



Minutes of University Council
2:30 p.m., Thursday, November 22, 2018
Arts Building Room 241 Neatby-Timlin Theatre

Attendance: See item 3 Appendix A for the listing of members in attendance.

The acting chair of Council, Dr. Chelsea Willness, called the meeting to order at 2:30 noting that quorum had been reached.

A tribute to honour Dr. Gale Parchoma was presented by Dr. Jay Wilson.

1. Adoption of the agenda

J. Wilson/D'Eon: That the agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

2. Opening remarks

The chair acknowledged that Council meets on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis. We pay our respect to the First Nations and Métis ancestors of our gathering place and reaffirm our relationship with one another.

A reminder was made those in attendance of the usual protocols for discussion and debate. Voting members should sit in the centre section, with guests on either side.

Members were asked to direct questions to the agenda items throughout the meeting. Questions related only indirectly to agenda topics may be posed during question period.

The chair noted the very full agenda due to the loss of quorum in October, and requested that presentations and questions air on the side of brevity, and that council members stay to the end of the meeting as they are able.

A reminder was provided to Council members that nominations for Council Chair will close on November 28th. Those members who might be interested in the position were invited to put their names forward.

3. Approval of minutes of the meeting of October 25, 2018

The chair noted revisions to the minutes: on page 4 Chernoff made the appeal for quorum. Urquhart will be removed. On page 4 Urquhart made an appeal to move to item 13.1 on the agenda. D'Eon will be removed. On page 5, question period, the last sentence will be revised to a more general level as follows: that "...it will become more difficult to report on gender in a binary way given that at least some people are choosing not to identify as male or female. As one example, the U of S now allows students to identify as "gender variant" or to decline to declare their gender."

Urquhart/Smith: That the minutes of the October 25, 2018 meeting are approved with revisions as noted.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

5. Report of the President

The chair reminded Council members to leave non-report questions until question period.

President Peter Stoicheff provided an update on his recent travels to China. The president indicated that during his trip he met with several donors one-on-one, hosted two alumni events, signed three new agreements with Chinese post-secondary partners, and held meetings with the Consul General. A highlight of the trip was the opportunity to present on *Indigenous Engagement* at Minzu University, a university dedicated to ethnic minorities in China. He acknowledged the increasing awareness of treatment of ethnic minorities in China, indicating that universities can play a positive role in such matters.

The president informed Council of the university's recent participation in the fourth annual "Building Reconciliation Forum," which took place at the University of Victoria (and the first of which was held at USask). The 2019 forum will take place at Agloma University.

6. Report of the Provost

Provost Tony Vannelli informed Council of the office of Institutional Planning and Assessment's ongoing work with deans, executive directors, and senior leaders on 2019/20 plans, budgets and resource allocations. This year, allocations are being made in December, whereas they have previously been made in the spring. The provost indicated that the decisions provide the university, the colleges and schools with the opportunity to achieve the university plan. He also recalled that the 2019/20 Operations Forecast highlights important initiatives that will benefit the whole university.

The provost informed Council of his recent participation in the annual conference of the National Vice-Presidents Academic Council (NATVAC) where the main theme of the conference was the future role of universities in Canada.

There was a round of Q&A contemplating: the university's approach to interdisciplinarity and interprofessional education; reviews of the TABBS model to align with different types of activities such as outreach and engagement and non-tri-Council research funding; and the university's tuition strategy for international graduate students vis the University of Toronto's strategy.

The chair asked that further questions be asked during question period.

7. Student Societies

7.1 Report from the USSU

Rollin Baldhead, president of the USSU provided a report to Council. He indicated that he has been helped by a great executive team in his transition to the new role. Mr. Baldhead acknowledged the leadership of the vice-president student affairs, Rose Wu, in organizing successful community

initiatives for Halloween. He also mentioned vice-president academic Sheldon Moellenbeck's USSU Face-to-Face sessions in Kinesiology and Veterinary Medicine. In addition, he discussed efforts to have an in-house Elder, which will be proposed and piloted in January 2019. Funding from the Saskatoon Tribal Council has been provided to support the initiative.

7.2 Report from the GSA

Edgar Martinez-Soberanes, the GSA vice-president student affairs presented the report to Council. He noted the ongoing work on the student-supervisor agreement, and that the feedback has been useful for increasing awareness of responsibilities and rights of both signing members. He noted plans to participate again in this year's 3M graduate thesis competition. Lastly, the GSA is advocating for members to improve experiences in activities that will assist in personal and professional development.

8. Joint Committee on Chairs and Professorships

Laura Zink, director of strategic research initiatives from the Office of the Vice-President Research presented one item for decision.

8.1 Request for Decision: Western Grains Research Foundation (WGRF) Integrated Agronomy Research Chair

Soltan/Chibbar: *That Council approve the Western Grains Research Foundation (WGRF) Integrated Agronomy Research Chair and recommend to the Board of Governors that the Board authorize the establishment of this chair.*

CARRIED

9. Coordinating Committee

9.1 Report for Information: Notices of Motion from October Council Meeting

The chair of the committee, Dr. Willness presented the information item on notices of motion from the prior meeting in October 2018 as having completed the requirement in the Council bylaws for 10 days' notice. They are therefore presented as decision items at this meeting. The consideration pertains mostly to academic programs committee items.

10. Academic Programs Committee

Dr. Angela Kalinowski, acting chair of the academic programs committee presented six items for decision and six items for information.

10.1 Request for Decision: Admissions Qualification change – Bachelor of Science in Engineering (B.E.) program

Dr. Kalinowski summarized the rationale and process for the development of the request. Questions and discussion considered student supports, the potential implications for the University of Saskatchewan's reputation, and student recruitment.

Elias/Chernoff: *That Council approve the proposed changes to the admissions requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Engineering (B.E.) program, effective the 2019-20 admission cycle*

CARRIED

- 10.2 Request for Decision: Admissions Qualification change – Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) program in Mechanical Engineering

Dr. Kalinowski noted that the intent of this change is to clarify for applicants the requirements for admission, and indicated that this department does not allow direct admission to the Ph.D.

Elias/Chernoff: *That Council approve the proposed changes to the admissions requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) program in Mechanical Engineering, effective May 2019*

CARRIED

- 10.3 Request for Decision: Admissions Qualification change – English proficiency requirements for programs in the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School (JSGS) of Public Policy

Dr. Kalinowski noted the request will align English proficiency requirements for JSGS at the University of Saskatchewan and the University of Regina.

Elias/Chernoff: *That Council approve the proposed changes English proficiency requirements for programs in JSGS, effective May 2019*

CARRIED

- 10.4 Request for Decision: New project-based Master of Science (M.Sc.) in Field Epidemiology

There was a discussion about the name “field epidemiology.”

Elias/Chernoff: *That Council approve the new project-based Master of Science (M.Sc.) in Field Epidemiology, effective May 2019.*

CARRIED

- 10.5 Request for Decision: International Dental Degree Program (IDDP)

Elias/Chernoff: *That Council approve the International Dental Degree Program (IDDP) in the College of Dentistry, effective May 2019.*

CARRIED

- 10.6 Request for Decision: Bachelor of Science, Dentistry (B.Sc.(DENT))

The tuition rate was provided by the Dean of Dentistry in response to a question.

Elias/Chernoff: *That Council approve the Bachelor of Science, Dentistry (B.Sc. (DENT)) in the College of Dentistry, effective May 2019.*

CARRIED

Dr. Kalinowski presented six reports for information, summarizing each briefly and then allowing for questions on each.

- 10.7 Report for Information: Combined Pharm D./MBA program

Dr. Kalinowski reported that the new Pharm D./MBA was approved by APC on October 24, 2018. The combined program will allow students to complete the requirements for both degrees in four years instead of five, with most of the MBA being delivered in the spring and summer terms.

- 10.8 Report for Information: Program change - College of Engineering reduction of credit units for the Bachelor of Science in Engineering (B.E.) in Mechanical Engineering

Dr. Kalinowski reported that at its meeting on October 24, 2018, APC approved the reduction of credit units in the B.E. in Mechanical Engineering to align with other programs in Canada.

- 10.9 Report for Information: Termination of the minor in Philosophy, Science, and Technology in the College of Arts and Science

Dr. Kalinowski reported that at its meeting on November 7, 2018, APC approved this termination on the recommendation of the College of Arts & Science's Faculty Council.

- 10.10 Report for Information: Arts and Sciences degree-level certificates

Dr. Kalinowski reported that on November 7, 2018, APC approved degree-level certificates in Biological Research, Computing, Politics and Law, and Study of Indigenous Storytelling.

- 10.11 Report for Information: Termination of the Degree-level Certificate in Applied and Professional Ethics

Dr. Kalinowski reported that at its meeting of September 12, 2018, APC approved the deletion of this degree-level certificate, stating that there has been limited enrolment since it was approved in January 2015.

- 10.12 Report for Information: Report on Diversity and Social Accountability Admissions Program (DSAAP) in the College of Medicine

Dr. Kalinowski indicated that APC received the DSAAP report at its meeting on October 24, 2018, noting the committee was pleased to see the high volume of applications being received under the program.

Questions were posed and discussed regarding the evaluation of the DSAAP program. Dr. Marcel D'Eon expressed concern that the DSAAP has not been well evaluated and there are plans for expansion. Dr. D'Eon requested his concerns be captured for the record, per below.

- What are the outcomes that we hope to achieve through this program and how have they been evaluated?
- How do we know that the MMI results of the DSAAP students were higher (and their academic components lower)?
- What statistical tests were applied and what were the results, including the effect sizes?
- What is the predictive validity of our MMI for high empathy in medical practice?
- How is the med school class of 2022 different as a result of the DSAAP?

- Do we have comparative data with and without the DSAAP students?
- What are the characteristics of the 6 med school applicants who were not admitted as a result of the DSAAP and how do they compare to those 6 who were admitted?
- If we are completely confident that anyone who meets the minimum requirements for entrance to med school will go on to become an excellent physician why do we rank the applicants at all?
- And finally, one of my favourite, in what ways are non-academic skills and behaviours tested in the MMI such as communications, ethical judgement, empathy, and value-driven decision-making “non-cognitive”? (D’Eon, personal correspondence, November 19, 2018)

Dr. Barry Ziola, professor, pathology and laboratory medicine, responded to the questions, reiterating key outcomes from the inaugural year of the program that were identified in the report. He reported that the College of Medicine’s admissions committee has started in-camera discussions regarding the outcomes of the DSAAP and the implications for the future of the college and for healthcare in Saskatchewan. The admissions committee will make a determination on the ongoing use of the program following the availability of outcomes reports. Dr. Ziola recalled that the program was approved by the college’s Faculty Council, as well as Senate and University Council. He also stated that only aggregate data was presented in the report, and that the numbers were too small for statistical analysis therefore only trends were reported. He declined to respond to the question on cognitive vs. non-cognitive skills.

The chair of Council requested that further discussion on the item be revisited during question period.

11. Nominations Committee

Dr. Stephen Urquhart, vice chair of the nominations committee, presented the requests for decision.

11.1 Request for Decision: Promotions Appeal Panel member nomination

The chair called three times for nominations from the floor.

Urquhart/Squires: *That Council approve the nomination of Nancy Gyurscik, College of Kinesiology to the promotions appeal panel effective immediately and continuing until June 30, 2019.*

CARRIED

11.2 Request for Decision: Joint Committee on Chairs and Professorships (JCCP) member nomination

The chair called three times for nominations from the floor.

Urquhart/Squires: *That Council approve the nomination of Jafar Soltan, Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering, to serve on the joint committee on chairs and professorships effective immediately and continuing until June 30, 2019.*

CARRIED

12. Governance Committee

Dr. Jay Wilson, chair of the governance committee, presented three decision items and one request for input from Council members. Dr. Wilson indicated these requests are part of regular renewal of faculty council bylaws that the governance committee requests of colleges and schools in order to ensure appropriate representation of stakeholders on those councils.

12.1 Request for Decision: Governance Committee Terms of Reference

Wilson/Crowe: *That Council approve the changes to the terms of reference of the governance committee to include an undergraduate student member and a graduate student member as ex officio non-voting members.*

CARRIED

12.2 Request for Decision: School of Rehabilitation Science Faculty Council Membership

Wilson/Crowe: *That Council approve the membership changes to the Faculty Council of the School of Rehabilitation Science to add a representative of the Saskatchewan Society of Occupational Therapists (SSOT) and a representative of the Saskatchewan Association of Speech Language Pathologists and Audiologists (SASLPA) as non-voting members, effective immediately.*

CARRIED

12.3 Request for Decision: College of Arts and Science Faculty Council Membership

Wilson/Crowe: *That Council approve the membership changes to the Faculty Council of the College of Arts and Science as shown in the attachment.*

CARRIED

12.4 Request for Input: Procedures on Student Appeals in Academic Matters

Dr. Wilson presented the draft revised procedures and summarized the process that was undertaken for their review. He requested that feedback be provided to Jacquie Thomarat, who supports the governance committee. Once feedback is received and incorporated into the document, the revised procedures will be presented to Council for approval (action items, Table 1).

13. Planning and Priorities Committee

13.1 Report for Information: *Discovery the World Needs: University of Saskatchewan's Research Plan (2018-2025)*

Dr. Dirk de Boer, chair of the planning and priorities committee, introduced Dr. Karen Chad, vice-president research, to present the university's *Strategic Research Plan*. Dr. Chad provided an overview of the history and context for the development of the plan, and highlighted the four research commitments: to build institutional fortitude, uplift Indigenization, invigorate our health cluster, and embolden our strengths. Each commitment will focus on three goals, and progress toward accomplishing those goals will be marked by guideposts for each commitment.

There was a round of questions and discussion considering: the growth of the university's research mission over the last 20 years, and renewal of faculty over the last 10 years; word choice of "institutional fortitude" vis goal of aligning structures, and "discovery the world needs"; measuring

progress on the signature areas of research; and, Indigenous student participation in the university's efforts toward decolonization and reconciliation.

13.2 Report for Information: 2019-2020 Operations Forecast

Dr. de Boer presented the 2019/20 Operations Forecast to Council on behalf of the committee, and opened the floor for questions.

14. Other business

The chair introduced Dr. Jacquie Thomarat, Associate University Secretary, Academic Governance, to University Council, noting that this was her second meeting and that she had started in the role as Sandra Calver's replacement on October 15, 2018.

15. Question period

The chair thanked those who held their questions to this point in the meeting. The questions raised under items 6.0 and 10.12 were reiterated and there was a brief discussion.

16. Adjournment

Urquhart/J. Wilson: The meeting was adjourned at 4:20pm.

Table 1. Action items

Page and note	Date	Item	Person
p. 7, item 12.4	22/11/2018	Governance committee to present for approval to Council the revised procedures on student appeals in academic matters	Dr. Jay Wilson

Voting Participants

Name	Sept 20	Oct 25	Nov 22	Dec 20	Jan 17	Feb 14	Mar 21	Apr 18	May 23	June 20
Andraos, John	R	A	A							
Albert, Mike	P	A	A							
Basinger, Jim	P	A	P							
Bell, Scott	R	R	R							
Blakley, Jill	R	P	R							
Bonham-Smith, Peta	A	P	P							
Brook, Ryan	P	P	A							
Brothwell, Doug	P	P	P							
Bruni-Bossio, Vince	P	P	P							
Buhr, Mary	P	P	R							
Card, Claire	P	A	A							
Carter, Mark	P	A	P							
Chernoff, Egan	P	P	P							
Chibbar, Ravindra	P	P	P							
Crowe, Trever	P	P	P							
De Boer, Dirk	P	P	P							
D'Eon, Marcel	R	P	P							
Deters, Ralph	P	P	P							
Detmer, Susan	R	R	R							
Dick, Rainer	P	R	P							
Dierker, Meaghan	A	A	A							
Dobson, Roy	P	P	R							
Downe, Pamela	P	P	R							
Elias, Lorin	P	P	P							
Engler-Stringer, Rachel	P	P	R							
Eskiw, Christopher	P	P	A							
Flynn, Kevin	R	R	R							
Fotouhi, Reza	P	A	P							
Freeman, Douglas	R	P	R							
Gabriel, Andrew	P	A	A							
Gillis, Glen	R	P	P							
Gjevre, John	P	P	P							
Goodridge, Donna	A	P	R							
Grosvenor, Andrew	P	P	P							
Gyurcsik, Nancy	P	P	P							
Han, Yifan	P	R	R							
Harrison, William	A	A	A							
Henry, Carol	P	R	P							
Jamali, Nadeem	P	P	P							
Jensen, Gordon	P	R	P							
Jones, Paul	R	R	A							
Just, Melissa	P	P	P							
Kalra, Jay	P	P	P							
Kelly, Timothy	P	P	P							
Khandelwal, Ramji	P	P	P							
Klassen, Lauren	A	A	A							
Ko, Seok-Bum	R	R	P							
Koh-Steadman, Noah	A	A	A							
Kresta, Suzanne	A	P	P							
Krol, Ed	P	P	R							
Kumaran, Arul	A	P	P							
Lamb, Eric	R	P	R							
Lane, Jeffrey	P	A	P							
Langhorst, Barbara	P	R	R							
Lemisko, Lynn	R	R	R							
London, Chad	P	P	P							
Luke, Iain	R	A	A							
Macfarlane, Cal	A	A	A							

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MacLean, Jason	P	R	R							
Manley-Tannis, Richard	A	P	P							
Martinez-Soberanes, Edgar	P	P	P							
Mousseau, Darrell	P	A	P							
Munoz, Carlos	P	P	R							
Murphy, JoAnn	P	P	R							
Newman, Kagen	A	A	A							
Papagerakis, Petros	P	P	P							
Phillips, Peter	R	A	P							
Phillipson, Martin	P	R	P							
Pocha, Sheila	A	P	P							
Poettcker, Grant	A	A	A							
Prytula, Michelle	R	A	R							
Racine, Louise	P	R	P							
Risling, Tracie	P	P	P							
Sarty, Gordon	P	P	P							
Saxena, Anurag	R	R	R							
Shevyakov, Alexey	R	R	R							
Simons, Gabe	R	A	R							
Smith, Charles	P	P	R							
Smith, Preston	P	P	A							
Smith, Martha	P	P	P							
Solose, Kathleen	P	P	P							
Soltan, Jafar	R	P	P							
Spurr, Shelley	P	P	R							
Stoicheff, Peter	P	P	P							
Squires, Vicki	P	R	P							
Swidrovich, Jaris	P	P	P							
Thompson, Emma	A	A	A							
Tzeng, Huey-Ming	A	A	A							
Urquhart, Stephen	P	P	P							
Vannelli, Tony	P	P	P							
Vassileva, Julita	P	P	P							
Waldner, Cheryl	P	P	P							
Walker, Keith	P	R	P							
Walker, Ryan	R	R	R							
Wallace, Alexa	A	A	A							
Wasan, Kishor	P	P	P							
Willenborg, Christian	P	P	R							
Willness, Chelsea	P	P	P							
Willoughby, Keith	R	P	R							
Wilson, Jay	P	P	P							
Wilson, Ken	P	P	P							
Wilson, Lee	P	R	P							
Woods, Phil	P	P	P							
Wotherspoon, Terry	R	R	P							
Wurzer, Greg	P	P	P							
Zello, Gordon	P	P	P							
Zhang, Chris	R	P	A							

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Non-voting participants

Name	Sept 20	Oct 25	Nov 22	Dec 20	Jan 17	Feb 14	Mar 21	Apr 18	May 23	June 20
Baldhead, Rollin	N/A	P	P							
Bilson, Beth	P	P	P							
Chad, Karen	P	P	P							
Fowler, Greg	A	A	A							
Gough, Rhonda	P	P	P							
Isinger, Russell	P	P	P							
Kobes, Brent	R	P	A							
McDougall, Patricia	P	P	P							
Moellenbeck, Sheldon	P	A	P							
Morrison, Karen	P	P	P							
Pozega Osburn, Debra	R	R	R							
Sahtout, Naheda	P	P	R							
Still, Carl	P	A	A							