The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. and introductions were made.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Approval of a Graduate for Degree Conferral was added to the agenda under item 4.2.1

Thomas - Cormier

Moved approval of the agenda as amended.  

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Minutes of 8 February 2014

Norgan - Petry

Moved approval of the minutes as circulated.  

CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes - None

4. Optional Reports

4.1 Chancellor

Chancellor Tomkins presented his report.

- The Chancellor noted the retiring Senators would be acknowledged near the end of the meeting under item 10.1.
- Dr. Sheila Petty, Dean of Fine Arts and Acting Director of Institut francais will be replaced by Professor Rae Staseson the new Dean of Fine Arts and Dr. Sophie Bouffard the new Director for the Institut francais.
- Juliano Tupone will be replaced by Dr. Mark Dockstator, the new President of First Nations University of Canada effective July 1st.
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- The Chancellor welcomed the following new student Senators to Senate; Luanne Drake, Shayna Glass, Brad Lulik, Yasir Salman and Jason Whitelaw.
- The 40th Annual Spring Convocation will be held on June 4th, 5th and 6th, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at the Conexus Arts Centre. The Chancellor acknowledged the Honorary Degree Recipients for Spring Convocation: Ted Jaleta, William Shurniak, Ken Mitchell and Jean Freeman.

4.2 President

President Timmons reported that a student was missed in the approval of graduands at the last meeting of Executive of Council by the Faculty of Science. The Senate Executive Committee recommends the following motion be approved by Senate in order that the student is able to convocate with his graduating class in June.

4.2.1 Approval of a Graduate for Degree Conferral

Timmons - Gagnon

Moved that Senate on the recommendation of the Faculty of Science that the student reported at the meeting and whose name is appended to the official file, having satisfied the requirements, be granted the degree of Bachelor of Science in Actuarial Science.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

Timmons presented the President’s report to Senate. The President reported on three items that Senators brought forward at the meeting which included a report on the annual budget, update on the early retirement incentive program and to report what the President is looking forward to next year. The link to the video of the University of Regina Budget Forum that is posted on the blog site will be provided to Senators following the meeting.

The President answered questions raised by Senators following her report. A copy of the report was provided to Senate following the meeting and is appended to the Minutes as Appendix I.

The President asked Senators to advocate for the University and College Avenue Campus when speaking to government and City of Regina officials.

4.3 University Secretary

4.3.1 Annual Enrolment Report 2013 - 2014, Appendix I of the Agenda

John Smith, Associate Vice-President (Student Affairs) presented the report for information and provided a brief overview of the undergraduate and graduate enrolments and highlighted the population segment, student financial aid and awards.

Discussion followed.

Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science and Faculty of Business Administration provided an update on the diversity of international students enrolled in each of the faculties. Management may look to combine the tables listed on Page 7 of the agenda in order to capture the number of international students enrolled, which faculties and from what countries.
Management agreed to report on the number of students enrolled in the Campus for All program over the past five years. This report will come to Senate at the October meeting.

4.3.2 Off-Campus Student Enrolments, Appendix II of the Agenda

Harvey King, Director, Centre for Continuing Education presented the report for information which was a request from Senate at the last meeting. King provided a brief overview of the off-campus student enrolments, where programs are delivered and how they are delivered.

Discussion followed.

L. Wells provided an update on the delivery of programs offered at First Nations University of Canada.

5. Reports from Senate Committees

5.1 Senate Nominating Committee Report

5.1.1 2014 Senate Election of District Representatives, Appendix III of the Agenda

S. Lauder, Chair of the Senate Nominating Committee presented the report for information. It was noted that nominations were called for districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 11 and 12. It was reported that the following persons were declared elected by acclamation for the following districts:

- District 2 – Joe Maierhoffer (B.Admin.)
- District 11 - Donald Millard (B.A.)
- District 12 – Cindy Xavier (M.B.A.)

No nominations were received for Districts 1, 3, 4, 7 and 12 (1 vacant seat). These vacancies are dealt with under item 5.1.2.

5.1.2 Appointment of Senate Representatives to Districts 1, 3, 4, 7 and 12, Appendix III of the Agenda

S. Lauder, Chair of the Senate Nominating Committee presented the item for approval and reported that an email ballot was sent out to the Senate Nominating Committee on June 2nd. The committee recommended that Senate approve the following one-year appointments.

Lauder - Stroh

The Senate Nominating Committee recommends that the following University of Regina members of convocation be appointed as the Senate representatives for a one-year term for the following Districts:

Layne McFarlane, BAdmin from Moosomin - District 1 (Moosomin-Estevan)
Linda Bumbac, BEd from Assiniboia - District 3 (Assiniboia-Bengough)
Ralph Aman, MSW from Swift Current - District 4 (Swift Current-Gravelbourg)
Marsha Barteski-Hoberg, BEd from Wynyard - District 7 (Melfort-Wynyard-Davidson)
Michael Roszell, BEd, PGD from Saskatoon - District 12 (Saskatoon)

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

5.1.3 Membership on Senate Standing and Faculty Council Committees, Appendix III of the Agenda

Lauder - Stroh
Moved that the Senate Nominating Committee recommends that the individuals whose names are designated with asterisks on the attached report (Attachment A) be approved to fill vacancies on Senate Standing and Faculty Council committees for the terms indicated.

S. Lauder, Chair of the Senate Nominating Committee presented the item for approval. Attachment A is appended to the Minutes as Appendix 2.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

5.1.4 Elected Senator to the Board of Governors, Appendix III of the Agenda

S. Lauder of the Senate Nominating Committee noted that one nomination was received prior to the May 27th, 2014 deadline from incumbent Elaine Bourassa who was elected by acclamation.

Lauder - Stroh
Moved that the Senate Nominating Committee recommends that Elaine Bourassa be approved as the Elected Senator to the Board of Governors for a term effective July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2017.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

The Chancellor congratulated E. Bourassa.

All documentation is appended to the official file.

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

President Timmons presented the report.

6.1 Faculty of Nursing

6.1.1 Revisions to SCBScN Program Admission

Timmons - Gregory
Moved to require Chemistry 30 as a final admission subject for the Faculty of Nursing effective with the 2015 Fall intake, as outlined on Page of the Agenda.

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/president/governance/council/minutes.html

7. Briefs, Submissions, or Recommendations from Elected or Appointed Senate Members

7.1 Elected Senator to the Board – Verbal Update

P. Maze provided a brief update on activities undertaken by the Board of Governors which included the following:

- Board participated in a one-day strategic planning session;
- Announced that Devon Peters, the elected President of the Students’ Union, began his one-year term on May 1, 2014 as he replaced Nathan Sgrazzutti, the former Students’ Union President;
- Provided highlights from the 20th consecutive balanced budget for the University;
- Announced that the Board approved a continued relationship with First Nations University of Canada through an Advisory Services Agreement;
- Reported progress on the policy renewal project;
- Provided an update on the establishment of the Office of Internal Audit. It was reported that the University has engaged Grant Thornton, a consulting firm, to develop a three-year risk based internal audit plan which will be approved by the Board in July;
- Reported that the University continues to address the recommendations from the Provincial Auditor’s reports from 2013 on Research, as well as the audit on purchasing and tendering processes which the Board received from the Provincial Auditor in late fall 2013;
- Provided an update on the construction of the residence project which was reported to be on budget and on track for its scheduled opening in September 2015;
- Reported that the Board will meet in July to approve the annual audited financial statements and next year’s submission of its Operations Forecast to the Government of Saskatchewan. In September, the Board will continue progress to move towards approval of the next strategic plan which is scheduled for later in October 2014.

The Chancellor thanked P. Maze for his report.

(There was a break at 10:36 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 10:54 a.m.)

8. Academic and Administrative Reports

8.1 There was a presentation on the ‘Progress on Developing the University’s next Strategic Plan’ by Dr. Joe Piwowar, Chair, University of Regina Strategic Planning Facilitation Team, Appendix V of the Agenda

Introductions were provided. Dr. Piwowar provided an overview of the strategic planning process that has been undertaken by the facilitation team and consultants over the past few months. The following six preliminary themes/categories were discussed: Scholarship, Partnership and Community, Sustainability and Efficiency, Student Experience, Diversity and Inclusion, and Reputation and Pride. Senate provided feedback on the themes.

J. Piwowar confirmed that the Saskatchewan School Boards Association would be included to participate as a stakeholder in the next strategic planning process.
It was noted that the draft strategic plan will come to Senate for approval in October and the final plan will be approved by the Board in later October.

The presentation is appended to the Minutes as Appendix 3.

Chancellor Tomkins thanked Dr. Piwowar for his presentation.

(All guests withdrew from the meeting at 11:36 a.m. following the presentation.)

9. In Camera Session

9.1 Senate Appeals Committee Report, distributed confidentially

Chancellor Tomkins provided a brief overview of the Senate Appeals Committee and presented the report for information. The report is appended to the official file.

There was a brief discussion on the process for handling non academic misconducts on campus.

9.2 Results of the Election of a Senator to the Board of Governors – Announcement

Elaine Bourassa was elected by acclamation so there was no election.

9.3 Destruction of Election Ballots

There were no ballots due to the nominee elected by acclamation.

10. Other Business

10.1 Recognition of Departing Senate Members

The following members of Senate were acknowledged for their service to the University upon completion of their terms:

Randi Arnot, Provincial Council of Women
Brenda Bathgate, Saskatchewan Association of Recreation Professionals
Mike Dillon, Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce
Mallory Fedirko, District 7 (Melfort-Wynyard-Davidson)
Graham Harvey, District 3 (Assiniboia-Benhough)
Rob McKay, Saskatchewan League of Educational Administrators, Directors and Superintendents
Laurent Mougeot, Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association
Ann Norgan, District 1 (Moosomin-Estevan)
Sandra Schnell, University of Saskatchewan Alumni Association
Jacquie Stewart, Canadian Federation of University Women – Saskatchewan Council
Peter Stroh, District 12 (Saskatoon)
Shelley Whitehead, Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers
Walter Wood, Saskatchewan Teachers’ Federation

Chancellor Tomkins thanked the retiring Senate members and presented them with letters of appreciation and a framed landscape photo of the University of Regina.
It was announced that lunch would be held at the University Club followed by Convocation at the Conexus Arts Centre at 2:00 p.m.

10.2 Next Meeting of Senate – 9:00 a.m., Friday, 17 October 2014

10. Adjournment – 11:45 a.m. Kotylak.

Annette Revet  
University Secretary