The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. and introductions were made.

1. Approval of the Agenda

   The following item was added to the Agenda:

   5.2 Senate Executive Committee Report
      5.2.1 Approval of Graduands for Degree Conferral

   Pritchard - Hepp
   Moved approval of the agenda as amended.
   CARRIED

2. Approval of the Minutes of 4 February 2017

   Petry - Gregory
   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 provided an update on new and departing ex officio members on Senate and welcomed the new student Senators to their first Senate meeting. It was reported that Bill Paterson, representative for the Saskatchewan College of
Pharmacy Professionals, resigned on May 2, 2017 due to personal reasons. The appointment is currently vacant.

- The retiring Senators were acknowledged near the end of the meeting under item 10.3.
- Annual Spring Convocation will be held on June 7, 8 and 9, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at the Conexus Arts Centre. The Chancellor acknowledged the Honorary Degree Recipients for Spring Convocation: Kenneth Levene, Timothy Hearn and Beverley Busson.

4.2 President

President Timmons acknowledged and presented a farewell gift to both Dr. Andrew Gaudes, Dean of the Faculty of Business Administration and Dr. Jennifer Tupper, Dean of the Faculty of Education for their long service to the University of Regina.

President Timmons presented the report to Senate which included three key messages that Senators were encouraged to advocate and share with their constituents. There was a brief discussion on the construction project at College Avenue Campus. The President noted that a tour would be arranged for Senate members at a future Senate Meeting.

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

4.3 University Secretary

4.3.1 Annual Enrolment Report 2016 - 2017, Appendix I of the Agenda

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

Discussion followed and management addressed all questions raised.

The President noted that management will provide a presentation on ‘retention initiatives’ at a future Senate meeting.

4.3.2 2017 Senate Election Results, Appendix II of the Agenda

G. Sylvestre reported that the University Secretariat office received nominations for Districts 2 (Weyburn-Indian Head), 9 (North Battleford-Prince Albert) and 11 (Regina). The following candidates were declared elected by acclamation:

- District 9 – Robert Krismer (BEd, BA, PGD (Ed Admin)
- District 11 – Greg Bamford (BAdmin)
- District 11 – Bryan Lacey (BFA)

There were two nominations received for District 2 to fill one vacancy. A Senate Election was required and the counting of ballots took place on May 26, 2017 with J. Tomkins and J. Cormier observing as scrutineers. Sylvestre reported that Patti Kindred, P.Eng. FEC, was elected as the representative for District 2 for a three-year term commencing on July 1, 2017. Sylvestre thanked the candidates for letting their name stand for the Senate election.
No nominations were received for District 8 (Dundurn-Delisle) and 12 (Saskatoon). An appointment to Senate was dealt with under item 5.1.1.

The nominations and election materials are appended to the Official File.

4.3.2.1 Destruction of Senate Election Ballots, Appendix II of the Agenda

Timmons - Smadu

Moved that Senate approves the destruction of the ballots from the 2017 Senate Election.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

5. Reports from Senate Committees

5.1 Senate Nominating Committee Report

5.1.1 Appointment of Senate Representatives to Districts 8 and 12, Appendix III of the Agenda

J. Cormier, Chair of the Senate Nominating Committee presented the item for approval and noted the two vacancies. It was reported that one candidate had been recommended for District 12 (Saskatoon). The following motion was put forward to approve the one-year appointment for District 12. No candidate was recommended for District 8 (Dundurn-Delisle) and Cormier reported that District 8 would remain vacant for the year.

Cormier - Ready

Moved that Senate approves the recommendation from the Senate Nominating Committee to appoint Richard Kies, BAdmin as a representative for District 12 for a one-year term and that District 8 will remain vacant for the year.

G. Sylvestre provided a brief biography for R. Kies.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

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

J. Cormier, Chair of the Senate Nominating Committee presented the item to approve the Senate Standing and Faculty Council Committees for 2017-2018 for approval as noted on Attachment A on Pages 13-15 of the agenda. G. Sylvestre reported one amendment on Page 15; to remove J. Maierhofer from the Faculty Council for the Faculty of Business Administration as he will complete his first term on Senate on June 30, 2017. It was confirmed that the Faculty Council Committee will have one vacancy for the year.

Cormier - Smadu

Moved that Senate approves the recommendation, as amended, from the Senate Nominating Committee 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 Official File as amended.

The question was called on the amended motion. CARRIED

5.1.3 Election of a Senate Member to the Board of Governors, Appendix III of the Agenda

Two nominations were received prior to the May 24 deadline. Biographies were distributed at the meeting. Each candidate was permitted to speak for two minutes regarding their nomination. E. Brenner and D. McMartin agreed to volunteer to be scrutineers for the election.

Ballots were circulated and collected. The scrutineers, R. Seidler and Y. Yevlanova withdrew from the meeting to count the ballots. The scrutineers returned to the meeting and Yevlanova reported the results to G. Sylvestre and withdrew from the meeting. The results were announced under item 10.1.

All documentation is appended to the official file.

5.2 Senate Executive Committee Report

5.2.1 Approval of Graduands for Degree Conferral, 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 a past Executive of Council meeting. The Senate Executive Committee responded to an email ballot and recommended the following motion be approved by Senate.

Timmons - Chase
Moved that Senate, on the recommendation of the Senate Executive Committee, approve two students, whose names are appended to the official file, having satisfied the requirements, be granted the degrees as designated.

The item is appended to the Official File.

The question was appended to the Official File. CARRIED

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

President Timmons presented the report.

1. Council Committee on the Faculty of Graduate Studies & Research

1.1 Faculty of Business Administration

1.1.1 Admission – Levene MBA

Timmons - Gaudes
Moved that the admissions criteria for the Levene MBA program be changed effective 201720.
The question was called on the motion.  

1.1.2 Admissions – Post Graduate Diploma

Timmons - Gaudes

Moved that the admissions criteria for the Post Graduate Diploma program be changed effective 201720.

The question was called on the motion.  

CARRIED

1.2 Faculty of Education

1.2.1 Masters Certificate in Education Technology and Media Program - NEW

Timmons – Staseson

Moved that the Masters Certificate in Education Technology and Media program be created effective 201810.

The question was called on the motion.  

CARRIED

2. Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies

2.1 Faculty of Nursing

2.1.1 Creation of BScN Bilingual Option

Timmons – Gregory

Moved to approve the template for the BScN Bilingual option as noted on Pages 19-20 of the Agenda, effective for the 2018 Fall intake.

Questions were addressed by the Dean of Nursing.

The question was called on the motion.  

CARRIED

2.1.2 Admission requirements for the BScN Bilingual Option

Timmons – Gregory

Moved to approve the admission requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN) Bilingual option as noted on Page 20 of the Agenda, effective 201830.

The question was called on the motion.  

CARRIED

2.2 La Cite Universitaire Francophone

2.2.1 Creation of Certificate in French & Francophone Intercultural Studies

Timmons – Aito

Moved that the creation of a Certificate in French and Francophone Intercultural Studies be approved as noted on Page 21 of the Agenda, effective 201830:
La Cité universitaire francophone recommande l’approbation d’un nouveau Certificat en études francophones et interculturelles.

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. Council Committee on Academic Mission

1.1 Academic Mission Vision Statement

President Timmons reported that the above item was referred back to the Committee, so will be provided for information at a future Senate meeting.

2. Council Committee on Faculty of Graduate Studies & Research

2.1 Faculty of Business Administration
   2.1.1 MAdmin Leadership – Revisions
   2.1.2 Master of Human Resource Management – Revisions
   2.1.3 Change to Co-op Policy

2.2 Faculty of Education
   2.2.1 Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction Program
   2.2.2 Master of Indigenous Education

2.3 Faculty of Engineering & Applied Science
   2.3.1 Master of Applied Science Petroleum Systems Engineering – Revisions

2.4 Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research
   2.4.1 Gerontology – Revisions
   2.4.2 PhD Committee Terms of Reference
   2.4.3 Scholarship and Awards Committee Terms of Reference
   2.4.4 JSGSPP – Master of Public Policy – Revision
   2.4.5 Accreditation Policy Change
   2.4.6 JSGSPP – Revision PhD in Public Policy
   2.4.7 JSGSPP – Revision Master in Public Policy

2.5 Faculty of Science
   2.5.1 Master of Science Biochemistry – Revisions
   2.5.2 Master of Science – Revisions
   2.5.3 PhD in biochemistry and Chemistry – Revisions

2.6 Faculty of Social Work
   2.6.1 Master of Social Work (thesis and practicum route) – Program Change

2.7 La Cite Universitaire Francophone
   2.7.1 Name Change – Master of Arts in French and Francophone Intercultural Studies

3. Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies

3.1 Terms of Reference
3.1.1 Terms of Reference

3.2 Faculty of Arts
  3.2.1 Revision to the Catholic Studies Minor

3.3 Faculty of Education
  3.3.1 Changes to Secondary Social Studies Education

3.4 Faculty of Engineering & Applied Science
  3.4.1 Revisions to the Oil and Gas Engineering Minor

3.5 Faculty of Nursing
  3.5.1 Creation of an option to complete a Minor outside of the Faculty of Nursing

3.6 Faculty of Science
  3.6.1 Revisions to the BSc and BSc Honours in Physics major, and BSc in Applied Physics Program

3.7 Centre for Continuing Education
  3.7.1 Concurrent Programs
  3.7.2 Revision – English Language Proficiency
  3.7.3 Casual Student Program
  3.7.4 English as a Second Language Regular Program, Placement Testing

4. Council Nominating Committee
  4.1.1 Replacements on Council Committees requiring Council Membership

The University Secretariat office will add a glossary into the Executive of Council report to define the terms used for the Fall, Spring/Summer and Winter semesters.

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 which included the following report:

- The Board of Governors has held two regular meetings since the last meeting of Senate, a meeting in March and a meeting in early May.
- The Board also approved a comprehensive 2017-2018 Annual Internal Audit Plan and an updated 2017 University Risk Register and Performance Measurement Framework.
- At the May Board meeting, the Board approved the financial statements for the University’s pension plans for the year ending December 31, 2016 with a clean audit opinion reported by the Provincial Auditors.
- The Board also approved the 23rd consecutive balanced operating budget. As part of the budgeting process, student tuition and fees have been increased by 2.5%.
- The development of this budget was especially challenging, because the University is having to cope with nearly $7 million in provincial government funding cuts. The
Board would like to acknowledge the work of those who provided the detailed material upon which we could base our budgeting decisions.

- The Board will approve the annual audited financial statements for the University and the 2016-17 Annual Report at the July Board meeting.
- The Board approved the tentative agreement with CUPE 5791 for a new two-year collective agreement covering the period from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2017. The CUPE membership ratified the agreement following Board approval.
- It was noted that Jermain McKenzie was re-elected President of the Students’ Union for a second term which will expire on April 30, 2018.
- Dr. Carlos Londoño-Sulkin, Professor in the Department of Anthropology, was elected as the new Faculty member to the Board for a three-year term which commences on July 1, 2017. Dr. Londoño-Sulkin will replace Dr. Mark Brigham, a professor and head of the Department of Biology who has served two-three year terms on the Board.
- Dr. Brigham was thanked for his dedicated service and contribution on the Board over the past six years.
- The next regular meetings for the Board of Governors are scheduled for early July and mid-September 2017.
- It was reported that Elaine Bourassa, elected Senator on the Board, will end her second term on the Board on June 30, 2017. There will be an elected member of Senate to join the Board on July 1, 2017 announced at today’s meeting. Elaine was thanked for her dedicated service and contribution on Senate and the Board over the past six years.

There was a brief update on the construction projects for College West and the Laboratory buildings. Discussion followed and questions were addressed.

President Timmons suggested that management provide a presentation on ‘risk analysis’ at a future Senate meeting.

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

(There was a break at 10:17 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 10:35 a.m.)

8. Academic and Administrative Reports

8.1 There was a presentation titled, ‘Overview of the 2017-18 University Budget’ provided by Dr. Thomas Chase, Provost and Vice-President (Academic)

President Timmons provided introductions. Dr. Chase provided an overview of the 2017-18 Budget. The Provost alerted Senators to view the budget information on the Office of Resource Planning web page at the following link: https://www.uregina.ca/orp/

Discussion followed. All questions were addressed by management.

The presentation is appended to the Official File.

Chancellor Tomkins thanked Dr. Chase for his presentation.
9. **In Camera Session**

9.1 Report from the Senate Appeals Committee, *Verbal Update*

Chancellor Tomkins provided a verbal report and noted that the committee heard four appeals since the last Senate meeting in February. It was reported that all four appeals were denied by the committee. The verbal report is *appended to the official file.*

The Chancellor provided an overview of the process for the hearings and thanked current and past Senate members who have served on the Senate Appeals Committee.

9.2 Honorary Degree Candidates for Addition to the Approved Roster, Appendix V of the Agenda, *distributed to Senators during the In Camera session*

Ellis - Xavier

*Moved that the list of honorary degree candidates for addition to the Approved Roster, appended to the University’s official file, be approved.*

The item was presented for approval. Senators were reminded to hand in the confidential document at the end of the meeting.

*All documentation is appended to the official file.*

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

(The *In Camera* session ended and E. Brenner rejoined the meeting)

10. **Other Business**

10.1 Report from Scrutineers, *Verbal Report*

G. Sylvestre reported that Dr. Marlene Smadu was elected as the Senate member to the Board of Governors for a three-year term effective July 1, 2017.

The nominees were thanked for letting their name stand for the election.

10.2 Destruction of Election Ballots

Pritchard - Riemer

*Moved to destroy the ballots for item 5.1.3.*

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

10.3 Recognition of Departing Senate Members

The Chancellor and the President recognized the following departing members of Senate for their dedication and service to the University.
Elaine Bourassa, Elected Senator to the Board
Cara Bradley, Saskatchewan Library Association
Judy Cormier, District 11 (Regina)
Joe Maierhoffer, District 2 (Weyburn-Indian Head)
Don Millard, District 11 (Regina)
Dr. James Ross, Saskatchewan Association of Optometrists
Dr. Rosemary Ward, Saskatchewan Veterinary Medical Association
Cindy Xavier, District 12 (Saskatoon)

10.4 Next Meeting of Senate – 9:00 a.m., Friday, 20 October 2017

11. Adjournment – 11:35 a.m. Riemer.

Glenys Sylvestre
University Secretary