

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

**Thursday, February 26, 2009
Louis Riel Room**

Present: Dr. L. Visentin, Ms P. Gardner, Ms K. Janz (Acting Chair), Mr. S. Montague, ~~Ms L. Wishart~~, Mrs. L. Austen, Ms K. Bayes, Dr. R. Robinson, Mr. M. Bolley, Ms L. McDougald-Williams, ~~Dr. F. Nichols~~

Resources: Dr. S. Grills, Mr. S. Lamont, Mrs. K. Gross, Mrs. K. Fisher (Recorder), Mr. K. Stifora

Regrets: Mr. R. Lonstrup, Mr. J. Malik, Mr. S. Stewart, Dr. N. Neary

Absent: Dr. F. Nichols, Ms L. Wishart

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

2.0 AGENDA AND MINUTES

2.1 Approval of Agenda of February 26, 2009

Motion: Moved and seconded (L. Austen/M. Bolley)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda of the February 26, 2009, Board of Governors meeting (Open Session) be approved.

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CARRIED**

2.2 Move to Closed Session

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting moves to Closed Session.

CARRIED

2.3 Approval of Minutes of January 22, 2009

Motion: Moved and seconded (P. Gardner/L. Austen)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the January 22, 2009, Board of Governors meeting (Open Session) be approved.

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CARRIED**

2.4 Motion(s) Raised from Closed Session

There were no motions raised from Closed Session.

3.0 DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

4.0 CONTINUING BUSINESS

There was no continuing business.

5.0 CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Thank You Letters – Brandon University Centennial Scholarships

Thank you letters were received from students who have received Brandon University Centennial Scholarships.

5.2 Letter dated February 2, 2009, from Mr. Scott Lamont, Vice-President (Administration & Finance), on behalf of the Board of Governors, to Dr. Bruce Forrest, President, Brandon University Faculty Association

This letter was provided by Mr. Scott Lamont, Vice-President (Administration & Finance), on behalf of the Board of Governors, to Dr. Bruce Forrest, President, Brandon University Faculty Association, as requested.

5.3 Letter of Resignation from Mrs. Lauren Austen

Mrs. Lauren Austen has submitted her letter of resignation, effective February 28, 2009, from the Brandon University Board of Governors. Mrs. Austen plans to relocate to British Columbia in March.

Ms Janz thanked Mrs. Austen for her service on behalf of the Board of Governors.

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.

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

a) Other Matters

Dr. Grills reported the following:

- Notification was received as part of a normal review of Canada Research Chairs that Brandon University has lost two of its six designations – one NSERC and the other undesignated. Dr. Wendy Untereiner of the Faculty of Science has indicated that she will not be seeking renewal. Therefore, the History search will proceed as planned because of the stage in the search process it was at when notification was received, however, the search in Science will cease. The four CRCs will now be Dr. Di Brandt; Dr. Mary Malainey, Dr. Margaret Carrington and one to be named following the search in History.

Dr. Grills noted that the cutback is because the Federal Government is less inclined to fund research.

Ms Janz asked if this will create any financial problems. Dr. Grills stated that we will be losing 50% of Dr. Untereiner's funding. The Dean of Science had previously brought forward a term position which extends past the date of Dr. Untereiner's. This means that we will essentially have two people in the same financial line for a short period of time.

- Work continues on the review of the indirect costs program. Responses have been received from several Ministers and other members of the House. Dr. Grills has met with MP Merv Tweed and will provide him with additional information.
- Dr. Grills is an active member of the Prairie Universities Program Review Audit Council and has recently participated as such.

- The Dean of Arts Search Committee short-listed three candidates who proceeded to the interview stage and made public presentations. A decision should be announced shortly.
- The Senate mandated FNAC review is set to begin next week. This review is a requirement of Senate and a recommendation of the Katz report. The review committee will be comprised of Dr. R. McCormick, Dr. G. Gagnon, and Dr. L. Mayer, all three of whom are aboriginal scholars. The hope is to get a thorough review that will benefit the department and help it move forward.

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

a) Other Matters

Mr. Lamont reported the following:

- Bargaining with IUOE A (trades, including Power Engineers) and IUOE D (building service workers) has commenced.
- Bargaining with MGEU will begin in mid March.
- The Healthy Living Centre received approval from the City of Brandon and the required resolution was submitted with the grant application before the deadline of February 23.
- On March 25th the legislature sits and will announce the provincial budget. Grant and tuition figures will be known on this date.

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)

Mr. Lamont reported that the Foundation reviewed the internally produced financial and campaign reports at its last meeting. The Heathbridge report was not yet available but should be available for review in time for their next meeting on Wednesday, March 11.

The Standing Ovation campaign remains as the only official campaign. This was extended to December 31, 2009, to allow Dr. Kim to participate as the new Dean in the School of Music.

The Healthy Living Centre is more of a quiet phase campaign at this time.

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

There was no report. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 5, 2009.

It was noted that Mrs. Austen's resignation creates a vacancy on this committee. Anyone interested in putting their name forward should contact Kristen Fisher in the Office of the President.

6.9 Board of Trustees of the BU Retirement Plan (S. Lamont/A. Gulliver – n/a)

There was no report. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 5, 2009.

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

There was no report.

6.11 Senate (R. Robinson/M. Bolley)

a) Motion: Program Expansion for the French Program, Languages Department

Motion: Moved and Seconded (R. Robinson/L. Visentin)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Program Expansion in the French Program, Classical Languages Department, be approved and forwarded to the Council on Post-Secondary Education (COPSE) for appropriate action.

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Dr. Robinson noted that this program expansion proposal arose as a result of a recommendation from the review of the Languages Department. This expansion will see the addition of one new faculty member to a relatively small department and will enhance opportunities for second language students. Dr. Robinson further noted that this expansion is essential for the delivery of a quality program.

CARRIED

- b) Motion: Program Expansion for 3-Year and 4-Year Minors in Creative Writing

Motion: Moved and Seconded (L. Visentin/S. Montague)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Program Expansion to create a 3-Year Minor and a 4-Year Minor in Creative Writing be approved and forwarded to the Council on Post-Secondary Education (COPSE) for appropriate action.

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Dr. Robinson stated that this program expansion will provide additional options to students as well as enhance other degrees. She further noted that no additional financial resources are required.

CARRIED

- c) Motion: Program Expansion for Applied Ethics, Philosophy Department

Motion: Moved and Seconded (R. Robinson/M. Bolley)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Program Expansion for Applied Ethics, Philosophy Department, be approved and forwarded to the Council on Post-Secondary Education (COPSE) for appropriate action.

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Dr. Robinson stated that this expansion will expand the range of options available to students and will require the addition of one new professor.

CARRIED

Mr. Matt Bolley left the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

- 6.12 Brandon University Alumni Association (R. Lonstrup)

There was no report.

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

Mr. Montague reported that he attended the Brandon City Council meeting at which the endorsement of the Healthy Living Centre and BUSU's parking by-law amendment, which would increase the current one hour time limit to two hours, were discussed.

Mr. Montague has a meeting with Dr. Ben Levin scheduled for tomorrow morning at 8:00 a.m. to discuss tuition fees. He will also be meeting with Mr. Michael Balagus, Chief of Staff of the Premier's Office, to discuss the upcoming budget.

Mr. Montague reported that he has been in discussions with Minister McGifford relating to a petition to increase science lab funding. To date, over 600 signatures have been collected and Mr. Montague hopes to present it to Minister McGifford in some fashion during the NDP Convention in Brandon next weekend.

Ms Bayes reported that the deadline for Work Study applications was the Friday prior to reading week. Between 20 and 30 applications were received and a meeting will be held next week to decide on funding.

7.0 NEW BUSINESS

No items of new business were discussed.

Mrs. Gross introduced Mr. Kelly Stifora, Communications Officer, who will replace her as Director, Office of the President, while she is away on maternity leave.

Ms Janz wished Mrs. Gross all the best on behalf of the Board.

8.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

9.0 INFORMATION

- 9.1 Transactions of \$25,000 or More – January 10, 2009 to February 6, 2009
- 9.2 Report of Staff Changes – January 2009
- 9.3 Final List of February 3, 2009, Graduates

Items 9.1 through 9.3 were received for information.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved and seconded (L. Austen/K. Bayes)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting adjourn (6:25 p.m.)

CARRIED