I Opening Session

1. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted as circulated.

Carried

The Chancellor explained that the purpose of the meeting was to vote on a procedural motion to allow electronic voting on the new University Council by-laws, to implement the mandate for reform that Council had endorsed earlier in April. Although the vote could have taken place with a quorum of 15 voters under the current by-law, the goal was to reach as many councillors as possible by allowing them to vote via teleconference.

He thanked the councillors who participated in the vote for the new mandate. The result was 89 per cent in favour of the mandate with 103 councillors participating.

II New Business

1. Resolution to authorize an electronic vote on the University Council By-laws

Moved by A. Holt, seconded by A. Whyte:

That notwithstanding the provisions of By-law A, Section A20 of the Council By-laws, proposed By-laws A through I, as distributed to the members of the Council on April 8, 2013, may be adopted by electronic vote of the membership (as opposed to a vote of members present at a meeting) to take place between April 25, 2013 and May 6, 2013 inclusive and the existing By-laws A through G may be repealed using the same process.

Carried
The Chancellor noted that councillors were sent an email link to the proposed by-laws and the proposed mandate on March 8, 2013. The by-laws that were distributed to councillors on April 9 included minor changes suggested by some councillors during the consultation period, and were primarily for clarification.

The following points were noted:
- Concern was expressed about councillor turnover and the re-election process and that the breadth of Queen’s alumni skills and expertise should not be overlooked.
- Council in its new format will regularly review the by-laws for relevancy.
- A mandatory review of the mandate by the University Council Executive will take place in 2017.

The proposed by-laws implement the mandate endorsed by University Council: [http://www.queensu.ca/secretariat/council/bylaws2013.html](http://www.queensu.ca/secretariat/council/bylaws2013.html)

The Chancellor noted that the results of the by-law vote from April 25 to May 6 would be communicated to councillors via email after the close of the vote.

**Secretary’s note:**
The results of the by-law vote from April 25 to May 6 were as follows:

**Are you in favour of adopting proposed University Council By-laws A through I, as distributed to members of the Council on April 8, 2013 and repealing existing By-laws A through G?**

*Carried*

89 (94%) in favour, 6 opposed

III Other Business
None

IV Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 1:23 p.m.