Call to order:  7:58 a.m.

Chair D. Kwochka provided a welcome to all at the meeting. The Chair asked Board members to declare a conflict of interest should they have one with any of the items discussed at the meeting. C. Warner declared a conflict around any discussions regarding consultant work that Deloitte is doing for Innovation Place/CIC. E. Bourassa and R. Brandvold declared a potential conflict with item 6.1. The Board agreed there were no conflicts.

1. **Approval of the Agenda**

   Warner - Bourassa

   Moved approval of the agenda as circulated.

   CARRIED

2. **Approval of the Minutes**

   2.1 Approval of the Minutes from the Meeting of 17 March 2017

   Brigham - McKenzie

   Moved approval of the minutes as circulated.

   CARRIED

3. **Business Arising - None**

4. **Strategic Item(s)**

   4.1 Tuition and Fees 2017-18, Page 9 of the Agenda

   Brigham - Opseth

   That the Board of Governors approve, to be effective September 1, 2017, the following tuition and fee actions:

   - That tuition for all undergraduate credit hours be increased by 2.5%, rounded to the nearest $0.25;
   - That tuition for master’s and PhD students be increased by 2.5%, rounded to the nearest $0.25,
   - That the tuition for courses in the certificate programs in the Centre for Continuing Studies be increased by 2.5%;
   - That the Co-op Fee be increased by 2.5%;
   - That Recreation and Athletic Fee be increased by 2.5%; and
   - That the Graduate International Surcharge be increased from $1,100 per term by 2.5% to $1,127.50 per term.

   CARRIED
M. Brigham presented the item for approval and summarized the discussions held at the Committee meeting the day prior. Brigham noted that the Committee felt the increases were reasonable considering the budget cuts and recommended the item be approved by the Board.

Discussion followed over concerns raised in regards to the increase in tuition and the ability for the University to be competitive in attracting students to Regina, in particular international students. Following the discussion, the Board agreed that management would prepare a report for the May 2018 Board meeting to accompany the Tuition and Fees 2018-19 decision item which would provide data around the total costs (including accommodation) for students to attend the University if Regina as compared to other jurisdictions across the country. It was noted that this data could also be used to attract/recruit students to Regina.

Management addressed all questions raised.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

4.2 Approval of Facilities Management 2017-2018 Project List, Page 22 of the Agenda

Brigham - Bosgoed

That the Board of Governors approves the Facilities Management (FM) projects listed in Table 1. This approval includes:

1. Base Preventative Maintenance and Renewal (PMR) Funded Projects for 2017-18 and advance commitments if required for future years of funding for select projects; and,
2. Approval of projects funded by other University sources (Parking and Transportation Services, President’s Office and Faculty of Engineering)

M. Brigham presented the item for approval and summarized the discussions held at the Committee meeting.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

4.3 2017-18 Comprehensive Budget Plan, Page 25 of the Agenda

Brigham - Opseth

That the Board of Governors approve the attached Comprehensive Budget Plan for 2017-18.

M. Brigham presented the item for discussion and provided a summary of the discussion that took place the day prior at the Committee meeting. It was noted that the Committee had a lengthy discussion but felt there was a balanced approach to difficult times and agreed to recommend the item for approval. Following the discussion, the Committee agreed to recommend the item be approved by the Board.

President Timmons suggested a facilitated Board session on ‘revenue generation’ should be held in September.

Management addressed all questions raised by the Board.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED
4.4 Approval for University of Regina $10 Million Line of Credit, Page 45 of the Agenda

Brigham - Bosgoed

That the Board of Governors approve the University of Regina to borrow as required up to $10 million via a revolving line of credit with TD Commercial Bank.

M. Brigham presented the item for approval. It was noted that the University had recently changed bank providers, and the approval is necessary to ensure there is a line of credit in place with the new bank. Board approval is a requirement of the TD Bank.

The question was called on the motion.  

CARRIED

4.5 Additional Funding – SIF Projects, Page 47 of the Agenda

Brigham - McKenzie

That the Board of Governors approve in principle possible additional project work for the College Avenue Campus Renewal Project, and the Lab Modernization Project, dependent on receiving additional federal funding under the Strategic Investment Fund.

M. Brigham presented the item for approval. The Committee had brief discussions and recommended the item for approval.

The question was called on the motion.  

CARRIED

4.6 2018-2019 Operations Forecast, Page 51 of the Agenda

Brigham - Bosgoed

That the Board of Governors approve the attached 2018-2019 Operations Forecast.

M. Brigham presented the item for approval. Preparation of the Operations Forecast is required by the Ministry of Advanced Education.

The question was called on the motion.  

CARRIED

4.7 URSU – Authorization for Collection of Fees, Page 59 of the Agenda

Brigham - Opseth

That the Board of Governors approves the collection and remittance of URSU fees at a rate of a base fee of $36.00 per student plus an additional $4.70 per credit hour effective September 1, 2017.

M. Brigham presented the item for approval.

The question was called on the motion.  

CARRIED
5. Administrative Item(s)

5.1 Financial Statements for the Pension Plan for the Academic and Administrative Employees of the University of Regina and the University of Regina Non-Academic Pension Plan for the year ending December 31, 2016, Page 61 of the Agenda

Bourassa - Warner

*That the Board of Governors approves:*

1. the financial statements of the Pension Plan for the Academic & Administrative Employees of the University of Regina for the year ended December 31, 2016 as circulated (Attachment A); and

2. the financial statements of the University of Regina Non-Academic Pension Plan for the year ended December 31, 2016 as circulated (Attachment B).

E. Bourassa presented the item for approval and provided a summary of the discussion at the Committee meeting held the day prior with the office of the Provincial Auditor. It was reported that the Provincial Auditor reported a clean audit opinion on both pension plans for the year ending December 31, 2016. There were no significant issues raised. The Auditors were pleased with the work and cooperation from management throughout the audit process.

The question was called on the motion.

**CARRIED**

5.2 Seniors’ Tuition Waiver Policy, Page 111 of the Agenda

Brigham - Bosgoed

*a) That the Board of Governors approve a revised Seniors’ Tuition Waiver Policy as follows, to be effective September 1, 2017:*

*Tuition, subject to certain restrictions, may be waived for persons 65 years of age and over (as of the end of the semester in which they enrol) up to a maximum of 15 credit units total during the Fall and Winter Terms (September to April) and a maximum of six credit units total in Spring and Summer Terms (May to August). The waiver applies to tuition only. Students are responsible for any materials fees, laboratory fees, student fees and other course-related costs. The waiver applies to registration as an audit or credit student in credit courses.

In order to qualify for the waiver, students must submit proof of age. The waiver does not apply to courses that are filled with students paying tuition, to internships or co-op work placements, exchange programs, courses which are held outside Canada, graduate courses, thesis or project supervision or maintenance of status for graduate students, non-credit courses, courses in fully on-line programs, or courses offered as part of a contract.

*b) That students registered at the University prior to May 1, 2017, and who previously benefited from a tuition waiver under the previous policy for courses in their current program, continue to be eligible for tuition waiver for courses in the program in which they are registered until they complete the program or withdraw.*

M. Brigham presented the item for approval and noted there was a substantial discussion held at the Committee meeting the day prior. The major change to the policy means that seniors must pay to take graduate classes and cannot displace tuition-paying students from undergraduate classes.
Discussion followed and all questions were addressed by management.

(The Chair withdrew for a brief part of the discussion at 8:55 a.m. and C. Warner assumed the Chair’s role until the Chair rejoined the meeting at 9:00 a.m. prior to the end of the discussion for item 5.2.)

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

6. Consensus Items

6.1 Statement of Investment Policies & Goals (SIP&G) for the University of Regina Trust and Endowment Fund, Page 114 of the Agenda

Brigham - Bosgoed

*That the Board of Governors approves an amendment to policy GOV-010-020 Authority to Set Fees for Goods and Services which delegates authority to set program and service fees for Community-Based Programs to the Provost and Vice-President (Academic) (Attachment A).*

M. Brigham presented the item for approval.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

6.2 Governance Practices 2016-2017: Compliance with the Adapted TSX Corporate Governance Guidelines, Page 167 the Agenda

Warner - Tomkins

*That the Board of Governors approves the overall rating of ‘compliance’ in all 14 categories as defined in the attached report (Attachment A), Governance Practices (Fiscal 2016-2017): Compliance with the Adapted TSX Corporate Governance Guidelines.*

C. Warner presented the item for approval which is a regular report that is updated on an annual basis. Warner confirmed this is a good practice that is reasonable and is viewed as good corporate governance. Warner highlighted the discussion held by the Committee related to number five in Attachment A and also reported that there were no substantial changes to the report from the prior year.

Discussion followed.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

(The Board had a brief recess at 9:07 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 9:20 a.m.)

7. Reports (For Information)

7.1 Chair, Verbal Report

The Chair provided an update on the recent events and activities that were attended since the last Board meeting and reported on the following:

- The Chair thanked both M. Brigham and E. Bourassa for their service on the Board over the past six years.
- The Chair and President attended a meeting with the Chief Executive Officer of the McKenzie Art Gallery to discuss concerns over the cuts to the budget.
• The Chair attended the ‘2017 Citizen of the Year’ luncheon that was hosted by CTV to honour President Timmons.
• The Chair thanked P. Klein and C. Warner for speaking at recent events on behalf of the Board.
• The Chair provided an update on recent discussions held with Minister Eyre regarding the College West renovation project.
• The Chair continues discussions with the Chair of the University of Saskatchewan to hold a joint Board event in Saskatoon.
• The Chair informed the Board that there is a session planned for September on ‘revenue generation’.

7.2 Chancellor, Verbal Report

The Chancellor provided an update on a number of events and meetings held on and off campus since the last Board meeting. It was noted that the next Senate Meeting will be held on June 7th and Spring Convocation will be held on June 7th, 8th and 9th.

7.3 President’s Report, Page 177 of the Board Agenda

President Timmons presented the report for information and highlighted progress on the objectives in her report. It was reported that there was good success on all objectives except for a slight drop in retention of students.

The President also provided an update from the last Council Meeting on April 24, 2017 in which quorum was not obtained.

Discussion followed. All questions were addressed.

7.3.1 President’s Objectives 2017-2018, Page 201 of the Board Agenda

Warner - Tomkins

That the Board of Governors approves the President’s Objectives for 2017-2018 as amended.

C. Warner presented the item for approval. The President highlighted the objectives in the report. There was a discussion around the 10% increase in Tri-Agency funding. The Governance and Nominations Committee had also requested that the President add a 10% increase in research funds received to the Research Impact objective. Discussion followed.

Following the discussion, the President and Board agreed to re-word the objective to include a statement that the President would endeavor to increase research funding by 10%, and this may be a multi-year goal. The President will re-word the objective and report back at the July Board meeting.

The President also reported that the second Commitment to our Communities objective would be broadened into a comprehensive revenue-generating strategy.

The question was called on the motion as amended.

CARRIED
7.4 URSU President, Page 203 of the Board Agenda

J. McKenzie presented the report for information. McKenzie noted that URSU will be working on election policies, in order to avoid a repeat of some of the difficulties that took place during the most recent URSU elections.

Questions were addressed.

7.5 Committee Chair Highlights, Verbal Report

The Committee Chairs provided summaries of the meetings held the day before, addressing any questions or observations from the information that was provided.

E. Bourassa suggested that L. Castellanos, Associate Vice-President (International) could give a similar presentation from the Audit and Risk Management Committee meeting on ‘Strategies to Mitigate Risk in International Student Recruitment’ at a future Board meeting. E. Bourassa commented on the high quality of work provided by the Internal Auditor, and also asked Board members to provide feedback on the draft annual report.

E. Bourassa and M. Brigham expressed their thanks to Board members and the University Executive Team for the enjoyment of working with them over the past six years on the Board.

C. Warner reported that Board and senior leadership representatives have been asked to meet with Ministry officials to review the updated ‘Action Plan on Accountability and Governance for the Post-Secondary Education System’ and to discuss other related matters. Warner also reminded Board members that the Committee Preferences Survey would be sent out in early June. Warner also noted that the Chair would be contacting, via email, Board members and the President’s direct reports, for their feedback regarding the ‘2017 Presidential Performance Review’. Board members were asked to hold September 27th for a ‘Meet the Board Reception’ to be held on campus with Executive of Council. Warner asked for an expression of interest from Board members interested in serving on the 2017 Alumni Crowning Achievement Award selection committee.

(L. Jankowski withdrew from the meeting at 10:06 a.m.)

8. In Camera Session I: 10:06 a.m.

8.1 Approval of the In Camera Minutes from the 17 March 2017 meeting

Brandvold - Warner

Moved approval of the minutes as circulated. CARRIED

The item was recorded in the In Camera Minutes and is appended to the Official File.

(K. Kummerfield joined the meeting and all other management resources withdrew at 10:08 a.m.)

8.2 2017-2018 Adjustment to Out-of-Scope Salary Scales and Economic Increase, distributed confidentially

The item was recorded in the In Camera Minutes and is appended to the Official File.

8.3 2016-2017 Out-of-Scope Pay for Performance Adjustment, distributed confidentially
The item was recorded in the *In Camera* Minutes and is *appended to the Official File*.

(V. Timmons withdrew from the meeting at 10:41 a.m.)

9. **In Camera Session II**: 10:41 a.m.

10. **Adjournment** – 11:25 a.m. Moved by Bourassa.

Glenys Sylvestre  
University Secretary

Daniel Kwochka  
Chair