



## UNIVERSITY SENATE

### REQUEST TO ADD MOTION/REQUEST TO ADD INFORMATION ITEM

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**DATE:** [March 20, 2026]

**FROM:** [Shankar Das]

**MEETING DATE:** [April 25, 2026]

**ACTION REQUESTED:**  **Information**       **Decision**

**TITLE OF REQUEST:** [USask120: Celebrating 120 Years (1907-2027) of University of Saskatchewan]  
**OR** [USask125: Celebrating 125 Years (1907-2032) of University of Saskatchewan]]

**PROPOSED MOTION/INFORMATION ITEM:**

[Include the mover and seconder if submitting a motion.]

I request that this information item be added to the April Senate agenda to discuss potential plans for celebration of the 120th anniversary of the university's founding. The objective of the celebration is to share/showcase the university's **120 years** of achievements/successes with the community and recognize its continued support. The celebration will create awareness in the community and beyond as well. The celebration will create a great opportunity for the university to inspire and rekindle enthusiasm in the community to support university's UPlan 2035 and beyond.

**OR**

I request that this information item be added to the April Senate agenda to discuss potential plans for celebration of the 125th anniversary of the university's founding. The objective of the celebration is to share/showcase the university's **125 years** of achievements/successes with the community and recognize its continued support. The celebration will also complement the new UPlan2035.

Suggestions for moving forward with celebration plans are outlined below.

Mover: Shankar Das

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## **BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:**

[Include a summary of key points to support the decision and any information that connects the request to the powers available to the Senate.]

Key points:

1. The year 2027 marks 120 years (USask120) of University of Saskatchewan's establishment in this province.
2. It will be a great opportunity for the university to showcase the hundreds of achievements/success stories that occurred during the last 120 years of the institute since it was founded with the community.
3. It will also be a GREAT opportunity to promote the UPlan 2035
4. An ad hoc Celebration Committee or Working Group could be created to work in collaboration with a number of relevant departments. The Committee might like to include the Senate and its Engagement Committee, University Relations, Communications, relevant university departments and leadership in the development and delivery of the celebrations
5. However, there may not be adequate time (a year) to plan, execute and showcase the celebration in 2026.

**OR**

Similar key points can be considered to support the proposal for USask125. In this case, however, the Celebration Committee will have adequate time to develop and celebrate 125 years of the founding.

## **PRIOR CONSULTATION:**

The **ad hoc committee** or the **Working Group** can consult with key people and departments of the community, both internal and external, to develop a plan, organize and execute the celebration:

### **INTERNAL:**

1. Deans of the colleges. [For example, Kieth Willoughby, Dean, Edwards School of Business, U of S. is already contacted and can be consulted with additional ideas and support].
2. Leadership team:
  - a. Dr Vince Bruni Bossio, President, U of S.
  - b. Dr. Peter Stoicheff, President Emeritus, U of S.
  - c. VP-University Relations.
  - d. Office of the VP-Academic
  - e. Office of the VP-Research d. Office of the VP-Administration/Operation
  - e. Dr. Julian Demkiew, Secretary, Chief Governance Officer, USask.

### **EXTERNAL:**

1. The Mayor, City of Saskatoon
2. The Honorable Tracy Muggli, Senator -Saskatchewan (The mover had a quick communication with the honorable Muggli about the idea of a celebration)
3. More can be consulted, if required

**IMPACT OF DECISION:**

[List any actions that will be required if approved, if an ad hoc committee will be needed, if any other governing bodies will be involved, what kind of communications strategy may be needed and if the matter is confidential or public.]

1. As mentioned above, an ad hoc Committee or a Working Group can be formed to work with university administration and other department/units to plan, coordinate and execute the celebration: timeline, budget, communications, etc.
2. Engagement: The following internal and external bodies can also be requested to be involved.
  - a. Senate and Senate Engagement Committee
  - b. University leadership
3. City of Saskatoon (for strategic support, and financial support in celebrating 120 OR 125 years)
4. Government of Saskatchewan (for strategic and financial support to celebrate the event)
5. Other donors for financial support
6. Development of a Communications Plan/Strategy

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

[Please list any attached documents considered essential to the decision marked Attachment 1, Attachment 2, etc.]

The **ad hoc committee** OR **Working Group** can work on the following things for celebration of the USask120 OR USask125.

**Celebration Plan:** A draft celebration plan summary that includes

- a. Preparation and strategy
- b. Internal recognition and Engagement
- c. Communications
- d. Showcasing Events and Rituals
- e. Deliverables
- f. Post-event Evaluation and Momentum

**A Consultation/Engagement Plan**

**A Budget Plan**

**A list of financial support and potential donors**

**Communications Plan**

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