

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

**Thursday, March 27, 2008  
Louis Riel Room**

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**Present:** Mr. R. Lonstrup (Vice-Chair), Mr. S. Stewart, Mr. B. Gamblin, Mr. N. Peto, Mr. J. Naylor, Dr. R. Robinson, Mr. S. Montague, Ms K. Decter, Ms L. Wishart

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

**Regrets:** Mr. J. Janzen (Chair), Dr. L. Visentin, Ms P. Gardner, Mr. T. Mathews, Mr. J. Malik, Mr. E. Schreyer

**Absent:** Ms K. Janz

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**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:13 p.m.

**2.0 AGENDA AND MINUTES**

2.1 Approval of Agenda of March 27, 2008

Motion: Moved and seconded (K. Decter/S. Stewart)

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda of the March 27, 2008, Board of Governors meeting (Open Session) be approved.**

**30 Mar08  
CARRIED**

2.2 Move to Closed Session

Motion: Moved and seconded (J. Naylor/L. Wishart)

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

2.3 Approval of Minutes of February 28, 2008

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

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the February 28, 2008, Board of Governors meeting Open session be approved as amended:**

**Amendment:**

**6.9 Should read: (final list of graduates for February 5, 2008 on-paper graduation)**

**33 Mar08  
CARRIED  
AS AMENDED**

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 Dr. John Everitt be granted Professor Emeritus status.**

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

**AND BE IT RESOLVED THAT only the Summary of Recommendations for the External Review of Student Services 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 Letter from Minister McGifford re Deputy Minister

Letter dated February 28, 2008, from Minister McGifford announces appointment of Heather Reichert as Deputy Minister of Advanced Education and Literacy effective March 1, 2008.

5.2 Letter from Premier Doer re Brandon University Healthy Living Centre

Letter dated March 4, 2008, from Premier Doer offering continued support in working with the City of Brandon and the federal government to move forward both the YMCA and BU Fitness Centre projects.

5.3 Thank You Letters – Board of Governors Entrance Scholarships

Thank you letters were received from three (3) students who have received Board of Governors Entrance Scholarships.

**6.0 REPORTS**

6.1 Executive Committee (R. Lonstrup)

- a) Motion: Administrative Leave – Dr. Glen Carruthers

Motion: Moved and Seconded (J. Naylor/N. Peto)

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Dr. Glen Carruthers, Dean of Music, be granted an administrative leave from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 at 80% of base salary.**

Dr. Grills stated that Dr. Carruthers has served an additional five years as Dean of Music and that his request for leave is consistent with the guidelines.

**28 Mar08  
CARRIED**

- b) Motion: Appointment to Brandon University Early Learning Centre Inc.

Motion: Moved and Seconded (B. Gamblin/R. Robinson)

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Sally Spiss and Marion Terry be appointed to Brandon University Early Learning Centre Inc. Board of Directors for a renewable term of up to three years.**

Ms Gross stated that it is the job of the Board of Governors to appoint two people to the Brandon University Early Learning Centre Inc. Board of Directors. This motion will come forward every three years. Sally Spiss represents Finance and Registration and Marion Terry represents Student Services.

**29 Mar08  
CARRIED**

c) Presidential Search

Ms Gross reported that the Board of Governors Executive has short-listed three search firms who will make presentations in mid-April. The Board Executive will decide which search consultant will be hired and the process will then be taken over by the Presidential Search Committee. It will be their job to formulate job ads, outline the terms and conditions, ask for feedback from campus community, etc. A website has been created for the presidential search where community members can check for updates.

Mr Peto stated that some members of the Presidential Search Committee had concerns regarding the Board Executive selecting the search consultant.

Ms Gross stated that the process was outlined in the policy and people were satisfied once this was pointed out.

6.2 President (Dr. L. Visentin)

a) Other Matters

No other matters were discussed.

Mr. Stewart used this opportunity to request an update regarding the BU Healthy Living Centre.

Mr. Lamont stated that with the motion passed on March 17, 2008, by Brandon City Council, the file was complete with respect to government funding. The federal government was not willing to go further until they received the endorsement from the City and the provincial government. Right now we are waiting for the government to make the decision to move forward. As it sits we will not be breaking ground in September, 2008. More realistically we are probably looking at February or March of 2009, even if we get expedited funding.

Mr. Stewart questioned whether the delay changes the dollar figures at all.

Mr. Lamont stated that the dollar figure will increase by an estimated \$150,000.00 per month which certainly is a concern.

6.3 Vice-President (Academic & Research) (S. Grills)

Dr. Grills reported that he met with Ray Karasevich, the new University representative at COPSE. Mr. Karasevich previously held the college portfolio

and now has the university one as well. Dr. Grills expects that at the next COPSE meeting the Master of Arts in Prairie Studies and the Major in Drawing proposals will be considered.

We have received signals from the government that they may add additional resources to the nursing departments.

Dr. Grills met with Dean Storie and the team from ACC to discuss additional opportunities for joint programming. Currently we are looking at joint degree in Early Childhood Education.

We are currently significantly engaged in searches for the following administration positions:

- Dean of Arts – we are not in position to appoint either candidate and will re-advertise the position;
- Dean of Music – two candidates, hoping to move forward soon;
- Dean of Students – candidate Mr. David Rowland from Mount Alison University will be presenting on Friday;
- University Registrar – two candidates have been shortlisted: Dr. Lawrence Van Beek and Mr. Greg Coates.

Dr. Grills announced that Ms Bonnie Proven (former Vice-President Academic at ACC) was appointed as Acting Director of Campus Manitoba.

6.4 Board Budget Committee (J. Janzen)

Mr. Lamont stated that the next meeting is scheduled for April 10, which is the same day as the Board Executive meeting (Board Budget Committee meets first). The Provincial budget will be announced on Wednesday, April 9. There will be an event held in Winnipeg at which the President will meet with the Minister of Education. There will also be an event held in Brandon where people will have an opportunity to ask questions.

6.5 By-laws and Nominating Committee (B. Gamblin)

There was no report.

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

Mr. Lamont reported that the Investment Committee will be considering the performance of the investment manager. The university came in at the 93<sup>rd</sup> percentile (100<sup>th</sup> being the worst). The Foundation has decided to continue with the firm but it will be monitoring them closely. The Foundation reviewed the recommended audited financial statements and updates to the handbook. These

two items, as well as the future structure of the Foundation, will be discussed at the next meeting.

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

Mr. Lamont reported that the Knowles-Douglas committee did not meet but a mail in vote was held regarding the painting/replacement of ceiling tiles.

The committee also approved the extension of leases for a two-year period with a 3% increase. The two year lease was increased from a one year lease due to the possibility of building expansion.

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

Dr. Todd Fugleberg was elected as the new chair of the Board of Trustees. The plan earned 7.16% over 2007. The balance in the fund sits at 1.4 million right now. The Benchmark performance was 2.96%.

BUFA has contacted Eckler Partners for information in preparation for bargaining. Eckler Partners will let the committee know of its activities.

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

There was no report.

6.10 Senate (R. Robinson/J. Naylor)

a) Motion: Full Program Proposal – Interdisciplinary Master of Science

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

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Governors approve the Full Program Proposal of the Interdisciplinary Master of Science degree program.**

**36 Mar08  
CARRIED**

b) Motion: Statement of Intent – Bachelor of Science in Exploration Geophysics (4-Year)

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

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Statement of Intent for the Bachelor of Science (4-Year) and (4-Year Honours) Majors in Exploration**

**Geophysics be approved and forwarded to the Council on Post-Secondary Education (COPSE) for appropriate action.**

**37 Mar08  
CARRIED**

6.11 Brandon University Alumni Association (R. Lonstrup)

Mr. Lonstrup reported that a meeting was held on March 10, 2008, at which the committee discussed the selection of a new logo. Bryan Cesmystruk from IMG came up with a lot of alternatives for a new logo. Once the committee has selected the new logo it will come to the Board for final approval.

Mr. Lonstrup also reported that student exam relief is scheduled for April 7, 2008, and a number of volunteers from the Board will be on hand to help scoop ice cream.

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

Mr. Peto reported that student elections were held earlier in the month. Stephen Montague will be replacing Nathan Peto as BUSU President effective May 1, 2008. Students also voted in favour of a new health and dental plan by an 83% margin. BUSU is currently working with the University to implement this program for next year.

**7.0 NEW BUSINESS**

7.1 The Vice-Chair congratulated Mr. Montague who was elected new BUSU President.

7.2 The Vice-Chair congratulated Mr. Peto who was appointed as the morning Valedictorian at this May's Convocation.

7.3 The Vice-Chair communicated regrets from Mr. J. Janzen, Dr. L. Visentin, Ms P. Gardner, Mr. T. Mathews, and Mr. J. Malik, for this meeting.

**8.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

8.1 There was no other business.

**9.0 INFORMATION**

9.1 Brandon University Report of Staff Changes for February 2008

9.2 Transactions of \$25,000 or More – February 9, 2008 to March 7, 2008

Items 9.1 and 9.2 were received for information.

**10.0 ADJOURNMENT**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting adjourn (5:57 p.m.)**

**CARRIED**

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Chair, Board of Governors

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Secretary, Board of Governors