Call to order: 8:00 a.m.

C. Warner 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 to be discussed at the meeting. M. Smadu and D. Kwochka declared a conflict with any potential discussion related to the Biletski lawsuit. C. Warner, J. Tomkins and P. Klein declared a conflict with any potential discussion related to the MacKenzie Art Gallery.

1. Approval of the Agenda

C. Warner asked that the In Camera Session also include discussion of the Central Testing Facility as well as an update from the Audit & Risk Management Chair regarding current issues and media attention.

Bosgoed – Klein
Moved approval of the agenda as amended.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Minutes

2.1 Approval of the Minutes from the Meeting of 15 September 2017

An amendment was requested to item 4.1 of the minutes. The second sentence will be amended as follows: “After a discussion on Board education and academic matters, it was agreed T. Chase would circulate a recent article he wrote for University manager regarding change, decision making and accountability in the contemporary university.”

Kwochka- Londono
Moved approval of the minutes as amended.

CARRIED

3. Business Arising

The Board discussed a potential future Board retreat on Board fiduciary responsibilities, how the Board acts in the best interest of the University, culture of the Board, Board perspectives for new Board Members, and possible guest speakers to be invited for a Board retreat. This will be considered for September 2018.
4. **Strategic Item(s)**

4.1 **Strategic Presentation (Congress 2018: “Gathering Diversities”), page 8 of Board Agenda**

T. Chase was introduced and provided a presentation to the Board on *Congress 2018: Gathering Diversities*. It will be the largest academic event for the University of Regina hosting 6000-8000 attendees. It was highlighted that Congress has secured its 6 Big Thinking Speakers. We are presenting the first ever all-women line up for Big Thinking. These events are free and open to the public and we hope will be a big draw for community members.

Following the presentation there was a brief question and answer session. Discussion included the positive impact of Congress on the community, the need for volunteers, and a Board request for events that they are invited to attend.

The Chair thanked T. Chase for the presentation.

The item is appended to the Official File

4.2 **Integrated Student Services Project, page 17 of Board Agenda**

Brandvold – McKenzie

*That the Board of Governors approve the budget increase from $496K to $606K to cover additional construction costs as a result of asbestos abatement to complete this project (funded by the PMR Asbestos Abatement Reserve), as well as expanded furniture scope requested and funded by the Faculty of Education.*

R. Brandvold presented the item for approval and summarized the discussions held at the Committee meeting the day prior.

The question was called on the motion.

**CARRIED**

4.3 **College Avenue Campus Renewal-Funding Approval for Additional Scope, page 19 of Board Agenda**

Brandvold-McKenzie

*That the Board approve the additional scope and revise the project structure between eligible funding aspects and ineligible to help distinguish the SIF funded portion of the project from other operational aspects. This clarity will help with the reporting for the SIF project which is quite distinct and requires reporting based on a very specific scope, budget and schedule.*

1. **College Avenue Campus Renewal (SIF Project Eligible Costs Project 714012).** Increase the approved budget from $55,200,000 to $55,413,688 as a result of an additional contribution from the Strategic Infrastructure Fund (SIF). New SIF funding is $106,844, U of R match is $106,844.

2. **College Avenue Campus Renewal (SIF Project Ineligible Costs Project 716098).** Reallocate $1,700,000 leasing and fit-up costs as anticipated in the CCE relocation plan from the project capital account to the CCE Special Projects Fund 487211. This properly categorizes the nature of the leasing and fit-up requested and funded by the unit.
3. College Avenue Campus Renewal (SIF Project Ineligible Costs Project 716098). Authorize a unit funded increase of $1M in specialty AV equipment from the CCE Special Projects Fund 487211.

4. College Avenue Campus Renewal (SIF Project Ineligible Costs Project 716098). If expansion of the SIF Program is possible for both funding and schedule, the University is ready to expedite and implement the following work and requests authority to do so. If additional funding is not available from the SIF Program, management would then like the authority to proceed with this work through University funding as economies of scale will be possible and while the project may be ready to open for limited operations, the optics will be that the project is not complete.
   a. Add $2.0M in scope within the building that will occur after the deadline for the Strategic Infrastructure Fund program of April 30, 2018.
   b. Add $2.1M in scope to cover basic landscaping, sidewalks and roadway upgrades.

R. Brandvold presented the item for approval and summarized the discussions held at the Committee meeting the day prior.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

4.4 College Avenue Campus – Refurbishment of Parking Lots 20 and 23, page 26 of Board Agenda

Brandvold – Opseth
That the Board of Governors approve the refurbishment of parking lots 20 and 23 (south of College Ave Campus) at the cost of $3.1M. This work will be completed (except for Conexus construction areas) in 2018 prior to the opening of College Ave Campus with the balance in place for November 2019 (anticipated Conexus construction completion).

R. Brandvold presented the item for approval and summarized the discussions held at the Committee meeting the day prior.

The Board requested a notation of other relevant previous approvals as part of new Decision Items coming forward, i.e. Meeting Date, Motion.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

4.5 Lab Building Phase 2 Construction, page 29 of Board Agenda

Brandvold-Tomkins
That the Board of Governors approve the increase in total budget for the Lab Building Phase 2 to a total value of $5.56M. The addition is a result of consolidation of projects already approved by the Board, as well as new funding from PMR contingency to cover equipment that cannot be re-used as planned.
R. Brandvold presented the item for approval and summarized the discussions held at the Committee meeting the day prior.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

4.6 Supplement to 2018-19 Operations Forecast, Funding for a Community-Based Transitions Program Pilot, page 34 of Board Agenda

Brandvold-Londono

*That the Board of Governors approve the submission to the provincial government of the attached supplementary request for 2018-19 funding.*

R. Brandvold presented the item for approval and summarized the discussions held at the Committee meeting the day prior.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

5. Administrative Item(s)

5.1 Upcoming Annual Board Meeting Schedule (2018-19)

The Chair asked the Board if they had a preference in meeting days (Thursday & Friday), or alternatively (Monday & Tuesday) meeting days. Discussion followed.

Klein-Kwochka

*That the Board of Governors approve the 2018-19 Board Meeting Schedule (July 2018 to July 2019) as Attachment B, Monday/Tuesday meeting dates.*

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

6. Consensus Item(s)

Warner-Smadu

Agreed to move items 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4 as an omnibus motion as follows:

6.1 Provincial Auditor’s Audit Planning Memorandum, page 44 of Board Agenda

*That the Board of Governors approve the 2018 Audit Planning Memorandum prepared by the Office of the Provincial Auditor or Saskatchewan.*

6.2 Approval Authorities and Execution of Documents – Signing Authority/Approval Authority Registry

*That the Board of Governors approve the amendments to the Signing Authority/Approval Authority Registry (Attachment A).*

6.3 Statements of Investments Policies and Goals – U of R Pension Plans, page 91 of Board Agenda

*That the Board of Governors approve the 2017 Statements of Investment Policies and Goals (SIP&Gs) for the Academic and Administrative Pension Plan – Defined Benefit*
Component ("Attachment A"), Defined Contribution Component ("Attachment B") and the Non-Academic Pension Plan ("Attachment C").

6.4 Pension Plan Governance Review, page 176 of Board Agenda

That the Board of Governors approve the University initiating request for proposal (RFP) to review the governance structure and processes for the effective administration of the University of Regina Non-Academic Pension Plan and the Pension Plan for the Academic and Administrative Employees of the University of Regina (the Plans).

The question was called on the omnibus motion. CARRIED

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 attended the Fall Convocation.
- The Chair attended the Honorary Degree recipient dinner.
- The Chair attended the 2017 President’s Service Excellence & Safety Leadership Awards reception at the President’s residence on November 7th.
- The Chair attended the Paul J. Hill School of Business Dinner October 20th and Leader’s Council.
- The Chair had an informal meeting with the President of the MacKenzie Art Gallery.
- The Chair attended the Truth & Reconciliation roundtable discussion held on November 23.

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.

- The Chancellor attended the Fall Convocation.
- The Chancellor attended the Paul J. Hill School of Business Dinner October 20th.
- The Chancellor gave an update on the October Senate Meeting.
- The Chancellor gave an update on the increase in student appeals, and concerns regarding abuse of process.

7.3 President’s Report, page 181 of the Board Agenda

President Timmons presented the report for information. The President provided an update on a number of events and activities that she participated in since the last Board meeting. It was noted a new Minister has been appointed and the President has been in contact. Last Wednesday was a scheduled Council meeting, but quorum was not achieved (4th consecutive Council meeting without quorum)

The President highlighted progress on the objectives in her report, including that student enrolment has increased 2.9%.
The President noted that the University received an anonymous donation of $1M, which is not reflected in the reported figures.

The President distributed a draft media release on the RCMP contract awarded to the University of Regina as part of a long-term mental health study. This item has been appended to the Official File.

All questions were addressed.

7.4 URSU President, Page 124 of the Board Agenda

J. McKenzie presented the report for information and provided an update on the success of the URSU Warm Clothing Drive, and recent activities and discussions related to student mental health.

All 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.

A. Opseth provided an update on the pension plans and workforce demographics.

R. Brandvold provided an update on the Finance and Facilities Committee and highlighted the debenture offering the University has secured.

G. Bosgoed provided an update from the Audit and Risk Management Committee, including the Committee’s discussions with the Office of the Provincial Auditor and the Internal Auditor, as well as review of Enterprise Risk Management. G. Bosgoed also noted that the presentation on Cyber Security was interesting and helpful.

P. Klein provided an update on behalf of the Governance and Nominations Committee and highlighted the Distinguished Service Award call for nomination, renewal of Board positions, and the President’s performance review process. P. Klein offered an update on the ongoing work on the Sexual Assault and Violence policy.

(The Board had a brief recess at 9:38 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 9:50 a.m.)

University resource K. Kummerfield joined the meeting.

8. In Camera Session: 9:51 a.m.

K. Kummerfield provided an updated on collective bargaining.

(K. Kummerfield withdrew from the meeting at 9:57 a.m.)
8.1 First Nations University – Reserve Creation, distributed confidentially

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

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

The Chair of Finance and Facilities also provided a verbal update on the Central Testing Facility and highlights of the discussion at the Committee meeting the day prior.

8.2 New Building Design, distributed confidentially

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

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

The chair of the Audit & Risk Management Committee provided an update on recent issues, lawsuits and media attention.

(M. Smadu and D. Kwochka declared a conflict and withdrew from the meeting at 10:45 a.m.)

Discussion continued.

(M. Smadu and D. Kwochka returned to the meeting at 10:52 a.m.)

8.3 In Camera Minutes of 15 September 2017, distributed confidentially

Tomkins – Kwochka
Moved approval of the minutes as circulated. CARRIED

The item is appended to the Official File.

(The Vice Presidents and P. Daniels withdrew from the meeting at 10:59 a.m.)

(V. Timmons withdrew from the meeting at 11:10 a.m.)

9. Adjournment – 11:12 a.m. Moved by Bosgoed

Glenys Sylvestre
University Secretary

Cathy Warner
Chair