The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. and introductions were made.

1. Approval of the Agenda

   Item 5.1.1 was moved to 9.2 to be considered during the In Camera session.

   Hawryluk - Cormier
   Moved approval of the agenda as amended.  
   CARRIED

2. Approval of the Minutes of 7 February 2015

   Lulik - Krismer
   Moved approval of the minutes as circulated.  
   CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

   President Timmons confirmed that management will arrange a tour of the new residence building for Senators at the October meeting. Timmons also noted that given the recent budget approval, management felt it was more appropriate to present on the budget topic to Senate rather than ‘issues management’ presentation which is still planned for a future meeting of Senate.

   Management followed up from the minutes from the February Senate meeting regarding the number of students completing their degree within five years of starting at the University. Management pointed out that a more appropriate measure used across Canada is undergraduate student completion rates in seven years which is a measure that was recently approved by the Board and is a target in the current performance measurement framework.
4. Optional Reports

4.1 Chancellor

Chancellor Tomkins presented his report.

- The Chancellor welcomed the new student Senators to Senate and noted the retiring Senators would be acknowledged near the end of the meeting under item 10.1.
- Dr. Richard Kleer will be taking an administrative leave on July 1st and will be replaced by Dr. Thomas Bredohl, Acting Dean of Arts. Dr. Jennifer Tupper has accepted a three-year appointment as Dean of Education. Kathy McNutt is the new Executive Director with the Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy.
- Congratulations to Dr. Dena McMartin, Associate Vice-President (Academic and Research) who will be receiving the McCannell Award and Professor Emeriti Art Opseth who will be receiving the Brian Eckel Distinguished Service Award at the Annual General Meeting of the Association of Professional Engineers & Geoscientists of Saskatchewan (APEGS).
- Congratulations to Patrick Maze who was elected President of the Saskatchewan Teacher’s Federation.
- The 41st Annual Spring Convocation will be held on June 3rd, 4th, and 5th, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at the Conexus Arts Centre. The Chancellor acknowledged the Honorary Degree Recipients for Spring Convocation: Don Black, Ambassador Kevin Vickers and Ann Thomas Callahan.

4.2 President

President Timmons presented the report to Senate. The President reported on three key messages to share with Senate which included a report on the balanced budget, acknowledged the students for their charitable work and acknowledged the success of the development of the Faculty of Nursing with the first cohort of Nursing students graduating later this week.

The President’s Report will be provided to Senators following the meeting.

4.3 University Secretary

4.3.1 Annual Enrolment Report 2014 - 2015, Appendix I of the Agenda

John Smith, Associate Vice-President (Student Affairs) presented the 2014-15 Annual Enrolment Report for information and provided a brief overview of the undergraduate and graduate enrolments and the population segment highlights of the report.

The President thanked J. Smith and H. King and their teams for their work over the past year.
5. Reports from Senate Committees

5.1 Joint Committee on Ceremonies Report

Item 5.1.1 was moved to 9.2 on the agenda to be considered during the In Camera session.

5.1.2 Invocation, Appendix II

Timmons - Blakely

*Moved that the Invocation be removed from the Convocation ceremony, effective July 1, 2015.*

President Timmons presented the recommendation to remove the invocation from future Convocation ceremonies. Senator Gallagher responded with a presentation expressing his concern over the lack of information provided to Senate to support the motion and suggested that this matter be deferred until the next meeting of Senate.

Discussion followed which lead to a second motion being proposed by some senators.

Gallagher – Krismer

*Moved to postpone the motion and recommends that the Joint Council/Senate Committee on Ceremonies discuss this matter further bringing a list of options for Senate’s consideration to the October Senate meeting.*

Discussion followed. There was a friendly amendment to the motion which is reflected in the above motion.

Following the discussion, it was agreed that the University Secretariat office will receive Senators’ further input and suggestions which will be considered and discussed by the Joint Council/Senate Committee on Ceremonies in preparing a recommendation for Senate’s consideration at the October meeting. Senators were asked to email any additional comments and/or suggestions to A. Revet.

Olson – Krismer

*Moved to call the question on the motion to postpone.*

CARRIED

The question was called on the motion to postpone as moved and seconded by Senator Gallagher and Senator Krismer.

CARRIED

5.2 Senate Nominating Committee Report

5.2.1 2015 Senate Election of District Representatives, Appendix III of the Agenda
R. Krismer, Chair of the Senate Nominating Committee presented the report for information. It was noted that nominations were called for districts 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 10 and 12. It was reported that the following persons were declared elected by acclamation for the following districts:

- District 1 – Ann Norgan (BEd)
- District 3 – John Bumbac (BA, BEd, PGD, MEd.)
- District 4 – Ralph Aman (BSW, MSW)
- District 6 – Lawrence Kreiser (BA)
- District 7 – Marsha Barteski-Hoberg (BEd)
- District 12 – Mike Roszell (BEd)

No nominations were received for District 10 (Moose Jaw). This vacancy is dealt with under item 5.2.2.

5.2.2 Appointment of Senate Representative to District 10, Appendix III of the Agenda

R. Krismer, 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 May 13th. The committee recommended that Senate approve the following one-year appointment.

Krismer - Lulik

*The Senate Nominating Committee recommends that the following University of Regina member of convocation be appointed as the Senate representative for a one-year term for District 10 from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.*

Edward (Ward) Strueby, BEd (Distinction) from Moose Jaw - District 10 (Moose Jaw)

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

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

Krismer - Pritchard

*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.*

Attachment A is *appended to the Minutes as Appendix 1.*

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

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

President Timmons presented the report.
6.1 Faculty of Arts

6.1.1 Department of French

Timmons - Kleer

Moved that the department of French be renamed to the department of French and Francophone Intercultural Studies, effective 1 September 2015.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

6.2 Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

6.2.1 Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science – Process Systems Engineering

Timmons – Hussein

Moved that, effective Fall 2015, a PhD program in Process Systems Engineering be approved for:

(a) PhD following MASc degree; or
(b) PhD following MEng degree.

Discussion followed and the Dean addressed all questions raised by Senate.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

6.2.2 Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science – Software Systems Engineering

Timmons – Hussein

Moved that, effective Fall 2015, a PhD program in Software Systems Engineering be approved for:

(a) PhD following MASc degree; or
(b) PhD following MEng degree.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

6.3 Faculty of Nursing

6.3.1 Revisions to Admissions Requirements

Timmons - Gregory

Moved to add “Saskatchewan Polytechnic (formerly SIAST) Practical Nursing diploma program graduates (since 2008) and NorQuest Practical Nursing diploma program graduates (since 2003) are considered to have met all admission requirements for the SCBScN program. These applicants must have a minimum 65% grade point average” as an admission regulation for the Faculty of Nursing for the 2016 Fall intake.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

6.4 Council Committee on Academic Mission
6.4.1 Merger of the Department of French and Francophone Intercultural Studies with the Institut français

Timmons - Bouffard
Moved to recommend to the Board of Governors the approval of the transfer of the Department of French and Francophone Intercultural Studies from the Faculty of Arts and its merger with the Institut français and that, once formed, this merged unit will be named La Cité universitaire francophone.

President Timmons presented the item for approval. S. Bouffard provided rationale for the name change. There was a brief discussion on the governance structure of the new unit. Management thanked D. McMartin and S. Bouffard for their work on this project.

Past Senator R. Archambault thanked management on behalf of the francophone community for the merger of the unit and the name change.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

6.4.2 Terms of Reference - La Cité universitaire francophone

Timmons - Bouffard
Moved to approve the terms of reference of La Cité universitaire francophone effective July 1, 2015, as outlined in Attachment A (Appendix IV, Pages 35 to 49).

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

6.4.3 Faculty of Fine Arts – Name Change

Timmons - Staseson
Moved that the ‘Faculty of Fine Arts’ be renamed the ‘Faculty of Media, Art, and Performance’.

There was a brief discussion on the rationale for the name change. Dean R. Staseson addressed all questions raised by Senate.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

6.5 Council Committee on Research

6.5.1 Policy – RCH-010-005 Research Institutes and Centres

Timmons - Malloy
Moved that policy RCH-010-005 Research Institutes and Centres as outlined in Attachment B (Appendix IV, Pages 30 to 56) be recommended to the Board of Governors for approval.

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
1. Faculty of Arts
   1.1 BA Major in French
   1.2 BA Honours Major in French
   1.3 BA Minor in French
   1.4 BA Major in Environmental Studies
   1.5 BA Major, Honours Major and Certificate in International Studies
   1.6 BA Major, Honours Major and Minor in Religious Studies
   1.7 International Languages, BA Major in German

2. Faculty of Education
   2.1 Revisions – Pre K-5 and Middle Year Templates
   2.2 Pre K-5 – Humanities Course
   2.3 ECS Revisions – Pre K-5 and Middle Year Templates
   2.4 EAES 203 - eliminated

3. Council Committee on the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research
   3.1 Faculty of Business Administration – Co-op Route
   3.2 FGSR – Change in Graduate Student Status
   3.3 FGSR – Number of Courses taught by Supervisor or Co-Supervisor
   3.4 FGSR – Pearson Test of English (PTE) Academic
   3.5 JSGSPP – Program Change
   3.6 JSGSPP – Discontinuance of Program
   3.7 Social Work – Program Change – MISW 904

4. Faculty of Nursing
   4.1 Revision of Wording to Section 15.1.4.3 of the UG Calendar
   4.2 Revision to the Approved Tests of Proficiency in English
   4.3 Revision to SCBSCN Program Curriculum

5. Faculty of Science
   5.1 Removal of Courses from all Biology Programs
   5.2 BIOL 407
   5.3 BIOL 316
   5.4 BIOL 456
   5.5 BIOL 457
   5.6 BIOL 376 and BIOL 475
   5.7 Minor in Geology
   5.8 BSc Honours Program Amendment
   5.9 BSc Geology Amendment
   5.10 BSc and BSc Honours in Computer Science

6. Faculty of Social Work
   6.1 Transfer Credit

7. Student Affairs
   7.1 Academic Recovery Program Regulations
   7.2 Registrar’s Office – 2016/17 Academic Schedule

8. Centre for Continuing Education
   8.1 Revision to Liberal Arts Certificate and Diploma
9. Council Committee on Budget
   9.1 Updating Budget Principles, Guidelines and Procedures – Motions 1 and 2
   9.2 Proposed Terms of Reference for the Advisory Group that Creates the Annual Budget – Motions 3, 4 and 5

10. Council Committee on Research
    10.1 Ex Officio Member – Director, Office for Research, Innovation & Partnership
    10.2 Policy of Care and Use of Animals
    10.3 Name Change – Clean Energy Technologies Institute

11. Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies
    11.1 Amendment to Terms of Reference
    11.2 Addition to Pearson Tests of English (PTE)

12. Council Nominating Committee
    12.1 Replacements on Council Committees requiring Membership
    12.2 Replacement on the Council Committee on Budget

(There was a break at 10:40 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 11:00 a.m.)

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

7.1 Elected Senator to the Board – Verbal Update

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

- It was reported that Devon Peters was re-elected President of the Students’ Union and began his second-year term on the Board on May 1, 2015.
- Roger Brandvold replaced Paul McLellan on the Board on March 25, 2015 through an order-in-council appointment. Roger brings significant experience in governance as former Chair of the Saskatchewan Roughriders Football Club and executive leadership and pension management as a Partner and Senior Vice-President with Connor Clark & Lunn.
- Past Chair Paul McLellan was acknowledged for his significant contribution in serving the University of Regina over the past six years.
- It was reported that the Board approved the University’s performance measurement framework, along with the 2015-16 targets for each of the approved measures, which will monitor the University’s progress in meeting the goals and objectives of the University’s new strategic plan, peyak aski kikawinaw: Together we are stronger.
- Highlights from the 21st consecutive balanced budget for the University were provided and management congratulated for their work on balancing a very challenging budget. Bourassa also confirmed that the Board approved the recommended sustaining capital projects which will focus on addressing ongoing maintenance issues on campus.
- The Board also approved the next phase of the wayfinding project on campus which is designed to improve everyone’s experience when coming onto campus. It was noted that Congress 2018, will benefit greatly from this initiative.
- Reported that the residence project continues to be on budget and on track for its scheduled opening in September 2015.
- It was reported that the Board reviewed the President’s performance at the meeting in May.
- The Board will meet in July to approve the annual audited financial statements, the 2014-15 Annual Report and next year’s submission of its Operations Forecast to the Government of Saskatchewan. The Board will also elect its next chair and vice-chair.
- In September, the Board will combine a retreat with the Board meeting; the theme around the retreat will be community engagement and indigenization.

There was a brief discussion over concerns raised to increase tuitions due to the lack of funding provided by the provincial government.

The Chancellor thanked P. Maze and E. Bourassa for their reports.

8. Academic and Administrative Reports

8.1 There was a presentation on ‘The Operating Grant and Shifting Patterns of Student Demand: Implications for Academic Planning’ by Dr. Thomas Chase, Provost and Vice-President (Academic)

Introductions were provided. Dr. Chase provided an overview of the opportunities and challenges faced with balancing the 2015-16 budget. Discussion followed.

The link to the presentation is available on the budget update page and will be provided to Senators following the meeting.

Senators were encouraged to send their comments or questions to the Provost at the following email address: Provost@uregina.ca

The presentation is appended to the Official File.

Chancellor Tomkins thanked Dr. Chase for his presentation.

(J. Hindley and R. Archambault withdrew from the meeting prior to the In Camera session which was held at 11:30 a.m. following the presentation.)

9. In Camera Session

9.1 Senate Appeals Committee Report, Verbal Update

Chancellor Tomkins provided a verbal report and noted that the committee heard one appeal on May 20th which was denied by the committee.
9.2 Honorary Degree Candidates for Addition to the Approved Roster, Appendix II of the Agenda, *distributed to Senators during the In Camera session*

Timmons - Kotylak

* Moved that the list of honorary degree candidates for addition to the approved roster (which is appended to the University’s official file) be recommended for approval. *

President Timmons presented the item for approval and encouraged Senators to nominate more women and individuals with minority backgrounds. Senators were reminded to return the confidential report at the end of the meeting.

*All documentation is appended to the official file.*

The question was called on the motion.  

CARRIED

10. Other Business

10.1 Recognition of Departing Senate Members

The Chancellor and the President recognized the following departing members of Senate for their service to the University.

Michele Arscott, The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Saskatchewan  
Doug Blakely, Psychology Association of Saskatchewan  
Linda Bumbac, District 3 (Assiniboia-Bengough)  
Christina Chernick, Registered Psychiatric Nurses Association of Saskatchewan  
Janet Kotylak, Saskatchewan School Boards Association  
Tim Leurer, Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities  
Cathy Luciuk, Ukrainian Canadian Congress, Saskatchewan Provincial Council  
Layne McFarlane, District 1 (Moosomin-Estevan)  
Ellen Stachiw, Saskatchewan Women’s Institute

10.2 Next Meeting of Senate – 9:00 a.m., Friday, 16 October 2015

11. Adjournment – 11:50 a.m. Hodgson.

Annette Revet  
University Secretary