

Statutory Authorities

STATUTORY AUTHORITY OF COUNCIL, THE SENATE, AND THE GENERAL ACADEMIC ASSEMBLY OVER ACADEMIC MATTERS

The University of Saskatchewan Act, 1995

Council's Authority over academic matters (excerpts)

Powers of council

61(1) The council may:

- (a) regulate the conduct of its meetings and proceedings;
- (b) determine the quorum necessary to transact business;
- (c) grant academic degrees, diplomas and certificates of proficiency;
- (d) grant scholarships, prizes, fellowships, bursaries and exhibitions;
- (e) where it considers it appropriate on academic grounds, authorize the board to provide for:
 - (i) the establishment of any college, school, department, chair, endowed chair or institute;
 - (ii) the disestablishment of any college, school, department, chair, endowed chair or institute;
 - (iii) affiliation or federation with any educational institution; or
 - (iv) the dissolution of any affiliation or federation with any educational institution;
- (f) prescribe curricula, programs of instruction and courses of study in colleges, schools or departments;
- (g) prescribe methods and rules for evaluating student performance, including prescribing examination timetables and the conduct of examinations;
- (h) discipline students for academic dishonesty, including admonishing, dismissing, suspending or expelling students or imposing fines;
- (i) prescribe academic and other qualifications required for admission as a student;
- (j) hear appeals by students or former students concerning academic decisions affecting them;
- (k) prescribe dates for beginning and ending lectures;
- (l) prescribe and limit the number of students who may be admitted to a college or a program of study;
- (m) review library policies;
- (n) review the physical and budgetary plans for the university and make recommendations respecting those matters to the president or the board;
- (o) make recommendations to the president, the board or the senate respecting any matters that the council considers to be in the interests of the university;
- (p) subject to subsection (2), establish any committees that it considers necessary;
- (q) subject to subsection (2), delegate any of its powers to any committee of the council;
- (r) exercise any powers that the board or the senate may delegate to it;
- (s) subject to section (2) appoint members to committees composed of members of the council and members of all or any of the senate, the board and the assembly;
- (t) make bylaws governing the election of members of council mentioned in clauses 53(2)(b) to (g) and (i);
- (u) make bylaws respecting any matter over which it has responsibility; and
- (v) do any other thing that the council considers necessary, incidental or conducive to exercising its powers, to promoting the best interests of the university or to meeting the purposes of this Act.

(2) A committee established by the council pursuant to subsection (1) to deal with matters set out in clauses (1)(h) and (j) must include at least one student as a member of the committee.

Decisions of council

62(1) Within 10 days of every meeting of the council, the secretary shall give each dean and department head a written copy of all motions passed by the council at the meeting.

(2) On receipt of the written copy of a motion pursuant to subsection (1), every dean and department head shall post the written copy in a conspicuous place that is readily accessible to students and faculty members.

Senate's Authority over academic matters (excerpts)

61(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the following decisions of the council are to be reported to the senate at its next meeting and are not to be implemented until either the senate confirms the decision or 12 months have passed following the end of the fiscal year in which the decision was made, whichever is the earlier:

- (a) a decision to change academic and other qualifications required for admission as a student;
- (b) a decision to change the number of students who may be admitted to a college or a program of study;
- (c) a decision to authorize the disestablishment of any college, school, department, chair, institute or endowed chair;
- (d) a decision to authorize the dissolution of any affiliation or federation.

Authority of the General Academic Assembly (excerpts)

Power to require council to reconsider

71(1) At a special meeting called for the purpose, the assembly may require the council to reconsider its decision to authorize the board to provide for any of the following on academic grounds:

- (a) the establishment of any college, department or institute;
- (b) the disestablishment of any college, department or institute;
- (c) affiliation or federation with any educational institution; or
- (d) the dissolution of any affiliation or federation with any educational institution.

Power to dissolve council

72(1) At a special meeting called for the purpose, the assembly may pass a motion directing that the members of the assembly vote to determine whether or not to direct that the council be dissolved and that elections for a new council be held.

See the full text of the [University of Saskatchewan Act, 1995](#) for further information, or contact the Office of the University Secretary.