

**Brandon University Board of Governors  
(Open Session)**

**Thursday, February 28, 2008  
Louis Riel Room**

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**Present:** Mr. J. Janzen (Chair), Dr. L. Visentin, Mr. S. Stewart, Ms P. Gardner, Mr. T. Mathews, Mr. N. Peto, Mr. J. Naylor, Mr. R. Lonstrup, Dr. R. Robinson, Mr. S. Montague, Ms K. Decter, Mr. J. Malik

**Resource:** Dr. S. Grills, Mr. S. Lamont, Mrs. C. Magee, Mrs. K. Fisher (Recorder)

**Regrets:** Ms K. Janz, Mr. E. Schreyer, Mrs. K. Gross, Mr. B. Gamblin

**Absent:** Ms L. Wishart

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**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:12 p.m. and welcomed Mrs. Kristen Fisher as the new Administrative Assistant in the Office of the President, and Mrs. Charlotte Magee, filling in for Mrs. Katie Gross who was away due to illness.

**2.0 AGENDA AND MINUTES**

2.1 Approval of Agenda of February 28, 2008

Motion: Moved and seconded (R. Robinson/S. Stewart)

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda of the February 28, 2008, Board of Governors meeting (Open Session) be approved as amended:**

Add:

9.6 Brandon Sun, February 27, 2008 – Pupils agree to pay extra at BU

**20 Feb08  
CARRIED AS AMENDED**

2.2 Move to Closed Session

Motion: Moved and seconded (R. Lonstrup/K. Decter)

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting moves to Closed Session.**

**CARRIED**

2.3 Approval of Minutes of January 24, 2008

Motion: Moved and seconded (P. Gardner/K. Decter)

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the January 24, 2008, Board of Governors meeting Open session be approved.**

**24 Feb08  
CARRIED**

2.4 Motion(s) Raised from Closed Session

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following motion(s) were raised from Closed Session:**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Governors receive the Report of the External Review of the School of Music for information;**

**AND BE IT RESOLVED THAT only the Summary of Recommendations (Appendix A) be moved into Open Session.**

**3.0 DELEGATIONS**

3.1 There were no delegations.

**4.0 CONTINUING BUSINESS**

4.1 There was no continuing business.

**5.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

5.1 Thank You Letters – Board of Governors Entrance Scholarships

Thank you letters were received from ten (10) students who have received Board of Governors Entrance Scholarships.

5.2 BUFA, Re: Respectful Environment Policy

Mr. Peto commented that on the Day of Action the funding lapse screen went to their emergency screen. This was an oversight and he shared his apologies for that and announced that the problem has been addressed.

Dr. Naylor questioned the status of the Respectful Environment Policy. Mr. Lamont stated that the Policy had been to the President's Advisory Group and the

lawyers, and once reviewed, it will come back to the Board for approval and will go to the unions as well.

5.3 Letter from MGEU, dated February 15, 2008, regarding Meeting to Discuss Emergency Procedures, December 13<sup>th</sup>

The members acknowledged the letter as included in the package. No discussion occurred.

**6.0 REPORTS**

6.1 Executive Committee (R. Lonstrup)

No meetings have been held.

6.2 President (Dr. L. Visentin)

a) Other Matters

January

- 25<sup>th</sup> – Conference Call with COPUM and Ministers, McGifford, Selinger and MacIntosh, and Mr. Paul Vogt

February

- 4<sup>th</sup> – City Council Meeting Re: Fitness Centre Support
- 6<sup>th</sup> – CANARIE Meeting (A. Dunthorne, VPs, Gerry Miller, A. Gulliver)
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Day of Action Kick Off
- 18<sup>th</sup> – University Closed Louis Riel Day; Dinner with Joel Ward et al
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Meeting with Merv Tweed, Lamont, De Fazio
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Meetings Elections Manitoba Electoral Divisions Boundary Commission

Upcoming

- February 29<sup>th</sup> – Reading with YMCA children; Art Auction at Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba
- March 5 – 9<sup>th</sup> – COWCUP Victoria, Alumni Event
- March 11<sup>th</sup> – COPUM
- March 12<sup>th</sup> – MAC Emotional Intelligence Workshop with Erica Weshnoweski
- March 19<sup>th</sup> – Bilingual Career Symposium with Canadian Parents for French
- March 21<sup>st</sup> – University Closed to observe Good Friday

b) Brandon University Energy Audit – Final Report

Dr. Visentin commended Mr. Lamont for his work on this initiative.

Mr. Lamont stated that the University saves approximately 20% on energy annually (these figures being adjusted back to the 2002/2003 consumption records). We are currently cutting approximately \$100,000.00 per year even with our increased facility space and consumption.

Mr. Lamont reported that Mr. Kelly Stifora, Communications Officer, is currently working on a press release for this information.

c) Motion: BU Fitness Centre

Motion: Moved and Seconded (L. Visentin/N. Peto)

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Governors approve the implementation of a fitness membership fee of \$35 per term (maximum of two terms per year) for all full- and part-time on-campus students to commence in the first term during which students will have access to the enhanced programs and facilities for which the fee is charged. The fee is to be adjusted annually thereafter based on Consumer Price Index changes in the Province of Manitoba as agreed in the attached Memorandum of Agreement. The fee is to be mandatory and non-refundable. Revenue generated by the fee will be allocated to the operations of the fitness facility to enhance current budget allocations.**

Dr. Visentin read the motion aloud and corrected the motion to reflect the students' understanding that the \$35 fee would be charged a maximum of two terms per year as opposed to three as indicated in the motion wording.

Dr. Naylor questioned whether the \$70.00 per school year would grant a full one-year membership.

Mr. Peto stated that he and the Council had been working very closely with the Administration on a Memorandum of Understanding. He further explained that although originally the Students' Union was to have a referendum in the matter, however, a plebiscite was utilized instead. He reported that 433 votes were received, 33 of which were spoiled, and that 58% were in favour and 42% were opposed. Mr. Peto also discussed this process with representatives from both the University of Winnipeg and the University of Manitoba, both of whom reported that they had similar experiences.

Mr. Montague questioned that if this motion is passed would the students who pay the fee be expected to pay admittance fees for events in the gym as well.

Mr. Lamont stated that these details have not yet been determined but he does not believe that it is the University's intention to start charging students admittance to gym events.

**25 Feb08  
CARRIED**

6.3 Board Budget Committee (J. Janzen)

The Chair shared that a meeting occurred this past Tuesday, February 26, 2008. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 10, 2008, at 4:00 p.m. to be followed by the BOG Executive meeting.

6.4 By-laws and Nominating Committee (J. Janzen)

a) Presidential Search Representatives

Three (3) names were put forward to be selected as Presidential Search Representatives. The names were as follows: Ms Perri Gardner, Ms Kristine Janz, and Mr. Scott Stewart. The Chair asked Mrs. Magee to circulate ballots and Ms Perri Gardner and Mr. Scott Stewart were selected as the new representatives.

Motion: Moved and Seconded (S. Montague/J. Naylor)

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Perri Gardner and Scott Stewart be named as the Board of Governors representatives on the Presidential Search Committee.**

**CARRIED**

6.5 Brandon University Foundation (Vacant/Vacant/J. Malik)

No meetings have been held. The next meeting is to take place next month.

6.6 Knowles-Douglas Student Centre (S. Lamont/Vacant/Vacant)

No meetings have been held.

6.7 Board of Trustees of the BU Retirement Plan (S. Lamont/B. Gamblin)

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 13, 2008.

6.8 Review Committee on the Status of Women (J. Malik)

Mr. Malik reported the following:

- A meeting was held on Wednesday, February 28, 2008.
- Thirteen (13) people attended Panel Discussion entitled “Doing Academia Differently”, which was held in January. This event was well appreciated. A follow-up session is planned for the month of April.
- Compiling of Profiles of female students and faculty is in progress for International Woman’s Day.
- Woman’s Research Network brown bag lunches are being well received. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 6, 2008.
- The next meeting of the Review Committee on the Review Committee on the Status of Women will be held on Thursday, March 20, 2008.

6.9 Senate (R. Robinson/J. Naylor)

Dr. Robinson referred the Board to items 9.1 (final list of graduates for February 5, 2008 on-paper graduation) and the report on the School of Music.

6.10 Brandon University Alumni Association (R. Lonstrup)

Mr. Lonstrup reported the following:

- No new meeting was held in January but he was now in a position to report on their previous meeting.
- Fall/Winter issue of Alumni News featured Kris Palson.
- Spring/Summer issue of Alumni News is to focus on research at BU.
- COWCUP Alumni Event on March 8, 2008, in Victoria, B.C.
- Potential Saskatoon Alumni Event Featuring Dr. Isabelle Mills Ensemble.
- Exam relief (coffee & donuts) from November 30 – December 6, 2007, at four different locations on campus.
- New higher quality alumni cards to be printed and handed out at convocation – sharper look with more flash.
- Carla Eisler working on new logo which will require Board and University approval.
- Alumni purchased \$300.00 in tickets for alumni to attend the Bobcats Day Social.

6.11 Brandon University Students' Union (N. Peto/S. Montague)

The BUSU President reported the following:

- Day of Action – a petition for more funding for labs was circulated. One thousand signatures were collected and it was then handed over to Drew Caldwell.
- Had walkthroughs with Jennifer Howard, Drew Caldwell and Diane McGifford.
- Attended Brandon City Counsel meeting on February 4. Were hoping to have decision regarding the gym funding agreement but it was deferred to March 17.
- Health and dental plan will go to ballot during referendum run during general election
- AGM on February 26 – reported to membership
- Awarded work study grants approximately a week ago. Nineteen applications were received and ten were fully funded. BUSU wants to increase partnership with BU.
- Planning on doing an official launch of BU | Now Program. Waiting for alumni logo so they can acknowledge their sponsorship

**7.0 NEW BUSINESS**

7.1 There was no new business.

**8.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

8.1 There was no other business.

**9.0 INFORMATION**

9.1 There was no information.

**10.0 ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: Moved and seconded (R. Robinson/K. Decter)

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting adjourn (7:04 p.m.)**

**CARRIED**

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Chair, Board of Governors

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Secretary, Board of Governors