The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. and introductions were made.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Item 6 on the agenda was amended to also include approval items as part of the Executive of Council report.

Xavier - Mutschler

Moved approval of the agenda as amended.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Minutes of 1 June 2016

Chase - Stadnek

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 reminded Senators that the call for nominations for the Senate Districts will be sent out following the Senate meeting.
- The Chancellor reminded Senators that Fall Convocation will be held that afternoon at 2:00 p.m. at the Conexus Arts Centre.
- The Chancellor acknowledged the Honorary Degree recipient for Fall Convocation, Ken Sunquist, and reminded Senators to consider nominating
Honorary Degree candidates. It was pointed out that the nomination forms and information can be found on the University of Regina website.

4.2 President

President Timmons presented a verbal report to Senate and reported on three key messages:

- Students continue to attend the University of Regina with close to 15,000 students enrolled in the Fall semester.
- The University is in good financial shape for the academic year as it balanced its 22nd consecutive budget.
- The College Avenue Campus revitalization initiative is proceeding with upgrades to Darke Hall, the College Building and demolition of the Conservatory and Gallery buildings.

The President also reported on the presentation to Treasury Board on October 20th that included proposals related to the government’s transformational change initiative.

Senator J. Gallagher addressed Senate regarding his editorial in the Leader Post and concerns with the College Avenue Campus revitalization initiative, in particular with the ‘solution’ for the development of an office building in Wascana park. Discussion followed.

Following the discussion, the President answered questions raised by Senators and agreed that the design of the office building would be provided to Senate for information.

The Chancellor thanked Senators for the thoughtful and respectful discussion concerning College Avenue Campus.

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

Senator A. Young expressed concerns on the #TransformSK initiative that was launched by the provincial government to mandate leading industry in the province to table recommendations to the Premier regarding transforming government, the economy, infrastructure and education. The President confirmed there have been no discussions held to date on this initiative but has agreed to follow-up. Senators were encouraged to review the website at www.transformsk.ca.

4.3 University Secretary

4.3.1 Fall 2016 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 enrolment highlights, five-year enrolment details, self-declared aboriginal and international students. Smith also reported on the off-campus and online course registration and graduation and convocation. Overall the report was positive with the University reporting its highest enrolments to date.

Management agreed to present a Co-op Education report to Senate at the meeting in February.
Management addressed all questions raised by Senators.

4.3.2 2017 Senate Election, Appendix II of the Agenda

G. Sylvestre 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. Reminders will be sent out to Senate and there will be an update provided at the February Senate meeting.

(There was a break at 10:32 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 10:45 a.m.)

5. Reports from Senate Committees

5.1 Senate Membership and Elections Committee

5.1.1 Application for Membership – PMI Regina South Saskatchewan Chapter, Appendix I of the Agenda

Mutschler - Timmons
Moved that Senate approve granting PMI Regina South Saskatchewan Chapter (PMI RSSC) membership on the University of Regina Senate as a Professional Society effective immediately.

M. Mutschler, Chair of the Committee presented the item for approval and noted that the organization confirmed their membership is province wide.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

5.2 Senate Executive Committee

5.2.1 Approval of Graduands, distributed confidentially at the Senate Meeting

President Timmons presented the item and reported that two students were missed in the recommendation for approval of graduands at the last meeting of Executive of Council. The Senate Executive Committee responded to an email ballot and recommended the following motion be approved by Senate.

Timmons - King
Moved that Senate, on the recommendation of the Senate Executive Committee approve the Centre for Continuing Education student’s, whose names are appended to the official file, having satisfied the requirements, be granted the Certificate in Administration Level I and Certificate in Administration Level II.

The item is appended to the Official File.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

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

1. Council Committee on Research
1.1 Strategic Research Plan

Timmons - Hussein
Moved approval of the Strategic Research Plan, as outlined in Appendix IV, Pages 32 to 48 of the agenda.

The President reported the item for approval.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

1.2 SaskPower Clean Energy Chair

Timmons - Hussein
Moved approval of the SaskPower Clean Energy Chair, as outlined in Appendix IV, Pages 49 to 55 of the agenda.

Management addressed all questions raised. The item will go forward to the Board for approval at the December Board meeting as per the policy.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

2. Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies

2.1 Faculty of Arts

2.1.1 Deletion of BA Majors and BA Honours Majors in Cree and Saulteaux Language Oracy

Timmons - Chase
Moved to delete the BA Majors in Cree and Saulteaux Language Oracy, and the BA Honours majors in Cree and Saulteaux Language Studies, effective 201710.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

2.1.2 Certificate in Justice Studies

Timmons - Kleer
Moved to create a Certificate in Justice Studies, effective 201710, as noted in Pages 24 and 25 of the Agenda.

Senator G. McCaffrey, Executive Director, Gabriel Dumont (GDI) Institute thanked President Timmons for signing an affiliation agreement with GDI and for working to expand the scope and reach of University programming that benefits students, in particular for those students living in Northern Saskatchewan.

Management addressed all questions raised by Senators.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

2.1.3 Diploma in Justice Studies

Timmons -Kleer
Moved to create a Diploma in Justice Studies, effective 201710 as follows:
The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

2.1.4 Program Overlap

Timmons - Kleer
Moved to clarify the Faculty of Arts' policy regarding the awarding of concurrent and additional degrees and programs that students may earn at one time, effective 201630.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

2.2 Faculty of Business Administration

2.2.1 Major Requirements for the Bachelor of Administration Degree (FNUniv)

Timmons - Gaudes
Moved to revise the requirements for the Majors in Entrepreneurship, Finance, Human Resources Management, and Marketing in the Bachelor of Administration Degree (FNUniv), effective 201630 as noted on Pages 26 and 27 of the Agenda.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

2.3 Faculty of Media, Art, and Performance

2.3.1 Creation of Certificate in Media, Art, and Performance

Timmons - Irwin
Moved that, effective 201710, the Certificate in Media, Art, and Performance be created as noted on Pages 27 and 28 of the Agenda.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

2.3.2 Program Unit Name Change

Timmons - Irwin
Moved to officially change the name of “Indian Fine Arts” program unit, all associated program major and minor names, and the certificate program name, at First Nations University of Canada to “Indigenous Fine Arts,” effective 201710.

Management agreed to include a notation that defines the academic semesters in future Executive of Council reports.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

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

1. Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research Scholarship Committee
   1.1 President’s Distinguished Graduate Award
2. Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies
   2.1 Faculty of Arts
      2.1.1 Department of Political and International Studies
      2.1.2 Arts Transition Program (FNUniv)
      2.1.3 Admission to Honours
   2.2 Faculty of Business Administration
      2.2.1 Major requirements for the Bachelor of Administration Degree (FNUniv)
   2.3 Faculty of Education
      2.3.1 Changes to Elementary Program
      2.3.2 Changes to Undergraduate Calendar
   2.4 Faculty of Media, Art, and Performance
      2.4.1 Minor in Certificate in Media, Art and Performance
      2.4.2 Bachelor of Music, Composition Major – Specific Requirements
      2.4.3 Amendments to the Creative Technologies concentration and minor
   2.5 Faculty of Science
      2.5.1 Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

3. Council Committee on Undergraduate Awards
   3.1 President’s Medal for the 2016 Fall Convocation

4. Council Nominating Committee
   4.1 Replacement on the Council Committee on Undergraduate Awards

7. Briefs, Submissions, or Recommendations from Elected or Appointed Senate Members
   7.1 Elected Senator to the Board – Verbal Update

E. Bourassa and A. Opseth provided a brief update on activities undertaken by the Board of Governors since the June Senate meeting which included the following:

- The Board of Governors held two regular meetings since the last meeting of Senate – a meeting in July and a meeting in September.
- The Board announced that effective August 1, Daniel Kwochka was re-elected as Chair and Cathy Warner was re-elected as Vice-Chair of the Board of Governors for a one-year term. Cathy Warner and Pam Klein were re-appointed by the Government of Saskatchewan for a second term and Art Opseth joined the Board of Governors as a representative of Senate.
- At its meeting in July, the Board approved the 2015-16 Annual Report and the audited financial statements for the University of Regina. The Board reported that the University received an unqualified ‘clean’ audit opinion from the Provincial Auditor. The Annual Report is available on the University of Regina’s website.
- The ‘2017-18 Operations Forecast for the University of Regina’ was approved and submitted to the Ministry of Advanced Education and is available on the University’s website.
At the Board meeting in September, the Board approved a new Performance Measurement Framework.

It was reported that the Board has approved significant capital projects including College Avenue Campus Renewal and Lab Building modernization (with the assistance of funding from the Federal Strategic Investment Fund and SaskPower Industrial Energy Optimization Program, as well as College West Residence renewal. The Board of Governors also provided authorization to proceed with preliminary design work on a University Campus Commons (Dining Hall Project).

The Board approved the President’s objectives for 2016-17 which align with the University’s strategic plan. It was noted that the President reports on her objectives at every meeting which is published on the Board of Governors page on the University’s website.

The Board and University Executive Team attended a half-day facilitated retreat to discuss strategy and “transformational change”.

Several Board members attended a Leadership Forum in Saskatoon in mid October that was organized by the Ministry of Advanced Education.

The next regular meeting for the Board of Governors is scheduled for December 2016.

The Chancellor thanked E. Bourassa and A. Opseth for their reports.

8. Academic and Administrative Reports

8.1 There was a presentation on ‘Student Retention Initiatives: An Area of Strategic Emphasis’ by Dr. Thomas Chase, Provost and Vice-President (Academic)

Dr. Chase provided a presentation on student retention initiatives that the University is currently undertaking to retain students so they are successful in completing a University education. Discussion followed.

The presentation is appended to the Official File.

Chancellor Tomkins thanked Dr. Chase for his presentation.

9. In Camera Session

(There was a brief In Camera session held. At the request of the Chancellor, no guests withdrew from the meeting.)

9.1 Senate Appeals Committee Report, Verbal Update

Chancellor Tomkins presented the verbal report which included a review of the appeals process and a confirmation that the committee heard two appeals. It was reported that both appeals were denied, and one case was changed to soften the penalty.

The Chancellor reported there has been an increase of appeals over the past year.

The verbal report is appended to the Official File.

10. Other Business

10.1 Next Meeting of Senate – 1:30 p.m., Saturday, 4 February 2017

Glenys Sylvestre
University Secretary