

GUESTS: B. Brownlee, P. Maze, G. Nowlan, M. Vajcner

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

1. Approval of the Agenda

Item 4.3.5 Approve a Degree to be Conferred was added to the agenda as a decision item.

Cormier – Thomas
Moved approval of the agenda as amended. CARRIED

2. Approval of the Minutes of 5 June 2013

Bathgate - Stroh
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.

Chancellor Tomkins thanked Senate for electing him as Chancellor at the June meeting of Senate. It was reported that he has recently met with the President’s from the Federated Colleges, the University Executive Team and the Dean’s from the University over the past couple of months.

He recognized new Senators at the meeting and the observer from the Ministry of Advanced Education.
Sad news to report, Janet Legault, District 4 (Swift Current – Gravelbourg) passed away on September 8th. She was elected to Senate in 2012. Dr. Lawrence (Larry) Symes passed away on September 18th. He served as *ex officio* on the University of Regina Senate for a number of years.

The Chancellor congratulated Art Wakabayashi, Chancellor Emeritus for being awarded the Saskatchewan Order of Merit which he will receive on November 4th in Regina.

It was reported that the 40th Annual Fall Convocation will be held on October 19th, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. at the Conexus Arts Centre. The Chancellor acknowledged k.d. lang as the Honorary Degree Recipient.

The Chancellor encouraged Senators to submit nominations for Honorary Degree recipients.

4.2 President

President Timmons provided the following report.

- President Timmons reminded Senators about Fall Convocation and that the Installation of Chancellor Tomkins would take place at the ceremony.
- The President congratulated Luther College for celebrating their centennial last weekend.
- College Avenue Campus formally launched the revitalization campaign on September 18th. The event was well attended.
- L. Benedicenti provided an update on the Academic Program Review. It was reported that the review was complete in September and the results were published on the University website. Curricular changes and unit reviews will continue to take place as part of the standard academic process moving forward.
- It was reported that there was a research audit completed by the Provincial Auditor following the issues around the establishment of IPAC-CO2. There are 26 recommendations to implement as a result of this audit.
- The Provincial Auditor is also working on a procurement process audit. The report should be complete soon.
- President Timmons provided background information and an update on the issues raised in the media regarding overtime in the Faculty of Education.
- The President provided an update and clarity around the Special Council meeting that was held on September 27th with regards to the petition on the non-confidence vote with the President and the Provost. President Timmons assured Senate that the executive team is working hard to address concerns raised mainly around the budgeting process, reporting and transparency.

Discussion followed.

4.3 University Secretary

4.3.1 Fall 2013 In-progress Report of Registrations and Graduation, Appendix I 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 2013. Overall the report was positive.

It was noted that the Registrar’s office is working to report more current information
at the next Senate meeting.

J. Smith provided an update on the flooding incident that took place in the south residence building in September. The damages are estimated to cost between $150,000 to $200,000.

Discussion followed.

4.3.2 2014 Senate Election, Appendix II 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 would be posted on the University of Regina website. Senators were encouraged to nominate alumni living in the districts around the province. There will be an update provided at the February Senate meeting.

4.3.3 Organizational Changes for the Terms of Reference for the Centre for Continuing Education (CCE) Council Committee, Appendix III of the Agenda

The item was presented for information.

4.3.4 University Coat of Arms, Appendix IV of the Agenda

A. Revet presented the item for information and reported the Coat of Arms will be official on November 1, 2013. The Secretariat office is waiting to receive the art work from the Heraldic Authority.

4.3.5 Approve a Degree to be Conferred, distributed at the meeting

Timmons - White
Moved that Senate approve the student listed to receive the Bachelor of Indian Social Work.

It was reported that this error was an administrative oversight and the student should have been approved on list. The item is appended to the Minutes as Appendix 1.

Materials were handed in to be shredded following the meeting due to confidentiality.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

5. Reports from Senate Committees

5.1 Membership and Elections Committee

5.1.1 Application for Membership – Saskatchewan Library Association (SLA), Appendix V of the Agenda

Lauder - Norgan
Moved that Senate approves granting the Saskatchewan Library Association (SLA) membership on the University of Regina Senate as a Professional Society and representation will be sought consistent with the start of Senator terms effective July 1, 2014.
S. Lauder presented the item for approval.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

5.1.2 Regina Chapter of Interprovincial Association on Native Employment (IANE), Appendix V of the Agenda

S. Lauder presented the item for information.

5.1.3 Psychology Society of Saskatchewan, Appendix V of the Agenda

S. Lauder presented the item for information.

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

President Timmons presented the report for information. The rationale and background for the items can be found online at: http://www.uregina.ca/president/governance/council/minutes.html

1. Faculty of Fine Arts
   1.1 Revision to Visual Arts Major Requirements

2. Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research
   2.1 Faculty of Education – Requirements for the Master of Education in Educational Psychology
   2.2 Faculty of Education – Elimination of the Project Route in Educational Psychology
   2.3 Faculty of Education – Applicants to the Master of Education in Educational Psychology Degree Programs
   2.4 Faculty of Education – Applicants to Master of Education in Educational Psychology Degree Programs
   2.5 Project, Report and Practicum Internship Report Guidelines
   2.6 Minimum Score in each Band of IELTS (International English Language Testing System)
   2.7 Failing One course in any Master’s Certificate constitutes a Requirement to Discontinue (RTD) for Failure to Meet Academic Standards

3. Faculty of Science
   3.1 Biology – Additions to BSc and BSc Honours Programs in Environmental Biology
   3.2 Computer Science – Revisions to BSc in Computer Science
   3.3 Geology – Revisions to the BSc and BSc Honours Geology Program
   3.4 Math & Stats – Revision to Major Requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Actuarial Science
   3.5 Physics – Revision to BSc Applied Physics Program
   3.6 Geography – Faculty of Arts – Revision to BSc Major and BSc Honours Major in Geography

4. Centre for Continuing Education
   4.1 Adult Mathematics Courses
   4.2 Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition Policy – Certificate Programs 2013
   4.3 Revision to CCE Honours List Requirements

5. Registrar
   5.1 Registrar – Academic Schedule

6. Undergraduate Scholarship Committee
   6.1 President’s Medal for the 2013 Fall Convocation

7. FGSR Scholarship and Awards Committee
   7.1 President’s Distinguished Graduate Student Award
8. Other

8.1 Policy: Awarding the Title Emeritus – POSTPONED

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

7.1 Senate Representatives to the Board – Verbal Update

P. Maze gave a brief update on activities undertaken by the Board of Governors since the last Senate Meeting.

- The Board was pleased to welcome Dr. Tomkins as Chancellor, effective July 1.
- The Board approved Dr. Ready to be honoured with the title Chancellor Emeritus. The Board acknowledged and thanked Dr. Ready for his service and continued commitment to the University of Regina.
- The Board is aware of the criticism that the University and its management has received in recent months by the media and has publically stated their utmost confidence in the President and her management team. It was pointed out that all matters were reported to the Board immediately and the President had taken correct action to ensure that these incidents do not reoccur.
- P. Maze also reported that the University received a clean unqualified audit opinion for the audited financial statements and pension plans; there was an update provided on the construction of the new residence project; since the last meeting of Senate the Board has approved three collective agreements for URFA, URFA-APT and CUPE 5791; the Board continues to oversee management’s response to the recent audit completed by the Provincial Auditor on the University’s processes to protect its interests in Research and the commercialization of Research; in a few weeks the Board will receive the provincial auditor’s report on the University’s procurement policies and processes; it was reported that the budget planning process for 2014-15 is underway.
- P. Maze also noted that the Board will present two Distinguished Service Awards in December to Mr. Harvey Mazinke (former Board Chair) and Dr. Michael Tymchak (retired emeritus professor) for their outstanding service to the University of Regina. The call for nominations for next year’s recipient of the Distinguished Service Award will be sent out in late October and all Senators are encouraged to submit nominations for the Board’s consideration.

The Chancellor thanked P. Maze for his report.

8. Academic and Administrative Reports

8.1 Presentation on the ‘Changing Face of University Libraries in the Digital Age’ by William Sgrazzutti, University Librarian; Gillian Nowlan, Liaison Librarian and Mark Vajcner, University Archivist

Introductions were provided. There was a brief question and answer session held following the presentation.

Chancellor Tomkins thanked the presenters for their informative presentation and reminded Senators to contact the University Secretariat office if they are interested in a University of Regina library card.

9. Other Business
9.1 Next Meeting of Senate - 1:30 p.m., Saturday, 8 February 2014.

10. Adjournment – 2:58 p.m. Xavier.

Annette Revet
University Secretary