

**UNIVERSITY COUNCIL  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
REPORT FOR INFORMATION**

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**PRESENTED BY:** Susan Detmer, Chair, Council Executive Committee

**DATE OF MEETING:** June 16, 2022

**SUBJECT:** **Annual Committee Report**

**COUNCIL ACTION:** **For Information Only**

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The following is a summary of the work of the Executive Committee for 2021-22.

The Council Executive Committee membership consists of all Council committee chairs and several members of the Governance Office. The committee met monthly throughout the year to set University Council agendas. In 2021-22, University Council considered new academic programs, strategic priorities, faculty council bylaws, university policies, nominations to committees, and much more. Council also received regular reports from the President, Provost, and student societies as well as special reports on items of importance to the university, such as from the Pandemic Response and Recovery Team (PRT).

Council Executive regularly discussed ongoing operational considerations for Council in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. Over the course of 2021-22, the Executive continued to evaluate whether Council and Council committees should meet in-person. In all, only a few select committee meetings took place in person for specific purposes, otherwise all were held virtually. Based on the latest advice, in April 2022 the Executive determined that Council and its committees would return to regular in-person meetings starting in September 2022. No hybrid option will be available.

The Executive Committee of Council and the President's Executive Committee also met monthly from September-June to discuss key academic and strategic matters at USask. Standing agenda items were debriefs of the last Council meeting, and updates from the PRT. We also discussed such issues as the budget, tuition, TABBS, collaborative use of space and infrastructure, the Indigenous Strategy, the Post-Pandemic Shift Project, community-engaged research and scholarship, and much more. This time with senior leaders was appreciated by Council chairs.

I would like to thank the vice-chair of Council, Pamela Downe and the outgoing Council committee chairs: Susan Shantz, Scholarships & Awards; Alison Oates, Academic Programs; Darrell Mousseau, Planning and Priorities; Marjorie Delbaere, Research Scholarly and Artistic work; Terry Wotherspoon, Governance; and Paul Jones, Nominations. I look forward to working with the incoming and continuing Council chairs next year.

I also wish to recognize University Secretary and Chief Governance Officer, Dr. Chelsea Willness for her tremendous support throughout the year. I look forward to working with her replacement, Julian Demkiw, and continuing to work with the small but mighty Governance Office professionals: Michelle Kjargaard, Jacquie Thomarat, and Amanda Storey.

Thanks to members of Council committees, and all Council members. Your involvement in USask governance is key to its success.



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