

Attendance: J. Kalra (Chair). See Appendix A for listing of members in attendance.

The chair called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m., observing that quorum had been attained.

1. Adoption of the agenda

WILSON/DICK: To adopt the agenda as circulated.

CARRIED

2. Opening remarks

Dr. Kalra provided opening remarks, noting the important business before Council and sharing the usual procedures for debate and discussion and the protocol for members of the media. Elizabeth Williamson, university secretary encouraged all members to attend the June Council meeting to ensure quorum would be attained.

3. Minutes of the meeting of April 16, 2015

BRENNA, B./KROL: That the Council minutes of April 16, 2015 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Business from the minutes

There was no business arising.

5. Report of the President

President Barnhart expressed that he was filled with nostalgia as he recalled that it was a year ago today that the media announced his appointment, and that it would be a year tomorrow since he first met with Council to applause as the university's interim president. He conveyed that he still perceives a great amount of support and thanked members for their support and for the wonderful year. He conveyed that a personal highlight for him each month in addition to attending Council was having breakfast once a month with the Council chair and Council committee chairs.

The president reported that he had received an additional question after the March Council meeting about how the university communications plan and planned advertising was assessed as to whether or not it was successful. He advised that in November a reputational survey of the university would be conducted both within and outside the province, and that the survey results would be used as one indicator of success of the advertising campaign.

The president recalled the act of vandalism that occurred in the Souris Hall parking lot two weeks prior resulting in the windows of 53 vehicles being smashed in what the police have termed as a "smash and grab" theft incident. He acknowledged the three separate teams of people that responded separately to news of the incident under the leadership of senior administrators Greg Fowler, Patti McDougall, and Brian Muchmore, and the teams involved leading to the development of a plan to have security present on site from sunset to sunrise until motion lights and cameras will

be installed in the lot by the fall. Also a compensation plan is being put in place to offset the financial hardship experienced by those students affected. The president conveyed that the students have responded positively to what the university has been able to do, and thus a very negative event was turned into a positive experience for the university.

President Barnhart commented on the resiliency of the university, and noted that although campus was calm, it was not complacent, and that positive change was occurring, such as the new Indigenous language options being offered and the building of a new childcare centre. The Gordon Oakes Red Bear Centre will open in the fall and the Graduation Powwow will take place May 27 in the Bowl. The President's Tour has successfully concluded and although the expectation was that donor contributions would drop this year, in fact, the opposite has occurred, and donor contributions have increased.

The president concluded his report by congratulating members of newly elected Graduate Students' Association (GSA) and University of Saskatchewan Students' Union (USSU) executives on their election, and wishing them well as they represent the interests of students.

Comments and questions were invited of the president. A member thanked the president for all of his efforts over the past year. He indicated that a negative factor potentially affecting the recruitment of faculty to the university and the university's reputation is that only 18% of the university's early-career faculty members were successful this year in being awarded a NSERC Discovery Grant. The success rate is the lowest among all universities across Canada, and possibly over the recent history of the university. He indicated that he had similarly heard that the number of individuals from the university serving on selection committees was also declining, and that these two developments speak to what is happening to the university's reputation.

The president asked Karen Chad, vice-president research to respond. Dr. Chad announced that Professor Ron Borowsky, as the university's new NSERC leader has already indicated that focusing on new investigators would be a top priority. The internal review process implemented for CIHR and SSHRC applicants has just begun for NSERC applicants. Other support systems include the university's mentorship program for new researchers. She acknowledged the recent statistics are of great concern and recalled that several years ago the university had the highest success rate of new faculty awards. Such performance high and lows are troubling when the desire is to consistently meet the national average. Dr. Chad indicated that any advice offered by her colleagues at Council on how to counter the most recent results would be welcomed, and that her office was responding to the results as a priority item.

6. Report of the Provost

Ernie Barber, provost and vice-president academic, called on Patti McDougall, vice-provost teaching and learning, to make an announcement on his behalf prior to the presentation of his report. Professor McDougall reported that Professor John Kleefeld of the College of Law was the university's most recent recipient of the Brightspace Innovation Award in Teaching and Learning, an international award that recognizes innovation in post-secondary teaching. She indicated that Dr. Kleefeld joins Professors Ken Van Rees, Sandra Bassendowski and Jay Wilson as a recipient of the award, and that the university has had a recipient every year since the award was first established four years ago.

Dr. Barber indicated that the report of the academic review of the School of Public Health was available on the Institutional Planning and Assessment website. The review was commissioned in

response to the Council decision that the school be reviewed a period of time after its establishment. Dr. Barber briefly outlined the review process and the opportunity for the provost and faculty in the school to respond to the reviewers' report. The review identifies that there continues to be a role for the university in public health, in teaching, research, and in practice but comes to the overall conclusion that the ambitions of the school are unable to be achieved with the resources presently available to the school. The reviewers suggest that the university review its public health programming, in particular, the two largely parallel public health streams and how these contribute to the vision for the School of Public Health.

Dr. Barber urged Council members to review the report and responses. A task force will be created which will work on achieving consensus by October 15th for a plan of action in response to the review. Dr. Barber reported that he had discussed the nature of the reviewers' report with the planning and priorities committee. He committed to keeping Council informed and engaged through the planning and priorities committee, as any restructuring of the academic units involved would proceed through the committee and to Council for approval.

A Council member indicated that what struck him about the report which was of concern was the extent to which the Department of Community Health and Epidemiology was singled out in a villainous manner. In particular, he noted the commentary that the department's intransigence at not wanting to join the School of Public Health created many issues for the school. He expressed his concern that the recommendations of the report are very significant, and although the department is very much implicated in these recommendations, the department itself was not singled out for review. He asked to what extent and under what process the Department of Community Health and Epidemiology was consulted as part of the review.

Dr. Barber indicated that he did not read either the report or the response from the faculty of the school as painting the Department of Community Health and Epidemiology in a villainous way. He noted the report expresses some disappointment that the school did not come together more wholly in a single vision. The report also makes clear that a number of important relationships externally and internally to the university related to public health and the scholarship of public health remain undeveloped. Dr. Barber contemplated that in retrospect perhaps the review should have focused on all of public health on campus as part of a single review. He concluded that nonetheless the College of Medicine and the Department of Community Health and Epidemiology would be very much involved in discussions going forward, and that the report contained enough information to warrant an approach involving a collective of units.

To further emphasize his point, the member read an excerpt from the report, and indicated that the reviewers' comments on the department were in violation of the best practices for a unit review, as this unit was not singled out for review. He suggested that perhaps a firm response from administration was needed to the reviewers or that the instructions given out to the reviewers were unclear. Dr. Barber indicated that he would take these comments under advisement.

A suggestion was made by a non-member of Council that the review of the school presents the opportunity to look at positioning Indigenous public health, as a strong stream within the school. The provost agreed with the imperative to engage in Aboriginal public health. Dr. Barber also asked that recognition be provided to all faculty and staff in the school who have been doing their very best and have made many individual, strong accomplishments.

A former Council member addressed a follow-up question from the previous Council meeting to Dr. Chad. He indicated his question concerns the Tri-agency open access policy on publications, which

requires that Tri-agency funded authors either publish their work in open access venues, or place these publications in institutional repositories within a defined timeline. He noted that the previous week, the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition published an open letter that was harshly critical of Elsevier's new open access and sharing policy. The group claims that Elsevier is creating barriers to authors complying with open access policies, and forces a "no derivative use" condition on authors who place works into repositories. The letter was co-signed by a number of groups, including the Confederation of Open Access Repositories, the American Library Association and the Association of Research Libraries. He asked Dr. Chad to describe the specifics of how her office was working with the local subject experts, including the University Library and copyright office, to help authors on campus adapt to the shifting sands of open access policies.

Dr. Chad thanked the speaker for his leadership in posing the question. She clarified that the policy referred to is the new Tri-agency open access policy. Although the policy has been spearheaded by NSERC, the expectation is that CIHR and SSHRC will follow suit. The policy has two components: it requires those who are grant recipients of NSERC funding to have any publications in peer-reviewed journals arising from this funding to be freely available within 12 months of the publication, either through on-line repositories or on-line journals. In addition, the specific data needs to be fully accessible and within the public domain. Dr. Chad noted this is not a U of S specific issue, but a national issue. The issue raised is on the vice-president research agenda across the country and will be addressed as a top priority item by this group as a collective. Specifically on campus the following steps have been taken to ensure compliance with the policy: online repository functionality will be built into the UnivRS research administration system; and a study will be initiated to proactively assist individuals to be in compliance with the policy. Dr. Chad concluded that ensuring policy compliance was a top priority and that members could look forward to a question and answer briefing document, which would share the steps taken to alleviate and mitigate compliance concerns.

Dr. Barber concluded his remarks by expressing his regret that he will be unable to attend the June Council meeting. He offered his thanks to Council for the respectful and deliberate decisions and debate over the course of the year and thanked the Council chair and vice-chair, Council committee chairs, and the university secretary and associate secretary for their contributions. Council joined the chair in applause to acknowledge the provost's contributions.

7. Student societies

7.1 Report from the USSU

Gabe Senecal, vice-president academic affairs, presented a verbal report to Council on behalf of Jack Saddleback, USSU president. Mr. Senecal expressed the excitement of the new executive to work with the university community and named the new executive members. Shared goals for the year include mental health, sexual assault, student engagement, and tuition forecasting, among other goals. During the first few weeks, the USSU executive has connected with students regarding concerns of safety, security, residence, tuition, and consultation. Mr. Senecal indicated he looked forward to working with the university to create a better experience for students. In turn, the Council chair expressed that on behalf of Council, he also looked forward to working with the USSU.

7.2 Report from the GSA

Rajat Chakravarty, president of the GSA provided a verbal report to Council. Mr. Chakravarty reported the two broad goals of the GSA are to address transparency and to model collaboration. To that end, the executive is considering a forensic audit of its finances and has given its full cooperation to the police investigation underway. New governing documents have been approved at a special general meeting and the GSA budget for the year has been approved. Mr. Chakravarty reported the GSA is trying to forge bonds with stakeholders, senior administration, the university secretary, and seeks to partner meaningfully with the USSU. The GSA has tried to channel the car vandalism incident into a meaningful discussion. A by-election has been held and a new VP Operations elected. With a full complement, the GSA executive will now set its specific goals for the coming year. Mr. Chakravarty thanked those in attendance for hearing his report and expressed that he looked forward to participating on Council.

8. Planning and priorities committee

Professor Dirk de Boer, vice-chair of the planning and priorities committee presented the report to Council.

8.1 Request for decision: Name change from Department of Native Studies to Department of Indigenous Studies

Professor de Boer made a correction to the motion: to change the effective date of the motion from June 1 to July 1, 2015, and to indicate when students' academic records would be amended. The key point in consideration of the motion is that consultation and consideration of the name change began three years prior. He noted that it has long been recognized that the term "native" is very broad and imprecise, and the term "Indigenous" is far less ambiguous. Many departments elsewhere currently use the terminology "Indigenous" as it is far more inclusive. Extensive consultation regarding the proposed name change has occurred and there is widespread support for the name change. The program name change to Indigenous Studies was approved in January 2015.

de BOER/KHANDELWAL: That the Department of Native Studies be renamed the Department of Indigenous Studies, effective July 1, 2015, with all academic records to be updated September, 2015.

CARRIED

9. Academic programs committee

Professor Alec Aitken, vice-chair of the academic programs committee presented the reports to Council.

9.1 Request for decision: Certificate of Leadership in post-secondary education

Professor Aitken made a correction to the start date of the motion to read May 1, 2016, rather than September 1, 2015. The new certificate program is intended to meet the needs of practicing educators and offer new options to undergraduate students in the college. Further on, the new courses offered may ladder in or transition to a master's program.

FLYNN/WILSON: That Council approve the Certificate of Leadership in Post-Secondary Education, effective May 1, 2016.

CARRIED

9.2 Request for input: Academic Courses Policy

Professor Aitken noted that previous versions of the Academic Courses policy have been submitted to Council for input as the academic programs committee works through policy revisions. Revisions to the policy include changes to the syllabus section, the weighting of course activities, the nature of content of online courses, exam invigilation, grade conflicts, and the scheduling of midterms outside of normal class time. He invited members to review the proposed changes and submit any comments by email to committee secretary Amanda Storey at amanda.storey@usask.ca.

9.3 Item for information: Approval of the MA Project – option in Political Studies, Revisions to the Program Proposal Form

Professor Aitken reported on two items for Council's information.

The academic programs committee has approved a project-based master of arts (MA) within the Department of Political Studies, which will complement the department's MA thesis-based program. The non-thesis option will increase the number of graduate students in the program and make the department more competitive within its U15 peer group. The program is structured to encourage students to complete the program in one year's time.

The revised template for submission of new degree programs and other curricular changes has been revised by the academic programs committee to be as clear as possible to proponents submitting curricular changes, particularly with respect to the budgetary information requested.

10. Scholarship and awards committee

Professor Ravi Chibbar, committee chair, presented the report.

10.1 Item for information: Year-end report

Professor Chibbar reported that over the 2014-15 fiscal year there were 71 new awards for undergraduate students and 28 new awards for graduate students established. He highlighted to members the section on Aboriginal awards in the report, noting that much work is projected for next year's committee in the area of Aboriginal awards. In closing, he thanked Wendy Klingenberg and her staff within Student and Enrolment Services and Heather Lukey and her staff within the College of Graduate Studies and Research for their support of the committee.

11. Nominations committee

Professor Ed Krol, chair of the nominations committee presented the committee report to Council.

11.1 Request for decision: Committee nominations for 2015-16

Professor Krol indicated that the nominees to committees for 2015-16 were in the attached list before Council. In addition to the names presented in the Council package, a handout to add an additional member to the academic programs committee was distributed at the door.

The nominations committee reviewed the vacancies on the Council committee membership list and the committees constituted under the collective agreement, and solicited volunteers to these committees. An ad was placed in *On Campus News*, and a call was submitted to deans and department heads. The nominations committee met several times in the spring and did its best to populate the varying committees striving for balance between the various disciplines, degree of experience and with consideration of equity among members.

KROL/BRENNA, D.: That Council approve the nominations to University Council committees, Collective Agreement committees, and other committees.

CARRIED

12. Other business

The president announced that he had just received word that the province's new Minister of Advanced Education would be Scott Moe, a graduate of the College of Agriculture and Bioresources, and that the current Minister of Advanced Education, Kevin Doherty, would become Minister of Finance.

13. Question period

There were no questions.

14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned by motion (MARCHE/ZELLO) at 4:05 pm.

Name	Sept 18	Oct 23	Nov 20	Dec 18	Jan 22	Feb 26	Mar 19	Apr 16	May 21	June 18
Khandelwal, Ramji	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	P	
Kipouros, Georges	P	R	P	P	P	P	R	R	P	
Klaassen, Frank	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Krol, Ed	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Kuhlmann, Franz-Viktor	R	P	P	R	R	R	R	R	R	
Labrecque, Jamie	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	
Langhorst, Barbara	R	P	R	R	P	R	R	R	R	
Larre, Tamara	R	P	P	R	P	P	P	P	P	
Li, Wendy	R	R	A	A	P	P	P	P	A	
Lin, Yen-Han	R	P	A	P	A	R	R	P	P	
Lindemann, Rob	A	A	A	A	A	A	P	A	A	
Makarova, Veronika	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	
Marche, Tammy	P	P	R	P	R	P	P	P	P	
Martz, Lawrence	P	P	P	R	P	P	R	P	R	
Meda, Venkatesh	P	P	P	A	A	P	A	P	P	
Muri, Allison	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	R	
Nickerson, Michael	A	A	P	A	A	P	A	P	A	
Noble, Bram	P	R	A	R	R	A	A	A	A	
Ogilvie, Kevin	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	
Paige, Matthew	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	R	
Parkinson, David	P	R	P	P	P	P	R	R	P	
Prytula, Michelle	A	P	P	R	P	R	R	R	P	
Pywell, Rob	P	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	
Racine, Louise	P	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	R	
Radomske, Dillan	R	R	P	P	A	P	A	A	A	
Rangacharyulu, Chary	P	R	A	P	R	R	R	A	A	
Robertson, Jordan	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	
Rodgers, Carol	P	R	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	
Roesler, Bill	P	P	P	R	R	R	P	A	P	
Sarjeant-Jenkins, Rachel	R	P	R	P	P	P	P	P	R	
Senecal, Gabe	A	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Singh, Jaswant	P	P	P	A	R	P	P	P	P	
Smith, Preston	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	R	R	
Solose, Kathleen	P	P	P	R	P	P	P	P	R	
Soltan, Jafar	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	R	P	P	
Still, Carl	R	R	P	R	P	A	R	P	P	
Stoicheff, Peter	P	R	R	P	P	P	P	R	P	
Taras, Daphne	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	R	
Tyler, Robert	P	P	R	P	R	P	P	P	P	
Uswak, Gerry	R	R	R	P	P	P	P	R	R	
Van Kessel, Andrew	A	A	R	A	A	A	A	A	A	
Waldram, James	P	P	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Walker, Keith	P	R	R	P	R	R	R	P	P	
Walley, Fran	P	R	P	R	R	P	P	R	R	
Wang, Hui	P	P	P	P	R	A	A	A	A	
Wasan, Kishor	-	R	P	P	R	P	P	R	R	
Watson, Erin	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Williamson, Vicki	R	P	R	P	P	P	P	P	R	
Wilson, Jay	P	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Wilson, Ken	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Wotherspoon, Terry	P	P	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Yates, Thomas	P	R	P	R	P	P	P	P	P	
Zello, Gordon	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	

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Non-voting participants

Name	Sept 18	Oct 23	Nov 20	Dec 18	Jan 22	Feb 26	Mar 19	Apr 16	May 21	June 18
Binnie, Sarah	P	R	R	R	R	A	P	P	R	
Chad, Karen	P	P	P	R	P	P	R	P	P	
Downey, Terrence	P	R	P	R	R	A	R	R	A	
Fowler, Greg	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	
Isinger, Russ	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	p	P	
Pulfer, Jim	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	p	P	
Saddleback, Jack	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	P	
Williamson, Elizabeth	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	p	P	