

*Attendance: J. Kalra (Chair). 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.

A tribute to Professor Peter Burnell was delivered by Professor Frank Klaassen, Professor of History and Director of Classical, Medieval, and Renaissance Studies. Professor Burnell was a professor and department head in classics and a professor of history from 1983 until his death on May 7 of this year.

1. Adoption of the agenda

BRENNA /SINGH: That the agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

2. Opening remarks

Dr. Kalra welcomed members to the final meeting of the university Council for the year, and welcomed visitors, particularly former Council chairs and student leaders. He noted that there is a very full agenda before Council for its final meeting of the year.

3. Minutes of the meeting of May 17, 2012

DesBRISAY/QIU : That the minutes of the meeting of May 17, 2012 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Business arising from the minutes

No business was identified as arising from the minutes.

5. Report of the president

The president commended members to his written report; there were no questions.

6. Report of the provost

Dr. Fairbairn commended members to his written report, and provided an update regarding the work being done on operating budget adjustments, including the constitution of the budget adjustment steering committee and the committees working on the various quadrants. There being no questions, the chair turned to the student societies reports.

## 7. Student societies reports

### 7.1 Report from the USSU

In the absence of student representatives, the chair drew Council's attention to the written report, circulated with the agenda materials, from the USSU.

### 7.2 Report from the Graduate Students' Association

GSA President Ehimai Ohiozebau presented an oral report on the current work of the GSA executive as they plan for fall orientation and other start-of-year activities. He also congratulated President MacKinnon on the completion of his presidency and on behalf of the graduate students, thanked him for the efforts he has made to engage students. The chair invited Council members to join him in thanking Mr. Ohiozebau for his report.

## 8. Scholarships and Awards Committee

Dr. Gordon DesBrisay presented these items as Chair of the Scholarships and Awards Committee.

### 8.1 Request for Decision: Revision of the Undergraduate Awards policies

DesBRISAY/PARKINSON: That Council approve the amended Undergraduate Awards Policies as presented.

CARRIED

### 8.2 Item for Information: Scholarships and Awards Committee Annual Report

Professor DesBrisay presented the report for information. There was a question about whether the Scholarships and Awards committee looks at how the U of S stands in comparison with other universities in terms of level of scholarship support; Dr. DesBrisay indicated that this is on the work plan for 2012-13.

## 9. Nominations Committee

Professor Dwayne Brenna presented this item as Chair of the Nominations Committee.

### 9.1 Request for Decision: Committee Nominations for 2012-13

A member pointed out that Professor Chillibeck who is nominated for the URC may not also serve on the Renewals and Tenure Appeal Panel; this was duly noted and his name was removed from the Renewals and Tenure Appeal Panel nomination list. The chair called three times for nominations from the floor to any of the committees in the report; hearing none, he called the question.

BRENNNA/PAIN : That Council approve the nominations to University Council committees, Collective Agreement committees, and other committees for 2012-13, with the amendment noted above.

CARRIED

10. Academic Programs Committee

10.1 Request for Decision: Approval of Education Technology and Design as a field of study in the M.Ed. program

Dr. Dan Pennock, a member of the Academic Programs Committee, presented these items on behalf of the Chair of the Committee, who declared a conflict of interest because the proposal involves his own department.

SCHWIER/TYLER : That Council approve the proposal from the College of Graduate Studies and Research that Educational Technology and Design be a field of study in the Master of Education program.

CARRIED

10.2 Request for Decision: Approval of Post-Graduate Degree Specialization Certificate in Corrections

Professor Len Proctor presented this item as chair of the committee. There was a question about why the program would be limited to those employed in corrections; Professor Steve Wormith, Director of the Centre for Forensic Behavioural Sciences and Justice Studies, responded, explaining that this program is not unlike other professionally oriented master's programs aimed at employees and that it is being offered in collaboration with the Saskatchewan Ministry of Corrections, Public Safety, and Policing explicitly to provide training to senior corrections managers.

PROCTOR/TYLER : That Council approve the proposal from the College of Graduate Studies and Research for a Post-Graduate Degree Specialization Certificate in Corrections.

CARRIED

10.3 Request for Decision: Approval of change in admission qualifications for the College of Medicine for out-of-province residents

Professor Len Proctor presented this item. There was a question about the requirement that the four-year degree required for admission be completed in a very compressed time frame. Dr. Lou Qualtiere, Associate Dean of the College of Medicine, indicated that this was not really the intent and that there would likely be changes to this requirement going forward. There was also a question about whether the actual number of out-of-province seats would change; it was

confirmed these would remain at 10% of all seats and should have been expressed in that way in the document rather than as 10 seats (out of a total of 100).

PROCTOR/TYLER: That Council approve the proposal from the College of Medicine to change the admission qualifications for out-of-province residents, effective for 2013 admissions.

CARRIED

10.4 Items for Information:

These items were received without comment or questions.

10.4.1 Change of Academic Schedule for Pharmacy fourth year

10.4.2 Approval of increase in Physical Therapy program by one credit unit

10.4.3 Change of name for graduate programs to Biological Engineering

10.4.4 Change of name for Vocational Education Certificate

10.4.5 Approval of increase in Veterinary Medicine Year Four program due to credit unit changes in course

10.4.6 Addition of mobility terminology to Nomenclature

10.4.7 Academic Programs Committee Annual Report

Professor Proctor thanked committee secretary Cathie Fornssler and support staff members Peter Krebs, Jacque Thomarat, Marion Van Impe, and the staff in SESD for their invaluable assistance over the past year.

11. Governance Committee

Professor Gordon Zello presented these items as Chair of the Governance Committee.

11.1 Request for Decision: Changes to Part Three of Council Bylaws and Regulations, Section VI-VIII

A member noted that there were discrepancies between the section references in the title of this item and the motion; the secretary confirmed that this was a typographical error and that to be consistent with the changes indicated in the attachment, the heading should read "Sections II-VIII" and the motion should refer to all of the changes outlined in the attachment.

ZELLO/DOBSON: That Council approve the revisions to Part Three of *Council Bylaws and Regulations* as outlined in the attachment.

CARRIED

11.2 Request for Decision: Change to Part Three of Council Bylaws and Regulations Section V. B.- Membership of the Open Studies Faculty Council

ZELLO/DOBSON: That Council approve the changes to the membership of the Open Studies Faculty Council as outlined in the attachment.

CARRIED

Professor Zello thanked members of the committee over the past year and acknowledged the support of Sandra Calver and Lesley Leonhardt.

11.3 Request for Decision: Appointments to the Nominations Committee for 2012-13

The chair called three times for nominations from the floor. There being no further nominations, he called for a vote on the motion as put forward by the committee.

ZELLO/DOBSON: That council approve the following appointments to the Nominations Committee, effective July 1, 2012:

- Venkatesh Meda, Chemical & Biological Engineering, three-year term expiring June 30, 2015, replacing Jim Kells, Civil & Geological Engineering;
- Claire Card, Large Animal Clinical Science, three-year term expiring June 30, 2015, replacing Don Hamilton, Veterinary Biomedical Sciences; and
- Beverly Pain, Curriculum Studies, as chair of the Nominations Committee of Council for 2012/13, for a one-year term expiring June 30, 2013

CARRIED

11.4 Request for Decision: Delegation by College of Medicine of undergraduate student promotion decisions, graduation decisions, and appeals of promotion decisions, to its Undergraduate Education Committee

ZELLO/DOBSON: That Council approve delegation by the College of Medicine Faculty Council of undergraduate student promotion decisions, graduation decisions, and appeals of promotion decisions, to its Undergraduate Education Committee.

CARRIED

11.5 Notice of Motion: Faculty Council membership-College of Pharmacy and Nutrition

This item was presented as a notice of motion, and the chair encouraged members to send any comments they may have to the committee, in care of the University Secretary.

Notice of Motion: *That Council approve the changes to the membership of the College of Pharmacy and Nutrition Faculty Council as outlined in the attachment.*

## 12. Planning and Priorities Committee

Dr. Bob Tyler presented these items as Chair of the Planning and Priorities Committee.

### 12.1 Request for Decision: Establishment of the Global Food Security Institute as a Type B Centre

Professor Bob Tyler presented this item as chair of the committee, and provided some comments on the vision for the centre as a broad-based interdisciplinary institute that would provide a way to engage current faculty and researchers from across campus and to attract funding to increase the complement of researchers in this area. He then invited Vice-president Karen Chad to come forward to comment more fully.

Dr. Chad provided context for the centre, which she characterized as having emerged from one of the university's six signature areas of research. She described the genesis of the idea for the institute in a guest lecture in the College of Agriculture by Dr. Robert Thompson, Senior Fellow, Chicago Council on Global Affairs, and outlined the consultation process that had taken place to identify the best niche area for the University of Saskatchewan, as well as a validation process that was undertaken by McKinsey consulting. She highlighted the initiatives that have been proposed to come out of the Global Food Security Institute, and the role of the institute as providing a framework for investigation in a broad thematic area. She also responded to a critique of the proposal that had come forward from the College of Pharmacy and Nutrition and explained how the input from the college would inform the way this institute is refined over the next couple of years.

TYLER/JAECK: That Council approve the establishment of the Global Food Security Institute as a Type B Centre at the University of Saskatchewan, effective June 21, 2012.

CARRIED

## 12.2 Items for Information

### 12.2.1 Planning and Priorities Committee Annual Report

Professor Tyler corrected an oversight in his report, with apologies for his failure to acknowledge and thank Sandra Calver for her work in supporting the committee. He stressed that it would have been impossible for the committee to have done its work without Sandy's assistance.

He also reminded Council that there had been a request for a report on the faculty and support staff complement at a previous meeting and indicated that report is in preparation and will be presented at a fall meeting of the Council.

Dr. Tyler reported that the committee's capital and finance subcommittees will be combined next year as the two spheres of activity are not really distinct and separate. He also indicated

that there will be a revised policy document on centres coming forward in the next academic year.

12.2.2 Final Report on the *Second Integrated Plan*

This item was received for information.

12.2.3 Implementation of the *Third Integrated Plan*

This item was received for information.

13. Research, Scholarly and Artistic Work Committee

Professor Stephen Urquhart presented this item as Chair of the Research, Scholarly and Artistic Work Committee. He began by thanking committee members and committee secretary Sandra Calver, and added a personal reflection on the importance of research at this institution; he thanked President MacKinnon for making research a priority.

13.1 Item for Information: Research, Scholarly and Artistic Work Committee Annual Report

The report was received for information. A member noted a correction to the date of service of a member of the committee in the Nominations Committee report.

14. International Activities Committee

Professor Claire Card presented this item on behalf of the Chair of the International Activities Committee. She expressed thanks to the committee members and to Dr. Tom Wishart who is ending his term as special advisor on internationalization on June 30. She also thanked Rita Lentner-Christa who has supported the committee over the past several years.

14.1 Item for Information: International Activities Committee Annual Report

The report was received for information.

15. Academic Support Committee

Dr. Yu Luo presented this item as Chair of the Academic Support Committee. Professor Luo expressed thanks to his committee members and acknowledged the input of the Teaching and Learning committee; he also expressed special thanks to Cathie Fornssler, committee secretary.

15.1 Item for Information: Academic Support Committee Annual Report

The report was received for information.

16. Teaching and Learning Committee

Professor Paul Jones presented this item on behalf of the Chair of the Teaching and Learning Committee. Professor Jones acknowledged the members who will be stepping down from the committee as well as the assistance of Cathie Fornssler throughout the past year.

16.1 Item for Information: Teaching and Learning Committee Annual Report

The report was received for information.

17. Joint Board/Council Committee on Chairs and Professorships

Provost Brett Fairbairn presented this report on behalf of the Chair of the Joint Board/Council Committee on Chairs and Professorships.

17.1 Item for Information: Joint Board/Council Committee on Chairs and Professorships Annual Report

The report was received for information.

18. Other business

No other business was raised.

19. Question period

There were no further questions.

20. Chair's closing remarks

The chair remarked that this meeting concludes the 17<sup>th</sup> year of the representative university Council. He invited all Council members to remain for a reception following the meeting to thank all those whose terms have expired, among them President Peter MacKinnon, who has been a member of the Council as a dean and as university Council since the very early days of the representative Council and earlier. The chair pointed out that President MacKinnon played no small part in the governance reforms that led to this Council. He then invited Council members to watch a video on President MacKinnon's Legacy of Leadership, then called on all Council committee chairs and former chairs of Council and current and former student leaders, and the university secretary, to join him on the platform; he then invited Peter MacKinnon to join him and to say a few words. President MacKinnon's remarks focused on the history of the representative university Council and on the vital importance of collegial self-governance as exercised by Council. The chair then invited Council members to join him in three cheers for our outgoing president.

The meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m. and was followed by a reception.