The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m. and introductions were made.

1. Approval of the Agenda

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

2. Approval of the Minutes of 14 October 2011

   Malloy - Cormier
   Moved approval of the minutes as circulated. CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

   T. Chase provided an update on the status of the degree granting legislation in Saskatchewan. The legislation is posted on the Ministry of Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration’s website.

4. Optional Reports

   4.1 Chancellor

   Chancellor Ready presented his report.

   There have been no Senate appeals since the last Senate meeting.

   New Ex Officio Member
   Dr. Daniel Gagnon, Dean of Science

   Departing Ex officio Member
Dr. Brien Maguire, Acting Dean of Science

Spring Convocation will be held on June 6, 7 and 8th, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at the Conexus Arts Centre.

4.2 President

T. Chase, Provost and Vice-President (Academic) presented the report for President Timmons as she was asked to participate in the Rick Hansen 25th Anniversary relay in Regina. This was a great honour for the President given her work with people with disabilities.

- Sad news with the passing of Dr. Ken Probert who was a long time faculty member and colleague. Also, Elder Isadore Pelletier passed away. He was a long time elder at First Nations University of Canada (FNUniv) and a great resource for President Timmons.
- Convocation took place in October with more than 500 students graduating from all faculties.
- The Regina College centennial book launch for CPRC’s Honouring Our Past, Embracing our Future took place in late October.
- The name was announced for the College Avenue fundraising initiative: “Building Knowledge: The College Avenue Campus Renewal Project.” This project is already receiving significant donations.
- October 25 was declared University of Regina day and there was flag raising at City Hall. Exactly 100 years to the day the cornerstone was laid at Regina College.
- FNUniv launched its community based health research labs on October 31. In these labs, work will be done in a number of inter-related fields, such as social work, nursing, indigenous health, and science.
- The annual United Way campaign at the University surpassed its target, totaling more than $100,000 in contributions from the University community.
- There was a Nipawin delegation on campus on November 10 to discuss research and teaching partnerships. It was a very positive community outreach event.
- The Truth and Reconciliation Committee met at FNUniv on January 16-18.
- The Minifie and Nash lectures took place over the past couple of weeks.
- The Regina MLA’s visited campus on January 25.
- There was a WEPA funding announcement held on January 25 for PTRC/U of R. There was approximately $280,000 of funding for water treatment research in oil production.
- Many faculty members are featured in the book, “Innovating life: Changing the World Through Research” which is a research book published by CPRC in December. The book was handed out at the Senate meeting.
- President’s Teaching and Learning Scholars for 2012-2013 were announced in late fall. There are six projects with multiple faculty members participating in these projects.
- In December, Dr. Peter Leavitt was co-author of a study in the Journal Science on nitrogen pollution in remote lakes.
- Dr. Wallace Lockhart’s annual provincial health care comparison once again got national attention.
- At Fall Convocation, some of the more notable awards were:
  - Ian Brown (Religious Studies) – President’s Distinguished Graduate Student Award
  - Lindsay Millar (Education) – President’s Medal
- In December, Faculty of Education graduate student Sylvia Smith was recognized with the 2011 Governor General’s History Award for Excellence in Teaching. This is Canada’s top teaching prize in this area.
- Paul J. Hill School of Business students represented the University well in a couple of business competitions. First overall at the JDC West business competition in Edmonton,
and at the Inter-Collegiate Business Competition held at Queen’s University the team finished first in the Human Resources and second in the Business Policy categories. A lot of credit goes to faculty members for the mentoring they provide.

- There are more than 600 students enrolled in the UR Guarantee program, this is up from 350 last year.
- The women’s basketball team is ranked number 1 in Canada.
- A number of programs recently received accreditation. The Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy received the maximum seven-year national accreditation for its Master of Public Administration and Master of Public Policy programs on its first attempt. The Faculty of Social Work has been re-accredited for four years, and the Actuarial Science program has been accredited by the Canadian Institute of Actuaries. It was also noted that the ESL program received accreditation by Language Canada for three years.

- Dr. Mary Vetter will be retiring as Academic Dean of Luther College, with a new Dean to be in place by July 1, 2012. Thank you to Mary for her continuing work.
- Dr. Daniel Gagnon began as Dean of the Faculty of Science in January.
- The Dean of Business Administration search will result in short-listed candidates coming to campus, tentatively scheduled for February. The position is expected to be filled for July 1, 2012.
- Dr. Harvey King has been renewed after review as Director of CCE.
- Dr. Sheila Petty has been named Acting Director for one year of the Institut français, replacing Dr. Peter Dorrington effective July 1, in addition to Dean of Fine Arts.
- Dr. Dongyan Blachford has been reappointed as Associate Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research.
- Enrolments are up which is great news. There were 924 applications to fill 350 seats in the nursing program this coming fall.
- International enrolments at the University now total approximately 1,700, and self-declared Aboriginal students make up approximately 10% of the student body. With more than one in five students now belonging to visible minorities, the University of Regina is a more diverse campus than at any time in its history.

- The Office of Resource Planning has done a preliminary report on first-to-second-year student retention at the University of Regina that will highlight trends over the past ten years. Initial results show that approximately 75% of first-time, full-time degree-seeking students who registered for the 2009-2010 academic year returned for the 2010-2011 academic year.
- The University Committee on Teaching and Learning hopes to have a draft of the Strategic Teaching and Learning Plan available for campus discussion in the next few weeks.
- The Aboriginal Advisory Circle has met three times and is finalizing the position description for the Executive Lead – Indigenization.
- There was community outreach in Prince Albert which took place on November 28, followed by Humboldt and Melfort. President’s Community Award was presented to Prince Albert Mayor Jim Scarrow for FNUniv support.
- The President’s Advisory Committee on Sustainability has heard proposals on a number of initiatives such as campus-grown food, transportation, carpooling, parking, bottled water, and extending the teaching day or week to make better use of existing facilities.
- It was noted that the University saved $50,000 in natural gas costs in December due to the mild temperatures.

A discussion followed and it was noted that the University may benefit from building a greenhouse on campus and they should look at completing a student debt study to see the impacts that debt have on students. Vice-President (External Relations) confirmed that a student debt study post-convocation had been done 2 to 3 years ago.
The University Secretariat office will notify Senate members when the Nash Lecture will be aired on Channel 7.

It was agreed that there would be a presentation on the Strategic Teaching and Learning Plan at the June Senate Meeting.

4.3 University Secretary

4.3.1 Winter 2012 In-progress Report on Registration and Graduation, Appendix I of the Agenda

J. Smith, Associate Vice-President (Student Affairs), presented the report for information and provided a brief overview.

The undergraduate registration headcount, including its federated colleges is 10,630 students which is a 7.36% increase over the number registered in winter 2011. There are currently 7,678 full time undergraduate students which is up 8.6% over winter 2011. It was reported that undergraduate students are taking an average of 3.61 course equivalents during winter 2012, which is a small increase from 2011.

The graduate registration headcount is 1,572 students which is a 7.97% increase over the number registered in winter 2011. There are currently 372 international graduate students, which is an increase of 76 and 246 Ph.D students which is up 22 more than last year during the same period.

There were a total of 518 students who graduated in 2011 which is down 7 students from 2010.

Overall the report is very positive and the University is reporting some of its highest enrolments to date.

The next report will list the total number of students enrolled in each faculty and it will also list the international and the federated colleges enrolments over a five year time period.

4.3.2 2012 Senate Election, Appendix II of the Agenda

A. Revet, University Secretary presented the item for information and provided a brief overview. Revet noted the date for the Senate election is set for Monday, May 28th, 2012, with nominations closing on April 16th, 2012.

The University Secretariat office has not received any nominations to date and has encouraged Senators to nominate qualified candidates in the vacant districts. If there are no nominations received for any of the vacant districts then the Senate Nominating Committee will appoint a representative in those districts for a one-year term.

5. Reports from Senate Committees

5.1 Joint Committee on Ceremonies

5.1.1 Honorary Degree Candidate for Addition to the Approved Roster, Appendix III of the Agenda, *circulated at the meeting and appended to the official file.*

Chase – Mougeot
Moved that the honorary degree candidate whose name appears on the report distributed at the meeting be approved for addition to the approved roster.

T. Chase introduced the item and reminded the Senate members to return the confidential report at the end of the meeting in order to destroy the copies.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

OPPOSED – 1

5.2 Senate Membership and Elections Committee

5.2.1 Senate Representative to the Board of Governors, Appendix IV of the Agenda

French - Saunders

Moved that Senate approves the amendment of section 3.4.1 of the Senate Bylaws regarding the elected Senate representative to the Board of Governors as outlined below (note underlined sections are the amendments suggested to the Bylaws):

3.4.1 Section 56 (2) (d) of the Act provides that two people elected by the Senate shall serve on the Board of Governors for a term of three years and are eligible to serve a second term, if elected. As representatives of Senate, such individuals must be members of Senate at the time of their first nomination and election to the Board. In cases in which their Senate membership expires in advance of expiration of their term of office on the Board, they will continue to represent Senate on the Board until their term of office on the Board expires, and will be eligible to be re-elected by Senate to continue to serve on the Board, as representatives of Senate, for a second term despite the fact that at the time of such re-election they are not members of Senate. In such instances, Senate representatives to the Board of Governors will officially be ‘guests’ at meetings of Senate.

M. French presented the item and noted that this amendment would help to strengthen the capacity of the Senate representative on the Board of Governors.

Discussion followed.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

5.3 Senate Executive Committee

5.3.1 University Coat of Arms, Appendix V of the Agenda

Chase - Benedicenti

Moved that Senate and the Board of Governors approve the University coat of arms that has been designed for registration by the Canadian Heraldic Authority, the federal agency responsible for the granting of armorial bearings.
A. Revet presented the item.

There was a discussion on the design of the crest, in particular the cross at the top of the crest. It was agreed that Senate would like management to work with the Canadian Heraldic Authority to prepare a more concise and final drawing to present to Senate for approval at a future Senate meeting. It was suggested that Senate would like to see diversity as part of the design in the crest.

The initial motion was withdrawn and the following motion was put forward.

Chase - Benedicenti

Moved that Senate approve the University coat of arms in principle that has been designated for registration by the Canadian Heraldic Authority, with a final drawing to be approved by Senate at a future meeting.

The question was called on the new motion put forward. CARRIED

ABSTENTION - 1

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

T. Chase presented the report. Item 6.6 was moved up on the agenda in order to accommodate H. King’s schedule.

6.6 Centre for Continuing Education

6.6.1 Revision to the ESL Policy for ESL 050 Students

Chase – King

Moved that the ESL policy that ESL 050 students planning to enter the university must score a minimum of 60% in ESL 050 Core and a minimum of 60% in ESL 050 Academic Writing to pass be changed to “ESL 050 students planning to enter the university must score a minimum of 60% in their Core class and an average of 60% in their combined studies of Core and Academic Writing or Advanced Writing”.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED
6.1 Faculty of Arts

6.1.1 Revision to the Core Curriculum and Programs

Chase - Kleer

Moved that the Faculty of Arts core curriculum be revised as follows and that the Arts programs be revised to reflect the new core curriculum.

All changes affecting the Arts program templates are detailed in Appendix I, pages 4-63 of the October 6, 2011 CCUAS agenda and may be viewed at:


The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

6.1.2 Revisions to the Arts Core Curriculum

Chase – Kleer

Moved that GEOG 205 and SOST 201 be added to the list of courses that could satisfy the 'Numerical or Logical Reasoning' requirement of the Arts core requirements.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

6.1.3 Change to the Department of Justice Studies PGPA and Major GPA Requirements

Chase – Kleer

Moved that the Department of Justice Studies PGPA and Major GPA requirements for graduation from the department’s undergraduate programs be set at 65%.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

6.1.4 Revision to the Bachelor of Human Justice and Deletion of the Bachelor of Arts in Justice Studies

Chase – Kleer

Moved that the Bachelor of Human Justice be revised as noted in Appendix VI, Pages 14 to 16 and that the Bachelor of Arts in Justice Studies be deleted.

Dean Kleer provided the rationale for a BA in Human Justice and a BA in Police Studies.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

6.1.5 Redesign of the Major Requirements of the Bachelor of Arts in Police Studies

Chase – Kleer

Moved that the major requirements of the Bachelor of Arts in Police Studies be redesigned to include a 4th year academic track as noted in Appendix VI, Pages 16 to 19.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

6.2 Faculty of Fine Arts

6.2.1 Revision to Admission Requirements
Chase – Petty
Moved that, effective 201220, the Faculty of Fine Arts admission requirements be revised as noted in Appendix VI, Pages 19 and 20.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

6.2.2 Deletion of Bachelor of Music, Theory Major

Chase – Petty
Moved that, effective 201220, the Bachelor of Music, Theory Major be deleted.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

6.3 Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

6.3.1 Change to the Entrance GPA for Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School’s MPA and MPP Programs to 75% or Better

Chase – Kelln
Moved that the change to the entrance GPA for the Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School’s MPA and MPP program to 75% or better be approved.

R. Kelln noted that there is a $1,000 annual award set up for a graduate student under the Dr. Ken Probert Memorial Fund.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

6.4 Faculty of Kinesiology and Health Studies

6.4.1 Honours Option for the Bachelor of Sport and Recreation and Bachelor of Kinesiology

Chase – Chamberlin
Moved that the Honours option for the Bachelor of Sport and Recreation Studies and the Bachelor of Kinesiology be approved as follows:

- To include KIN 498/SRS 498/THRC 498 (Honours Proposal) and KIN 499/SRS 499/THRC 499 (Honours Thesis) in specified major, and reducing open electives respectively;
- Students are still required to complete Fieldwork (15 credit hours) as this is part of the core; students could be enrolled in the Honours Thesis and Fieldwork concurrently, or students may choose to complete the thesis upon completion of fieldwork;
- Admission will be based on minimum 70% PGPA; students who have failed 9 credit hours or more within first 30 hours completed are not normally eligible for admission to an honours program; students may appeal this to the KHS Appeals Committee for special consideration; courses required for admission will the first two years as identified in the sequence sheets for the respective programs (BKin and BSRs Core Sample Sequence);
- Graduation requirements for Bachelor of Kinesiology (Honours) and Bachelor of Sport and Recreation Studies (Honours) is: minimum 70.00% PGPA and minimum 75.00% major GPA; High Honours will be awarded to students with a minimum 85.00% major GPA; (Honours recipients are not eligible for Distinction or Great Distinction designations at the point of graduation).

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED
6.5 Faculty of Nursing

6.5.1 Dean’s Honours List Criteria

Chase – Gregory

Moved that the Dean’s Honours List criteria for the Faculty of Nursing be established as follows:

To be included on the Dean’s Honours List for a given semester, students must achieve a TGPA of at least 85.00% on a minimum of 15 credit hours, of which at least 12 credit hours are numerically graded. Inclusion on the Dean’s Honours List will be noted on students’ official transcripts.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

6.5.2 Amendment to the Graduation Requirements for the SCBCSN Program

Chase – Gregory

Moved that the graduation requirements for the SCBSCN program be approved as follows:

A PGPA of 65.00% (all courses contributing to the degree) and an overall GPA of 65% in required nursing (CNUR) courses is required for graduation with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Students must also achieve a GPA of 70.00% on nursing courses and an overall PGPA of 65.00% on all courses contributing to the degree.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

The remainder of the report was received for information. The rationale and background for these items can be found online at: http://www.uregina.ca/presoff/council/executive/index.shtml

1. FACULTY OF ARTS
   1.1 Revision to History Programs
   1.2 Revisions to the Canadian Politics Stream for Political Science Majors
   1.3 Revisions to the BA Major in Classical and Medieval Studies
   1.4 Revisions to BA Major in English
   1.5 Change to the General Information on the Department of Justice Studies
   1.6 Revision to the Social Science Category of the New Faculty of Arts Core Curriculum
   1.7 Creation of a Minor in Justice Studies
   1.8 Deletion of Enrolment Status of Human Justice (Qualifying) (HJ Qual)

2. FACULTY OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
   2.1 BUS 100 Adopted into the Core Curriculum for the Faculty of Business Administration

3. FACULTY OF EDUCATION
   3.1 Revision to the Four-Year Elementary BEd SUNTEP Programs
   3.2 Revisions to the Elementary Program Templates

4. FACULTY OF ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCIENCE
   4.1 Revision to the Software Systems Engineering Program Curriculum
   4.2 Revision to the Electronic Systems Engineering Program Curriculum

5. FACULTY OF FINE ARTS
   5.1 Maximum Credit Hours for Recognized Prior Learning
   5.2 Revision to Current Fine Arts Residency and Transfer Credit
   5.3 Revision to Bachelor of Fine Arts, Theatre: Acting Stream
   5.4 Revision to the Current Liberal Arts Requirements in the Fine Arts BA Arts and Culture Major
   5.5 Revision to Selection of Fine Arts Courses to Satisfy Program Requirements or Electives
   5.6 Change of the Liberal Arts Requirements to Critical Competencies for BA Three-Year
Special Degrees
5.7 Revision to Bachelor of Fine Arts, Film and Video Production Major
5.8 Change to the BMus Program
5.9 Rewording of the Introduction to the Bachelor of Music Program
5.10 Change to the Prologue of the Department of Music
5.11 Amendments to the Current Major Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts (Three-Year Special)
5.12 Revision to the Minor in Visual Arts

6. JOINT SUBMISSION OF THE FACULTIES OF ARTS AND FINE ARTS
6.1 Revision to the BA Major and Minor in Arts and Culture

7. FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH
7.1 Department of Physics – Change in Admission Requirements
7.2 Change in the List of Courses for the MBA International Program
7.3 The Addition of JSGS 835AT, Health Law and Policy as an Elective for Master’s Certificate in Health Systems Management
7.4 Change in Course Credit Hours in the Biology PhD program from 10 credit hours to 10-16 Credit Hours

8. FACULTY OF KINESIOLOGY AND HEALTH STUDIES
8.1 Revisions to the Sport and Recreation Management Major

9. FACULTY OF NURSING
9.1 Approval of the Grade Appeal Process for Clinical Practice Education

It was noted that the appeal process has been formally communicated to all students in the clinical practice program and the information should be posted on the website in the near future.

9.2 Faculty-level Minimum Academic Performance Regulations

It was also mentioned that future reports to Senate will include the full name of all new designations.

10. FACULTY OF SCIENCE
10.1 Revisions to Economics Programs
10.2 BSc and BSc Honours Programs in Environmental Biology

11. GRADING ASSIGNMENT TASK FORCE
11.1 Revision to Use of NP Grade or Code

12. ENROLLMENT SERVICES
12.1 Revision to the Early Conditional Admission Requirements

13. PLANNING AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE
13.1 Proposed Changes to the Planning and Priorities Committee: Name, Membership and Terms of Reference

14. UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
14.1 The Addition of Visiting Students and Students Enrolled Off Campus to be Eligible for Awards
14.2 Process for Appeals of Award Regulations
14.3 Maximum Amount for Awarding Funding to an Undergraduate Student per Academic Year
14.4 Scholarship Deferral for GAP Year Students

15. JOINT COMMITTEE OF SENATE AND COUNCIL ON CEREMONIES
15.1 Honorary Degree Candidate for Addition to the Approved Roster

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

8. Academic and Administrative Reports
8.1 Presentation on the “Academic Program Review Update” by Dr. Thomas Chase, Provost and Vice-President (Academic) and Dr. Luigi Benedicenti, Associate Vice-President (Academic)

Dr. Luigi Benedicenti presented a Powerpoint presentation to Senate which included an update on the principles, status of the program review and next steps for the academic program review.

Chancellor Ready thanked Dr. Benedicenti for the presentation.

9. Other Business

9.1 Next Meeting of Senate – 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, 6 June 2012.

10. Adjournment – 3:20 p.m. Barber.

Annette Revet
University Secretary