



UNIVERSITY COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 26, 2023
2:30-4:30pm
Via Zoom and Arts 241

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order. The Chair, Dr. Susan Detmer summarized the meeting protocols.

No members of the media identified themselves. No members were connecting by phone.

2. Tributes

None.

3. Adoption of the agenda

(Dobson/Lamb): *That the agenda be approved as circulated.*

CARRIED.

4. Chair's Opening remarks

Dr. Detmer acknowledged that Council meets on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis, paying respect to the First Nations and Métis ancestors of our gathering place and reaffirming our relationship with one another.

The Chair indicated that non-decision item (information items) questions will be deferred to question period, except for the President's Report as he would be leaving early.

Dr. Detmer reported on the regular monthly meeting between the Council Executive Committee and the President's Executive Committee (PEC), which took place on January 17, 2023. The topics were land use and the Innovation Corridor, and fundraising.

5. Approval of Minutes of the meeting of December 15, 2022

(Wotherspoon/Rayan): *That the minutes be approved.*

CARRIED.

6. Business Arising

None.

7. Report of the President

President Peter Stoicheff provided a summary of his written report and also noted that \$14 million from Saskatchewan's Agriculture Development Fund was recently awarded to USask, with \$7.2 million allocated to the Crop Development Centre.

He reminded Council of the upcoming concert *Discovering the Amatis*, showcasing USask's quartet of Amati string instruments, some of the finest in the world.

The President also noted the recently released Research InfoSource figures which showed that USask ranked very well.

President Stoicheff then called attention to the fact that several members of the USask community recently received the Order of Canada.

The President also highlighted the efforts going into planning for activities on campus in February in celebration of Black History Month.

There were no questions.

8. Report of the Provost

Dr. Airini, Provost and Vice President Academic greeted Council in the first languages of these lands.

She reported on consultations with students regarding university finances, which have built a better understanding of student priorities and how USask can support them.

She also recognized the upcoming Black History Month in February. She thanked the Deputy Provost and those in the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion portfolio for their efforts in planning for Black History Month. Dr. Mutwiri, Interim Executive Director, School of Public Health, provided an overview of the work and of events that would be held. There would be discussion panels, tailored menus in Marquis Hall, film screenings, book clubs, among other activities. Dr. Mutwiri noted that planning has been underway since March 2021. The efforts of over 30 individuals on the working group has supported and guided visibility on campus, harmonizing interests of faculty and staff and promoting an inclusive environment on campus.

There was a request for follow-up, as committed in June 2022, with more detailed information regarding TABBS and Uniforum. Reports to Council were expected in fall of 2022 and have not yet been provided. Dr. Airini responded that there have been consultations across all the colleges on these two matters. She noted that it is not clear what would be pertinent to Council regarding Uniforum. With regards to TABBS, Dr. Airini indicated that she is working with the Planning and Priorities Committee of Council. She indicated that there is little to report on TABBS, given the current pause in using the model, and the review of responsibility centre management taking place over the next two years. The Provost invited further feedback directly from the Council member outside of the Council meeting.

9. Student Societies

9.1 Report from the USSU

Abhineet Goswami, USSU President, presented the report as provided in the materials.

9.2 Report from the GSA

Mostofa Kamal, President of the GSA presented the report as provided in the materials.

10. Academic Programs Committee (APC)

Dr. Carolyn Augusta, Chair of APC, presented the items.

10.1 Request for Decision: Degree-level certificates - Technical Innovation Certificates

[Following the Council meeting on January 26, 2023 an error was identified in the motion presented in the Council agenda and the APC report to Council for the Technical Innovation Certificates. They were new certificates for approval, as indicated in the substance of the report. However, the motions stated they were changes to admissions qualifications for the degree-level certificates in Technical Innovation. This correction is noted below for the Council records, and under business arising in the March 16, 2023, Council agenda.]

(Da Silva/Augusta): *It is recommended that Council approve the ~~changes to the admissions qualifications~~ **proposals for two** degree-level certificates in Technical Innovation—New Product Market, and in Technical Innovation – Leading Innovative Teams, effective May 2023.*

An informal request came forward to request if there was still quorum.

The Chair and University Secretary confirmed that quorum was achieved as there were 64 voting members in attendance in person and on Zoom.

CARRIED.

10.2 Request for Decision: Change to Admissions Qualifications- Certificates in Professional Communication

(Da Silva/Augusta): *It is recommended that Council approve the changes to the admissions qualifications for the degree-level certificates in Professional Communication, effective the 2024-25 intake.*

CARRIED.

10.3 Request for Decision: Change to Admissions Qualifications – International Dental Degree Program

(Da Silva/Augusta): *It is recommended that Council approve the changes to the admissions qualifications for the International Dental Degree Program, effective for the 2023-24 intake.*

CARRIED.

10.4 Request for Decision: Change to Admissions Qualifications – Graduate Programs in the School of Environment and Sustainability

(Augusta/Da Silva): *It is recommended that Council approve the changes to the admissions qualifications for graduate programs in the School of Environment and Sustainability, effective the 2024-25 intake.*

CARRIED.

10.5 Request for Decision: Change to Grade Descriptors – Doctor of Pharmacy Program

(Augusta/Da Silva): *It is recommended that Council approve change to the grade descriptors for the Doctor of Pharmacy program in the College of Pharmacy and Nutrition, effective May 2023.*

CARRIED.

10.6 Request for Decision: Name Change – Aboriginal Business Administration Certificate to Indigenous Business Administration Certificate

(Augusta/Da Silva): *It is recommended that Council approve the name change for the Aboriginal Business Administration Certificate to the Indigenous Business Administration Certificate, effective May 2023.*

CARRIED.

10.7 Report for information: Academic Calendar 2023-24

The APC Chair reported that the Academic Calendar was approved by APC at the December 14, 2023 committee meeting.

There was a comment from a Council member that the exam schedule in fall of 2023 leads into December 23rd, which is the Saturday before the holiday break when the University closes. Russell Isinger, University Registrar responded that although the final date is set for December 23rd by APC, it is used as placeholder for urgent/emergent issues. It has been the historical practice of approving the 23rd of December as the final day for T1 exams, but the Registrar's Office generally does not schedule exams on the 22nd or 23rd.

11. Planning and Priorities Committee

11.1 Request for Decision: Department of Archaeology and Anthropology Name Change

(Squires/Mousseau): *That the name of the Department of Archaeology and Anthropology be changed to the Department of Anthropology effective immediately.*

Dr. Squires summarized the proposal and the deliberations at PPC as provided in the report in the Council package. It was clarified that the name change is effective 2023-24. Dr. Pamela Downe, faculty member in the Department noted that the current name is Archaeology and Anthropology – not Anthropology and Archaeology.

CARRIED.

12. Governance Committee

12.1 Request for Decision: School of Environment and Sustainability Faculty Council Bylaws

(Dobson/Larre): *That the changes to the Faculty Council Bylaws of the School of Environment and Sustainability be approved, effective immediately.*

Dr. Dobson, Chair of Governance, presented the item. He clarified that the December was reference to 2022 not 2023.

CARRIED.

12.2 Notice of Motion: College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies Bylaws

Dr. Dobson conveyed that 30 days notice is duly provided to Council for the request for a decision on bylaws, and that the motion would be presented for decision at the March 16, 2023 meeting of Council.

Dr. Debby Burstyn, Dean of CGPS, provided feedback on the importance of having the two graduate staff members of CGPS on the Faculty Council. It was noted that the Governance Committee has not recommended their voting membership. Therefore, the two staff are only included in the proposed bylaws as non-voting.

Dr. Detmer, Council Chair, directed feedback following the meeting to Dr. Dobson, Governance Committee Chair, and Dr. Jacquie Thomarat, Director of University Governance.

13. Nominations Committee

13.1 Report for information: Senior Leader Searches Electronic Decision

Dr. Eric Lamb, Chair of Nominations, presented the report. He highlighted the changes being made to nominations processes in effort to incorporate and reflect EDI principles. He welcomed any t faculty to nominate themselves or someone they know. Dr. Lamb noted the priority for Indigenous faculty representation on the search committee for the Vice Provost Indigenous Engagement. He noted that there would be an electronic

motion to Council following the close of the call-for-nominations, given that there is no Council meeting in February.

14. Research, Scholarly and Artistic Work (RSAW) Committee

Dr. Steven Rayan, Chair of RSAW, introduced the items.

14.1 Report for information: Mid-Year Report

No discussion.

14.2 Request for Input: Research Data Management (RDM) Strategy

Dr. Melissa Just, Dean of the University Library, gave a presentation [attached to the minutes]. Dr. Just clarified the distinction between the RDM Policy and the RDM Strategy.

A Council member expressed concern about potential increases to workloads for researchers to effectively manage their own data, and that membership of the working group did not have any faculty representation from those “working on the ground”. Dr. Just responded that there was consultation with faculty, and focus groups were also conducted. That input was captured in the strategy. She also pointed to the Library faculty members on working group, who have research programs of their own.

Dr. Burshtyn added that for graduate scholarships, students are often required to write research data plans. She asked about supports for student training, and to ensure they meet publication requirements. Dr. Just thanked Dr. Burshtyn for the insight, and replied that she would include the suggestion in the implementation plan.

There was a question about the data system and governance, and how it is connected to personnel, the policy, and the strategy. Dr. Just responded that the “system” is a team. The team is made up of the people managing the data and supporting the users, including an RDM Coordinator and Liaison Librarians. The Council member suggested that it would be helpful to have a story as an example of how it would work.

Another Council member advised that are additional existing services locally, provincially, and nationally, and that are made more accessible through this “system”, i.e., the RDM team.

15. Executive Committee

15.1 Notice of Motion: University Council Governance Committee Terms of Reference

Dr. Dirk de Boer, Vice Chair of Council and member of the Council Executive Committee, presented the notice of motion. There were no questions.

16. Teaching, Learning and Academic Resources Committee (TLARC)

16.1 Report for information: Wellness Strategy Report

Dr. Kathleen James-Cavan, Chair of TLARC, introduced the item and gave a presentation (attached in the minutes), along with Dr. Nancy Turner, Director of Teaching and Learning Enhancement.

17. Other business

None.

18. Question period

There was a question about the University's progress on Indigenization, in follow-up to the students' unions suggestion that more deliberate action on decolonization was needed before reconciliation could get underway. The Council member suggested a review of experiences of Indigenous students at USask currently and historically.

The President responded that such considerations are reflected in ohpahotân|oohpaahotaan: the University's Indigenous strategy. The strategy was gifted and developed in consultation with Indigenous Elders, knowledge keepers, and campus community members, which included students.

There was a request from a Council member to the Council Executive Committee (Council chairs) to reflect on the degree of engagement at University Council, for upholding Council's duties in academic governance at USask.

19. Adjournment

(Rayan): The meeting was properly adjourned.

Table 1. Action Items

Agenda Item	Action Items	Responsibility	Timeline
8.0	Request for reporting on TABBS and Uniforum to Council	Dr. Detmer, Dr. Squires, and Dr. Airini	TBD
12.2	Council members' feedback on CGPS Bylaws to Governance Committee	Dr. Dobson and Dr. Thomarat	March 2, 2023
13.1	Electronic decisions for nominations to senior leader search and review committees	Dr. Lamb and Dr. Detmer	February 2023
18.0	Consider University Council's engagement in academic governance	Dr. Detmer, Council Executive	TBD

Attachments:

1. Attendance Summary 2022-2023
2. Wellness Report Summary - TLARC Report to University Council January 2023

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE 2022-2023

Attendance Summary - Voting Participants


P-Present, R-Regrets, A-Absent											
Last Name	First Name	Sep 29	Oct 20	Nov 17	Dec 15	Jan 26	No Mtng	Mar 16	Apr 20	May 18	Jun 15
.	Airini	P	P	P	P	P					
Adl	Sina	A	A	A	A	A					
Alam	Shafiq	P	P	P	P	P					
Alazawi-student rep	Tania	R	R	R	R	R		R	R	R	R
Alcorn	Jane	P	R	R	P	R					
Anderson	Kyle	P	P	P	A	A					
Augusta	Carolyn	P	P	P	R	P					
Bally	Jill	P	P	P	P	P					
Bedard-Haughn	Angela	P	P	P	P	P					
Bell	Scott	P	P	P	P	P					
Bilson	Beth	P	P	P	P	P					
Binarif-student rep	Talha	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	A					
Boden	Catherine	A	P	P	P	P					
Bonham-Smith	Peta	P	P	P	P	P					
Bradford	Lori	P	P	P	P	P					
Bradley	Michael	A	A	P	A	A					
Burshtyn	Deborah	P	P	P	P	P					
Card	Claire	P	P	P	P	P					
Chernoff	Egan	P	R	A	P	P					
Choksi-student rep	Kathan	A	A	A	A	A					
Chowdhury	Nurul	A	P	A	A	a					
Clark-student rep	Sherrissa	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	P					
Cody-student rep	John	P	P	A	P	P					
Dadachova	Kate	R	R	R	R	P					
DaSilva	Keith	P	P	A	P	P					
Dawson	DeDe	P	P	P	P	P					
de Boer	Dirk	P	P	P	P	P					
Delbaere	Majorie	R	A	P	A	P					
Deters	Ralph	P	P	P	A	P					
Detmer	Susan	R	P	P	P	P					
Dick	Rainer	A	P	P	P	R					
Dobson	Roy	P	P	P	P	P					
Donkers	Sarah	A	P	A	A	A					
Downe	Pamela	P	R	P	R	P					
Ferrari	Maud	P	P	P	A	A					
Gabriel	Andrew	P	R	P	P	R					
Gjevre	John	R	P	R	P	P					
Grosvenor	Andrew	P	P	P	P	P					
Harasymchuk	Robert	A	P	A	A	P					
Harrison	William	A	A	A	A	R					
Hassan-student rep	Dalia	P	P	P	A	A					
Hogan	Natacha	A	P	P	A	A					
Jamali	Nadeem	A	P	R	P	P					
James-Cavan	Kathleen	R	P	P	R	P					
Jenkins-student rep	Haley	A	A	A	A	A					
Just	Melissa	P	R	P	P	P					
Kalra	Jay	A	P	A	P	P					
Kent-Wilkinson	Arlene	P	P	P	P	P					
Kresta	Suzanne	P	P	A	A	A					
Lamb	Eric	P	R	P	P	P					
Lanovaz	Joel	P	P	P	P	P					
Larre	Tamara	A	P	A	A	P					
Leidl	Don	P	P	A	A	A					
Lovick	Olga	P	P	P	P	R					
Luke	Iain	R	A	A	R	R					

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Macfarlane	Cal	A	A	A	A	A					
Makarova	Veronika	P	R	P	P	A					
Mamun	Abdullah	P	P	P	R	P					
Manley-Tannis	Richard	R	R	R	R	R					
Marche	Tammy	P	P	P	P	P					
Martin	Stephanie	A	R	P	P	P					
Martina-Koechl	Natasha	P	P	P	R	A					
McKeown-student rep	Shanleigh	A	P	P	A	P					
Meda	Venkatesh	P	A	P	A	P					
Mousseau	Darrell	A	P	P	P	P					
Muir	Gillian	P	R	R	A	A					
Murphy	JoAnn	P	P	P	P	P					
Okoko	Janet	P	P	P	P	P					
Onasanya-student rep	Moyin	A	R	R	A	A					
Paslawski	Teresa	P	A	P	P	A					
Peacock	Shelley	P	R	R	P	P					
Perrault-student rep	Levi	P	P	P	R	P					
Phillipson	Martin	A	P	P	P	A					
Pocha	Sheila	A	P	P	A	A					
Poettcker	Grant	A	A	A	A	A					
Pomazon	Alisha	A	A	A	P	A					
Rayan	Steven	P	P	P	P	P					
Richter	Solina	P	A	P	P	P					
Sakharkar	Meena	P	P	A	A	P					
Salsbury-student rep	Alexis	P	P	P	A	P					
Sarjeant-Jenkins	Rachel	P	P	P	P	P					
Sarty	Gordon	P	P	R	P	P					
Shevchuk	Yvonne	P	P	P	P	P					
Singh	Jaswant	P	R	R	R	P					
Siqueira	Walter	P	R	A	P	P					
Smith	Preston	A	P	P	P	A					
Smyth	Stuart	A	P	A	A	P					
Squires	Vicki	R	P	P	P	P					
Steele	Tom	A	P	P	R	P					
Stoicheff	Peter	R	P	P	P	P					
Szmigielski	Jacek	P	R	P	P	P					
Todd	Christopher	P	P	R	P	P					
Tomczak	Corey	P	P	P	P	A					
Urquhart	Stephen	P	P	R	P	P					
Vassileva	Julita	P	P	P	P	P					
Wakefield-student rep	Shelby	A	A	A	A	A					
Waldner	Cheryl	P	P	P	P	P					
Walker	Keith	P	P	P	R	P					
Willenborg	Christian	R	P	P	A	P					
Willoughby	Keith	P	R	P	P	P					
Woods	Phil	P	P	P	P	R					
Wotherspoon	Terry	P	R	P	P	P					
Wu	FangXiang	A	A	P	P	P					
Yao	Yansun	A	P	P	P	A					
Zello	Gordon	P	P	P	A	P					
Zhang	David	P	P	P	A	P					
Zhang	Lifeng	P	P	P	A	A					


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Demkiw	Julian	P	P	P	P	P					
Fowler	Greg	P	A	P	P	A					
Goswami-USSU President 2022-23	Abhineet	P	P	P	P	P					
Hamelin	Cheryl	R	P	P	P	R					
Isinger	Russell	P	P	P	P	P					
Jacob-USSU VP Academic 2022-23	Sharon	P	P	P	R	R					
Jamie	Angela	A	A	P	A	A					
Kamal-GSA President 2022-23	Mostofa	P	P	P	P	P					
Kaminski-Senate Rep 2022-23	Nicholas	A	A	A	A	A					
Nath-GSA VP Academic 2022-23	Sristy Sumana	P	R	P	P	A					
Singh	Baljit	A	P	A	P	A					
Still	Carl	R	A	R	A	A					
Thomarat	Jacquie	P	P	P	P	P					
Wagner-Senate Rep 2022-23	Larry	A	A	P	A	A					
Wilson	Jay	P	P	n/a	n/a	n/a		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a



Learning and Teaching Practices

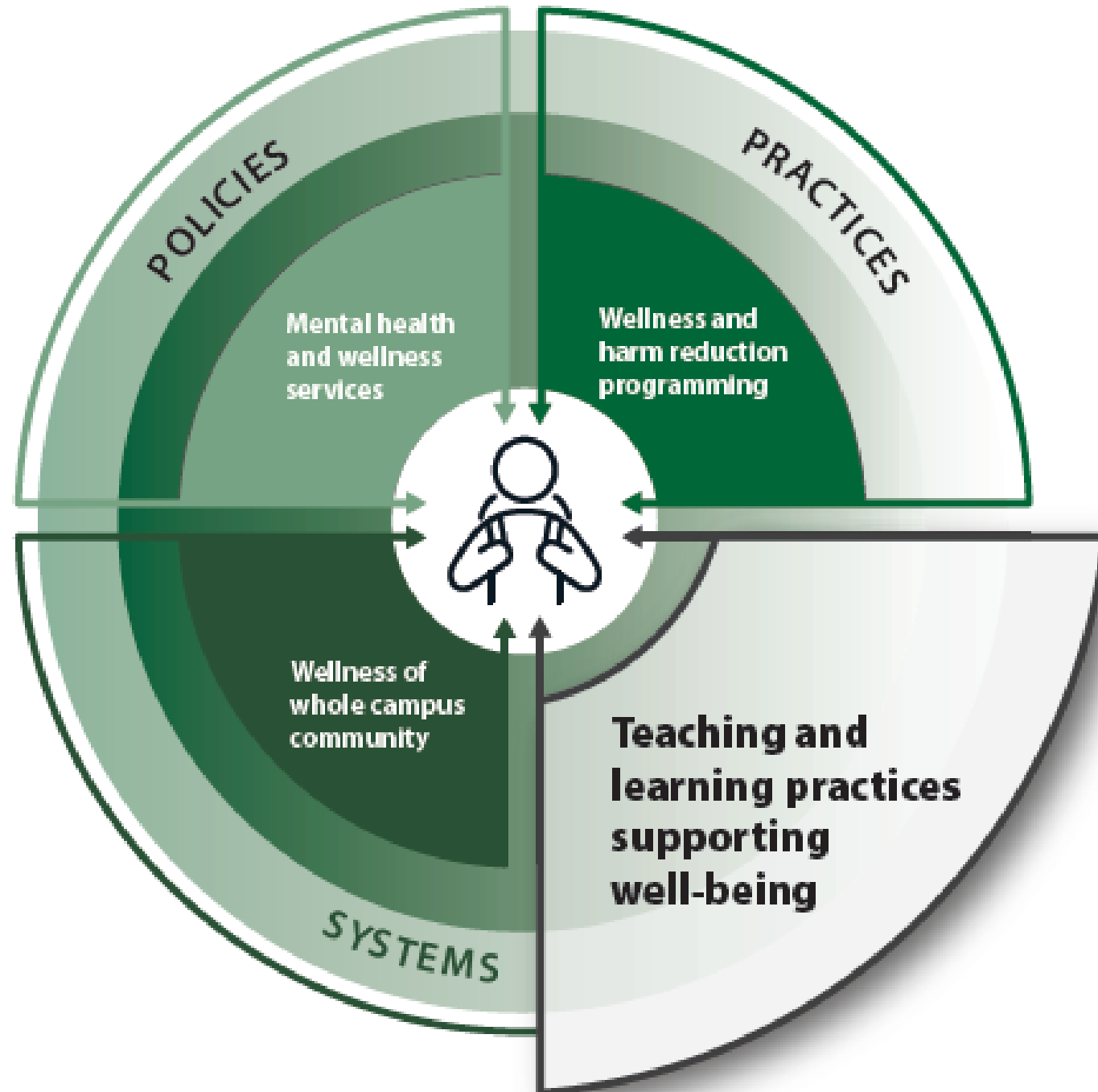


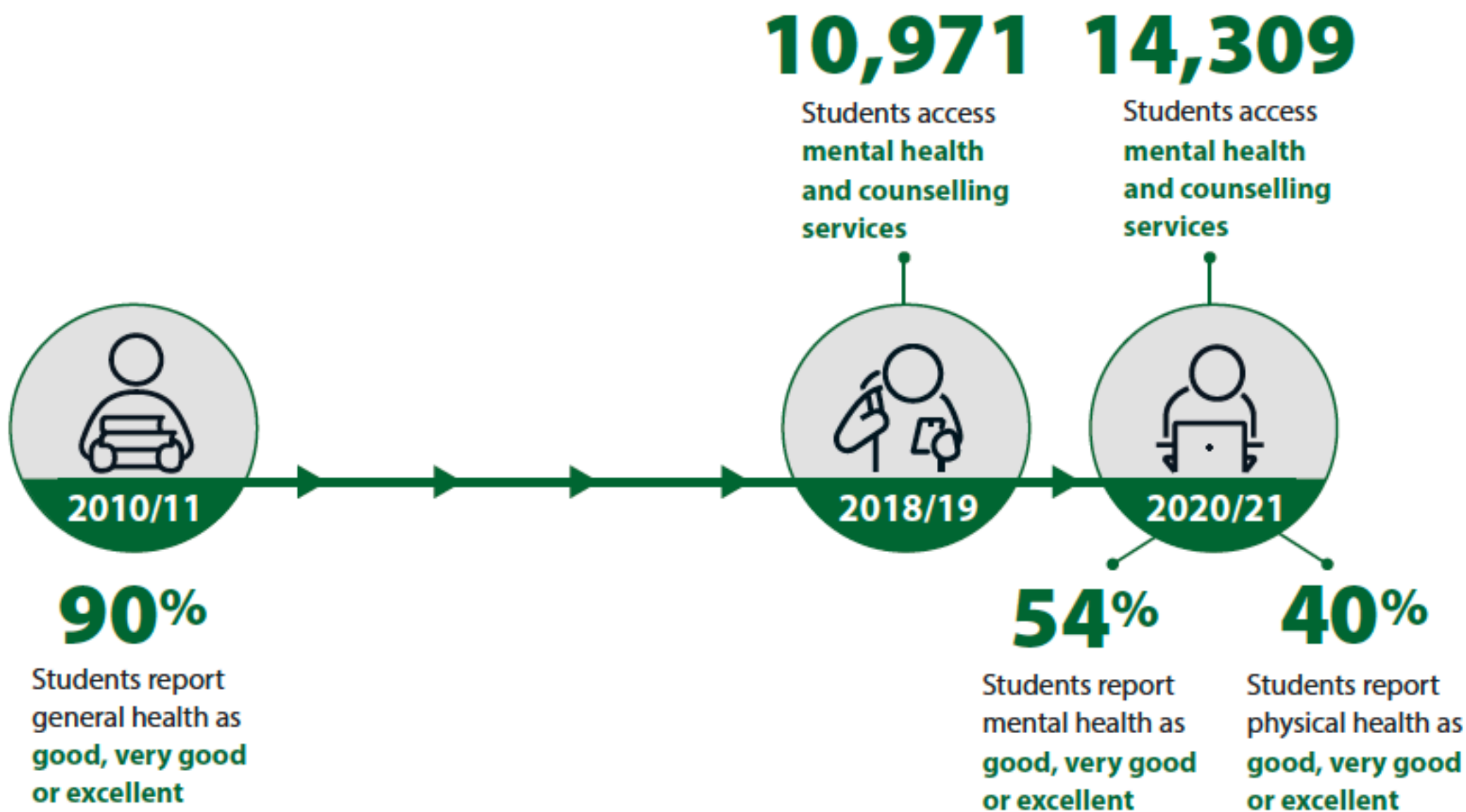
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TLARC Report to University Council
January 2023

Learning and teaching practices that support student mental health and well-being



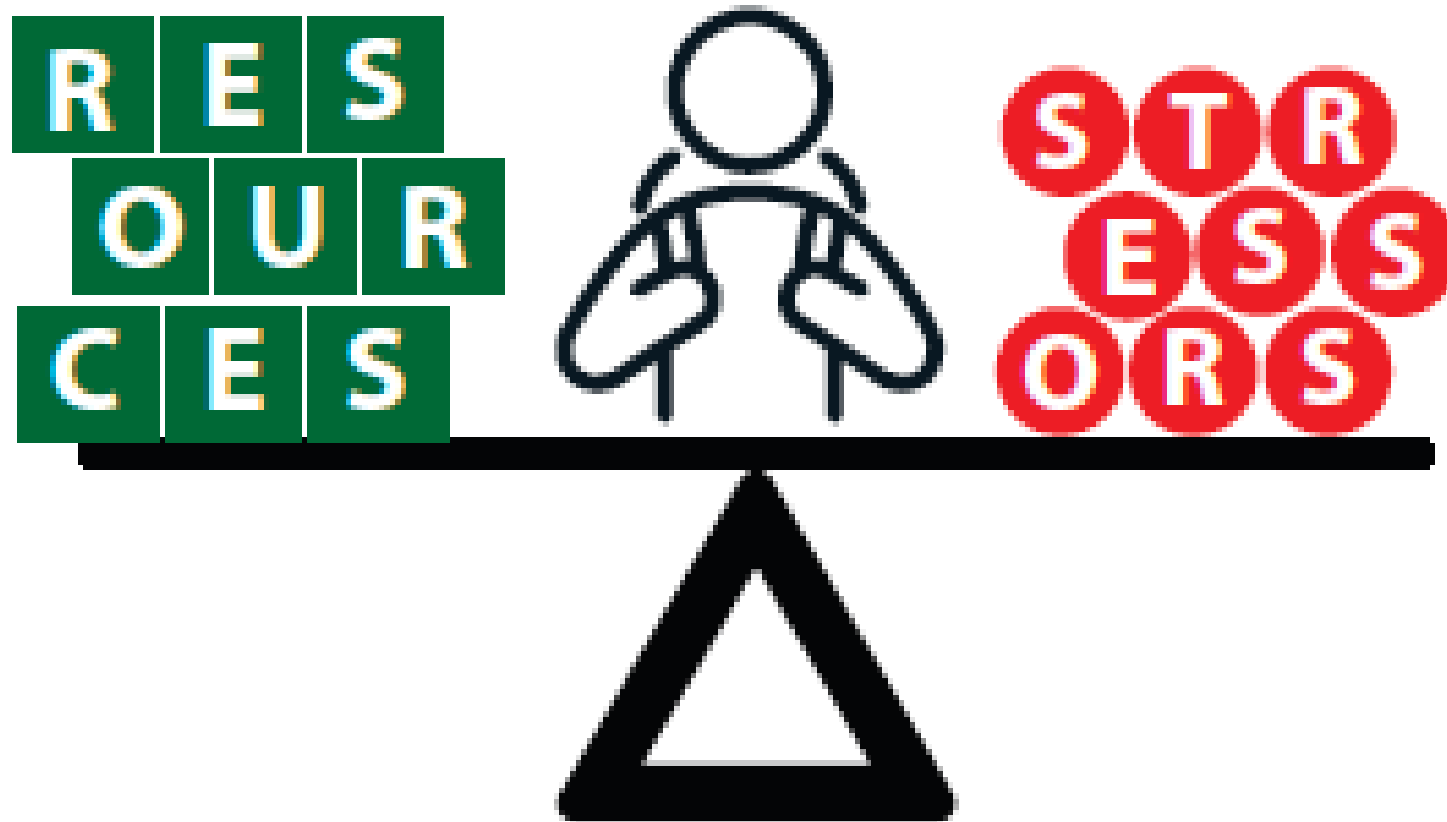




Teaching and learning practices that enable students' mental well-being

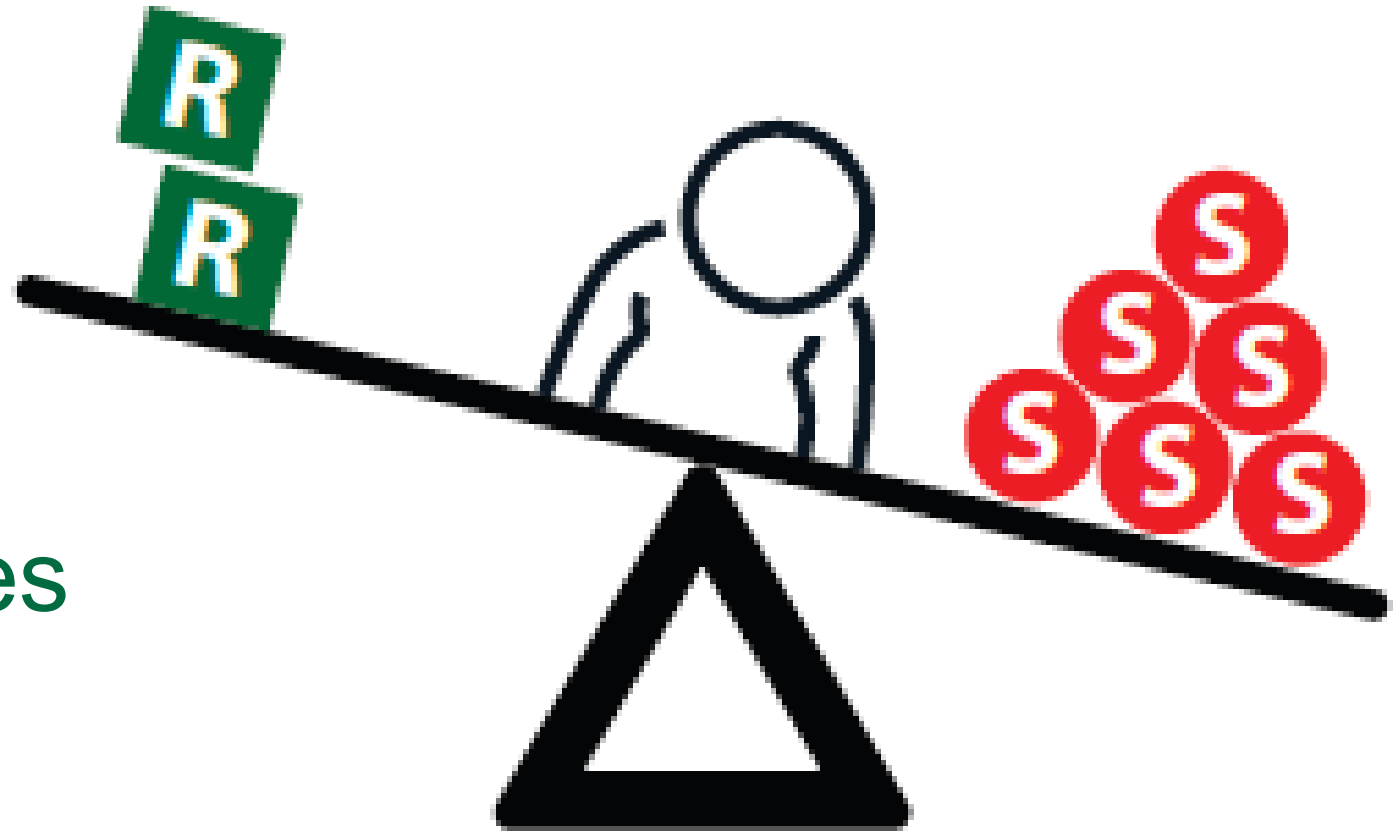


Student Circumstances...



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drain resources



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...meet teaching and learning practices

that mitigate
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foster resources

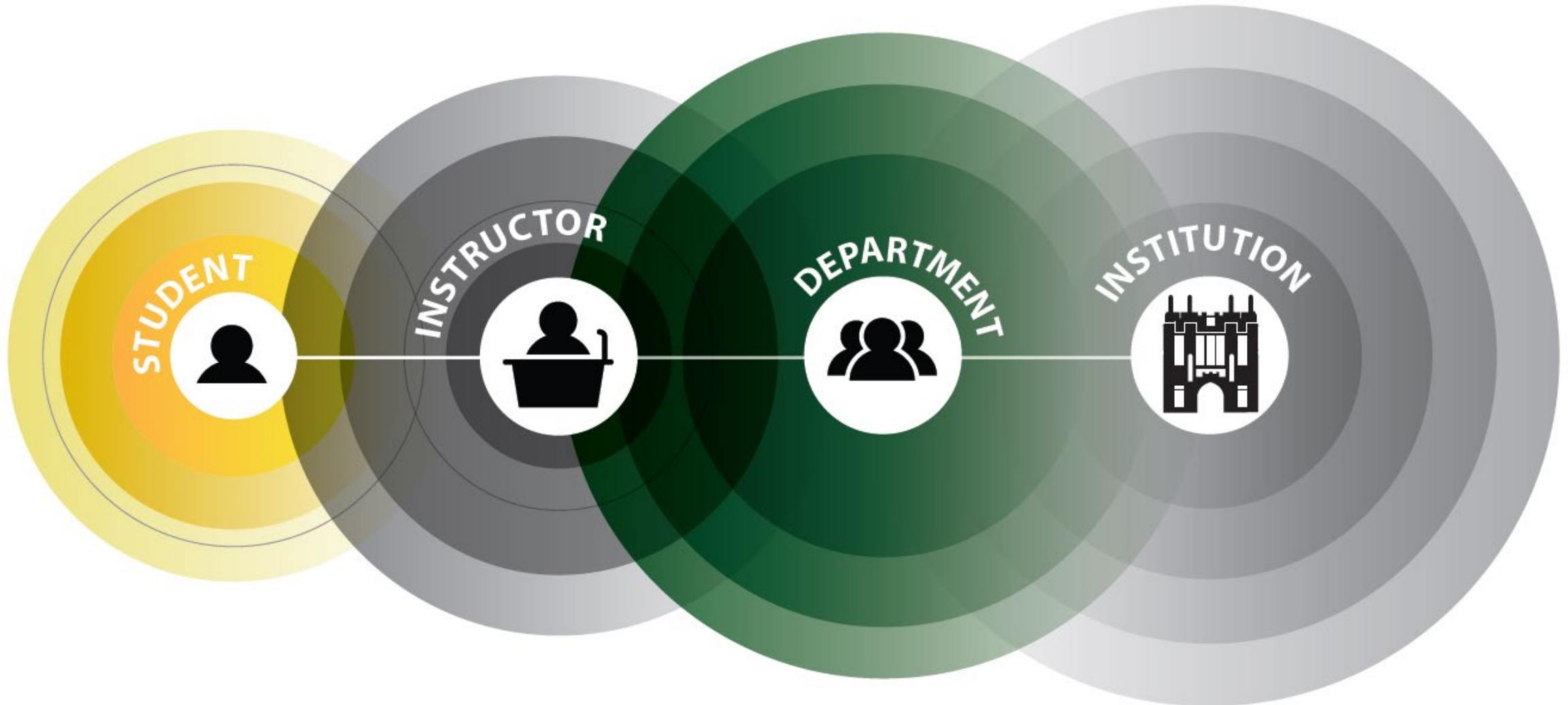


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I love the interactive classes because that's where I learn... I saw this classroom where everyone was just sitting in a circle and the prof sat there too, like all in a circle, all interacting with one another and that's how they were being taught and for me that's the best way for me to learn.

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TEACHING AND LEARNING PRACTICE AND ITS CONTEXT





Ultimately these teaching and learning practices support students to:

- ✓ **Know and Do**
- ✓ **Belong**
- ✓ **Care**
- ✓ **Believe they can succeed**