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

1. Approval of the Agenda

Item 5.1.3 The agenda was amended to add as an approval item as part of the Senate Executive Committee report.

Smadu – Farenick

 Moved approval of the agenda as amended.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Minutes of 7 June 2017

Hepp - Ellis

 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 Fall Convocation will be held at 2:00pm at the Conexus Arts Centre. This will be the largest Fall Convocation.
- The Chancellor acknowledged the Honorary Degree recipient for Fall Convocation, Murad Al-Katib, and reminded Senators to consider nominating Honorary Degree candidates.

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

- The President acknowledged new Senate Members, Dr. Andrea Sterzuk, Acting Dean, Faculty of Education, and Dr. David Senkow, Acting Dean, Faculty of Business Administration.
- Students are once again attending our University in record numbers. Enrolment is up more than a third since 2008. This continues to be positive as Spring/Summer enrolment was up 5.3%, Fall 2017 up 2.9%, end of September 2017, student enrolment is 15,276 students.
- The University of Regina has done its part in terms of operating cuts.
- There were two holdovers in Deliberation and Debate series that took place in September.
- We have new appointments in the Ministry. Kevin Doherty, Minister of Advanced Education, and Mark McLoughlin, Deputy Minister of Advanced Education.
- Congratulations to Campion on its 100th Anniversary.
- The President invited Senators to participate in the Library’s 50th Anniversary celebrations.

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

4.3 University Secretary

4.3.1 Fall 2017 In-Progress Report of Registrations and Graduation, For Information, Appendix I

J. Smith, Associate Vice-President (Student Affairs) presented the report for information and provided a brief overview of the Fall 2017 enrolment compared to Fall 2016 highlights, five-year comparison details, self-declared aboriginal and five year increase in international students. J. Smith also reported on the off-campus and online course registration and graduation and convocation.

J. Smith reported on the Open House on-the-spot admission that took place last Saturday. Overall 1200 attendees, 600 applications and 400 new students were admitted.

4.3.2 2018 Senate Election, For Information, Appendix II

G. Sylvestre presented the report for information and noted that the call for nominations and election dates will be advertised in the Degrees magazine and posted on the University of Regina website. Reminders will be sent out to Senate and there will be an additional reminder at the February Senate meeting.

G. Sylvestre noted that nominations are required specifically for District 6 (Melville-Yorkton-Hudson Bay), and District 8 (Dundurn-Delisle)

5. Reports from Senate Committees

5.1 Senate Executive Committee

5.1.1 June Graduand Lists, For Information, Appendix III

Chancellor Tomkins presented the report for information, which was approved by email ballot, on 29 June 2017 by the Senate Executive Committee.

5.1.2 Omnibus Approval of the Minutes from E-mail Ballots, For Approval, Appendix IV

5.1.2.1 Minutes from E-mail Ballot of 18 January 2012
Minutes from E-mail Ballot of 22 February 2012
Minutes from E-mail Ballot of 24 May 2012
Minutes from E-mail Ballot of 2 June 2014
Minutes from E-mail Ballot of 7 October 2015
Minutes from E-mail Ballot of 3 October 2016
Minutes from E-mail Ballot of 30 May 2017
Minutes from E-mail Ballot of 29 June 2017

Chancellor Tomkins brought to the attention of the Senate that past minutes from various meetings of 2012-2017 were not approved.

Blackmore – Petry
Moved to pass the Omnibus Motion of approval of the above stated minutes from Senate Executive Committee Meetings.

The question was called on the omnibus motion. CARRIED

5.1.3 Approval of Graduands from the Faculty of Nursing.

Gregory – Timmons
Moved to pass the approval of seven graduands from the Faculty of Nursing, whose names are appended to the Official File, having satisfied the requirements, be granted the degrees as designated.

Seven graduation applications for the upcoming Fall 2017 Convocation were approved in the system, but missed on the report for Executive Council on September 17, 2017. The students have completed their program requirements in time to be considered for the Fall 2017 Convocation.

The item is appended to the Official File.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

5.2 Senate Membership and Elections Committee

5.2.1 Reinstate Membership – Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW), For Approval, Appendix V

Chancellor Tomkins presented the item for approval, and explained the misunderstanding that had occurred.

Smadu – Stadnek
Moved that Senate approves reinstatement of membership of the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) Saskatchewan Council on the University of Regina Senate as a Professional Society effective immediately.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

6. Report from Executive of Council, Appendix VI

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

1.1 Faculty of Graduate Studies & Research

1.1.1 Graduate Co-operative Education Program
Timmons - Bredohl

Moved approval that the Graduate Co-operative Education program change effective 201810.

T. Bredohl explained that the purpose of the motion is to allow access to Co-operative Education option to all Graduate students.

The question was called on the motion.  CARRIED

1.2 Faculty of Science

1.2.1 Program Suspension – MHIM

Timmons – Farenick

Moved approval that the Master of Health Information Management (MHIM) program be suspended effective 201730.

The funding for the new hire who was expected to support this program is no longer available.

The question was called on the motion.  CARRIED

2. Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies

2.1 CCUAS

2.1.1 Fresh Start Program Revisions

Timmons – Petry

Moved to revise the Fresh Start Program as outlined in the 2017/2018 Calendar, effective date: 201820

The Registrar addressed all questions, and explained that student grades are not used in calculating PGPA, although they remain on their transcript.

The question was called on the motion.  CARRIED

2.2 Faculty of Education

2.1.2 New Certificate: Teaching Elementary School Mathematics

Timmons – Sterzuk

Moved that the following Certificate in Teaching Elementary School Mathematics (TESM) be approved as outlined, effective immediately.

Discussion occurred regarding K-12 deficiencies in math basic knowledge, possible generational issues in math concepts and understanding, as well as a need for all elementary education teachers to have an understanding of mathematics concepts.

The question was called on the motion.  CARRIED

2.2.2 New Program: B.Ed. (Indigenous Education), Dene Immersion

Timmons – Sterzuk
Moved that the Bachelor of Education (Indigenous Education), Dene Immersion, developed by the First Nations University of Canada, be approved as listed, effective immediately.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

2.3 Centre for Continuing Education

2.3.1 New Certificate: Indigenous Economic Development

Timmons – Morin
Motion to create the Certificate in Indigenous Economic Development, effective immediately.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

2.3.2 New Certificate: Indigenous Management II

Timmons – Morin
Motion to approve the Certificate in Indigenous Management II, effective immediately.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

2.3.3 New Certificate: Reconciliation Studies

Timmons – Morin
Motion to approve the Certificate of Reconciliation Studies, effective immediately.

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

Items for Information

1. **Council, Committee on Academic Mission**
   1.1 Academic Mission Vision Statement
   1.2 Revision to Academic Program Approval Process

2. **Council Committee on Budget**
   2.1 Annual Report

3. **Council Committee on the Faculty of Graduate Studies & Research**
   3.1 Faculty of Education
      3.1.1 Program Change
   3.2 Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research
      3.2.1 Graduate Co-operative Course Policy
      3.2.2 Graduate Transfer Credit Policy

4. **FGSR Graduate Scholarship and Awards Committee**
   4.1 President’s Distinguished Graduate Award

5. **Council Committee on Student Appeals**
   5.1 Annual Report

6. **Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies**
   6.1 Faculty of Arts
      6.1.1 Bachelor of Arts, Linguistics Major Revisions
   6.2 Faculty of Education
      6.2.1 Changes to Secondary Education
      6.2.2 Changes to Indigenous Education
   6.3 Faculty of Science
      6.3.1 BSc and BSc Hons in Environmental Biology program revisions
      6.3.2 New Concentration: BSc in Computer Science, Creative Technologies Concentration
      6.3.3 BSc in Statistics program revisions
      6.3.4 Revision of BSc in Indigenous Environmental Science (in conjunction with First Nations University of Canada)
      6.3.5 Revisions in Computer Science and Mathematics
      6.3.6 Science Qualifying Process Revision
   6.4 Centre for Continuing Education
      6.4.1 Certificate in Administration (Indigenous Management) Level I Name Amendment
   6.5 Faculties of Arts and Science
      6.5.1 BSc Major in Geography (in conjunction with the Department of Geography) Program Revisions
      6.5.2 BSc Combined Major in Biology and Geography (in conjunction with the Department of Geography) Program Revisions

6.6 Faculties of Arts and KHS in Partnership with First Nations University of Canada
   6.6.1 Graduating PGPA for the Bachelor of Health Studies
   6.6.2 Introductory Course Definition for the Bachelor of Health Studies
6.6.3 Deletion of Courses from the Bachelor of Health Studies
6.6.4 Additional Course Options for the Bachelor of Health Studies

6.7 Registrar’s Office
6.7.1 2018-19 Academic Schedule
6.7.2 Academic Recovery Program Revisions

7. Council Discipline Committee
7.1 Annual Report

8. Council Committee on Undergraduate Awards
8.1 President’s Medal for 2017 Fall Convocation

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

A. Opseth and M. Smadu 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 has held two regular meetings since the last meeting of Senate – a meeting was held in July and September.
- At the July Board Meeting, the Board approved the financial statements for the year ending April 30, 2017, and received a clean audit opinion.
- During the summer 2017, Board Evaluation and Board Skills Matrix Rating surveys were sent out to all Board members to complete. Results were reviewed by the Board at the September meeting.
- Dave Button, VP Administration, received the ‘Ken Clements Distinguished Administrator Award’ from the Canadian Association of University Business Officers.
- September 22nd, the Saskatchewan Roughriders inducted Roger Brandvold and Wes Cates into the team’s Plaza of Honour. Brandvold was appointed to the Riders’ board of directors in 2005. He remained on the board for nine years. Roger has been a member of the U of R Board since 2015.
- A Board Dinner was held in August with the File Hills Qu’Appelle Tribal Council Chiefs.
- At the September Board Meeting, Board standing committees approved 2017-18 Terms of Reference and Annual Work Plans.
- At the September Board Meeting, Board approved the Performance Measurement Framework (PMF) targets for 2017-2018.
- A half-day Board Retreat was held on September 27th where the focus of discussion was Revenue Generation: Where we have been, Where we could go, and Next Steps. The goal of the retreat was to be interactive and thinking of innovative ideas for generating additional revenue for the University.
- The next regular meeting for the Board of Governors is scheduled for December 7, 2017.

The Chancellor thanked A. Opseth and M. Smadu for their reports.

(There was a break at 10:23 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 10:43 a.m.)

8. Academic and Administrative Reports

8.1 Presentation on “Gathering Diversities” by Dr. Thomas Chase, Provost and Vice-President (Academic)
Dr. Chase provided a presentation on Congress 2018, which will be occurring on campus May 26 – June 1, 2018. 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, guests were not required to withdraw from the meeting.)

9.1 Honorary Degree Candidate for Addition to the Approved Roster, For Approval, Appendix VII, distributed *confidentially*

Timmons – Chase

*Motion that the Honorary Degree candidate for addition to the Approved Roster, appended to the University’s official file, be approved.*

The addition to the Approved Roster is appended to the Official File.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

10. Other Business

10.1 Next Meeting of Senate – 9:00 a.m., Friday, 2 February 2018

11. Adjournment - 11:20 a.m. Stadnek

Glenys Sylvestre
Executive Director, University Governance