



Message to the General Academic Assembly

December, 2011

Welcome to the fourth edition of Council's newsletter, which is intended to give you a sense of the work that your university Council does in the academic oversight of the university. As the first term comes to a close, here are some of the things that are before Council:

ITEMS THAT COUNCIL CONSIDERED IN THE FALL TERM

- The Operations Forecast (the University's request to Government for funding) for 2012/13
- The detailed enrolment report for 2011-12
- Approval of the proposal to recommend to the board the establishment of the Canadian Centre for Nuclear Innovation as a Type C Centre
- Program termination of BA Three-year in Ukrainian
- Establishment of the Murray W. Pyke Chair in Geological Sciences
- Approval of the Policy on Academic Accommodation and Access for Students with Disabilities
- Revisions to the Policy on the Naming of University Assets
- Presentation on the College Quarter North-East Precinct (info)
- Capital Planning and an update on major capital projects (info)
- Requests for input on revisions to the *Policy on Student Discipline* and the *Policy on Appeals and Procedures for Student Appeals in Academic Matters*
- Termination of combined program in Education and Music Education and replacement program in Bachelor of Music in Music Education

ITEMS COMING UP NEXT TERM

- Revised policy and procedures for *Student Appeals in Academic Matters*
- Consideration of a new *Policy on Admissions*
- Review and revisions to the *Scholarships and Awards Handbook*
- Joint report of the International Activities Committee and the Research, Scholarly and Artistic Works Committee on international research

INTEGRATED PLANNING

In addition to these activities, Council and the Planning and Priorities Committee are deeply involved in work around the university's third Integrated Planning cycle. The Unit Plans Review Committee (UPRC) completed an intensive review period of the plans from all colleges and administrative units in November and December.

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In January, Council will receive the Unit Plans Review Committee reports on the individual plans and the common messages and issues perceived by the committee across the plans. In February, the draft *Third Integrated Plan* will be presented to Council as a request for input; on March 1st, Council will be presented with a motion to approve *Third Integrated Plan*. The Planning and Priorities Committee of Council will also report to Council on the development and key principles informing the Multi-Year Capital Framework and the Multi-Year Budget Framework as the supporting pillars of the *Third Integrated Plan*

ABOUT COUNCIL

Council is the governing body responsible for all things academic, and it relies on the collegial model of academic self-governance to do its business. That means that you, as a member of the General Academic Assembly, have an opportunity to influence the academic direction of the institution, both by electing members of your college for the university to Council, and by considering letting your name stand for election to Council or one of its committees. More information, including the agendas of upcoming Council meetings, minutes of past meetings, and information about elections, committees, bylaws and policies, can be found on Council's web site at http://www.usask.ca/university_secretary/council/. Questions can be directed to university.secretary@usask.ca.

Council meets once a month (see below). Meetings are open to all, and we hope you will always feel welcome to join us and to watch your Council in action.

☒ Meetings of University Council in Term Two:

- Thursday, January 26
- Thursday, February 16
- Thursday, March 1 (special meeting to consider the approval of the Third Integrated Plan)
- Thursday, March 15
- Thursday, April 19
- Thursday, May 17
- Thursday, June 21

* All meetings are in Neatby-Timlin Theatre, Arts 241, at 2:30 p.m.

On behalf of Council and its committees and of the Council secretariat, I wish you all a restful and enjoyable holiday season.

Jay Kalra,
Chair, University Council

