

GUESTS: E. Bourassa, P. Maze

The meeting was called to order at 9:09 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.

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

2. Approval of the Minutes of 3 June 2015

   Opseth - Pritchard
   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 welcomed new Senators, ex officio and student members to the meeting.
   • It was reported that the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Saskatchewan has merged together with the Certified General Accountants of Saskatchewan and
Certified Management Accountants of Saskatchewan to create the Institute of Chartered Professional Accountants of Saskatchewan (CPA Saskatchewan).

- The Chancellor reminded Senators that Fall Convocation will be held that afternoon at 2:00 p.m. at the Conexus Arts Centre. It was reported that Convocation was ‘sold out’ (i.e. all tickets to attend had been claimed) for the first time and is the largest Fall Convocation ceremony held to date.
- The Chancellor acknowledged the Honorary Degree recipients for Fall Convocation and reminded Senators to consider nominating Honorary Degree candidates.

4.2 President

4.2.1 Approval of a Graduate for Degree Conferral

President Timmons presented the report for approval which noted that a student was missed in the recommendation for degree conferral of graduands at the last meeting of Executive of Council. The Executive Committee of Senate recommends the following motion be approved by Senate.

Timmons - Rogers

Moved that Senate, on the recommendation of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, 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 Master of Administration in Leadership (MAdmin Leadership).

Item is appended to the Official File.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

President Timmons presented a verbal report to Senate and reported on three key messages as well as the following items.

- A Town Hall was held on October 14th on campus to discuss recent initiatives and progress made on the new strategic plan.
- The President presented the Operations Forecast to Treasury Board on October 15th and noted that the information is available on the University of Regina website.
- The President confirmed the University is working with the Regina Regional Opportunities Commission (RROC) to prepare an economic impact report to present at the Regina and District Chamber of Commerce ‘State of the University’ address to be held in early 2016.

The President’s report (in writing) will be circulated to Senators immediately following the meeting.

The President answered questions raised by Senators following her report and agreed to follow-up on the following items:

- Provide a future presentation to Senate on academic misconduct.
• Report back to Senate on the number of international students who stay in Canada for employment and the number who return back to their home land for employment.
• Report back to Senate on the number of graduate students per faculty/discipline.

The President provided a brief update to Senate on the College Avenue Campus renewal initiative and encouraged Senators to advocate for this project.

4.3 University Secretary

4.3.1 Fall 2015 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 for Fall 2015, population segments, off-campus and online course registrations and the graduation and convocation cycle ending Spring 2015. Overall the report was positive with the University reporting its highest enrolments to date.

There were further discussions held on the increase of off-campus and online courses offered, joint degrees/programs offered, projected enrolments and the funding model/gap between the University of Saskatchewan and the University of Regina. Following the discussion, it was agreed that management would discuss strategies at the February Senate meeting to address the following question, “What could Senators do to advocate in their communities for the University of Regina?”

Management addressed all other questions raised by Senators.

4.3.2 2016 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 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, Appendix III of the Agenda

The President provided a brief update on the status of the Invocation item that was postponed at the June Senate Meeting. The President reported that the item was discussed at the September Executive of Council meeting, where a motion was passed that a recommendation be deferred to the Council meeting scheduled in December. The President suggested that Senate wait to hear from Council prior to debating this motion. It was confirmed that the Invocation discussion will now take place at the February 2016 Senate meeting.

Discussion followed.
Pritchard – Millard

Moved to postpone the discussion until the next Senate meeting to be held in February 2016.

CARRIED

Senators were encouraged to provide input and submit suggestions to President Timmons, Chair of the Joint Committee on Ceremonies.

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

President Timmons presented the report 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/minutes.html)

Note that items 6.1 to 6.4 should have been reported under the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research.

1. Faculty of Arts
   1.1 Arts Transition Program
   Management confirmed that a report on the Arts Transition Program will be provided to Senate for information at the next Senate meeting.
   1.2 BA Honours Major in French and Francophone Intercultural Studies
   1.3 Arts Core Requirements

2. Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science
   2.1 Program Change

3. Faculty of Fine Arts
   3.1 Voice Majors Requirements
   3.2 Minor in Fine Arts (Music) Minor Requirements
   3.3 Department of Visual Arts Description Revision
   3.4 Bachelor of Arts and Arts Honours in Fine Arts (Film Studies) Revisions
   3.5 Creative Technologies Concentration and Minor Requirement
   3.6 Fine Arts Minor in Arts Administration

4. Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research
   4.1 President’s Distinguished Graduate Student Award

5. Faculty of Science
   5.1 Biology
   5.2 BSc and BSc Hons in Biochemistry
   5.3 Department of Mathematics and Statistics

6. Faculty of Social Work
   6.1 Master of Social Work Thesis
   6.2 Master of Social Work Research
   6.3 Master of Social Work Field Practicum
   6.4 Master of Social Work Admission Requirements

7. Council Committee on Undergraduate Awards
   7.1 President’s Medal for the 2015 Fall Convocation
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 since the June Senate meeting which included the following:

- Reported that Daniel Kwochka was elected as Chair and Cathy Warner was elected Vice-Chair of the Board of Governors for a one-year term. Lee Elliott will continue on the Board as Past Chair.
- The Board approved the 2014-15 Annual Report and audited financial statements for the University at its July Board meeting. The University received an unqualified ‘clean’ audit opinion from the Provincial Auditor and the Annual Report is available on the University of Regina’s website.
- The Board approved the President’s objectives for 2015-16. The objectives align with the University’s strategic plan, *peyak aski kikawinaw* and focus on sustaining enrolments, enhancing student diversity, increase retention rates, profiling research initiatives, establishing a newly restructured Alumni Relations and Community Outreach unit and build on the University’s capacity for fundraising. The President reports on her objectives at every meeting which is published on the University’s website.
- The Board approved the recommendation of Executive of Council and the Senate to transfer the Department of French and Francophone Intercultural Studies from the Faculty of Arts and its merger with the Institut français. The new name for the unit will be La Cité universitaire francophone.
- The new residence building, Kišik towers, is complete and operating. Contractors continue to be on site to clean up some deficiencies throughout the building and to complete the remaining floors as the building is about 80% full which is ahead of the business plan. Senators will have the opportunity to tour the new building following the Senate meeting.
- The Board approved funding for the design and construction of a pedestrian corridor and service tunnel to the new Kišik towers from Campion College. This was approved at the July meeting and construction is underway in partnership with Campion.
- 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.
- The University continues to make good progress on its policy framework with the approval of a revised Research/Scholarly Misconduct policy and the approval...
of a new policy called Sexual Assault-and-Violence. Policy revisions also continue as required.

- The ‘2016-17 Operations Forecast for the University of Regina’ was approved and submitted to the Ministry of Advanced Education. The University’s submission is available on the University’s website.
- The Board approved the North Gateway Improvement Project which consists of the following elements: design; lighting; landscaping and a structure for the new gateway sign – all with the goal of improving safety, lighting, visibility and signage at the north gateway to campus. The total project cost is $400,000 with the sign costing $233,000 of the total.
- In September, the Board also approved $3,000,000 to design, tender and implement the project to restore the main exterior components of Darke Hall. The work will begin this fall with a complete assessment. Construction will begin in spring 2016 and be completed in fall 2017.
- The Board and University executive attended a Board Retreat that was held in Nipawin in mid September. The theme was community engagement which included a Memorandum of Understanding signing with the Town of Nipawin and Cumberland College, along with meetings with the Cumberland College Board and the First Nations and Metis Advisory Council for the Cumberland College. The theme also touched on ‘indigenization’ which included a session facilitated by Dr. Manley Begay, an indigenous scholar from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona.
- Yulia Yevlanova was hired in September as the University’s Internal Auditor. This is a new position and work is underway on the internal audit plan which will be presented to the Audit and Risk Management Committee at its next meeting.
- The next Board meeting is scheduled in December.

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

8. Academic and Administrative Reports

8.1 There was a presentation on ‘Tri-Council Funding and Research Clusters Overview’ by Dr. David Malloy, Vice-President (Research)

Introductions were provided. Dr. Malloy provided a presentation on the tri-council funding and an overview of the research clusters at the University of Regina. Discussion followed. Management agreed to include another presentation on ‘Research’ at a future Senate meeting.

The link to the presentation will be provided to Senators following the meeting.

The presentation is appended to the Official File.

Chancellor Tomkins thanked Dr. Malloy for his presentation.

9. In Camera Session
There was an In Camera session held at 11:00 a.m.

9.1 Honorary Degree Candidate for Addition to the Approved Roster, Appendix III of the Agenda, distributed to Senators during the In Camera session

Timmons - Chase
Moved that the honorary degree candidate for addition to the approved roster, appended to the University’s official file, be approved.

President Timmons presented the item for approval. 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

9.2 Report from the Senate Appeals Committee, Appendix V of the Agenda

Chancellor Tomkins presented the report for information and noted that the committee heard one appeal on May 20th and on September 3rd. The report is appended to the official file.

10. Other Business

10.1 Tour of Kįšik towers (new residence building), following the Senate Meeting

Senators were invited to participate in a tour of the new residence building following the Senate Meeting.

10.2 Next Meeting of Senate – 1:30 p.m., Saturday, 6 February 2016

11. Adjournment – 11:03 a.m. Chase.

Annette Reve
University Secretary