

**UNIVERSITY COUNCIL
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
REPORT FOR INFORMATION**

BROUGHT FORWARD BY: Roy Dobson, Chair, Governance Committee

DATE OF MEETING: June 12, 2025

SUBJECT: Annual Report to Council

COUNCIL ACTION: For Information Only

INTRODUCTION

The governance committee reports regularly to Council on changes to the Council Bylaws, changes to the membership of faculty councils, and the number of student appeals under Council's regulations governing academic misconduct and academic appeals. During 2023-24, the committee met monthly and completed a substantial amount of work on Council Bylaws and other items noted below.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

- 1) Reviewing the Bylaws of Council and recommending to Council revisions to the Bylaws.
- 2) Reviewing the Bylaws of Faculty Councils and recommending to University Council, Colleges, and Schools changes to their Bylaws.
- 3) Reviewing the membership, powers, and duties of committees of Council and recommending to Council revisions to the membership, powers and duties of committees.
- 4) Recommending to Council regulations and procedures for Council and Council committees.
- 5) Advising the University Secretary (or designate) on matters relating to faculty councils and University Council elections.
- 6) Advising Council with respect to its responsibilities and powers under *The University of Saskatchewan Act, 1995* and recommending to Council on proposed changes to the *Act*.
- 7) Nominating the members and chair of the Nominations Committee of Council to University Council.

- 8) Providing advice to the Chair of Council on the role of the Chair.
- 9) Recommending to Council rules and procedures, including the penalties as prescribed by section 61(1)(h) of *The University of Saskatchewan Act, 1995*, to deal with allegations of academic misconduct on the part of students.
- 10) Recommending to Council rules and procedures to deal with appeals by students and former students concerning academic decisions affecting them as provided in section 61(1)(j) of *The University of Saskatchewan Act, 1995*.
- 11) Designating individuals to act as representatives of the Committee on any other bodies, when requested, where such representation is deemed by the Committee to be beneficial.
- 12) Reporting and recommending to Council on University policies that are within the purview of Council and/or the joint purview of the University's governing bodies.
- 13) To review and approve editorial (not substantive) revisions to the University Council Bylaws (e.g., corrections to title changes for senior administrative positions, spelling, formatting, proofing...), and report them to Council on an annual basis. Such revisions will not change the reading of the Bylaws, their potential interpretations, meanings, or significance.

MEMBERSHIP

Roy Dobson (Chair)	Council Member	Pharmacy and Nutrition
Vicki Squires	Chair, University Council	Education
Susan Detmer	Council Member	WCVM
Paul Jones	Council Member	SENS
Christian Willenborg	Chair of PPC	Agriculture and Bioresources
Marjorie Delbaere	President's Designate	Edwards School of Business
Carolyn Augusta	Chair of APC	Edwards School of Business

Student Members (non-voting):

Krunal Chavda	USSU (President)
David Ohene-Amoako	GSA (Interim President)

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL ITEMS

The committee presented the following items to University Council:

- For Decision:
 - College of Nursing Bylaw changes
 - Council Bylaw revisions – Centres Subcommittee Terms of Reference and Council Chair elections
 - Nominations Committee Terms of Reference Revisions
 - Council Bylaw revisions – Nominations Committee Terms of Reference and Quorum requirements
 - Academic Courses Policy revisions
 - Nominations to the Nominations Committee
- For Information:
 - Council Bylaw Editorial Changes
 - CGPS Bylaw Changes - minor
 - Report on Student Appeals 2024-25

OTHER ITEMS

The committee heard presentations and participated in discussions on the following items:

- Revisions to Council committees' terms of reference for role clarity and consistency
- Joint meeting with Executive Committee regarding TLARC and Scholarship and Awards terms of reference

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Respectfully,
Roy Dobson, Chair, Governance Committee