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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF REGINA SENATE
14 JUNE 2023
ADMINISTRATION HUMANITIES FIFTH FLOOR BOARDROOM, ROOM 527**

PRESENT: E. Aito, J. Anderson, O. Arnal, B. Barber, L. Bennett, D. Brunskill, J. Bumbac, W. Carney, P. Choi, J. Clarke, J. Cranston, J. D'Arcy, A. Davidson, S. Dea, M. Deters, I. Dostaler, A. Douai, Z. Dumont, N. Ekheteraeetoussi, O. Erifeta, J. Farney, D. Ford, S. Fortman, M. Hart, S. Helewa, A. Hicks, M. Hoffort, J. Keshen, S. Khan, P. Kindred, P. Klein (Chair), B. Lacey, M. McStravick, J. Nadeau, S. Nawar, B. Nobert, K. Nolin, N. Önder, P. Ottmann, M. Piro, C. Pollard, H. Riemer, C. Rocke, A. Russell, C. Schultz, J. Smith, A. Sterzuk, J. Tomkins, B. Waytuck, A. Wakabayashi, A. Williams, C. Yost, K. Zawada

REGRETS: R. Andreychuk, R. Bouarssa, F. Boutin, D. Dick, K. Dietrich, M. Jerry, R. Krismer, T. McKague, M. Mollenhauer, L. Neufeld, F. Ogunrinde, V. Petry, J. Schultz, K. Spice

GUESTS: H. Chaudhry (UR International), R. Hamilton (Advanced Education), A. Khan (Guest of Z. Dumont), C. Marsh (Faculty of Media, Art, and Performance), M. Smadu (Elected Member of Senate to the Board of Governors)

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

In keeping with the University's commitment to Reconciliation, Chancellor Klein 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. Call to Order – 9:01 a.m.

The Chancellor introduced new Senators and welcomed all Senators and guests to the meeting.

2. Approval of the Agenda

J. Keshen – J. Nadeau

Moved that the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Approval of the Minutes of 10 February 2023 – Circulated with the Agenda

J. Nadeau – N. Ekheteraetoussi

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 update to Senate, including:

- An appeal to the Senate Appeals Committees was held in April 2023
- A meeting of the Joint Committee of Senate and Council on Ceremonies and the Senate Nominating Committee were held in May and June 2023
- Meetings of the University of Regina Board of Governors were held in March and April 2023
- The Chancellor’s Community Concert has been rescheduled and will be held in the Fall
- Attended the Indspire Awards to recognize Lori Campbell, Associate Vice-President (Indigenous Engagement) who received the Indspire Award for Education
- Attended the Queen City Pride Parade on June 10th

Chancellor Klein acknowledged the departing members of Senate for their service to the University:

- Kyle Addison – Regina & District Chamber of Commerce
- Shawna Argue – Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Saskatchewan
- Greg Bamford – District 11 (Regina)
- Dr. Jerome Cranston – Dean, Faculty of Education
- Neil Finch – Saskatchewan League of Education Administrators, Directors, and Superintendents
- Tracy Fisher – Saskatchewan Veterinary Medical Association
- Patti Kindred – District 2 (Weyburn-Indian Head)
- Robert Krismer – District 9 (North Battleford-Prince Albert)
- Bryan Lacey – District 11 (Regina)
- Calum Martin – Saskatchewan Society of Occupational Therapists
- Blanche Nobert – Saskatchewan Association of Optometrists
- Marlene Smadu – Elected Member of Senate to the University of Regina Board of Governors

The Chancellor welcomed the following newly appointed members of Senate:

- Dr. Isabelle Dostaler – Provost and Vice-President (Academic)
- Naidya Ekheteraetoussi – Student Representative
- Oghenrukewve Erifeta – Student Representative
- Dianne Ford – Vice-President (Administration)
- Dr. Saqib Khan – Interim Dean, Faculty of Business Administration
- Sanchia Nawar – Student Representative
- Sevak Pathey – Student Representative
- Birpartap Singh – Student Representative

5.2 President's Report

President Keshen provided a verbal update on recent activities since the last meeting of Senate, including:

A warm welcome to Dr. Isabelle Dostaler who began her term as Provost and Vice-President (Academic) at the beginning of June. The search for the Vice-President (Research) is still ongoing.

The University is exploring additional dual credit options for Saskatchewan high school students. In addition, the University is expanding its programming in the province by signing various memorandum of understandings (MOU) with regional colleges. The University will be entering a partnership with North West college to collaborate on the joint delivery of a community-based Bachelor of Social Work program.

The University is excited to announce the recent creation of the Lieutenant Governor's Award for Teaching Excellence. This provincial award was initiated by staff from the University of Regina to highlight the work of academics across the province.

Following the President's report, Senators were invited to ask questions. Discussion followed and included:

- Selection criteria and how the University will forward nominations for the Lieutenant Governor's Award for Teaching Excellence
- Admission capacity at the University of Regina
 - o The President clarified that the University of Regina does not have a cap on admissions. Some programs may have capacity limitations due to instructor teaching capacity, space limitations, etc.

The Chancellor thanked President Keshen for his report.

5.3 University Secretary Report

5.3.1 2023 Senate District Elections, *For Information*, Appendix I, Page 3

G. Sylvestre reported that the following individuals were elected to the University of Regina Senate:

- Tania Hlohovsky Andrist – District 1 (Moosomin-Estevan)
- Robert Osicki – District 11 (Regina)
- William Wells – District 11 (Regina)

G. Sylvestre further reported the following individuals were elected by acclamation to the University of Regina Senate:

- Robert Stables – District 2 (Weyburn-Indian Head)
- Amy Lunov – District 10 (Moose Jaw)

The Chancellor offered congratulations to those elected.

6. Report from Committees of Senate

6.1 Senate Appeals Committee, *For Information*, Appendix II, Page 4

Chancellor Klein presented the report on behalf of the Senate Appeals Committee.

The annual report was received for information.

6.2 Senate Nominating Committee

Chancellor Klein presented the report on behalf of the Senate Nominating Committee.

6.2.1 Membership on Senate Standing Committees, *For Approval*, Appendix III, Pages 5-7

J. Keshen – N. Önder

Moved that Senate approve the recommendation from the Senate Nominating Committee that the individuals whose names are designated with highlights in Appendix III, Pages 6-7 be approved to fill the vacancies on Senate Standing Committees for the terms indicated.

It was clarified that additional information will be provided in the Fall outlining the workload and expectations of the Faculty Councils. An additional call will be issued to fill these vacancies.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

6.2.2 Election of a Senate Member to the University of Regina Board of Governors, *For Information*, Appendix IV, Page 8

Three nominations were received for the election of a Senate Member to the University of Regina Board of Governors. Biographies were distributed at the meeting. Each candidate was permitted to speak for two minutes regarding their nomination. A. Russell and M. Smadu volunteered to assist J. Shafer and Y. Yevlanova to be scrutineers for the election.

Ballots were circulated and collected. The scrutineers withdrew from the meeting to count the ballots. The scrutineers returned to the meeting and Y. Yevlanova reported to G. Sylvestre and withdrew from the meeting.

The results were announced under item 10.1.

All documentation is appended to the official file.

(A brief recess was held from 10:05 a.m. to 10:25 a.m.)

7. Items from Executive of Council, *For Approval/Information*, Appendix V, Pages 9-44

President Kehsen 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 Arts

Admission Requirements – Graduate Record Examination (GRE) – General

J. Keshen – S. Dea

Moved to permanently discontinue the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) - General requirement for admission to both Master of Science programs (Clinical, Experimental & Applied) and both Doctoral programs (Clinical, Experimental & Applied) in Psychology, effective immediately.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.1.2 Faculty of Business Administration

J. Keshen – S. Khan

Moved to include a standard CV template as a required document for admissions into the following programs, effective 202330:

Master of Administration in Leadership
Master of Human Resource Management
Master of Business Administration
Master Certificate program (Human Resource Management, Organizational Leadership, Project Management, and Labour Relations)

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.1.3 Faculty of Education

Program Suspension – Maîtrise en éducation française (MEd) in Curriculum and Instruction Thesis, Project, Course Route

J. Keshen – J. Cranston

Moved that the Maîtrise en éducation française (MEd) in Curriculum and Instruction thesis, project, and course routes be suspended, effective 202330.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

New Program - Maîtrise en éducation française en Enseignement, apprentissage et leadership program (EAL)

J. Keshen – J. Cranston

Moved to create the Maîtrise en éducation française en Enseignement, apprentissage et leadership program (EAL), effective 202410.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

New Program – Indigenous Ed Doctorate (EdD)

J. Keshen – J. Cranston

Moved to create the Indigenous Ed Doctorate (EdD) program, effective 202420.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.1.4 Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science

New Program – Master’s Certificate in Artificial Intelligence in Engineering

J. Keshen – P. Choi

Moved to create the Master’s Certificate Program in Artificial Intelligence in Engineering, effective 202330.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.1.5 La Cité universitaire francophone

Nouveau programme / New Program – Doctorat en Études francophones et interculturelles / Doctorate in Francophone and Intercultural Studies

J. Keshen – E. Aito

Moved to create the Doctorate in Francophone and Intercultural Studies program, effective 202330.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.1.6 Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy

Admission Requirements – Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy Graduate Programs

J. Keshen – J. Farney

Moved to update JSGS Admission Requirements for the following programs, effective 202430:

Master of Public Administration

Master of Public Policy

PhD in Public Policy

Master’s Certificates in JSGS

- Economic Analysis for Public Policy
- Health Systems Management
- Indigenous Nation Building
- Public Management
- Public Policy Analysis
- Science and Innovation Policy
- Social Economy, Co-operatives and Non-profit Sector

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.2 Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies

7.2.1 Faculty of Business Administration

New Admission Status – Faculty of Business Administration Qualifying Program

J. Keshen – S. Khan

Moved that a Qualifying Status be initiated on a three-year trial wherein applicants to Faculty of Business Administration undergraduate programs who meet all admissions requirements with the exception that they are lacking one of the required high school courses will be admitted to their program with qualifying status, effective 202330.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.2.2 Faculty of Education

New Program – General Fine Arts Education Minor

J. Keshen – J. Cranston

Moved to create the General Fine Arts Education Minor, effective 202330.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Program Revisions – Literature Education Major and Minor

J. Keshen – J. Cranston

Moved that the requirements of the Literature Education (ELIT) Major and Minor in the Arts Education Secondary program be revised, effective 202330.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Undergraduate Calendar Revision – Faculty of Education Dean’s Honours List

J. Keshen – J. Cranston

Moved to revise the Faculty of Education Dean’s Honours List regulation, effective 202330.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.2.3 Faculty of Kinesiology and Health Studies

Program Requirements – KHS 099 (Academic Integrity)

J. Keshen – H. Riemer

Moved to require completion of KHS 099 (Academic Integrity) in the first semester of admission to the Faculty of Kinesiology and Health Studies, effective 202410.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.2.4 Faculty of Media, Art, and Performance

Diploma in Creative Technologies

J. Keshen – B. Waytuck

Moved to create a Diploma in Creative Technologies, effective 202410.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Historical Status – Minor in Theatre and Performance

J. Keshen – B. Waytuck

Moved that the Minor in Theatre and Performance be made historical, effective 202430.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.2.5 Faculty of Nursing

Admission Requirements – English Language Proficiency (ELP)

J. Keshen – C. Pollard

Moved that the Faculty of Nursing English Language Proficiency (ELP) requirements be revised, effective 202330.

CARRIED

7.2.6 Centre for Continuing Education

New Program – Advanced Certificate in Public Relations and Communications Management

J. Keshen – C. Schultz

Moved to create the Advanced Certificate in Public Relations & Communications Management, effective 202330.

A Senator commended the Centre for Continuing Education for the creation of the Advanced Certificate in Public Relations and Communications Management as it addresses a need within the public relations community. In addition, the resourcefulness of the certificate was highlighted as it utilizes already existing courses the University offers. It was recommended for future iterations of the certificate, a course in ethics should be considered.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Admission Requirements – Canadian Language Benchmark

The following two motions were moved as an omnibus motion.

J. Keshen – C. Schultz

Moved to admit applicants who completely achieved Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB) 6 by participating in Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada (LINC) classes to the English for Academic Purposes (EAP) 090 level course, effective 202330.

Moved to admit applicants who completely achieved Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB) 7 or 8 through participating in Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada (LINC) classes to the EAP 100 level courses, effective 202330.

Dean Schultz clarified that the two motions provide an admission pathway for newcomers to Canada to meet the English Language Proficiency requirements for the University.

The question was called on the omnibus motion.

CARRIED

7.2.7 Registrar's Office

Undergraduate Calendar Regulation – Undergraduate Student Leave of Absence

J. Keshen – J. D'Arcy

Moved to approve the following Leave of Absence regulations to be added to the Academic Regulations section of the undergraduate academic calendar, effective immediately.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.3 Admission Requirements – Duolingo

7.3.1 Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

J. Keshen – A. Douai

Moved that the online Duolingo English Test (DET) be accepted as an approved test of English Language Proficiency (ELP) for graduate admission (except for La Cité universitaire francophone), on a permanent basis, effective immediately.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.3.2 UR International and Enrolment Services

J. Keshen – C. Pollard

Moved that the Duolingo Online English Test be accepted as an approved test of English Language Proficiency (ELP) for undergraduate admissions (with the exception of the Faculty of Nursing), on a permanent basis, effective immediately.

A Senator inquired why Nursing was excluded from the motion. Dean Pollard clarified that the Faculty of Nursing followed the English Language Proficiency requirements of the College of Registered Nurses of Saskatchewan. This allows nursing graduates to immediately enter the workforce.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.3.3 Centre for Continuing Education

J. Keshen – C. Schultz

Moved that the Duolingo Online English Test be accepted as direct entry to the

English for Academic Purposes (EAP) program, following the level equivalency chart on a permanent basis, effective immediately.

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 36-39 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. Russell 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 March Board meeting, the Board approved:

- 2023 University Risk Register
- Annual internal audit plan for 2023-2024
- Budget increase for a window replacement project for the Dr. John Archer Library and the Administrative Humanities Building
- Change to the Master Trust and Trust & Endowment investment custodian
- An increase to parking rates
- Faculty-based research centre, the Centre for Artificial Intelligence, Data, and Conflict

The board received regular annual reports on international activity, insurance, and health, safety, and wellness.

The Board received a presentation on Budget Principles and Assumptions and information on tuition comparatives and affordability.

The Board toured the Brad Hornung Accommodations Test Centre and the Centre for Experiential and Service Learning.

At the April Board meeting, the Board approved:

- 2023-2024 Tuition and Fees
- 2023-2024 Comprehensive Budget Plan
- 10 Year Capital Plan for submission to the Ministry of SaskBuilds and Procurement

The Audit and Risk Management Committee received a report on the University's Top 10 risks and reviewed the 2022-2023 Annual Report on Risk.

The Human Resources Committee reviewed and received the 2022 Annual Pension Plan reports.

The Financial and Facilities Committee continues to receive regular updates on Indigenous procurement initiatives.

Two Board members' terms have expired: David Chow and Gary Bosgoed. The Lieutenant Governor will appoint new members by Order-in-Council. The Board welcomed Tejas Patel, President, University of Regina Students Union (URSU). In addition, Dr. Andrew Cameron will begin as the Faculty member elected to the University of Regina Board of Governors on July 1st.

Following the report by the Board Members Elected by Senate, Senators were invited to ask questions. Discussion followed and included:

- Impact of increased tuition on domestic and international students
- Opportunity to offer additional scholarships and bursaries to international students

The Chancellor thanked A. Russell and M. Smadu for their report. The Chancellor extended thanks to M. Smadu for her service to the University of Regina as her term as a Senate Representative to the University of Regina Board of Governors comes to an end.

9. Administrative Reports

9.1 Annual Enrolment Report 2022-2023, For Information, Appendix VI, Pages 45-47

J. D'Arcy, Registrar, presented the report and highlighted five-year enrolment trends, populations segments, and the top nations for international recruitment.

Following the report from J. D'Arcy, Senators were invited to ask questions. Discussion followed and included:

- Examples of countries included in the "other" category. The University welcomes students from over 100 different countries
- Reasons for the decrease in students attending from China, noting that the University of Regina was one of the earliest to actively recruit from that nation
- Improvements in visa processing times for international students
- Changes in admissions and expectations of domestic students since the pandemic
- Introduction of hybrid and hyflex courses and the difference between these two modes of delivery

All questions were addressed by management.

10. Presentation

10.1 “EYES (Educating Youth in Engineering and Science),” presentation by K. Mullock, and M. Chittenden, Coordinators, Engineering Outreach

P. Choi introduced K. Mullock and M. Chittenden, Coordinators, Engineering Outreach to the University of Regina Senate.

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

- EYES partnership with the Saskatchewan Science Centre
- Recruitment and retention efforts of EYES to encourage students who attend the summer programming at a young age attend the University of Regina later in their educational journey
- Cost of programming and how EYES is funded

A Senator commended EYES on their efforts to introduce young people to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in rural Saskatchewan.

The Chancellor thanked K. Mullock and M. Chittenden for their presentation.

11. In Camera Session

11.1 Joint Committee of Senate and Council on Ceremonies, *For Approval, Appendix VII, Page 48*

Chancellor Klein presented the report on behalf of the Joint Committee of Senate and Council on Ceremonies.

P. Klein – N. Ekheteraetoussi

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

11.2 Results of the Election of the Senate Member to the University of Regina Board of Governors

G. Sylvestre reported that M. Deters (University of Regina Alumni Association Representative) was elected by Senate to the University of Regina Board of Governors for a three year term effective July 1, 2023.

The Chancellor thanked nominees for letting their name stand in the election.

11.3 Destruction of Election Ballots, *For Approval*

J. D'Arcy – A. Douai

Moved to destroy the ballots from item 6.2.2.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

12. Adjournment – J. Keshen (11:52 a.m.)



Glenys Sylvestre
University Secretary