

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

**Thursday, October 23, 2008
Louis Riel Room**

Present: Mr. R. Lonstrup (Chair), Ms P. Gardner, Mr. J. Malik, Dr. R. Robinson, Ms K. Bayes, Mr. S. Stewart, Mrs. L. McDougald-Williams, Dr. N. Neary, Dr. F. Nichols, Ms L. Wishart

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

Regrets: Dr. L. Visentin, Mrs. K. Gross

Absent: Ms K. Janz, Mrs. L. Austen, Mr. S. Montague

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

2.0 AGENDA AND MINUTES

2.1 Approval of Agenda of October 23, 2008

Motion: Moved and seconded (P. Gardner/S. Stewart)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda of the October 23, 2008, Board of Governors meeting (Open Session) be approved.

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CARRIED**

2.2 Move to Closed Session

Motion: Moved and seconded (K. Bayes/N. Neary)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting moves to Closed Session.

CARRIED

2.3 Approval of Minutes of September 25, 2008

Motion: Moved and seconded (J. Malik/L. McDougald-Williams)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the September 25, 2008, Board of Governors meeting Open session be approved.

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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 Collective Agreement with the Brandon University Faculty Association as negotiated and recommended by the University Bargaining Committee for the period of April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2011, be ratified.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Retirement Plan improvements negotiated with the Brandon University Faculty Association also apply to members of MGEU, IUOE(A), IUOE(D) and Exempt Support Staff in accordance with the same terms as for BUFA. Specifically, in 2008 effective with the signing of the BUFA Collective Agreement, the Mandatory Survivor Pension (Joint and 2/3 Survivor) shall become the Normal Form of pension for Plan members who have an eligible spouse at retirement (Article 8.1 of the Brandon University Retirement Plan). Effective April 1, 2009, the maximum pension as referenced under Article 7.4 of the Brandon University Retirement Plan, shall be \$1,975 per year of service for all years of service. Effective April 1, 2009, Plan members' contributions to the Plan shall increase by 0.5% of earnings. All other costs associated with these changes to the Plan shall be funded by the Employer through additional contributions to the Plan.

3.0 DELEGATIONS

3.1 There were no delegations.

4.0 CONTINUING BUSINESS

The Chair noted that a letter of thanks was received on October 16, 2008, from Dr. Andrew Pernal, regarding his recent appointment as Professor Emeritus.

The Chair also noted regrets from Dr. Visentin who is in Ottawa at meetings of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada and Ms Gross who is also in Ottawa attending a Board Governance Workshop at Queen's University (Ottawa campus).

5.0 CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Thank You Letters – Board of Governors Entrance Scholarships

Thank you letters were received from students who have received Board of Governors Entrance Scholarships.

6.0 REPORTS

6.1 Executive Committee (R. Lonstrup)

There was no report.

6.2 President (Dr. L. Visentin)

a) Other Matters:

No other matters were discussed.

b) Motion: Brandon University and World University Service of Canada Bursary

Motion: Moved and Seconded (S. Stewart/P. Gardner)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Brandon University support two annual bursaries of \$3,000.00 each in perpetuity to enable Brandon University students to participate in Students Without Borders (SWB).

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Dr. Grills noted that the approval of this motion would enable the creation of two annual WUSC bursaries valued at \$3,000.00 each. These two new bursaries would provide placements for undergraduate and graduate students in a variety of different disciplines in countries such as Botswana, Malawi, Peru and Vietnam. The cost is such that with a \$3,000.00 bursary, students would only need to contribute approximately \$1,500.00 - \$3,000.00. The creation of these annual bursaries would benefit both the students and the University as students would be able to gain international experience that they would in turn share with our campus community.

CARRIED

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

a) Other Matters

Dr. Grills reported the following:

- The Dean of Arts search process will commence next week. One meeting with the external consultant was lost but the process can now move forward.
- COPSE has asked that we develop a three-year funding plan for new program proposals as well as an internal ranking system. Dr. Grills has asked the Deans to rank the proposals within their department. Senior Administration, in consultation with the Dean's ranking system, will rank all of the programs based on the priorities of the institution. Dr. Grills further noted that the program expansion envelope for the LPN and RPN programs have been approved and will proceed to the next Senate meeting, and if approved, to the Board of Governors. The Senate Planning Committee has also approved the Master in Psychiatric nursing proposal.
- Few problems have been reported with respect to the return to class protocols and we have moved through the process with minimum disruption. The VW date has been extended as well as the 50% refund date. Penalties have also been waived to allow students who had previously withdrawn to return to class. It was noted that allowing the faculty to determine how their courses would proceed has received positive feedback.

Dr. Neary questioned if the course drop rate is higher than usual. Dr. Grills noted that it is still early to know what final effect is but stated that more information should be available by the time the Board next meets.

6.4 Vice-President (Administration & Finance) (S. Lamont)

a) Other Matters

Mr. Lamont reported the following:

- Work continues on the provincial data management strategy which began in about May or June of last year. The idea is to develop a massive database with information regarding students to help institutions understand who Manitoba students are, how many of them are continuing on with postsecondary education, how many are sequential learners, etc. Mr. Lamont noted that British Columbia was the first province to start such a project in 2001 and they are just now beginning to extract data. This will likely be a long-term program and may be fairly costly.
- The Pension Plan Committee has outlined an ambitious agenda regarding the review of governing documents including the Statement of Investment Principles. The investment managers themselves will also be evaluated as well as the trust agreements and risk management provisions.
- Mr. Lamont will be attending a faculty bargaining service in Toronto on November 6 – 7.
- The Budget Estimates were postponed and Administration is working with COPSE to reschedule.

- Mr. Lamont and Dr. Visentin will attend a meeting with Dr. Ben Levin in Winnipeg on November 17. The purpose is to develop a policy with the government regarding access issues and tuition fees.
- Mr. Lamont and Mrs. Barb Smith, Director, Human Resources will be attending a two day Manitoba Labour Law seminar on November 21st and 22nd.

Mr. Stewart questioned how FIPPA issues are being dealt with regards to the provincial data management strategy. Mr. Lamont stated that they do not yet have a solution but they are working on ways to deal with the information, what information they will collect, how they will collect it, and how they will use it.

6.5 Board Budget Committee (R. Lonstrup)

There was no report.

6.6 By-laws and Nominating Committee (K. Janz)

There was no report.

6.7 Brandon University Foundation (S. Montague/K. Bayes/J. Malik)

The Brandon University Foundation meeting was postponed.

6.8 Knowles-Douglas Student Centre (S. Lamont/L. Austen)

There was no report.

6.9 Board of Trustees of the BU Retirement Plan (S. Lamont/Vacant)

Mr. Lamont noted that the next meeting is scheduled for mid November.

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

The Review Committee on the Status of Women meeting was postponed.

6.11 Senate (R. Robinson/Vacant)

Dr. Robinson noted that the next meeting of Senate will be on November 18, 2008.

Dr. Grills noted that the Senate Executive met and the students who were scheduled to graduate at the October on-paper graduation, did so as planned.

6.10 Brandon University Alumni Association (R. Lonstrup)

The Chair reported that Homecoming went well and they had a great turnout. He further noted that the banquet was well received and Dr. Steve Robinson, a former member of the Board of Governors, received an award for Excellence in Teaching.

6.11 Brandon University Students' Union (S. Montague/K. Bayes)

Ms Bayes reported the following:

- Students are happy to be back in classes. Classes have been full and students have been very attentive since the return.
- The tutor registry is still lacking students. BUSU is currently trying to get professors to speak with their senior students in an attempt to recruit more tutors.
- The BUSU Annual Halloween Food Drive is scheduled for October 31. Last year the food bank assisted over 700 individual students.
- The Women's Collective put on very successful Take Back the Night Event on September 25.
- BUSU has hired a new General Manger – Ms Stacey Senkbeil. Ms Senkbeil started in her new role about a week and a half ago.
- The Student Union has scheduled their AGM for November 4. The By-Elections will be held as soon as the Education students return to campus.
- Students have been receiving good support from both sides since the strike has ended. Students appreciate the extended library hours and hope to lobby to have these hours maintained next semester.

7.0 NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Montague joined the meeting.

Mr. Stewart noted that the Presidential Search Committee meeting scheduled for September was postponed. The Committee will meet on Tuesday, October 28 to continue on with the search process.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair congratulated Mr. Scott Lamont, a recent recipient of the Fellowship designation (FCGA) from CGA Canada. Mr. Lamont was honoured at the CGA Canada banquet on October 17 in Winnipeg. This award is the highest national award given to those special individuals for their exemplary contributions to the Association and the profession.

9. INFORMATION

- 9.1 Transactions of \$25,000 or More – September 6, 2008 to October 3, 2008
- 9.2 Final List of October 10, 2008, Graduates
- 9.3 Executive Support for Collective Bargaining Negotiating Team

9.4 Report of Staff Changes – September 2008

Items 9.1 through 9.4 were received for information.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved and seconded (S. Stewart/L. Wishart)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting adjourn (6:28 p.m.)

CARRIED

Chair, Board of Governors

Secretary, Board of Governors