

# Message to the General Academic Assembly

From Dr. Jay Kalra, Chair of Council

**September, 2011**

I am honoured to have been elected by members of the university's representative Council as the new Chair of Council, for a two-year terms beginning July 1. 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 (GAA), have an opportunity to influence the academic direction of the institution. You can do this in a number of ways:

- by electing members of your college for the university to Council,
- by considering letting your name stand for election to Council or one of its committees.
- by attending Council meetings to experience your Council in action. Non-members are welcome!

Communication and encouraging participation by the broader academic community will be a priority for Council and its Coordinating Committee this year. We will be communicating regularly with you throughout the academic year about matters that Council has considered and about upcoming agenda items.

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 [www.usask.ca/council](http://www.usask.ca/council). Questions can be directed to [university.secretary@usask.ca](mailto: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.

## ➤ **Upcoming Meetings of University Council\*:**

Thursday, September 22, 2011

Thursday, October 20, 2011

Thursday, November 17, 2011

Thursday, December 15, 2011

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

