The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. and introductions were made.

1. Approval of the Agenda

   Foire - Thomas
   Moved approval of the agenda as circulated. CARRIED

2. Approval of the Minutes of 9 June 2010

   Bourassa - Willox
   Moved approval of the minutes as circulated. CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes - None

4. Optional Reports

   4.1 Chancellor

   The Chancellor led a moment of silence for Senator Borden Bachynski who passed away on July 7th, 2010.

   The new Senate members were announced as follows:

   Craig Brown, Association of Saskatchewan Regional Colleges
   Cindy Brown, Interior Designers of Saskatchewan Inc.
   Margaret Dagenais, U of R Alumni Association Representative
   Arlene Harris, Association of Saskatchewan Home Economists
   Gerald Kleisinger, Saskatchewan Library Trustees’ Association
   Darlene Krell, Saskatchewan Association of School Councils
   Sandy Lauder, Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists
   Art Opseth, Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Saskatchewan
Jeff Reihl, Chiropractic Association of Saskatchewan
Victor Thomas, Regina Chamber of Commerce
Patrick Maze, District 2 (Weyburn – Indian Head) – elected for a second term on Senate and was elected as the Senate Representative to the U of R Board of Governors.
Marsha Barteski-Hoberg – District 7 (Melfort – Wynyard – Davidson) – elected for a second term
Audrey Neilson – District 8 (Dundurn – Delisle)
Robert Krismer – District 9 (North Battleford – Prince Albert)
Ahmed Al Sawaabi, Student Representative
Kaytlyn Barber, Student Representative
Jordan Brears, Student Representative
Katie Honey, Student Representative
Allison Pilkey, Student Representative
Tyler Willox, Student Representative – elected for a second term
Dongyan Blachford, Proxy Dean, Graduate Studies and Research
Bryan Hillis, President, Luther College – replaced retiring Bruce Perlson
Rod Kelln, Vice-President Research
George Maslany, Vice-President (Academic)
William (Bill) Sgrazzutti, University Librarian

The Chancellor acknowledged the following retiring students:
Morgan Kirzinger
Bhabani (Bob) Panigrahy
Jessica Sinclair
Molly Thomas
Barbara Woolsey

It was noted that Brent Brownlee from Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration was attending the Senate meeting as an Observer on behalf of Joe Hindley.

The Chancellor updated the Senate regarding Convocation. There are 525 graduates for the fall convocation and Tom Shepperd is the Honorary Degree recipient who will receive a Doctor of Laws, honoris causa. The Chancellor also mentioned that he would welcome Senators to nominate qualified candidates for an Honorary Degree. There will be a call for nominations sent out to Senate in November and the forms are also posted on the University of Regina website.

The Chancellor is happy to report that the University Secretariat office is working with the alumni office to seek qualified nominations for the 2011 Senate Election.

There have been no appeals before the Committee since the last meeting of Senate.

4.2 President

President Timmons welcomed all Senators back for another academic year and provided the following report.

- The President continues to work on the objectives included in the Strategic Plan called “mâmawohkamâtowin: Our Work, Our People, Our Communities”.
  - Ensure the implementation of the Strategic Plan
  - Improve administrative efficiencies
  - Build a strong senior leadership team at the University and contribute to the continued development of a strong leadership team at the Board
- Develop employee engagement initiatives
- Continue to stabilize enrolments
- Continue to focus on building relationships with the campus, city, provincial and national communities

• Other highlights included the following:
  - An update on the First Nations University of Canada was provided.
  - President Timmons congratulated Kaytlyn Barber for receiving the Red Cross’s “Young Humanitarian” award.
  - President Timmons shared the Honorary Degree recipient, Tom Shepperd’s bio with Senate.
  - Dr. Bryan Hillis, President of Luther College was installed this summer and President Timmons welcomed him to his first Senate meeting.
  - The funding for the new nursing program was announced on Thursday, October 14th. President Timmons thanked Dr. Sheila Dresen for her work on the program.

The floor was open for discussion.

Senator Stroh mentioned that the media has recently given the University of Saskatchewan a poor grade with regards to their student advisement services. Stroh asked how the University of Regina compares. President Timmons responded that the University of Regina uses a model where the Faculty advises the students. Timmons has not received any complaints to date with regards to this model and it seems to be working quite well.

President Timmons noted that the 12% increase in first year students is credited to the aggressive recruitment strategy that happened last year which involved hiring more resources, community outreach programs into rural areas of Saskatchewan, start up of the UR Guarantee program and the increase to the marketing budget. It was also noted that there is a more coordinated and focused effort between the international office and the recruitment office which has been positive.

Senator B. Saunders noted there was a large full page advertisement in the Globe and Mail on Friday featuring the University of Regina. President Timmons congratulated B. Pollock, Vice-President of External Relations and her staff for seeking the full page advertisement for minimal cost. It was stated that the University has been able to take advantage of some excellent advertisement opportunities this fall.

Senator R. Krismer asked what the difference is between the University of Saskatchewan’s Nursing Education Program of Saskatchewan (NEPS) and the new University of Regina’s Bachelor of Science in Nursing program? Timmons responded that the NEPS program consisted of SIAST teaching year one and two of the program and the University of Saskatchewan teaching year three and four of the program. The new nursing program at the University of Regina is a collaborative nursing program with SIAST that is fully integrated over the four years. The program is planned to start in September 2011.

4.3 University Secretary

4.3.1 Fall 2010 In-progress Report of Registrations and Graduation, Appendix I of the Agenda
John D. Smith, Associate Vice-President (Student Affairs) presented the report for information and provided a brief overview.

The registrations for fall 2010 have increased 2.6% for undergraduates and 4.2% for graduates as compared to the fall 2009 statistics. During the ending spring 2010 cycle, there was an increase in University graduates of 2.7% compared to the previous year. Overall the report is good news and is showing very positive results.

4.3.2 2011 Senate Election, Appendix II of the Agenda

The report was presented for information. Acting University Secretary, D. Boehm confirmed the date for the 2011 Senate election is set for April 11, 2011, with nominations closing on March 1, 2011. Senators are encouraged to speak to candidates in their districts in order to get nominations sent in.

There will be a ‘Call for Nominations’ advertised in the fall Degrees Magazine and on the University of Regina website.

It was noted that if the University of Regina Act changes get approved through legislation this will help to provide more flexibility for filling the Senate vacancies in the future.

5. Reports from Senate Committees - None

6. Items for Approval/Information from Executive of Council, Appendix III of the Agenda

6.1 Faculty of Education

An omnibus motion was made on the following three motions.

6.1.1 Faculty of Education- Revision to §2.4.1.1 Admission from a Saskatchewan High School - Additional Course Options in Mathematics and Pre-calculus

Timmons – McNinch
Moved that, effective for Fall 2013, admission Apprenticeship and Workplace Mathematics 30, Foundations of Mathematics 30, Pre-calculus 20, and Pre-calculus 30 be added as acceptable mathematics courses for admission to the Faculty of Education as outlined in Appendix III, pages 5 and 6 of the Agenda.

6.1.2 Faculty of Education- Revision to §2.4.1.1 Admission from a Saskatchewan High School to add Dene 30 as a language option

Timmons - Archambault
Moved that the Dene 30 be added as a language option in the High School Course Requirements by Faculty as outlined in §2.4.1.1 in Appendix III, page 6 of the Agenda.

6.1.3 Faculty of Education- Revision to §2.4.6 Mature Admission Requirements for Undergraduate Programs

Timmons - McNinch
Moved that the mature admission be granted to mature applicants applying directly to the Faculty of Education as outlined in §2.4.6 in Appendix III, page 7 of the Agenda.
The question was called on the omnibus motion. CARRIED

6.2 Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

An omnibus motion was made with respect to the following two motions.

6.2.1 Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy – New Graduate Programs – Master of Public Policy and PhD in Public Policy

Timmons - Blachford
Moved that the proposal for a Master of Public Policy and PhD in Public Policy be approved as outlined in Attachment A of Appendix III, pages 14 to 31 of the Agenda.

R. Kelln, Vice-President (Research) confirmed that the Master of Public Administration (MPA) program which was approved a few years ago is a project and course based program, where as the Master of Public Policy and PhD in Public Policy are new programs that are thesis and research based programs. These new programs seem to be unique to the University of Regina as they will be offered through a joint school model with the Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy.

It was also noted that the three reviews held for the program were all external.

6.2.2 Changes to the MBA and MBA (International) Admission Requirements

Timmons – Blachford
Moved that applicants must complete the Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT) and a minimum score of 500 is NORMALLY required on the GMAT be approved as outlined in Appendix III, on page 8 of the agenda.

The question was called on the omnibus motion. CARRIED

6.3 Student Affairs

An omnibus motion was made with respect to the following three motions.

6.3.1 Enrolment Services – Proposed Changes to Undergraduate Admission Requirements, General Application Process

Timmons - Smith
Moved that the general application procedures as outlined in §2.3, Application Procedures for Program Admissions, of the 2010-2011 Undergraduate Calendar be removed as outlined in Appendix III, Pages 8 and 9.

6.3.2 Enrolment Services – Proposed Changes to Undergraduate Admission Requirements, Admission from Canadian Universities and Colleges

Timmons - Smith
Moved that the admission requirements for applicants applying from a Canadian university or college as detailed in §2.4.2 of the 2010-2011 Undergraduate Calendar, be revised as outlined in Appendix III, Pages 9 and 10.

6.3.3 Enrolment Services – Proposed Changes to Undergraduate Admission Requirements, Mature Admission

Timmons - Smith
Moved that the mature student admission requirements as detailed in §2.4.6 of the 2010-2011 Undergraduate Calendar be revised as outlined in Appendix III, Pages 10 and 11.

The question was called on the omnibus motion. CARRIED

The remainder of the report was received for information. President Timmons noted on Appendix III, Page 13, under the Council Committee on Research heading, that the Post Doctoral Fellowship Policy was DEFEATED and the Terms of Reference item was TABLED at the last Executive of Council meeting so these items are not included for information in this report.

6.4 Faculty of Arts
6.4.1 Revision to the BA and BA Honours Major in International Studies
6.4.2 Revision to the Development Studies Concentration in the BA and BA Honours Major in International Studies
6.4.3 Revision to the International Affairs Concentration of the BA and BA Honours Major in International Studies
6.4.4 Revision to the International Studies Certificate Core Requirements
6.4.5 Revision to the Development Studies Concentration of the International Studies Certificate
6.4.6 Revision to the International Affairs Concentration of the International Studies Certificate
6.4.7 Revised Admission and Continuation Requirements for the Co-operative Education Program in Arts
6.4.8 Revision to the Majors in History and Urban History
6.4.9 Revision to the BA Major in Environmental Studies

6.5 Faculty of Education
6.5.1 NTEP Bachelor of Education Program - Revision to Change from 123 to 120 Credit Hours
6.5.2 Elimination of the Elementary Education Early Childhood (Pre-K to Grade 3) Concentration in the BEAD and the Four-Year Degree Programs
6.5.3 Revision to the Four-Year Elementary and Middle Years BEd Programs and the Two-Year After Degree (BEAD) Program
6.5.4 Revisions to the Secondary BEd After Degree (BEAD) Program
6.5.5 Revision to the Secondary BEd Program English Majors (EENG)

6.6 Faculty of Fine Arts
6.6.1 Revision to the “Liberal Arts” Requirements in the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre (Acting/Design/Stage Management)

6.7 Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research
6.7.1 Accreditation Policy Document (PhD Committee)
6.7.2 Passing Grade for Earned Credit Hours, Graduate Level
6.7.3 Faculty of Education – Change to Degree Requirement – Master of Education
6.7.4 Faculty of Fine Arts – Program Requirements for the MFA Interdisciplinary Studies
6.7.5 Faculty of Fine Arts – Program Requirements and Calendar Description for the MMus in Performance, Composition and Conducting in Music
6.7.6 Faculty of Fine Arts – Program Requirements for the MFA Visual Arts in Fine Arts
6.7.7 Faculty of Education – Master’s Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)
6.7.8 Research Requirements for the Maîtrise en éducation française
6.7.9 Gerontology – Degree Requirement for Gerontology

6.8 Faculty of Science
6.8.1 Revision to BSc and BSc Honours Biology with Concentrations in Cellular & Molecular Biology
6.8.2 Revision to BSc Biology with Ecology and Environmental Biology Program
6.8.3 Revision to BSc Honours Biology with Concentration in Ecology and Environmental Biology
6.8.4 Revision to the Academic Credit for Co-op Work Terms in §16.10.2 of the Undergraduate Calendar

6.9 Student Affairs
6.9.1 Revision to Membership of the Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies

6.10 Council Committee on Research
6.10.1 Post Doctoral Fellowship Policy – DEFEATED at Executive of Council meeting on September 29th.
6.10.1 Terms of Reference – TABLED at Executive of Council meeting on September 29th.

7. Briefs, Submissions, or Recommendations from Elected or Appointed Senate Members - None

8. Academic and Administrative Reports

8.1 Presentation on the “Campus Master Plan – Concept Presentation” was presented by: Neil Paskewitz, Director – Planning, Design & Construction (Facilities Management) and Jennifer Keesmaat from Dialogue (formerly called Office for Urbanization).

J. Keesmaat noted that the presentation was a draft version of the “Campus Master Plan” which will be recommended to move forward for development. The concept plan is called “A Campus in the Park”; there was an enlarged handout of the ‘campus master plan’ that was distributed at the meeting.

Keesmaat spoke about the following eight ideas in the plan:
- new gateway to the entrance of the University of Regina
- Riddell Centre expansion
- new gateway building to the North part of the campus
- North campus ceremonial green space
- open space plaza at the South part of the campus
- residential quadrant located at the Northeast quadrant of the campus
- open space framework
- parking strategy that reduces surface parking footprints on campus

College Avenue Campus was also identified as the main capital priority for the University in order to restore the College Building, demo the Gallery Building, develop new proposed space for the University of Regina Leadership and Outreach Training Centre and Retreat Centre, and to commit to re-open Darke Hall as a concert hall space.

A question and answer session took place with regards to the following:
- the planning cycle for the ‘Campus Master Plan’
- discussion around improving the transit options at the University
- most Senators felt the plan was sustainable and will optimize the use of existing resources
- the plan included building family residences with integrated day care for children
- discussions around the future plans for parking on campus and impacts

Chancellor Ready and President Timmons thanked the presenters for their informative presentation and their work on the project.

President Timmons identified that the revitalization of the College Avenue Campus is the main capital priority for the University of Regina. Timmons is encouraging Senate and the community to get excited about this development and is looking to them for their support and advocacy for this important and historical project.
9. Other Business

The 6th Annual Alumni Crowning Achievement Awards Gala will be held on Thursday, November 18, 2010. The winners are Frank Fowlie (Lifetime Achievement Award), Senator Elaine Bourassa (Award for Professional Achievement), Doug Folk (Award for Distinguished Humanitarian and Community Service), Garth Fredrickson (Award for Outstanding Service) and Nick Carleton (Outstanding Young Alumnus Award).

President Timmons wanted to acknowledge Dr. Rod Kelln, Vice-President (Research) and Dr. George Maslany, Vice-President (Academic) for filing these positions over the last 3.5 months. It was noted they have both done an astounding job and congratulated them both.

9.1 Next Meeting of Senate

It was noted that the next Senate meeting will be held on Saturday, February 5th, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. with lunch starting 11:30 a.m. The University Secretariat office will send out a notice in January.

10. Adjournment – 3:24 p.m. (Stroh)

David Boehm
Acting University Secretary