AGENDA 2:30 p.m. Thursday September 22, 2016 Convocation Hall – Peter MacKinnon Building

In 1995, the **University of Saskatchewan Act** established a representative Council for the University of Saskatchewan, conferring on Council responsibility and authority "for overseeing and directing the university's academic affairs." The 2016/17 academic year marks the 22nd year of the representative Council.

As Council gathers, we acknowledge that we are on Treaty Six Territory and the Homeland of the Métis. We pay our respect to the First Nations and Métis ancestors of our gathering place and reaffirm our relationship with one another.

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It is recommended that Council approve the nomination of David Burgess, associate dean (research, graduate support and international initiatives), College of Education to serve on the research, scholarly and artistic work committee effective September 22, 2016 and continuing until June 30, 2019.

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Deadline for submission of motions to the coordinating committee: October 3, 2016



Minutes of University Council 2:30 p.m., Thursday, June 23, 2016 Arts Building Room 241 Neatby-Timlin Theatre

Attendance: See Appendix A for listing of members in attendance.

The chair called the meeting to order at 2:34 p.m., observing that quorum had been attained.

Three memorial tributes were delivered. Professor Marc Mentzer of the Department of Human Resources and Organizational Behaviour presented a tribute to honour Richard Long, Hanlon Scholar in International Business at the Edwards School of Business. Professor Julio Torres-Recinos of the Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultural Studies gave a tribute to Alexander Sokalski, Professor Emeritus of the Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultural Studies, College of Arts and Science. Professor William Kulyk, Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology gave a tribute to honour late colleague Ronald Doucette, professor in the Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology, College of Medicine.

1. Adoption of the agenda

FLYNN/DOBSON: To adopt the agenda as circulated.

CARRIED

2. <u>Opening remarks</u>

The chair, Jay Kalra, provided opening remarks, noting the importance of the business before Council at its last meeting of the year. All members were asked to ensure that Council remains a forum for healthy debate within the university's collegial governance system based on the three major principles that Council works under: that Council has always enjoyed academic freedom and continues to value it; that Council is a collegial self-governing body; and that Council is where academic matters are considered and decisions made. Given the fullness of the agenda, Dr. Kalra indicated that discussion of information items might be limited to ensure the opportunity for discussion of all decision items. Members of the media, if present, were asked not to participate in debate and not to record the proceedings of the meeting.

3. Minutes of the meeting of May 19, 2016

A Council member characterized the minutes of May 19, 2016 meeting as presenting a thorough and fair reflection of the agenda, but requested two departures from the established conventions of the minutes: to record the vote [23 in favour, 13 opposed] of the motion to approve the establishment of the Johnson-Shoyama Institute for Science and Innovation Policy (ISIP)(item 8.2); and to attribute the statement "that indigenous peoples were not visibly present at the meeting" in the minutes for this item to Eileen Bear of Pinehouse, Saskatchewan. He asked that the attribution to Ms. Bear be made in light of the reconstruction of the narrative of indigenizing the university. The member indicated that Ms. Bear told Council that she had walked to Regina with her son to protest events that threatened her community and had the integrity to question Council to say in effect: Where are my people in the taking of this vote? Beth Williamson, university secretary, noted

the request to record the vote in the minutes required a motion duly submitted to Council with a mover and seconder.

FINDLAY/D'EON: That the May 19, 2016, Council minutes record the vote to approve the establishment of the Johnson-Shoyama Institute for Science and Innovation Policy (ISIP) as 23 in favour, 13 opposed, and that the comment in the minutes that indigenous peoples were not visibly present when the vote was taken be attributed to Ms. Eileen Bear of Pinehouse, Saskatchewan.

CARRIED

FLYNN/FINDLAY: That the Council minutes of May 19, 2016 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

4. Business from the minutes

A member raised a concern about the general process and procedure of how Council functions, in particular Council's reliance on its standing committees when the minutes of these committees are not available to Council. He specifically referenced the discussion of the Johnson-Shoyama Institute for Science and Innovation Policy and the degree to which the planning and priorities committee considered the social impact of the centre. He characterized the recent Council agendas as overcrowded and filled with perfunctory items resulting in limited debate of important decisions, which could have been mitigated by the planning and priorities committee providing Council with minutes of the committee's discussion of the institute.

The chair thanked the member and indicated he would take the request under advisement.

5. Report of the President

President Peter Stoicheff presented the president's report to Council acknowledging that the meeting would be the last Council meeting chaired by Dr. Kalra due to his election as the faculty representative on the Board of Governors and subsequent resignation as Council chair. He thanked Dr. Kalra for his work over many years on behalf of Council. This recognition was met with applause.

The president made special mention of the potential re-opening of the Emma Lake Kenderdine campus. A site plan in keeping with the vision and purpose of the campus is being developed and fund-raising to support the re-opening has been initiated. The president also noted that after decades of considering how to achieve a new ice facility, the university is on the cusp of attaining this goal. The Board of Governors has required that 80% of the funds required for the ice facility be committed prior to any formal public announcement and the university is close to having this amount committed.

The president closed his report with comments on the provincial budget allocation to the university. The university is in a stable position financially due to the cautious and strategic use of university resources over recent years. The amount of funds set aside in university reserve funds is equivalent to 6 to 10% of the university's operating budget and is in line with the amounts set aside by other universities. These reserve funds are both financially and strategically appropriate given the university's aspirations.

Although expected, a 0% funding increase, such as that announced by the province when the budget was delivered earlier in the month, is not sustainable over several years. The provincial government has referred to the rationalization of programs between the province's two universities, with specific reference made to the Education and Nursing programs. President Stoicheff noted that the university does not share this perspective and will always seek to offer distinctive, high quality programs that are in high demand by students.

President Stoicheff invited Greg Fowler, vice-president finance and resources to elaborate on the university's budget. Mr. Fowler gave a brief accounting of the major components of the budget and indicated that the university relied extensively on its reserves and savings to cover the costs of 2015/16 operations. The Board of Governors has passed the 2016/17 operating budget, which includes a \$17 M deficit and approximately 15% or \$150 M in reserves and savings remaining across the operating funds.

6. Report of the Provost

Ernie Barber, interim provost and vice-president academic presented the provost's report to Council, drawing attention to the reviews of the University Library and the School of Environment and Sustainability (SENS) and indicating that both units are well positioned to continue to provide strong outcomes.

Dr. Barber spoke about the university's financial position, noting the operating budget is a subset of an operating fund which includes other sources of revenue that are not centrally collected. These other revenues are fully administrated within the colleges and schools. Deans and executive directors have developed unit operating budgets for 2016/17 that take into account all operating revenue and costs. In the 2016/17 budget year, colleges, excluding the College of Medicine, will see increases of 2.5% from total sources. College budgets are being protected by a significant reduction in fee for service activities. In aggregate, the university's reserves are being drawn down but are still at a healthy level and care will be taken to ensure the central operating reserve is not depleted. The provincial funding increase of 0% will cause significant pressure in the next budget year.

In response to a question of whether the university is in a structural deficit, Dr. Barber said he would not characterize the university as being in this position but did recognize the university must always work to balance funding with expenditures through finding new sources of revenue and realizing collective efficiencies. The reduction in funding places emphasis on the university's operations forecast submission to the province and having an increase consistent with the university's rate of internal inflation. Dr. Barber expressed gratitude to those across the university who manage the university's budget and its financial forecasting.

A member referred to the rankings report included in the April Council agenda package. He noted the report was well written and clear. His concern is that the report projects that the university will have a much greater focus on research than on teaching and learning. As research performance is a significant factor in rankings, the report recommends publishing a set of research indicators and monitoring performance against these indicators. In contrast, the university's teaching and learning outcomes are not tracked as they are difficult to measure and are only marginally considered by ranking agencies. The implication is that what does not get measured does not improve and that there is much less emphasis on teaching and learning.

President Stoicheff responded, indicating that ranking placement is important due to the influence it has in attracting students and partner institutes, but that the university should not change its

mission to rise in the rankings. The university also needs to report on its activities. A Council member suggested performing student exit surveys to measure how well students do after graduation. He also requested that Council be acknowledged in the rankings report for its contributions to the university's improved rankings. Dr. Barber acknowledged the work of Council and indicated that student satisfaction and student outcomes are important indicators to measure.

7. <u>Student Societies</u>

7.1 Report from the USSU

Kehan Fu, president of the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union, presented the USSU report to Council. The USSU has determined that alumni engagement and having students regarded as potential future alumni from the moment they arrive on campus until they leave requires a fundamental shift in culture. The USSU is working on the development of supports that are specifically designed to assist students after graduation. Connecting students with alumni brings valuable mentorship and resources to students.

7.2 Report from the GSA

Ziad Ghaith, president of the Graduate Students' Association, presented the GSA report to Council. On behalf of the GSA Executive, he thanked the offices of the university secretary and the College of Graduate Studies and Research for ensuring graduate student representatives were named to various committees. The message from the GSA to the provincial government and the university is that graduate students are under-represented on many other important committees of the university and on Council, Senate, and the Board of Governors.

An outcome of the GSA Executive retreat is the decision to hold monthly academic workshops to increase members' awareness of Indigenous issues. The GSA is also working with the Canadian Federation of Students to conduct a survey of graduate students to identify student needs and strategically address these. The survey will be the first university-wide survey of graduate students. In closing, Mr. Ghaith invited all present to attend the GSA orientation in September to welcome incoming graduate students to the university.

8. Planning and Priorities Committee

Lisa Kalynchuk, chair of the planning and priorities committee presented the reports to Council.

8.1 Request for Decision – Establishment of the Department of Emergency Medicine

Professor Kalynchuk reported that the Department of Emergency Medicine is an anomaly in that it exists as a clinical department within the Saskatoon Health Region but is not recognized as an academic department within the university. With one exception, all medical schools across the country have academic departments of Emergency Medicine. As clinical faculty make large contributions to the M.D. program and increasingly engage in research activities, faculty in this area want to be recognized as being members of an academic department. On March 30, 2016, the College of Medicine Faculty Council voted unanimously in favour of establishing the department

Questions were asked about the faculty membership that would comprise the department and operational funding for the department, which was clarified to be allocated from the College of Medicine, either within its five-year budget or from college contingency funds.

Dr. Barber spoke of the role of Council to consider academic matters of the university, regardless of whether the faculty in the department are in scope or not. The faculty members who contribute to the academic work of the college will be associated with the college in many ways, as in-scope faculty, as faculty retained on contract, or as faculty who have signed an academic clinical funding plan (ACFP).

KALYNCHUK/de BOER: It is recommended that Council approve the establishment of the Department of Emergency Medicine in the College of Medicine, effective July 1, 2016.

CARRIED

8.2 Request for Input - Vision, Mission and Values Draft Document

Professor Kalynchuk presented the first draft of the Vision, Mission, and Values document. The document results from the visioning committee established by the president in the fall. Members were referred to the request for feedback which will inform a revised version of the document to be submitted to the university's governing bodies in October for approval.

Professors Brent Cotter and Liz Harrison, co-chairs of the visioning committee outlined the committee composition and recognized fellow committee members in attendance at the meeting: Wendy Roy, Council representative and Lee Ahenakew, Board of Governors representative.

Professors Cotter and Harrison spoke of the request from President Stoicheff to revitalize the university's mission statement from 1993. To date, the visioning committee has heard from up to one thousand individuals across various forums, with many generative ideas submitted. There will be continued consultation on the draft document until the final document is submitted to Council, Senate, and the Board of Governors for approval in the fall.

The document is structured in four parts, a preamble followed by a segment each on vision, mission, and values. The mission statement articulates the range of the university's responsibilities; the vision articulates the university's aspirations for the coming decade; and the principles within the document are those concepts to which the university aspires and commits. A subset of values describes the ways in which members and those associated with the university relate to one another.

Questions and comments on the draft document were invited. Members acknowledged the huge task undertaken by the visioning committee. Comments from members included the observation that there is no reference to social justice and equity in the document. As a public institution, the university has a moral responsibility to help those in the province improve their lives by acknowledging inequities. The indigenization movement was cited as an example that addresses these inequities. Drafters of the document were encouraged to make the document "sing" while recognizing the challenge of finding the right idiom. An example of where the document loses this ability is the shift away from the phrase the people's university to the "University of Saskatchewan and its people". Within the second paragraph it is unclear whether the reference to "areas of special and emerging strength" refers to important areas or to areas where the university is already strong.

The chair encouraged members to send input to the email address provided and thanked the co-chairs for their outstanding work and Council members for their cooperation in providing comments.

8.3 Report for Information – Library Transformation

Professor Kalynchuk encouraged members and the campus community to engage with the University Library leadership to let them know their needs so as to inform the transformation of the libraries on campus.

8.4 Report for Information – Annual Report for 2015/16

Professor Kalynchuk referred members to the planning and priorities committee's annual report of its activities over the course of the year. She assured members that difficult topics are critically reviewed by members while maintaining collegiality. Committee minutes are confidential but can be made available at the chair's discretion upon receipt of a request.

Professor Kalynchuk thanked Sandy Calver, committee secretary for her dedication to the committee, acknowledged the contributions of other Council committee chairs to Council and offered thanks to Professor Dirk de Boer, committee vice-chair and committee chair elect.

9. Nominations Committee

Ed Krol, chair of the nominations committee presented the committee reports to Council, placing the motions of items 9.1 through 9.4 on the floor at the same time. Each motion nominates a senior administrator to serve on a search committee either for a dean or executive director. The chair issued three calls for nominations from the floor for any of the positions.

9.1 Request for Decision – Nomination to the Search Committee for the Dean, College of Engineering

KROL/BRENNA, B.: That Council approve the appointment of Keith Willoughby, associate dean (research and academic), Edwards School of Business, as the senior administrator selected by Council to serve on the search committee for the Dean, College of Engineering.

CARRIED

9.2 Request for Decision – Nominations to the Search Committee for the Dean, College of Nursing

KROL/BRENNA, B.: That Council approve the appointment of Kent Kowalski, interim associate dean, undergraduate program, College of Kinesiology, as the senior administrator selected by Council to serve on the search committee for the Dean, College of Nursing.

CARRIED

9.3 Request for Decision – Nominations to the Search Committee for the Dean, College of Dentistry

KROL/BRENNA, B.: That Council approve the appointment of Elisabeth Snead, acting associate dean of research, Western College of Veterinary Medicine, as the senior

administrator selected by Council to serve on the search committee for the Dean, College of Dentistry, effective July 1, 2016.

CARRIED

9.4 Request for Decision – Nomination to the Search Committee for the Executive Director, School of Environment and Sustainability

KROL/BRENNA, B.: That Council approve the appointment of Heather Heavin, associate dean, graduate studies and research, College of Law, as the senior administrator selected by Council to serve on the search committee for the Executive Director, School of Environment and Sustainability.

CARRIED

9.5 Request for Decision - Membership Changes to the Academic Programs Committee

Professor Krol reported that this item corrects an error in the committee membership approved by Council in May. Professor Nathaniel Osgood's name was inadvertently omitted from the membership list and as a result, a new Council member sought. This error resulted in one too many Council members on the committee. In response, Professor Roy Dobson offered to step down from the committee.

KROL/BRENNA, B.: That Council approve the changes to the membership of the Academic Programs Committee for the 2016/17 year, as shown in the attachment.

CARRIED

10. Governance Committee

Kevin Flynn, member of the governance committee presented the committee reports to Council on behalf of Louise Racine, committee chair.

10.1 Request for Decision - Revisions to the Regulations on Student Academic Misconduct

Professor Flynn noted the revisions to the *Regulations on Student Academic Misconduct* were presented to Council as a request for input in May. The revised regulations take into account input and consultation across campus, and also consultation with the university's legal counsel. A significant change concerns the role of the academic administrator. Under the new regulations, the academic administrator is able to inform the instructor of the existence of prior formal and informal resolutions, but not the detail of the resolutions.

In response to a question about prevailing authority when there is a difference of opinion between the academic administrator and the instructor on whether a formal allegation of academic misconduct should be made, Professor Flynn indicated that the academic administrator is unable to require that the instructor make a formal allegation. However, the academic administrator is able to make a formal allegation themselves, recognizing that the instructor may choose not to participate in the formal hearing that ensues. The regulations do not prescribe who the academic administrator is and the individual with this responsibility may vary from college to college. In some instances, the role may be a standing designation within the college.

FLYNN/DOBSON: That Council approve the revisions to the Regulations on Student Academic Misconduct, effective January 1, 2017.

CARRIED

10.2 Request for Information – Number of Student Appeals from 2015/16

Professor Flynn noted the number of student appeals of academic matters and appeals of decisions related to academic misconduct are reported to Council annually.

11. Academic Programs Committee

Professor Flynn presented the academic programs committee reports to Council as chair of the committee, expressing regret at the resignation of Professor Dobson and offering complimentary remarks to Dr. Kalra.

11.1 Request for Decision – Nomenclature Report

The nomenclature report provides consistent and coherent language to use when discussing programming at the university. The definitions within the report are descriptive of university practice. As a result, the document is revised regularly to capture changes in practice over time.

FLYNN/DOBSON: That Council approve the changes to the Nomenclature Report, effective July 1, 2016

CARRIED

11.2 Request for Decision - Changes to the Academic and Curricular Change Authority Chart

Professor Flynn indicated that the *Academic and Curricular Change Authority Chart* outlines the level of approval required for programmatic changes. The revisions to the chart are intended to clarify the document content and the authorities described in the chart are unchanged.

FLYNN/DOBSON: That Council approve the changes to the Academic and Curricular Changes Authority Chart, effective July 1, 2016

CARRIED

11.3 Request for Decision – Admissions Templates for Student Mobility Categories

The admissions templates are intended to formalize admission requirements for students who come to the university for short-term study and are not enrolled in a degree program. Although visiting students and inbound student exchange students have been accommodated by the university for some time, in 2015, Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) changed its regulations to disallow the option for international students from other universities to be registered as visiting scholars. In response, the Visiting Student and Student Exchange programs were formalized and the Visiting Research Student pathway created and piloted in 2015. Professor Flynn indicated that the templates formalize admissions practices and provide the ancillary benefit of serving as student recruitment tools.

FLYNN/DOBSON: That Council approve the Admissions Templates for Student Mobility Categories, effective upon confirmation of Council's decision by Senate.

CARRIED

11.4 Request for Decision – Kanawayihetaytan Askiy ("Let us take care of the Land") Diploma in Aboriginal Resource Management

Professor Flynn indicated the Indigenous Peoples Resource Management certificate program has been offered for some time by the College of Agriculture and Bioresources and was recently renamed Kanawayihetaytan Askiy ("Let us take care of the Land"). The diploma program will permit those who have completed the certificate program to potentially ladder into the B.Sc. Renewable Resource Management degree program at the university.

FLYNN/DOBSON: That Council approve the Kanawayihetaytan Askiy Diploma in Aboriginal Resource Management, effective May 2017.

CARRIED

11.5 Request for Decision – Kanawayihetaytan Askiy ("Let us take care of the Land") Diploma in Aboriginal Lands Governance

The diploma in Aboriginal Lands Governance allows those students who have completed the Kanawayihetaytan Askiy certificate program to attain additional education in policies, governance, and administration as these apply to Aboriginal communities and lands.

FLYNN/DOBSON: It is recommended that Council approve the Kanawayihetaytan Askiy Diploma in Aboriginal Lands Governance, effective May 2017.

CARRIED

Professor Flynn indicated that members of the academic programs committee praised the breadth and depth of the college's consultation with Aboriginal communities in preparing both programs. A member of Council affirmed the exemplary consultation undertaken. Fran Walley, associate dean (academic) College of Agriculture and Bioresources asked that credit for the consultation be given to former associate deans Murray Drew and Dan Pennock, and to Candace Pete, coordinator of Aboriginal programs and outreach.

11.6 Report for Information – French Common Law Option

This option facilitates equipping bilingual law students with the tools to conduct legal research and legal writing in French, and provide in depth knowledge of Canadian Language Rights. The French Common Law option in the College of Law offers French language study of Canadian law in partnership with the University of Ottawa and will combine distance education with a term spent in residence in Ottawa.

11.7 Report for Information – Approval of Special Topics Course

This item reports on the approval of a third offering of the Department of Educational Foundations' special topics course, Experiencing and Examining Métis and First Nations Traditions and World Views. The College of Education is developing a new permanently numbered course to replace the special topics course.

11.8 Report for Information – Changes to the Academic Calendar 2016/17

Two minor changes to the 2016/17 academic calendar have been approved that relate to the orientation dates for first-year Medicine students and the clinical rotation dates for fourth-year Veterinary Medicine students.

12. Research, Scholarly and Artistic Work Committee

Rainer Dick, chair of the research, scholarly and artistic work committee presented the report to Council.

12.1 Report for Information – Responsible Conduct of Research Policy: Report on Policy Breaches for 2015/16

The Responsible Conduct of Research Policy requires a report to be made to Council each year on the number of breaches of the policy.

12.2 Report for Information – Annual Report to Council

Professor Dick acknowledged the important work of the research, scholarly and artistic work committee and thanked members for their efforts. A Council member asked for clarification of the statement in the committee annual report about the committee continuing its discussion on artistic and scholarly work in the fall. Professor Dick indicated that the continuing discussion refers back to the recommendations within the report on artistic works submitted by the committee to Council in June 2015. The committee was unable to dedicate the amount of time this topic deserves this spring and therefore will continue discussion on the topic in the fall.

Karen Chad, vice-president research, noted that her attention had been drawn to the lack of support for knowledge translation by means other than written materials within the criteria for the university's publication fund. This is of particular concern to the fine arts. Dr. Chad indicated she would look into the matter and report back to Council in the fall.

13. International Activities Committee

Jafar Soltan, vice-chair of the international activities committee presented the report to council on behalf of the chair, Hongming Cheng.

13.1 Report for Information – Annual Report to Council for 2015/16

Professor Soltan invited questions of the report. There were none. The work of the committee was recognized with applause from members.

14. Scholarships and Awards Committee

Frank Klaassen, chair of the scholarships and awards committee presented the committee report to Council.

14.1 Report for Information – Annual Report to Council for 2015/16

Professor Klaassen referred to the committee's annual report and invited questions. There were none.

15. Other business

There was no other business.

16. Question period

The chair invited questions from Council members. A member asked how he would go about submitting a motion to the September Council meeting to request that the minutes of Council committees be made available. The university secretary indicated she would advise the member on the process.

17. Adjournment

In closing, Dr. Kalra expressed that it was a privilege to have served as Chair of Council for the past five years in support of Council's mandate of academic governance. He acknowledged the vice-chairs he worked closely with—Hans Michelmann, John Rigby, Bob Tyler, and Roy Dobson—members of the President's Executive Committee, and concluded with thanks to the chairs of Council's standing committees and those Council committee chairs whose terms conclude this year: Lisa Kalynchuk, Hongming Cheng, Ed Krol and Rainer Dick. He also acknowledged the support of the university secretary and her staff: Sandy Calver, Amanda Storey, and Katelyn Wells.

Ms. Williamson conveyed that a call for nominations for Council chair will be made in July with nominations to close August 3 and an election to follow. All council members who are members as of July 1 are eligible to run in the election and eligible to be nominators. Until a new chair is elected, Roy Dobson, Council vice-chair will serve as acting Council chair.

The meeting was adjourned by motion (Dobson/Flynn) at 4:35 pm.

Voting Participants

Voting Participants										
Name	Sept 17	Oct 22	Nov 19	Dec 17	Jan 21	Feb 25	Mar 17	Apr 21	May 19	June 23
Aitken, Alec	P	Р	R	Р	Р	R	Р	P	Á	Р
Allen, Andy	Р	Р	R	Р	Р	Р	R	Р	R	Р
Andreas, Taylor	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	N/A	N/A
Arcand, Jaylynn	Α	R	R	Р	Р	R	R	R	N/A	N/A
Barber, Ernie	R	Р	Р	Р	Р	R	Р	Р	P	P
Barnhart, Gordon	Р	Р	N/A	N/A						
Baxter-Jones, Adam	Р	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	R	P
Bergstrom, Don	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	P	P	R	P	R	Α
Bilson, Beth	Р	P	A	R	P	P	P	R	R	P
Bindle, David	A	P	P	P	R	P	P	P	P	P
Bonham-Smith, Peta	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Р	P	R
Bowen, Angela	P	R	R	P	R	P	R	P	P	P
Bradley, Michael	P	R	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	A
Brenna, Bev	P	P	P	R	P	P	P	Р	R	P
Brenna, Dwayne	P	P	P	R	P	P	P	P	R	P
Brown, William	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	P	R	R
	P	R	P	P	R	R	P	R	P	R
Buhr, Mary Butler, Lorna	R	A	P	P	A	A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
-	A	A	R	P	P	A	P P	R R	N/A	N/A N/A
Carboni Mattee	P	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A
Carboni, Matteo Card, Claire	_	A P		A P	A P	A P	A P	A P	N/A P	N/A A
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Chakravarty, Rajat	P	P	P	R	P	P	P	P	N/A	N/A
Cheng, Hongming	P	A	P	A	P	P	P	P	A	A
Chernoff, Egan	P	R	P	P	R	R	A	R	R	R
Chibbar, Ravindra	P	R	P	P	A	A	A	A	Р	R
Crowe, Trever	P	P	P	P	Α	P	P	P	P	P
De Boer, Dirk	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	P	Р
D'Eon, Marcel	Р	R	Р	Р	Р	R	Р	Р	Р	Р
Deters, Ralph	Р	Р	Α	Р	Р	Р	Р	Α	Р	Α
DeWalt, Jordyn	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α
Dick, Rainer	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
Dobson, Roy	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	R	Р	Р	Р	Р
Eberhart, Christian	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α
Ervin, Alexander	Р	Α	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
Eskiw, Christopher	P	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Α	Р	Р	Α
Findlay, Len	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	R	Р	Р	Р	Р
Flynn, Kevin	Р	Р	Р	Р	R	Р	Р	Α	Р	Р
Freeman, Douglas	R	R	Р	Α	R	Р	R	R	R	R
Gabriel, Andrew	R	R	Α	Α	Α	Α	R	Α	Α	Α
Ghezelbash, Masoud	Α	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Α	Р	Р	R
Gill, Mankomal	R	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α
Gobbett, Brian	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α
Gordon, John	Р	R	Α	Р	Р	R	Р	Р	Р	Р
Gray, Richard	Р	Α	Р	Р	Α	Р	Α	Α	Р	R
Greer, Jim	Р	Α	Р	Р	Р	Р	R	Р	Р	Р
Gyurcsik, Nancy	Р	R	Р	R	Р	R	Р	Р	Р	R
Hamilton, Murray	Р	Р	R	Α	R	Α	R	Р	Р	R
Havele, Calliopi	Α	Α	Α	Α	Р	Р	Α	Р	Α	Р
Hayes, Alyssa	Р	Р	Р	R	Р	Р	R	Р	Р	Р
Honaramooz, Ali	Α	Α	Α	Р	Р	Α	R	Α	Р	R
Horsburgh, Beth	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Α	R	R	Α
Huckabay, Alana	Α	R	R	Р	R	R	R	R	N/A	N/A
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AGENDA ITEM NO: 4

4. Business from the Minutes

Minutes of Council Committees - (from the University Council Guidelines of Council Committees)

- 1. Each standing committee and subcommittee must keep a record of its proceedings in the form of minutes. Whenever practical, minutes should be approved at the next duly constituted meeting of the committee.
- 2. The record shall be open to any member of the committee, whether voting or non-voting.
- 3. The record is confidential, but excerpts from the minutes may be released at the discretion of the chair.
- 4. Each standing committee is required to report at least annually to Council. *

*from Council Bylaws



PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO UNIVERSITY COUNCIL September 2016

Update on Search for Provost and Vice-President Academic

The Provost and Vice-President Academic search committee has been meeting with potential candidates throughout the year and will continue to do so into the fall. The U of S's reputation has attracted a deep candidate pool and I am confident we will find a candidate who is an excellent fit for our institution to begin in 2017. The committee is intent on being able to make an enthusiastic recommendation, and the position is a crucial one for the university's future; the committee will take the time necessary to find the best possible candidate.

Ernie Barber stepped into the interim position in July 2014 and has done a superb job. To be respectful of Ernie's commitments to his family and personal pursuits, he will begin an administrative leave from the university effective Sept. 30, 2016, beyond the two-year mark in the position. In his place, I have asked Michael Atkinson, professor, Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, to assume the role of interim provost and vice-president academic beginning Oct. 1.

I want to offer my deepest gratitude to Ernie for all that he has done for our university, not just in his most recent role as interim provost, but for his unwavering willingness to step into many leadership roles over his long career at the U of S. I know I speak on behalf of our campus community when I wish Ernie all the best and thank him for his many years of service. During his leave, he and I will determine in what capacity he will return to campus.

I have also had the great opportunity to work with Michael Atkinson who first arrived at the U of S in 1997 as vice-president academic and provost, roles in which he served until 2008 when he became the founding executive director of the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy. He served in that role from 2008-2015, and as a member of dean's council, and provided leadership to both the school and the institution.

Michael, like Ernie, has an exceptional record of service to the U of S. I am confident he will provide excellent guidance and continuity in the interim provost role as we continue our search.

Research Funding Success

On Sept. 6th, the Government of Canada announced that the U of S was successful in our bid for funding through the Canada First Research Excellence Fund (CFREF) in the amount of \$77.8 million—the largest federal research grant ever awarded to the university.

Further contributions from international partners, industry, the U of S, and three partner universities—the University of Waterloo, McMaster University and Wilfrid Laurier University—bring the project budget to \$143.7 million, making it the largest university-led water research program in the world.



This is the second CFREF grant received by the U of S, the first received last year for the research initiative "Designing Crops for Global Food Security". It should be noted that not only was competition stiff for these grants, the University of Saskatchewan is the only institution in Canada to have received two of them. The recognition of these two initiatives is confirmation that we are truly among the best in the world in these focused areas of research.

Presidential Travel

The reason I am not able to attend University Council this month is due to a trip to China to meet with alumni, eight partner institutions, and potential donors. I will visit Hong Kong, Beijing, and Wuhan during the twelve-day trip. The dates of the trip were chosen to coincide with the Premier's planned visit to China. The Premier is slated to attend our alumni event in Beijing and we will be working on other joint activities in China together as well.

President's Committee on Mission, Vision, and Values

I am looking forward to the Vision, Mission and Values document coming to the October meeting of University Council. The committee has been working hard over the summer to revise and refine the document based on the feedback received. The document will flow through the planning and priorities committee of Council and will be brought to Senate in October, and to the Board of Governors after October's Council meeting, for endorsement.

New Royal Society Fellows Named

The Royal Society of Canada has released its list of newly named Fellows this year and I would like to congratulate on behalf of all of us at the University the two U of S faculty members who have made the list.

Jo-Anne R. Dillon from the Department of Microbiology and Immunology and Graham N. George from the Department of Geological Sciences will be honoured this November in Kingston, ON.

Jo-Anne Dillon is a world-leading expert in sexually transmitted diseases and antimicrobial resistance who has pioneered molecular technologies for characterizing the antibiotic resistance and transmission of Neisseria gonorrhoeae and other microorganisms. A distinguished administrator and the founding director of Health Canada's National Laboratory for Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Professor Dillon has helped shape Canadian public health and medical research institutions. She is a Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences.

Graham N. George is an internationally recognized leader in X-ray spectroscopy and imaging using synchrotron radiation. His research has provided insights into the chemistry of metals in living organisms. His work has had impacts in the areas of bioinorganic chemistry, molecular toxicology, fuel chemistry and environmental science.

AGENDA ITEM NO: 6.0

PROVOST'S REPORT TO COUNCIL

September 2016

MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-PROVOST, TEACHING AND LEARNING

Fall Orientation 2016

A campus-wide planning committee, as well as individual colleges and student groups, were busy planning for the arrival of our Fall 2016 student intake. All orientation activities are on a single orientation website: https://students.usask.ca/events/orientation.php. Orientation activities took place on campus during August and September. Online registration for the main Welcome & Campus Orientation Event opened the week of August 8 and as of August 29, 2016, 2,378 student had registered to attend. Special welcome events were held for Aboriginal and International students on Thursday, September 1, and a full day of central- and college-led activities occurred on Friday, September 2. Additional campus tours happened on Saturday, September 3. Planning for January 2017 orientation activities is underway!

U of S Language Centre's Special Programs:

The U of S Language Centre has hosted four special short programs for international institutional partners this summer. In July, North West Agriculture and Forestry University (Shaanxi, China) sent a group of students for a four week English and agriculture program. In August, Huazhong Agricultural University (Wuhan, China) sent two groups for a three week English and agriculture program. Kanto Gakuin University (Yokohama, Japan) sent a group for a three week English and Canadian culture program. Iwate University (Mokioka, Japan) also sent a group for a three week English and agriculture program. In some cases, faculty and administrative staff accompanied these groups as chaperones. Some partner institutions have indicated a desire to expand these programs in the future into other areas of agriculture and also entrepreneurship.

GSR 981: Canadian Academic Acculturation and Literacy

GSR 981 is a program to introduce new international graduate students to the U of S and graduate studies while brushing up their English proficiency and study skills. This is the sixth year that GSR 981 has been offered in cooperation with the College of Graduate Studies and Research, and marks the highest enrolment to date with 56 students participating. A complete curriculum review was conducted this past spring, and the structure of the program has been entirely restructured with evident success.

COLLEGE AND SCHOOL UPDATES

College of Arts and Science

- The college welcomes our new Arts & Science Students Union (ASSU) executive team: Olya Stepanenko (president), Gabrielle Cousyn (VP External), Raquel Alvarado (VP Academic), and Travis Hebert (VP Marketing).
- In terms of science outreach, we had a successful year with the Kamskenow Program, as we reached 42 Community School classrooms and 1019 students. The Science Ambassador Program partnered with 11 host communities, worked with 153 teachers, EAs, and community educators, and reached 2200

- students (96% of them Aboriginal): http://news.usask.ca/articles/people/2016/decade-of-dedication-for-u-of-s-science-ambassadors.php
- To help track climate change, Physics & Engineering graduate student **Matthew Kozun** is perfecting a new way of gazing down at Earth's atmosphere, and he recently won the Robert S. Hilbert Memorial Optical Design Competition.
- The college has been active on the alumni and fundraising fronts. Our Chemistry Department Head David Palmer presented giant cheques to the recipients of two donor- funded awards. Our Geology alum David Nordin walked from Calgary to Saskatoon to raise money for the Ore Gangue Fund, a scholarship supported by Geology alumni. He recently met with current Geology students, including the Ore Gangue Scholarship winner, at a welcome BBQ hosted by the department. Computer Science alum Russ Muzzolini's donation created a mobile app development course. Music donors were invited to present awards to scholarship recipients during the department's annual Awards Reception. College alumni met at recent Canada Day celebration in Mountain View, California, hosted by Digital Moose Lounge. Janelle Digney (BA'11, BEd'12) says faculty in the Department of History changed her outlook on the world, and she was excited for a chance to give back: http://artsandscience.usask.ca/news/articles/494/Alumni draw winner chooses history departmentT
- If you took in a play this summer in Saskatoon, you likely encountered talented alumni, students and faculty of the College of Arts & Science:

 http://artsandscience.usask.ca/news/articles/470/Summer_shows_featuring_arts_science_talent
- The work of wildlife ecotoxicologist Christy Morrissey, who secured a grant from three NSERC funds totaling \$391,500, specializes in the effects of pesticides and petroleum-derived pollution on songbirds, some populations of which have been cut in half in the last 50 years:
 http://artsandscience.usask.ca/news/articles/484/U_of_S_researchers_celebrate_10_million_in_NSERC_funding.
 Devoted to ecotoxicology and avian health, the Facility for Applied Avian Research is the only

resource of its type in Western Canada. The \$2.3 million facility opened in May: http://news.usask.ca/articles/research/2016/taking-flight.php

- The college is excited to offer **2016-17 Learning Communities**: First Year Learning Experience (FLEX): approx. 350 students in 12 LC's; Aboriginal Student Achievement Program (ASAP): approximately 90 students in 7 LC's; University Transition Program (UTRAN): approximately 151 students in 10 LC's.
- The college's Curriculum Renewal Advisory Committee has been active in discussing proposed new
 distribution requirements, and had three working groups to explore the corresponding college learning
 goals: writing; quantitative; and Indigenous. This year, we will further collaborate to determine how
 best to achieve the Indigenous learning goal, and to ensure breadth of degree programs is maintained.
- The current issue of the Arts & Science Magazine is at: http://artsandscience.usask.ca/news/magazine/Spring_2016/
- The College of Arts & Science presents **Lawrence Hill**, award-winning author of *The Illegal* and *The Book of Negroes*, at two free public events:

Monday, Nov. 21 Both events at Convocation Hall, Peter MacKinnon Building
1:30–3:00 p.m. Book Club: The Illegal Talk, discussion and coffee
7:30 p.m. My Writing Life Talk and book signing
http://artsandscience.usask.ca/news/articles/495/Arts_Science_Book_Club_with_Lawrence_Hill

University Library

Update on University Library Master Planning

Open consultation sessions are taking place in September through mid-October to gather feedback from the campus community as part of the master planning process for the University Library. Building upon the 2013 Murray Library Master Plan, the University Library Master Plan will help us map out the future of library spaces on campus – whether that is for study, research, collaboration, display, etc. – and the

steps needed to get there. This is all part of the larger University Library Transformation Project, which has seen deliberate, incremental change to campus libraries since 2004. A number of focused meetings, presentations, and community engagement sessions will be held in different locations around campus (beginning Sept. 15) and this is being promoted widely to ensure everyone is aware and has a chance to give feedback. To see the full list of dates and sessions or to submit your feedback online, please visit the Library Planning website.

College of Pharmacy and Nutrition

Appointments/Elections

Dr. Jane Alcorn, associate dean, research and graduate affairs.

Danielle Larocque, inaugural associate director of the Continuing Professional Development for Pharmacy Professionals (CPDPP) program.

Dean Kishor Wasan was elected as chair of the Association of Faculties of Pharmacy of Canada Dean's Council for 2016-2017.

Awards

Dr. Azita Haddadi has been named one of the RBC Top 25 Canadian Immigrant Awards.

Grants

Dr. Charity Evans (PI), as well as co-investigator Dr. David Blackburn and their colleagues, were awarded \$282,865 over three years from the Canadian Institutes of Health Sciences for their project titled "Medication adherence in multiple sclerosis: a model for other chronic diseases".

Dr. Charity Evans was awarded \$78,700 over two years from the Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation for her project titled "Establishing the incidence and prevalence of multiple sclerosis in Saskatchewan."

Dr. Meena Sakharkar was awarded \$145,000 over five years from Natural Sciences And Engineering Research Council of Canada for her project entitled "Understanding the transcriptional role of PPAR gamma in metabolic rewiring".

Dr. Kishor M. Wasan was awarded \$119,856 over three years from the Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation for his project titled "Chronic in vivo study of lanthanide compounds in an osteoporosis model (OVX rat) for the treatment of bone density disorders".

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SEPTEMBER 6, 2016 FIRST DAY OF FALL TERM CLASSES

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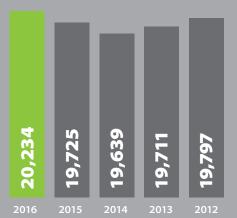
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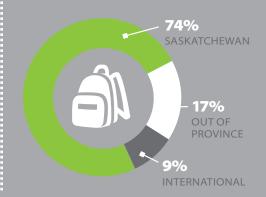
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GRADUATE STUDENT ORIGIN

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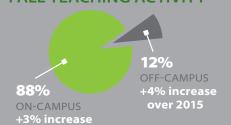
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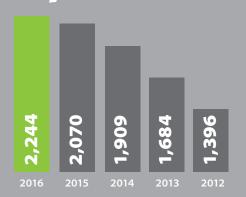
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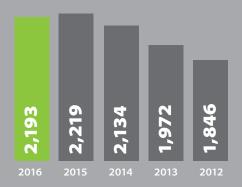
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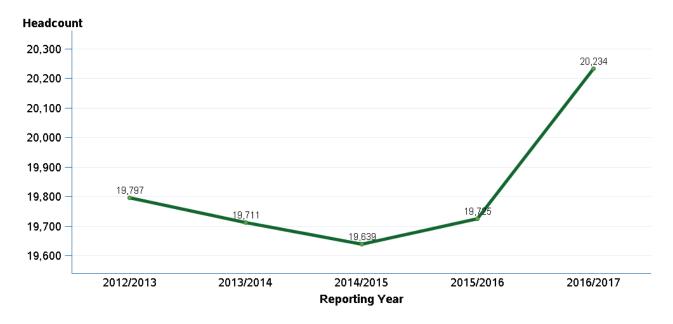
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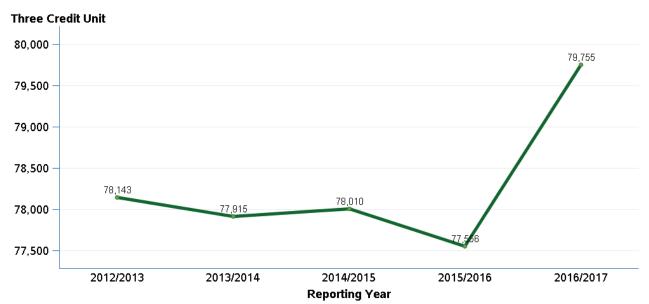
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Report to Council May 2015

In the Operations and Finance Portfolio, VP Barker is focusing on improving the user accessibility of the Union's student services. With the increased student group funding allocations made approved by the 2015-2016 USSU Council, the USSU is complementing that funding with increased online resources of students. The Union is in the process of streamlining online applications and approval of campus group insurance. In addition, the USSU is also improving the functionality of our online campus group funding applications with increased response times and informational resources. The USSU is actively involved with University Support Services in the process of releasing the campus-wide USafe App. The Transit-Tracker Plasma has been installed in Upper Place Riel - all that remains is confirmation from Saskatoon Transit.

In the VP Academic Portfolio, VP Malinoski is focusing on three main initiatives. Academic grievances remains an important responsibility for the Student Union and the USSU is currently streamlining internal documentation to better analyze student cases. Continuing on the work of previous USSU executives, Open Textbook Resources is a continued priority of this year's Academic Portfolio. Increased collaboration with College Units, The Gwenna Moss Centre, as well as the other offices with the VP Teaching and Learning portfolio will culminate in a week-long advocacy Campaign scheduled for Oct. 3rd - 7th. The USSU is expanding its partnership with the Student Learning Services (SLS) and the International Student Study Abroad Centre (ISSAC) to offer more academic advocacy and resources.

In the VP Student Affairs Portfolio, VP Huyghebaert is focusing on sustainability in the upcoming weeks. On Oct. 13th, the USSU will present the 1st-Ever Sustainability MOU with the U of S President Office. This memorandum will strengthen the commitment from both the USSU as well as the University for greater advocacy, resources, and engagement towards Sustainability initiatives and projects. This grant was developed by the 2015-2016 USSU Committee in collaboration with the U of S Office of Sustainability with the goal of providing financial support for student-led sustainability initiatives. Continuing upon the work of last year's executive is the USSU's involvement in promoting Campus Wellness and Safety. The USSU remains a key partner in the planning and execution of Sexual Assault Awareness Week. VP Huyghebaert continues to represent student concerns on the Wellness Strategy Team. Lobbying for student nap rooms and other "de-stress" facilities remain ongoing - including consultations for the Murray Library Transformation Plan.

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Advocacy and facilitation of student leadership opportunities remains important among all portfolios. The USSU has committed to an active role in developing and supporting the Student Leadership Community of Practice (SLCoP) in collaboration with the VP Teaching and Learning Portfolio. Under VP Barker, the USSU is looking at options for implementing a campus-wide non-academic transcript for student volunteering and leadership experiences. With VP Huyghebaert, the USSU looks to host a first ever Women in Leadership Week this upcoming february in celebration of women's leadership, achievement, and success across the community. VP Malinoski is actively involved in the planning of a Student Leadership Reception set for the upcoming weeks.

In the Presidential Portfolio, the USSU is focusing on communications with key stakeholders groups. The USSU will be active across campus with informal question both as part of the Face-to-Face initiative. More importantly, a Weekly Presidential Address will be broadcasted online to help broaden the Union's general engagement strategy. President Fu is preparing a fall summit for the Association of Constitution Presidents (AOCP) to foster stronger relationship with the student groups representing key student constituencies. As well, the Union is undertaking a holistic re-examination of its Student Committee in terms of resources allocation, mandate, and committee representation. This comes after the amazing progress made by several Committees last year - including the brand new International Student Affairs Committee, Sustainability Committee, and Academic Affairs Committee. In expanding the Union's involvement with the broader U of S Community, the USSU is continuing its partnership with the Office of University Relations, Student Enrollment (SESD), and Huskies Athletics to build greater campus engagement and leadership. Of special interest to President Fu is building upon the success of different alumni-student engagement initiatives started during his previous term as VP Student Affairs.

The tail-end of September is upon us and with that, the 2016 - 2017 is in full swing for the USSU. Outside of these particular initiatives, the USSU is always busy managing its day-to-day operations. This includes our Louis' and Louis' Loft businesses, supporting our the services and programs of our five student centres, and maintaining all other operations housed in Place Riel. If any questions or comments arises from this report, please do not hesitate to contact us!





University of Saskatchewan - Graduate Students' Association GSA President Ziad Ghaith's September report

The Graduate Students' Association is excited to start a new academic year with promising plans to improve the graduate students' representation and to enhance their academic journey at the University of Saskatchewan.

The long summer planning has now turned into action, with multiple social and academic activities. In this report, I am highlighting a list of important updates:

- **GSA Fall Orientation**

The GSA Fall Orientation took place on September 6th, 2016 with more than 1700 in attendance. Our members were well received and accommodated during this big event. The GSA executives highly appreciate the University administrations cooperation and the logistic support during the orientation.

On another note, the GSA executives were honored to participate in the orientation of different colleges, where we had the opportunity to talk to the new graduate students coming to the university and to inform them about their GSA services and benefits.

- Graduate Students' representation in the Board of Governors and the University Council.

We have recently requested the provincial government to open the University of Saskatchewan Act, 1995 to amend it and allow for the graduate students' representation in the Board of Governors and to increase our representation within the University Council. However, we recieved a negative response from the government's officials. However, the GSA will continue its efforts to improve the representation. On October 4th, I will meet the Saskatchewan Government Caucus to discuss the importance of graduate students' representation in the Board of Governors and the University Council.

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- Supervisor-Student Relationship

Formalizing the relationship between a supervisor and their students is one of the urgent re-

quests for graduate students. We are currently working on drafting a memorandum of under-

standing that we will later ask the university to encourage different academic units to utilize,

to ensure the University academic standards.

- Graduate Survey

The GSA has formed a survey committee consisting of graduate student volunteers as well as

the GSA executive. The committee has started drafting the survey. We hope to launch this

survey by November 2016.

- Day of Action

students in Saskatchewan continue to face unregulated tuition fee increases every year, and

the government freezes the funding to postsecondary education in Saskatchewan. The GSA is

part of the Day of Action on November 2nd where students demand the government to Reduce

and eliminate the tuition fees for all, to increase funding to postsecondary education in

Saskatchewan, and to provide a provincial grants program for Indigenous students

Ziad Ghaith. President

Graduate Students' Association

AGENDA ITEM NO: 8.1

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REQUEST FOR DECISION

PRESENTED BY: Tamara Larre, chair

Nominations committee of Council

DATE OF MEETING: September 22, 2016

SUBJECT: Research, Scholarly and Artistic Work Committee

Member Nomination

DECISION REQUESTED:

It is recommended:

That Council approve the nomination of David Burgess, associate dean (research, graduate support and international initiatives), College of Education to serve on the research, scholarly and artistic work committee effective September 22,

2016 and continuing until June 30, 2019.

DISCUSSION SUMMARY: A new member on the research, scholarly and artistic work

committee is needed due to the sabbatical leave of Laurie Hellsten, associate dean, graduate studies, College of

Education, after having served on the committee since 2014. Two of the nine members are to be assistant or associate

deans with responsibility for research.

RESEARCH SCHOLARLY AND ARTISTIC WORK COMMITTEE

- Reviews and advises Council on issues related to research, scholarly and artistic work including advising on research grant policies and the establishment of research centres.
- Memberships comprises 9 members of the GAA, at least 3 of whom will be elected members of Council; 2 of the 9 members will be assistant or associate deans with responsibility for research

Council Members

John Gordon	Medicine	2018
Paul Jones (chair)	School of Environment and Sustainability	2019
Julita Vassileva	Computer Science	2019

General Academic Assembly Members

Hector Caruncho	Pharmacy and Nutrition	2018
Garry Gable	Music	2018
Lorraine Holtslander	Nursing	2017
Virginia Wilson	Library on sabbatical Jan 1/17 – June 30 17	2018

TBD

Bob Tyler Associate dean, research and graduate studies 2019

College of Agriculture and Bioresources

(presently acting dean until end-February 2017)

Other members

Karen Chad Vice-President Research (ex officio)

Adam Baxter-Jones Interim Dean of Graduate Studies and Research (ex officio)

Brooke Malinoski [USSU designate] Ali Kiani [GSA designate]

Resource members

TBD Director, Research Services and Ethics Laura Zink Director, Strategic Research Initiatives Secretary: Amanda Storey, Office of the University Secretary

AGENDA ITEM NO: 9.1

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

PLANNING AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE FOR INFORMATION ONLY

PRESENTED BY: Dirk de Boer, chair, planning and priorities committee

DATE OF MEETING: September 22, 2016

SUBJECT: Report on University Lands and Capital Projects

COUNCIL ACTION: For information only

CONTEXT AND BACKGROUND:

The planning and priorities committee (PPC) is responsible to "consider the main elements of the operating budget and capital budget and report to Council," and to "advise the president and senior executive on operating and capital budgetary matters, including infrastructure and space allocation issues..." Each year, the committee or its capital and finance subcommittee is apprised by administration of capital items that encompass lands, infrastructure, preventative maintenance and renewal, new builds, space allocation, and capital strategies.

DISCUSSION SUMMARY:

At its meeting on June 15, the committee received a presentation from Greg Fowler, vice-president finance and administration and Colin Tennent, associate vice-president, Facilities Management Division (FMD) on university lands and their development and major capital projects.

Development of University Lands

The university owns about 18% of the land in the city's core area and plans to strategically develop these lands using a phased approach in conjunction with the City of Saskatoon Growth Plan, which predicts population growth to half a million citizens over the next 30 to 40 years. Reviewing bridge connections, transit system corridors, and rapid transit options is part of this planning. Work has begun to rezone the university's core endowment lands in the northern part of the city to include residential lots. This is a long-term strategic development, with the potential to yield significant monies to the university. Over a 50-year period, the university could build an endowment on these lands of between \$300 - \$700 M depending on density and market values. Monies would be realized through development and long-term land leases, which will result in one-time revenues to establish endowments and also in ongoing commercial lease revenues. Among the U15 group of universities, the University of Saskatchewan holds lands whose

estimated value is higher than that of top five universities of this group, and yet has a land use income stream that is at the bottom of members of the U15.

Major Capital Projects

Funding for the new Collaborative Science Research Building has been approved by the federal government's Post-secondary Institutions Strategic Investment Fund. The building will be located in what is now the Biology garden area and used initially to rehouse faculty as the W.P. Thompson Building is renewed. Other capital projects include the childcare expansion project in the Williams Building to add an additional 23 childcare seats, bringing the total number of university childcare seats up to 113; the A and B wing renovations of the Health Sciences complex; the WCVM paddocks (drainage); ITEP renovations in the Education Building; the Prince Albert distributed learning site (Nursing & Arts and Science); and renovations to the Thorvaldson Building once the Health Sciences renovations are complete.

The final phases of the Preston Crossing mall development are under construction. Planning is underway for the recently approved twin-pad ice facility to replace Rutherford Rink which will be situated alongside the Field House and will also include a basketball/volleyball gymnasium, the hotel development in the College Quarter, the livestock and forage centre of excellence; the purchase of additional research crop lands, and the possible rejuvenation of the Kenderdine Emma Lake campus. The northwest corner of College Quarter is planned to hold retail, commercial, residential (family housing) based on a mixed use village model. The concepts informing the development of the College Quarter are community, connection, and health support wellness.

Additional information about the university's capital projects is available on the Facilities Management Division website at:

http://facilities.usask.ca/construction and renovation/major-capital-projects.php

Information about real estate and university property is found on the Corporate Administration website at:

http://www.usask.ca/corporate_admin/real_estate/index.php#Preston

AGENDA ITEM NO: 10.1

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR INFORMATION ONLY

PRESENTED BY: Elizabeth Williamson, university secretary

DATE OF MEETING: September 22, 2016

SUBJECT: Paperless Council Agenda Packages

COUNCIL ACTION: For information only

CONTEXT AND BACKGROUND:

Several years ago in an effort to reduce printing costs, Council members were given the option to "opt-out" of receiving a printed Council agenda package by mail from the university secretary's office. Then in 2014 Council members were asked to "opt-in" to receive a printed copy; otherwise Council members received an emailed copy. Over time, as more and more individuals use electronic devices for reading documents, the number of Council members receiving printed packages has diminished significantly.

DISCUSSION SUMMARY:

As of this September, printed Council agenda packages will no longer be provided to members. This decision was made by the coordinating committee based on the monetary and environmental costs of printing the agenda packages and the dissolution of Printing Services as a campus unit. Council agenda packages will be posted on the Council website in a print-ready form. Members will be notified by email when the package is posted. Council members may individually print all, some, or none of the agenda package as desired.