The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda

   Brundige - McClinton

   Moved approval of the agenda as circulated.  

   CARRIED

2. Approval of the Minutes of 21 October 2016

   Ellis - Hawryluk

   Moved approval of the minutes as circulated.  

   CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes - None

4. Optional Reports

   4.1 Chancellor

   The Chancellor provided an update on the Senate membership. It was reported that the Regina Chapter of the Canadian Federation of University Women had dissolved on November 30, 2016 and no longer exists and has discontinued membership on Senate.

   The Chancellor welcomed new members Robert Berthiaume with PMI Regina South Saskatchewan Chapter and K. McNutt, Executive Director, Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy. It was also announced that Douglas Farenick was appointed a five-year term to Dean of Science commencing July 1, 2017.

   Senators were reminded to respond to the call for volunteers to serve on Senate Committees and Faculty Councils and submit their form to the University Secretariat office by March 31st. Senators were also reminded to consider submitting a nomination for either the Board of
Governors Distinguished Service Award or an Honorary Degree. The deadline to submit nominations for the Distinguished Service Award is February 15th, 2017.

It was also noted that the 43rd Annual Spring Convocation will be held on June 7, 8 and 9, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at the Conexus Arts Centre. Honorary Degree recipients have not been announced.

The Chancellor congratulated President Timmons for being awarded the 2016 CTV Regina Citizen of the Year. The award recognized an individual who has demonstrated distinguished service to the community.

Student Senators were thanked for their time and service to the University over the past year since their term on Senate ends on April 30th.

Senator’s were notified that next year’s February meeting is scheduled to be held on Friday rather than Saturday.

4.2 President

President Timmons presented a verbal report to Senate which included three key messages for Senators to use in their communities when talking about the University of Regina.

The President sent out a statement opposing the United States Presidential executive order regarding the immigration ban being imposed on several countries. Senate verbalized their support with the President’s position and asked to record the following statement in the minutes which was brought forward by Senator V. Petry; “The Senate of the University of Regina strongly supports the statement of opposition made by President Timmons to the edict declared by the President of the United States to ban immigration and refugees from seven predominantly Islamic countries.” The University Secretariat will distribute a copy of the President’s statement and the statement sent out by Universities Canada on this topic.

The President also acknowledged the women’s basketball team for their successful season and Darke Hall Five for placing second in the Battle of the Bands competition.

Following a discussion on the budget, it was agreed that management would provide a presentation on the 2017-18 Budget at the June Senate Meeting.

All questions raised by Senators were addressed. The President’s report (in writing) will be circulated to Senators immediately following the meeting.

4.3 University Secretary

4.3.1 Winter 2017 In-progress Report on Registration and Fall 2016 Convocation, Appendix I of the Agenda

J. Smith, Associate Vice-President (Student Affairs) presented the report for information and provided a brief overview of the enrolments, the population segments for Aboriginal and international students and Fall Convocation.

It was pointed out that there was a typo on Page 2 of the Agenda. The fourth bullet under International should read, ‘The top 3 nations for international students are China, India and Saudi Arabia.’
The Provost acknowledged the efforts of Livia Castellanos, Associate Vice-President, UR International and her team for their work on recruiting international students to the University of Regina.

Discussion followed. Management addressed questions raised by Senate.

4.3.2 Co-operative Education Report, Appendix II of the Agenda

The report was provided for information, as requested at the last Senate meeting.

4.3.3 2017 Senate Election, Appendix III of the Agenda

G. Sylvestre presented the report for information. Senators were encouraged to nominate members of convocation living in the districts around the province. The deadline to submit nominations is April 17th, 2017.

5. Reports from Senate Committees

5.1 Joint Committee of Senate and Council on Ceremonies Report

5.1.1 Ceremonial Dress at Convocation, Appendix IV of the Agenda

President Timmons presented the item for information.

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

President Timmons presented the report.

1. Council Committee on Research

1.1 New Institute for Microbial Systems and Society (IMSS)

Timmons - Farenick

*Moved to recommend the establishment of the new faculty-based research institute, “Institute for Microbial Systems and Society” (IMSS), as outlined in Attachment A on Pages 29 to 34.*

There was a friendly amendment to the motion to change ‘recommend’ to ‘approve’ since Senate is required to approve a new institute.

D. Farenick provided an overview of the new institute and answered questions raised by Senate.

The question was called on the motion.  

**CARRIED**

The Board of Governors will be asked to approve the establishment of the Institute for IMSS at the March meeting.

2. Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies

2.1 Faculty of Arts

Timmons – Kleer

There was an omnibus motion for the following three motions.
2.1.1 Bachelor of Arts Honours - Admission

Moved to revise the admission requirements for all Bachelor of Arts Honours majors, except for those in Geography and Psychology, by replacing the requirement of “completion of, or registration in, 60 credit hours, including the Arts Core Requirements” with a requirement that students must “complete 30 credit hours, including 9 credit hours in the chosen major,” as outlined on Pages 16 and 17 of the Agenda. Effective: 201720.

2.1.2 BA Honours Major in Geography - Admission

Moved to create a calendar entry for the Geography Honours requirements as outlined on Pages 17 and 18 of the Agenda. Effective: 201720.

2.1.3 BA Honours Major in Psychology - Admission

Moved to create a calendar entry for the Psychology Honours application requirements as outlined below on Page 18 of the Agenda. Effective: 201720.

The question was called on the omnibus motion. CARRIED

2.2 Faculty of Engineering & Applied Science

2.2.1 Admission Requirements

Timmons - Hussein

Moved to update the admission requirements to include Calculus 30 as outlined on Pages 18 and 19 of the Agenda. Effective: 201730.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

2.3 Faculty of Media, Art, and Performance

2.3.1 Admissions

Timmons - Staseson

Moved that the following Grade 12 classes from Saskatchewan be accepted as approved electives for admission into the Faculty of Media, Art, and Performance: Physical Education 30, Sociology 30, Political Science 30, Accounting 30, Business Studies 30, and Marketing 30. Effective: 201720.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

2.3.2 Qualifying Program

Timmons - Staseson

Moved to revise the admission requirements outlined in section 2.4.2 of the Undergraduate Calendar to the Faculty of Media, Art, and Performance as outlined on Pages 19 and 20 of the Agenda. Effective: 201730

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED
2.4 Faculty of Social Work

2.4.1 Time Limit and Graduation Requirements

Timmons - McNutt
Moved to add the following to section 17.6 Time Limit and Graduation Requirements:
"CSW students must have a minimum GPA of 70% on the social work studies courses of the CSW program, and a minimum PGPA of 65% on the 60 credit hours contributing to the certificate.

AND
To delete the following from section 17.5.2.2 Faculty Regulations, #1: "For the CSW program, students must achieve an overall GPA of 70% on all courses contributing to the certificate."

Effective: 201710

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

2.5 Joint Motion from Enrolment Services and Faculty of Nursing

2.5.1 Revision of Restrictions on Transfer Regulations

Timmons - Evans
Moved to revise Section 15.2.1 Restrictions on Transfer as outlined below on Pages 20 and 21 of the Agenda, effective for the 201730 admission intake.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

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/eofc-meetings.html

1. Council Agenda Committee
   1.1 Motion to Destroy the Ballots from Council Meeting
   1.2 Update Section 3.4 of the Council Rules and Regulations

2. Council Committee on Academic Mission (CCAM)
   2.1 Update the Council Committee on Academic Mission’s Terms of Reference

3. Council Committee on the Faculty of Graduate Studies & Research
   3.1 Faculty of Social Work
      3.1.1 Program Change – Master of Social Work (thesis)

4. Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies
   4.1 Faculty of Arts
      4.1.1 Department of Geography and Environmental Studies – Human Geography
      4.1.2 Cree Language Studies – Minor
      4.1.3 BA Major in Cree Language Literacy
      4.1.4 Minor in Saulteaux Language Studies
      4.1.5 Saulteaux Language Literacy Studies Major
      4.1.6 Minor in Linguistics
   4.2 Joint Motion from Arts, Centre for Continuing Education, and First Nations University of Canada

   There was a correction to the title in item 4.2, the item should read, ‘Joint Motion from Arts, Centre for Continuing Education, and Luther College’. No changes were made to the motion.
4.2.1 Nonprofit Sector Leadership & Innovation Certificate

4.3 Joint Motions from the Faculty of Arts & the Faculty of Science
4.3.1 BSc Major and BSc Honours Major in Economics
4.3.2 BSc Major and BSc Honours Major in Psychology

4.4 Faculty of Education
4.4.1 Arts Education After Degree Program – EFLD 60
4.4.2 Arts Education After Degree Program
4.4.3 Arts Education After Degree Program – Indigenous Studies
4.4.4 Secondary Dance Education Minor
4.4.5 Arts Education and BEAD Dance Education Concentration
4.4.6 Arts Education Program and BEAD Dance Requirements
4.4.7 EFLD 060
4.4.8 Revisions – BEAD Music Major Program
4.4.9 Music Minors
4.4.10 Elementary BEd Program – ELNG 310
4.4.11 BEd and BA/BEd Bac Elementary Programs
4.4.12 Elementary BEd Indigenous Education Programs
4.4.13 Secondary BEd Indigenous Education Programs
4.4.14 YNTEP

4.5 Joint Motion from the Faculty of Education, Centre for Continuing Education and First Nations University of Canada
4.5.1 Certificate of Extended Studies in First Nations Languages

4.6 Faculty of Engineering & Applied Science
4.6.1 Length and Sequencing of System Engineering Programs
4.6.2 Software Systems Engineering Revisions
4.6.3 Environmental Systems Engineering Revisions
4.6.4 Electronic Systems Engineering Revisions
4.6.5 Petroleum Systems Engineering Revisions
4.6.6 Industrial Systems Engineering Revisions

4.7 Faculty of Kinesiology and Health Studies
4.7.1 Changes to Minor in Kinesiology

4.8 Faculty of Media, Art, and Performance
4.8.1 Probation and Discontinuance
4.8.2 Minor in Photography
4.8.3 BA in Media, Art, and Performance – Creative Technologies Concentration
4.8.4 Bachelor of Arts (Visual Arts): Three Year Special
4.8.5 Bachelor of Arts in Media, Art, and Performance – Cultures of Display
4.8.6 Certificate in Visual Arts
4.8.7 BA Theatre and Performance Major – Acting Concentration

4.9 Faculty of Nursing
4.9.1 Addition to Faculty Academic Performance Regulations
4.9.2 Revision to the Academic Advising and Registration Regulations
4.9.3 Revision to Time Limit Regulations

4.10 Centre for Continuing Education
4.10.1 Certificate in Administration (Indigenous Management) – Level 1
4.10.2 Certificate in Administration (Indigenous Management) – Revisions
4.10.3 Certificate in Indigenous Access Transition Education (IATEC)

4.11 La Cité universitaire francophone
4.11.1 Co-op Program
4.11.2 Certificate in French as a Second Language Program
7. Briefs, Submissions, or Recommendations from Elected or Appointed Senate Members

7.1 Senate Representatives to the Board – Verbal Update

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

- The Board of Governors met only once since the last meeting of Senate – its regularly scheduled meeting in December 2016.
- At its December meeting, the Board approved the Provincial Auditor’s audit plan for the audits that will be conducted on the University’s pension plans for the year ending December 31, 2016 and the University’s financial position for the year ending April 30, 2017.
- The Board also approved a new revised Enterprise Risk Management Framework and Performance Measurement Framework.
- Work continues on the capital projects on campus which include the College West Residence renewal project, the lab building construction project and work on Darke Hall and the College Avenue Campus renewal project.
- In December, the Board of Governors presented one outstanding individual with the Board of Governors’ Distinguished Service Award for their significant service to the University. Mr. Garnet Garven (Dean Emeritus, Faculty of Business Administration) received this honour.
- The Board of Governors continues to see progress on the improvement of the University’s policy framework with the approval of new and revised policies recommended by Management to the Board for approval.
- The Board of Governors issued a call for nominations for this year’s recipient of the Distinguished Service Award and encourages Senators to submit nominations for the Board’s consideration.
- The Board was happy to announce the reappointment of Dr. Vianne Timmons for a third term which will commence on July 1, 2018. The Board thanks everyone who provided input for the Board’s consideration throughout the process.
- The next regular meetings for the Board of Governors are scheduled in March and early May 2017. Budget planning for 2017-18 is underway.

8. Academic and Administrative Reports

8.1 Presentation on ‘Mapping Change’ by Professor Rae Staseson, Dean, Faculty of Media, Art, and Performance

The Provost introduced Professor Rae Staseson, Dean, Faculty of Media, Art, and Performance who provided a presentation on the new branding and initiatives in the Faculty of Media, Art, and Performance (MAP). The presentation is appended to the official file.

The Chancellor thanked R. Staseson for the informative presentation.

9. In Camera session

(There was a brief In Camera session held at 3:20 p.m. 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. The Chancellor confirmed that the committee heard two appeals since the last Senate Meeting. It was reported that the Committee denied one appeal and agreed to overturn the decision and grant the student appeal in the other case.

The verbal report is *appended to the Official File.*

(The *In Camera* session ended at 3:24 p.m.)

10. **Other Business**

Senate acknowledged the President and congratulated the Board for reappointing President Timmons to a third term.

10.1 Next Meeting of Senate – 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 7 June 2017

10.2 Spring Convocation – 2:00 p.m. on June 7, 8 and 9, 2017


Glenys Sylvestre
University Secretary