

# **Minutes of University Senate**

Non-Confidential 9:00 am – 1:30 pm, Saturday October 29, 2022

# 1. Chair's Opening Remarks

Chancellor McCreath, chair of Senate welcomed senators attending via Zoom and those in-person to the fall meeting of Senate. She acknowledged that Senate meets on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis. We pay our respects to the First Nations and Métis ancestors of our gathering place and reaffirm our relationship with one another.

The Chancellor explained the procedures for the hybrid meeting. Quorum was confirmed and the meeting commenced at 9:05 am.

## 2. <u>Consent agenda</u>

The adoption of the agenda

MacDonald/Bratvold: That the agenda items be approved by Senate.

## 3. <u>Approval of the minutes</u>

Gough/McKercher: That the minutes of April 23, 2022 be approved by Senate distributed.

## 4. Business arising from the minutes.

There was none.

## 5. President's report

President Peter Stoicheff invited questions of the written report distributed with the agenda materials. No questions were received on this item.

## 6. Report on undergraduate student activities

University of Saskatchewan Students' Union (USSU) president, Abhineet Goswami invited questions of the written report distributed with the agenda materials. No questions were received on this item.

The chancellor thanked Abhineet for the report.

## 7. Report on graduate student activities

The chancellor invited Graduate Student Association (GSA) president, Mostofa Kamal, to present the report.

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Mostofa Kamal invited questions of the written report distributed with the agenda materials. No questions were received.

## 8. <u>Report on Board of Governors</u>

Joy Crawford, one of two Senate-elected members to the Board of Governors, invited questions of the written report distributed with the agenda materials. No questions were received.

## 9. Report on non-academic student discipline

The written report was provided for information by Julian Demkiw, university secretary.

## 10. Usask Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) action plan, update, and advice

Presentation by Kelly McInnes

## 11. Senate committee reports

The chancellor invited the president to the podium to present the written executive committee report.

## 11.1. Executive committee report

The president commented that the executive committee met twice since the spring meeting and discussed some very important and complex items.

He commented that members considered the format and delivery of the fall meeting and that he was pleased to see a hybrid meeting could be offered to accommodate all senators.

The executive committee agreed to establishing a working group to enact the recommendations of the Senate engagement plan. The governance office will draft a term of reference for the group and the committee will be ready to report back at the spring 2023 meeting.

The president added that a recommendation was made to establish an ad-hoc committee to review the regulations and procedures for managing student conduct in non-academic matters.

## 11.1.2 Nominations committee report

Grant McKercher, chair of the nominations committee was invited to the podium to present the report.

The committee chair referred senators to the written report and the nominations slate included in the agenda package. He thanked committee members for their service and contributions to the committee's work. The material indicates what is taken into consideration when choosing members to service and who has been proposed to serve on each committee for 2022-2023. The positions require the approval of Senate.

Hamilton/Doig: That Senate approve the appointments of the following individuals to university council, the board of student discipline and appeal board, and to the membership committee effective immediately.

Zsuzsa Papp – university council Cathy Wheaton, Tracy Muggli, Walter Smith – roster for board for student discipline and appeal board Tamara Buckwold – membership committee

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#### 11.1.3 <u>Senate education committee</u> report on Admissions Qualifications Change confirmations

A written report was submitted by Larry Wagner, chair of the education committee. No questions were received for this information item.

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## 11.1.5 Senate Education Committee Topic

Larry Wagner introduced Dr. Jay Wilson, vice-provost teaching, learning and student experience. Dr. Wilson's presentation explored the dramatic changes that the university experience has undergone since the pandemic began in March of 2020. Senators were invited to explore the changes discuss what is needed to shape the student experience in the future.

## 12. Presentations and discussions

## 12.1 Research in action

Véronique Mathieu, the first holder of the David L. Kaplan Chair in Music, provided senators with insight into her research, scholarly and artistic work. She shared the history of the Amati instruments and the story of the Amati family who were pioneers in the practice of constructing bowed stringed instruments in the Italian city of Cremona. For centuries their creations have been highly sought after and USask is proud to own the only complete collection of Amati Quartet instruments in Canada and one of the few in the world. Senators were treated to a sampling of music from the Amati quartet and Véronique Mathieu.

## 12.2 deybwewin | taaowaywin | tapwewin: Indigenous truth policy

The chancellor welcomed Dr. Angela Jaime, vice provost Indigenous engagement, and invited her to speak to USask's new Indigenous membership/citizenship verification policy and procedures. Dr. Jaime explained the process and consultation that Usask conducted with community members across the province and the challenges and successes that the taskforce experienced.

#### 13. Other business - none

#### 14. Question Period

Senator Jack Walton raised a concern about Senate membership, noting that the membership is limited to only elected members; therefore, only elected members have a say in defining the membership of the wider body. He requested that at a future meeting of the Membership Committee, consideration be given to allow non-senate elected members to also participate. He added that the membership of the roundtable on outreach and engagement is limited to four district senators and requested that the membership of that committee also be reviewed, suggesting that community representation and non-district representation may be of value to the work of the roundtable. process. The university secretary acknowledged the concerns and

noted that his office will collaborate with the committee to review the terms of reference and will follow-up at the next meeting of Senate.

Senator Eric Wilmot asked the President to expand on his comments presented in his report pertaining to the Kenderdine Campus.

The president offered a brief history of the Emma Lake Kenderdine Campus, noting it has been part of Usask since 1936. It was overseen at the university by the Extension Division up until the dissolvement of that unit several years ago. At that time, it became unclear who would then have the authority and overall responsibility of the Kenderdine campus. The campus was temporarily closed in 2012. A revitalization of the campus is a priority of the President and the university. The university's <u>Emma Lake Kenderdine Campus</u> <u>website</u> speaks to the aspirations and envisioned opportunities for the campus. An architectural plan is in place for the new campus, and the university is resolved to raising funding for the revitalization through the comprehensive campaign, officially launching in April 2023.

Vice-president Cheryl Hamelin echoed the president's comments. Kenderdine campus is envisioned to be a place that not only includes but goes beyond the arts and cultural realm it once was, to become a place of thought leadership and critical dialogue, with deep connections to our Indigenous communities. The Emma Lake Kenderdine Campus is part of the comprehensive campaign and funding is actively being sought for the refurbishment and relaunch of the campus.

Senator Rhonda Gough approached the podium and requested that meeting materials be provided as far in advance of the meeting as possible. It is difficult to read the material off the projection screen. She also requested that public minutes of the Board be made available in a timelier manner. Regarding the academic snapshot presented, it was requested that more detail and transparency be provided to the April 2023 meeting of Senate.

Senator Gough then commented on the powerful and well done ohpahotân | oohpaahotaan Fall Symposium, held on October 28 and noted the very moving presentation by Michelle Good, author of 5 little Indians, who spoke to her experiences.

Senator Aaron Genest requested the use of technology to assist in engaging senators in between the Spring and Fall meetings of Senate.

In closing, the Chancellor thanked Senators for their questions and comments, and ongoing contribution to Senate.

#### Adjournment 2:54 pm.