reflect better balance between academic achievement and professional practice.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.2.2 Faculty of Kinesiology and Health Studies

Residency Requirements Revision

J. Keshen - H. Riemer

Moved to change the residency requirement in the Faculty of Kinesiology and Health Studies' programs, effective 202220.

A question was raised requesting clarity as to the reasoning for the motion. H. Riemer noted that this will allow the Faculty to pursue articulation agreements with other post-secondary institutions offering three-year diploma programs in relevant fields of study. He also clarified that the reduced residency requirement will only be changed for the degree program, and will not include the Faculty's diplomas or certificates.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.2.3 Faculty of Media, Art, and Performance

Program Rename – Bachelor of Arts in Theatre and Performance Studies

J. Keshen - D. Dick

Moved that the Bachelor of Arts in Theatre and Performance studies be renamed Bachelor of Arts in Theatre and Drama Studies, effective 202220.

CARRIED

Program Revisions – Visual Arts Major and Major Concentrations

J. Keshen - D. Dick

Moved that the majors and major concentrations in Visual Arts be revised, effective 202220.

CARRIED

7.2.4 Faculty of Science

New Program – Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Statistics

The motion and rationale circulated with the agenda materials was incorrect. G. Sylvestre apologized for the error and suggested that the corrected information be brought to the Senate Executive Committee to ensure approval before start of 202220 term.

New Minor – Indigenous Knowledge and Science

J. Keshen - D. Farenick

Moved to create a Minor in Indigenous Knowledge and Science, effective 202220.

CARRIED

New Major – Data Science

J. Keshen - D. Farenick

Moved to create the Bachelor of Science with a major in Data Science, effective 202220.

It was noted that this program is interdisciplinary (Statistics and Computer Science) and will fill an identified need.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Admission Requirements – Computer Science Major

J. Keshen - D. Farenick

Moved to enable the Faculty of Science to require an admission average higher than the stated 70% minimum for high school applicants to the Computer Science major, in order to limit enrolment to ensure appropriate program delivery, effective 202220.

A question was raised whether the desire to limit enrolment was a result of decreased labour market demand or a lack of staffing in the department. D. Farenick responded that in order to keep the program competitive nationally, the department needs to ensure student experience is at a high level, and instituting the revised admission average will ensure that quality is maintained.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.3 Council Committee on Research

7.3.1 Research Chair – Child Trauma Centre Research Chair

J. Keshen - K. McNutt

Moved that the proposal for the Child Trauma Research Centre (CTRC) Research Chair in Intervention and Prevention Approached Supporting Child and Youth Health and Well-Being be approved.

Discussion followed. Topics of discussion included:

- Findings are shared with government entities that may be involved in developing policies and regulations related to children, included with ministries that provided initial funding to the CTRC
- The strategic goals of the Centre will be developed with the successful candidate, whose performance will also be measured against those goals

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.4 Faculty of Arts

7.4.1 Faculty of Arts Renaming

J. Keshen - S. Dea

Moved that Senate rescind its October 18, 2019 motion “that the Faculty of Arts be renamed the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, effective 202120.”

A question was raised whether the renaming of the Faculty will be revisited in the future. S. Dea responded that the Faculty could reconsider renaming at some point but would likely undertake new research, as the initial analysis was undertaken prior to the pandemic and may no longer be relevant.

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 22-38 of the Agenda.

8. Briefs, Submissions, or Recommendations from Elected or Appointed Representatives of Senate

8.1 Board Members Elected by Senate, *Verbal Update*

A. Opseth and 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 Board meeting the Board approved a number of items, including:

- Recognition of the Jay Treaty, which will allow Indigenous peoples from the United States to access domestic tuition rates
- A number of capital projects, including expenditures to enhance the University’s emergency power systems
- Campion College lease renewal
- Revisions to the Budget Process policy to reflect current practice and process
- SaskPower Chair in Cultural Heritage which was previously endorsed by Senate at its October meeting
- The Audit and Risk Management Committee met with the Provincial Auditor and her staff and approved the Provincial Auditor’s Audit Planning Memorandum for 2022

The Board and its Committees heard presentations on cyber risk and the University’s pension plans. In addition the Board received for information the annual Workforce Demographics report.

The Board held a special meeting in January to approve reporting to the Ministry of Advanced Education related to the one-time special funding provided to the University. At this same meeting, the Board met with senior management to discuss the 2022-23 operating budget and various multi-year scenarios currently under consideration by University leadership.

The Board has met several times for “mini-retreats” and educational opportunities from November to January. The Board will continue to work with President Keshen and his team to pursue strategic opportunities for the University as it continues in its post-pandemic operations.

At the December meeting, the Board appointed Dr. Marlene Smadu as Chair and Gary Bosgoed as Vice-Chair.

The next Board meetings are scheduled for March 8th and April 29th.

9. Administrative Reports

9.1 Winter 2022 In Progress Report of Registrations, Appendix IV, Pages 66-70

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 2022 term, full load equivalents, and head counts for Indigenous and international students.

A question was raised regarding the demand for hybrid or hyflex classes and if this is expected to continue past the pandemic. H. Riemer responded that the Faculty of Kinesiology and Health Studies has offered a number of these types of courses, and that the demand for online, hybrid, and hyflex classes has always been present, and will continue to be expected including by local students who wish to better accommodate their work or home schedules. Dr. Riemer also noted that the required infrastructure investment and necessary skills to deliver a quality experience for students enrolled in these types of courses is not insignificant.

The Chancellor thanked J. Smith for the report and H. Riemer for his response.

10. Other Business

10.1 “Project Airlock Challenge,” presentation by University of Regina students

Dr. J. Keshen, President and Vice-Chancellor introduced the current and former University of Regina students of “Project Airlock Challenge” to Senate and provided a brief overview of the competition.

A. Adhikari, W. Norton, and J. Patel presented on their experience in the “Project Airlock Challenge” and the various projects they have since begun as a result of their experience in this challenge.

After the presentation, discussion followed. All questions were addressed by A. Adhikari, W. Norton, and J. Patel.

The Chancellor thanked A. Adhikari, W. Norton, and J. Patel for their presentation.

The presentation is appended to the Official File.

10.2 Next Meeting of Senate - 9:00 a.m., Wednesday 8 June 2022

11. In Camera Session - Not required

12. Adjournment – F. Ogunrinde (12:03 p.m.)



Glenys Sylvestre
University Secretary