



MINUTES OF UNIVERSITY COUNCIL
2:30 p.m. Thursday, January 16, 2020
Neatby-Timlin Theatre, Arts 241

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

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:36pm.

2. Tributes

There was a moment of silence for those who lost their lives on the Ukraine International Airlines flight 752.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion (Jones/Gjevre): *That the agenda be approved as amended.*

CARRIED

4. Opening remarks

The chair, Dr. Jay Wilson, 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.

Dr. Wilson welcomed Dr. Chelsea Willness to her first meeting of Council in the role of University Secretary and Chief Governance Officer.

Dr. Wilson reminded those in attendance of the usual protocols for discussion and debate.

He informed Council of the recent President's Executive Committee and Council chairs' breakfast topic: interdisciplinarity at USask.

He also reminded those who submit reports to University Council of the deadlines, which are 10 days prior to the meeting. He asked that these deadlines be respected as they are part of the requirements of the Council bylaws. Questions about the timelines can be directed to Dr. Wilson or the office of the University Secretary.

Dr. Wilson also noted that the call for Council member nominations is open, with a deadline of February 3, 2020.

5. Approval of Minutes of the meeting of December 19, 2019

Motion (Aitken/Rainer): *That the minutes be approved with amendments as discussed.*

CARRIED

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

7. Report of the President

The president wished Council members a Happy New Year. He thanked Council for the opportunity to report on the *University Plan: 2025* in December. He thanked members of Council for the congratulatory remarks on his renewal as president.

The president welcomed Dr. Chelsea Willness to the role of University Secretary and Chief Governance Officer, noting the change in title from University Secretary. He indicated that the new title better captures the broad spectrum of duties and responsibilities. In addition, he noted that we are the only U15 he is aware of where the position is held by a faculty member.

Finally, the president extended sympathies to the members of the university community affected by the recent Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 crash.

8. Report of the Provost

The provost began his remarks by wishing the members of Council and the rest of the university community the very best in 2020.

He conveyed condolences for the loss of 176 lives in the crash of Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752, many of whom were Iranian Canadians, many academics, and many from Western Canada.

Dr. Vannelli then presented the report of the provost. He noted that this term will be a very busy term with many activities managed by colleges and schools with support from the provost's office.

He indicated that the Task Force on Public Health was hard at work. He commended and thanked Vince Bruni-Bossio and Jacquie Thomarat for their support of the work. He indicated that he would provide a further update to Council on the topic in his February report [Table 1. Action 1], following further consultation with the university community.

The provost reported that consultations were taking place with Dr. Patti McDougall, vice-provost teaching and learning, and interim dean of CGPS, Dr. Trever Crowe, and undergraduate and graduate students on tuition for the 2020-21 academic year. By the March 2020 meeting of the Board of Governors, tuition levels will be set.

He commented that it is important that we work together in stabilizing our budget to support the fundamental disciplines, professional programs, and research mission of the university. We must remain committed to the academic mission of the university during these challenging times.

The provost also reported that there are nine searches and reviews of decanal positions underway.

9. Student Societies

9.1 Report from the GSA

Mery Mendoza, president of the GSA, presented the January 2020 GSA report. She reported on the recent winter orientation, and the graduate research conference. In addition, at the Holiday Hangout over the holiday break there were 80-100 people present for every day of the event. She hopes that this event becomes a permanent fixture at USask.

9.2 Report from the USSU

Carlos Muñoz Pimentel (VP academic affairs) presented the USSU report on behalf of Regan Ratt-Misponas. He extended congratulations to Dr. Willness.

He reported on the recent Undergraduate Project Symposium, the Women in Leadership Event, and Campus Clubs Week. He also noted that a special general meeting of USSU Council would be held on February 6, 2020 to consider amendments to bylaws to ensure the best functioning of the organization.

10. Academic Programs Committee

Dr. Susan Detmer, chair of APC, presented one request for decision and two reports for information as provided in the agenda materials as follows.

10.1 Request for Decision: Admissions Qualifications change – Master of Water Security (MWS) Program

Dr. Detmer reported that this change was part of the strategic plan for SENS. SENS will be offering the program in partnership with Beijing Normal University in China. Students will be required to provide a written statement as to why they want to get into the program, have a prerequisite course in math and statistics with a 70% average, and partake in an interview online or by another method. The change was approved at APC on December 18, 2020.

(DETMER/DOBSON): *It is recommended that Council approve the proposed changes to the admissions qualifications for the Master of Water Security (MWS) program, effective the 2021-22 admissions cycle.*

CARRIED

10.2 Report for Information: Changes to graduate programs in the Biomedical Science programs

Dr. Detmer presented the report for information, as the approval authority is delegated to APC. The changes were approved by APC on December 18, 2020. She noted that the changes follow department and college guidelines.

10.3 Report for Information: Change to the Bachelor of Science in Engineering (B.E.) program in Engineering Physics – credit unit reduction

As the approval authority is delegated to APC, Dr. Detmer reported on the approved change to the total number of credit units where tuition is affected, which was considered by APC on December 18, 2020.

11. Nominations Committee

Dr. Eric Lamb, vice-chair of the Nominations Committee, presented three requests for decision.

11.1 Request for Decision: Nomination to the Scholarship and Awards Committee

(LAMB/URQUHART): *It is recommended that Council approve the nomination of Hyunjung Shin, Department of Curriculum Studies, to serve as member of the scholarship and awards committee of Council effective immediately to June 2022.*

The chair called for nominations from the floor three times. There were none.

CARRIED

11.2 Request for Decision: Nominations to search committees

(LAMB/URQUHART): *It is recommended that Council approve the nomination of the following individuals to serve as members of the deans' search committees below, effective immediately:*

- *Dr. Terry Fonstad, associate dean research and partnerships in the College of Engineering, will serve on the dean's search committee for Nursing;*
- *Dr. Angela Bedard-Haughn, associate dean research and graduate studies, College of Agriculture & Bioresources, will serve on the executive director's search committee for the School of Environment and Sustainability.*

The chair called for nominations from the floor three times. There were none.

CARRIED

11.3 Request for Decision: Nominations to deans' review committees

(LAMB/URQUHART): *It is recommended that Council approve the nomination of the following individuals to serve as members of the deans' review committees below, effective immediately:*

- *Dr. Anurag Saxena, associate dean of postgraduate and medical education in the College of Medicine, will serve for the dean of WCVU, Dr. Doug Freeman;*
- *Dr. Jack Gray, vice dean research, scholarly and artistic work, College of Arts & Science, will serve for the dean of the Library, Dr. Melissa Just;*
- *Dr. Teresa Paslawski, associate dean, School of Rehabilitation Science, will serve for the dean's review for the College of Kinesiology, Dr. Chad London;*
- *The associate dean of the Library, Rachel Sarjeant-Jenkins, will serve on the review committee for the dean of the College of Law, Dr. Martin Philipson.*

The chair called for nominations from the floor three times. There were none.

CARRIED

12. Governance Committee

Dr. Stephen Urquhart, chair of the governance committee, presented one notice of motion.

12.1 Notice of Motion: Council Bylaws amendment – monthly meetings

It is recommended that Council approve an amendment of the Council bylaws to eliminate the annual February meeting of Council as Part One III.5(b), effective March 1, 2020.

Dr. Urquhart noted that the February Council meeting falls during reading week and quorum is difficult to reach. He reported that in consultation with the University Secretary's office it was determined that it would be difficult to re-coordinate the standing committees in line with a rescheduled February Council meeting. The Coordinating Committee had also consulted with University Registrar's office and determined from an academic catalogue standpoint that the proposed cancellation would be workable.

There was a question about whether quorum had *not* been reached in recent years. Dr. Urquhart responded that quorum was difficult to reach, but had been reached.

13. Joint Committee on Chairs and Professorships

Dr. Ken Wilson of the Joint Committee on Chairs and Professorships presented a request for decision.

13.1 Request for Decision: The Wolfe-Saskatchewan Fellowship At-Large for Outstanding Newly Recruited Research Scholars

(Sarte/Gjevre): *It is recommended that Council approve the Wolfe-Saskatchewan Fellowship At-large for Outstanding Newly Recruited Research Scholars and recommends to the Board of Governors that the Board authorize establishment of the chair.*

CARRIED

14. Other business

None.

15. Question period

A Council member inquired as to tuition fee penalties. He requested that the University not levy penalties on late tuition payments; moreover, he suggested that we should advertise that we are a university that does not.

Russell Isinger, University Registrar responded that his office reviews such policies regularly. Penalties encourage payment and are not out of step with other universities. He committed to further examining the financial and historic reasons for penalties on late tuition payments at USask and reporting back to Council [Table 1. Action 2].

16. Adjournment

(Dobson): The meeting was adjourned by motion at 3:25pm.

Table 1. Action items

Section	Action item	Responsible
p.2 s.8	Report on the progress of the Public Health Task Force	Provost
p.5 s.15	Report on the financial and historic reasons for late penalties on tuition	University Registrar

Attachments

1. Appendix A – Attendance from the meeting of January 16, 2020

Next meeting February 20, 2020 – Please send regrets to michelle.kjargaard@usask.ca.

Deadline for submission of motions to the coordinating committee: January 27, 2020.

Attendnace Summary - Voting Participants

Name	Sept 19	Oct 17	Nov 21	Dec 19	Jan 16	Feb 20	Mar 19	Apr 16	May 21	June 18
Aitken, Alec	R	P	P	P	P					
Alcorn, Jane	A	A	A	A	A					
Berry, Lois	R	P	R	P	P					
Blakley, Jill	R	P	R	P	P					
Boland, Mark	P	P	P	P	P					
Bonham-Smith, Peta	P	P	P	P	R					
Brook, Ryan	P	P	P	R	A					
Brothwell, Doug	R	P	P	R	P					
Bruni-Bossio, Vince	A	P	R	P	P					
Buhr, Mary	P	R	R	P	A					
Burgess, David	P	P	P	P	R					
Card, Claire	P	P	P	P	P					
Carter, Mark	P	P	P	A	A					
Chernoff, Egan	A	A	A	A	A					
Chibbar, Ravindra	P	R	P	P	P					
Crowe, Trever	P	P	P	P	P					
D'Eon, Marcel	P	P	A	P	A					
Dawson, DeDe	P	P	P	R	P	Sabbatical (Jan-Jun 2020)				
de Boer, Dirk	P	P	R	P	R					
Delbaere, Marjorie	P	R	R	P	P					
Deters, Ralph	P	P	P	P	A					
Detmer, Susan	P	P	P	P	P					
Dick, Rainer	P	P	P	P	P					
Dobson, Roy	P	R	P	P	P					
Downe, Pamela	P	P	R	P	R					
Elias, Lorin	P	P	P	R	P					
Engler-Stringer, Rachel	P	R	P	P	P					
Eskiw, Christopher	A	A	A	A	A					
Fonseca, Alejandra	P	P	P	P	A					
Flynn, Kevin	P	P	R	P	P					
Foley, Sarah	P	R	P	P	R	R	R	R	R	R
Fotohui, Reza	R	P	R	P	P					
Freeman, Doug	R	R	P	P	R					
Gabriel, Andrew	A	P	A	P	P					
Gillis, Glen	P	P	P	P	Sabbatical (Jan-Jun 2020)					
Gjevre, John	P	R	R	P	P					
Harrison, William	A	A	A	P	A					
Henry, Carol	R	A	P	A	P					
Illing, Kate	A	R	A	A	A					
Jamali, Nadeem	P	P	P	P	R					
Jensen, Gordon	P	R	A	P	R					
Jones, Paul	R	P	P	P	P					
Just, Melissa	R	R	P	P	P					
Kalra, Jay	P	A	P	R	R					
Kelly, Timothy	P	P	P	P	P					
Khandelwal, Ramji	P	R	P	P	R					
Klassen, Lauren	A	A	A	A	P					
Ko, Seok-Bum	P	P	R	R	R					
Kresta, Suzanne	P	R	A	A	R					
Kumaran, Arul	P	A	P	A	A					
Lamb, Eric	P	P	P	P	P					
Lane, Jeffrey	P	A	P	P	P					
Langhorst, Barbara	R	R	R	P	R					
Lanovaz, Joel	P	P	P	P	P					
Lindenschmidt, Karl	P	P	A	P	P					
London, Chad	P	P	P	P	R					
Luke, Iain	R	A	R	R	R					
Macfarlane, Cal	A	R	A	A	A					

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MacLean, Jason	R	A	A	R	A					
Manley-Tannis, Richard	P	R	P	A	P					
Markham, Taylor	A	A	A	A	A					
McEwen, Alexa	A	R	R	P	R					
Mousseau, Darrell	P	P	P	P	P					
Murphy, JoAnn	P	P	P	P	P					
Neufeld, Matthew	P	P	P	P	P					
Newman, Kagan	A	A	A	A	A					
Papagerakis, Petros	A	A	P	P	P					
Phillipson, Martin	P	P	P	P	A					
Pocha, Sheila	P	A	A	A	A					
Poettcker, Grant	A	A	A	A	A					
Power, Sarah	A	A	A	A	A					
Prytula, Michelle	P	R	P	P	R					
Racine, Louise	R	R	R	R	R					
Reaser, Isaac	A	A	n/a-resigned as of Nov 2019 and replaced by Celeste Robillard							
Risling, Tracie	P	P	R	R	P					
Robillard, Celeste	n/a	n/a	A	R	P					
Sarty, Gordon	P	P	P	P	P					
Saxena, Anurag	A	P	A	P	R					
Shevyakov, Alexey	P	A	P	R	P					
Shin, Hyunjung	P	P	P	R	P					
Singh, Jaswant	A	P	P	P	P					
Smith, Charles	P	A	A	A	A					
Smith, Preston	R	A	P	R	P					
Smith, Martha	P	P	P	P	P					
Soltan, Jafar	P	P	P	P	P					
Sommerville, Kara	P	R	P	R	P					
Spurr, Shelley	P	P	P	P	R					
Squires, Vicki	P	A	P	P	R					
Stoicheff, Peter	P	R	P	P	P					
Stuart, Glenn	P	P	A	P	P					
Swidrovich, Jaris	P	R	P	R	P					
Urquhart, Stephen	P	P	P	P	P					
Vannelli, Tony	P	P	P	P	P					
Waldner, Cheryl	P	P	P	P	R					
Walker, Keith	P	R	P	P	R					
Willenborg, Christian	P	R	R	P	P					
Willness, Chelsea	P	P	n/a-resigned as of Oct 31, 2019 and will be part of non-voting as of Jan 1, 2020							
Willoughby, Keith	P	P	P	P	P					
Wilson, Jay	P	P	P	P	P					
Wilson, Lee	P	A	P	P	P					
Woods, Phil	P	P	P	P	P					
Wotherspoon, Terry	P	P	P	P	P					
Yao, Yansun	Sabbatical (Sep-Dec 2019)				A					
Zello, Gordon	R	R	R	P	A					
Zhang, Chris	P	P	P	P	P					

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Attendance Summary - Non-voting participants

Name	Sept 19	Oct 17	Nov 21	Dec 19	Jan 16	Feb 20	Mar 19	Apr 16	May 21	June 18
Bilson, Beth	P	P	P	P	Jan 2020-B. Bilson has moved from the OUS Dept					
Chad, Karen	P	P	P	P	P					
Doig, Anne	n/a	n/a	P	P	P					
Fowler, Greg	A	P	A	A	P					
Isinger, Russell	P	P	P	P	P					
McDougall, Patricia	P	A	P	P	R					
Mendoza, Mery	P	P	P	R	P					
Morrison, Karen	R	P	P	P	P					
Munoz Pimentel, Carlos	P	P	P	R	P					
Osburn, Debra Pozega	P	P	R	P	P					
Ottmann, Jacqueline	P	A	A	A	A					
Ratt-Misponas, Regan	P	A	P	P	R					
Still, Carl	P	R	R	P	P					
Willness, Chelsea	n/a-C. Willness started with OUS Jan 1, 2020				P					