The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. and introductions were made.

1. Approval of the Agenda
   
   Item 9.2 Role of Senator was added to the agenda.
   
   **Kleisinger - Chase**
   
   *Moved approval of the agenda as amended.*
   
   **CARRIED**

2. Approval of the Minutes of 4 June 2014
   
   **Cormier - Opseth**
   
   *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 reported that he had attended several meetings and events on campus since the last Senate meeting.
   - New Senators, ex officio and student members were asked to stand up to be acknowledged.
Reported that the 41st Annual Fall Convocation will be held on October 17th, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at the Conexus Arts Centre. The Chancellor acknowledged Malcolm Lowe as the Honorary Degree Recipient.

4.2 President

President Timmons presented the report to Senate and answered questions raised by Senators following her report.

A copy of the President’s Report will be provided to Senate following the meeting and is appended to the Minutes as Appendix 1.

The President noted that a link to the Accomplishments and Achievements document summarizing the accomplishments from the 2009-2014 Strategic Plan and the 2013-14 Annual Report will be provided to Senators following the meeting.

4.2.1 Presentation on the 2015-2020 Draft Strategic Plan, Appendix I of the Agenda

President Timmons introduced J. Piwowar, Chair of the Strategic Planning Facilitation Team. Piwowar provided an overview of the planning process and the draft 2015-2020 Strategic Plan which was included in the Senate Agenda.

Discussion followed.

Following the discussion, there were a number of suggestions brought forward for the Strategic Planning Facilitation Team to consider such as:

- ensure a clear statement is included on how this plan will inform the University’s objectives over the next five years (i.e. Board’s responsibilities, indicators, results, etc.)
- emphasize ‘collaboration’ and ‘mentorship’ throughout the document
- ensure ‘sustainability’ is used in the right context
- concern over too many action items and measures of success
- re-word the first bullet in the Mission Statement

Senators were encouraged to send other comments/suggestions to the Strategic Planning Facilitation Team at the following link. It was noted that all input that comes forward will be considered.

http://www.uregina.ca/strategic-plan/participate/index.html

Timmons - Blakely

Moved that Senate recommends to the Board of Governors endorsement, in principle, of the near final draft of the 2015-2020 University of Regina Strategic Plan.

Management confirmed that the final draft strategic plan will include a title and will go to Executive of Council and Council in late October and will go to the Board for approval in early November.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED
(J. Piwowar withdrew from the meeting at 10:34 a.m.)

4.3 University Secretary

4.3.1 Fall 2014 In-progress Report of Registrations and Graduation, Appendix II of the Agenda

J. Smith, Associate Vice-President (Student Affairs) presented the report for information and provided a brief overview of the undergraduate and graduate registrations, population segments and the graduation and convocation cycle ending Spring 2014. Overall the report was positive with the University reporting its highest enrolments to date.

Management agreed to consider the request from one Senator for a report that shows the breakdown of international students by faculty and country.

Discussion followed.

4.3.2 2015 Senate Election, Appendix III of the Agenda

A. Revet presented the report for information and noted that the call for nominations and election dates would be advertised in the November issue of the Degrees magazine and will be posted on the University of Regina website. Senators were encouraged to nominate members of convocation living in the districts around the province. There will be an update provided at the February Senate meeting.

5. Reports from Senate Committees

5.1 Joint Committee on Ceremonies Report

5.1.1 Honorary Degree Candidates for Addition to the Approved Roster, Appendix IV of the Agenda, *circulated at the meeting*

Timmons - Ready

*Moved that the honorary degree candidates recommended for approval be added to the approved roster as detailed in the report to be distributed at the meeting.*

President Timmons introduced the item and reported that she would like to see more women and recipients with diverse backgrounds nominated for an honorary degree. Senators were reminded 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

*All documentation is appended to the official file.*

5.1.2 Reassignment of Faculties across Spring Convocation Ceremonies, Appendix IV of the Agenda

Timmons - McMartin
Moved that the following distribution of faculties across the three days of Spring convocation be approved as outlined in Appendix IV, Pages 22 and 23 of the agenda, commencing with Spring convocation 2015.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

5.1.3 Officer Ceremonial Robes, Appendix IV of the Agenda

Timmons - Borgares
Moved that ceremonial robes be designed for the following officers:

- Vice-Presidents
- University Secretary
- Registrar

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

5.1.4 Recognition of Recipients of URAA Awards of Excellence at Convocation Ceremonies, Appendix IV of the Agenda

President Timmons presented the item for information.

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

President Timmons presented the report.

6.1 Faculty of Arts

6.1.1 Creation of Certificate in Political and International Governance

Timmons - Bredohl
Moved to create a Certificate in Political and International Governance, with the requirements outlined on Page 25 of the Agenda.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

6.2 Faculty of Fine Arts

6.2.1 Creation of Photography Minor

Timmons - Staseson
Moved that the following interdisciplinary minor in Photography be created, effective 201510.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

6.3 Council Committee on the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

6.3.1 Faculty of Education – Mid-Career Admission Option

Timmons – Tupper
Moved that a mid-career admission option for highly experienced applicants be established effective October 15, 2014 (application deadline for the 2015 Winter term admission intake).
The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

6.4 Faculty of Science

6.4.1 Revisions to Admission

Timmons - Gagnon

Moved to add Earth Science 30 to the list of possible Science courses recognized for final admission requirements to the Faculty of Science (Section 2.4.1.1 of the 2014/15 UG Calendar and Course Catalog).

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
http://www.uregina.ca/president/governance/council/council-meetings.html

It was reported that there was a typo in item 1.1 in Appendix V, Page 28 of the agenda, MA should be changed to BA. It was also reported that the motion to item 3.2 in Appendix V, Page 29 of the agenda was withdrawn at the Executive of Council meeting held on June 25, 2014.

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:

- Reported that Lee Elliott was elected to continue as Chair and Daniel Kwochka was elected to continue as Vice-Chair of the Board of Governors for another one-year term.
- The Board approved the audited financial statements for the University and received an unqualified ‘clean’ audit opinion from the Provincial Auditor at its July Board meeting.
- The University’s first internal audit plan was approved in July and work continues with Grant Thornton to establish the Office of Internal Auditor at the University.
- In September, the Board received a detailed summary of all that was achieved through the last five year strategic plan, mâmawohkamâtowin: Our Work, Our People, Our Communities. This document can be viewed on the University of Regina website under the Strategic Plan Accomplishments.
- Reported that progress 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.
- Construction of the residence project continues to be on budget and on track for its scheduled opening in September 2015.
- There is a special Board meeting held in November to approve the University’s next strategic plan.

The Chancellor thanked P. Maze for his report.

(No guests withdrew prior to the in camera session since there were no media present.)
8. **In Camera Session**

8.1 Senate Appeals Committee Report, Appendix VI of the Agenda

Chancellor Tomkins provided a brief overview of the Senate Appeals Committee and the appeals process. Management addressed all questions that were raised.

9. **Other Business**

9.1 Next Meeting of Senate – 1:30 p.m., Saturday, 7 February 2015

9.2 Role of Senator

Chancellor Tomkins asked to solicit Senator’s feedback on their satisfaction as a U of R Senator and suggestions on how the role could become a more engaging/rewarding experience.

Following the discussion, there were a number of suggestions brought forward for consideration:

- send out a survey to solicit Senator’s feedback
- community awareness of ‘Senate’ is lacking in rural Saskatchewan
- profile Senators on website by posting bios, etc.
- invite Senators to attend events throughout the Province
- communicate key messaging and good news stories to Senators
- need to get Senators more involved
- clarify Senator’s role on committees

Management has agreed to identify three key messages at the February meeting and the Chancellor will report on next steps regarding this item.

Chancellor Tomkins was thanked for his leadership on bringing this item forward for discussion.

10. **Adjournment – 11:40 a.m. Blakely.**

*Annette Revet*

University Secretary