POWERS OF SENATE

Powers of senate

23 The senate may:

(a) regulate the conduct of its meetings and proceedings;
(b) determine the quorum necessary to transact business;
(c) hear any reports that may be provided for by this Act and the bylaws of the senate;
(d) consider and take action on all matters reported to it by the board, council or assembly;
(e) appoint scrutineers for the counting of the votes for the election of the elected members of the senate;
(f) make bylaws respecting the discipline of students for any reason other than academic dishonesty, including bylaws providing for the admonishing, dismissing, suspending or expelling of students or the imposition of fines on students;
(g) appoint examiners for, and make bylaws respecting, the conduct of examinations for professional societies or other bodies if the university or any of its agencies is required or authorized by any Act to do so;
(h) establish any committees of its members that it considers necessary;
(i) provide for the granting of honorary degrees;
(j) receive proposals respecting the establishment of any college, school, department or institute and recommend to the board and the council whether or not the proposed college, school, department or institute should be established;
(k) receive proposals respecting the affiliation or federation of any educational institution with the university and recommend to the board and the council whether or not the proposed affiliation or federation should be made;
(l) consider and recommend to the board and the council whether or not any college, school, department or institute should be disestablished or any affiliation or federation of the university with another educational institution should be dissolved because of lack of relevance to the province;
(m) authorize the establishment of an advisory council for any college, school or department and prescribe or alter the composition, duties and powers of an advisory council, whether established before or after the coming into force of this Act;

(n) discontinue an advisory council for any college, school or department;

(o) recommend to the board or the council any matters or things that the senate considers necessary to promote the interests of the university or to carry out the purposes of this Act;

(p) request the board or the council to report to it on any matter over which the senate has authority;

(q) appoint members to committees composed of members of the senate and members of all or any of the board, council and assembly;

(r) subject to sections 24 to 28, make bylaws governing the election of members of the senate;

(r.1) subject to section 17, make bylaws governing the nomination and appointment of the chancellor;

(s) make bylaws respecting any matter over which it has responsibility; and

(t) do any other thing that the senate 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.

Senate’s Authority over academic matters (excerpts)

62(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.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND POWERS OF THE BOARD

Responsibilities of the board

48 The board is responsible for overseeing and directing all matters respecting the management, administration and control of the university’s property, revenues and financial affairs, other than those matters that are specifically vested in the minister pursuant to this or any other Act.
Powers of the board

49(1) The board may:

(a) regulate the conduct of its meetings and proceedings;

(b) maintain and keep in proper order and condition the real and personal property of the university;

(c) subject to the prior approval of the minister, construct any buildings and structures on the university’s property that, in its opinion, are necessary and proper;

(d) maintain any buildings and structures mentioned in clause (c);

(e) maintain the university and its furnishings, and, for that purpose, may purchase major bulk items or materials, goods or services of a non-specialized nature and transportation equipment through an appropriate agency of the Government of Saskatchewan or through the minister;

(f) maintain residences and dining halls for the use of its officers, employees, faculty members and students;

(g) make bylaws respecting the management, government and control of residences and dining halls;

(h) establish and maintain advisory councils that the senate has authorized;

(i) provide for the establishment of scholarships, fellowships, bursaries and exhibitions if authorized by the council;

(j) subject to sections 50 and 51, appoint the president, the vice-president or vice-presidents, the secretary, the faculty members and any other officers and employees that are required to be appointed by this Act or that it considers necessary for the purposes of the university, fix their salaries or remuneration and define their duties and terms of office or employment;

(k) provide for the establishment of any college, school, department, chair, endowed chair or institute if authorized by the council;

(l) provide for the disestablishment of any college, school, department, chair, endowed chair or institute:
   (i) if authorized by the council on academic grounds; or
   (ii) subject to subsections (2) and (3), if the board considers it necessary because of financial exigency;

(m) affiliate or federate with any educational institution if authorized by the council;

(n) dissolve any affiliation or federation with any educational institution:
   (i) if authorized by the council on academic grounds; or
   (ii) if the board considers it necessary because of financial exigency;

(o) establish a pension plan or other benefit programs for any or all classes of the university’s officers and employees;
(p) fix the fees to be paid for instruction in the university’s colleges, the fees to be paid by students, the library fee, the laboratory fees, fees for examination, degrees and certificates and other fees that the board considers advisable;

(q) pay to each member of the board, except the president or an employee of the Government of Saskatchewan, a sum to be determined by the board for each day that the member attends a meeting of the board or any committee of the board;

(r) establish any committees of its members that it considers necessary;

(s) delegate any of its powers to any committees of the board or to any officers of the board;

(t) appoint members to committees composed of members of the board and members of all or any of the senate, council and assembly;

(u) make bylaws respecting any matter over which it has responsibility; and

(v) do any other thing that the board 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.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND POWERS OF COUNCIL

Responsibilities of council

60 The council is responsible for overseeing and directing the university’s academic affairs.

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) 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.

Powers of the General Academic Assembly (excerpts)

Powers of assembly

69 The assembly may:

(a) regulate the conduct of its meetings and proceedings;

(b) deal with and report on any matters that are referred to it by the senate, the board or the council;

(c) make recommendations to the senate, the board or the council on any matters falling within the responsibilities of the senate, the board or the council that the assembly considers appropriate;
(d) make bylaws respecting any matter over which it has responsibility;
(e) exercise any powers that the senate, the board or the council may delegate to it; and
(f) appoint members to committees composed of members of the assembly and members of all or any of the senate, the board and the council.

**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 Act at [http://www.usask.ca/secretariat/governing-bodies/governing-documents/index.php](http://www.usask.ca/secretariat/governing-bodies/governing-documents/index.php) for further information, or contact the University Secretary.*