

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

**Thursday, May 28, 2009
Louis Riel Room**

Present: Mr. Rich Lonstrup (Chair), Dr. L. Visentin, Mr. S. Stewart, Ms P. Gardner, Ms K. Janz, Mr. S. Montague, Ms L. Wishart, Ms L. Balanko, Mr. M. Bolley, Mrs. L. McDougald-Williams, Dr. F. Nichols, Ms J. Biggs

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

Regrets: Dr. R. Robinson, Mr. J. Malik

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

2.0 AGENDA AND MINUTES

2.1 Approval of Agenda of May 28, 2009

Motion: Moved and seconded (M. Bolley/F. Nichols)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda of the May 28, 2009, Board of Governors meeting (Open Session) be approved as amended:

Deletions:

6.3 b) Update on BJ Hales

Additions:

5.3 Letter dated May 27, 2009, from Dr. Louis Visentin, re Internationalization

5.4 Letter dated May 14, 2009, from the Council on Post-Secondary Education re 2010/11 budget submissions

5.5 Package from Brandon University Students' Union re 09/10 Operating Budget

6.2 b) Motion: International Music Student Scholarship

6.2 c) Proposal for the Recruitment of International Students submitted by Chancellor Henry Champ

6.6 b) Motion: Board Treasurer Position

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CARRIED
AS AMENDED**

2.2 Move to Closed Session

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting moves to Closed Session.

CARRIED

2.3 Approval of Minutes of April 22, 2009

Motion: Moved and seconded (M. Bolley/P. Gardner)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the April 22, 2009, 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 was raised from Closed Session:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Governors approve the ratification of the President's decision that the following applications for Sabbatical Leave be approved:

MUSIC:

**DuWors, Kerry.....From August 1, 2010 to July 31, 2011 at 80%
Tselyakov, AlexanderFrom January 1, 2011 to June 30, 2011 at 100%
Scott, SheilaFrom January 1, 2011 to June 30, 2011 at 80%
Bowman, WayneFrom July 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010 at 80%
Carrabre, Patrick.....From January 1, 2011 to June 30, 2011 at 100%
(Conditional approval; required only if approval for Special Leave is not granted)**

HEALTH STUDIES:

Smith, FionaFrom July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 at 80%
Bowman, Ann.....From July 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010 at 80%
Fast-Braun, Viola.....From August 1, 2010 to July 31, 2011 at 80%
Racher, Fran January 1, 2011 to June 30, 2011 at 80%

EDUCATION:

Issigonis, Michael.....From July 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010 at 100%
Creed, Carolyn.....From July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 at 80%
Henley, RichardFrom July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 at 80%

STUDENT SERVICES:

DiMuro, PaolaFrom January 1, 2011 to June 30, 2011 and
.....From January 1, 2012 to June 30, 2012 at 80%
McMaster, SandraFrom July 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010 at 80%

SCIENCE:

Lindsay, JohnFrom January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011 at 80%
Li, Rong-YuFrom July 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010 at 100%
Eberts, Derrek.....From July 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010 at 80%
McGinn, RoderickFrom January 1, 2011 to June 30, 2011 at 80%
Dueck, GeraldFrom January 1, 2010 to June 30, 2010 at 80%
McMaster, GeorgeFrom July 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010 at 80%
Pickering, Doug..... From July 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010 and
.....From July 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011 at 80%
Richards, Gwynfor.....From January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011 at 80%
Gfellner, Barbara.....From January 1, 2010 to June 30, 2010 at 80%
Untereiner, Wendy..... July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 at 80%

ARTS:

Klonowski, Darek.....From January 1, 2011 to June 30, 2011 at 100%
Xu, LinFrom January 1, 2011 to June 30, 2011 at 100%
Gouthro, Steve.....From July 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010 at 80%
Mayer, Lorraine.....From July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 at 80%
(Deferred in accordance with Article 20.32)
Naylor, JamesFrom July 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010 at 80%
Forsythe, James.....From July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 at 80%
Racine, DarrellFrom July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 at 80%
Johnston, HeatherFrom July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 at 80%
(Deferred in accordance with Article 20.32)
Ramsey, Doug.....From January 1, 2011 to June 30, 2011 at 80%
Bessant, KenFrom July 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010 at 100%

Special Leave declared to be for the purpose of Sabbatical (subject to BUFA agreement):

Carrabre, Patrick.....From January 1, 2010 to June 30, 2010 at 100%
Venema, Henry.....From July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 at 80%

3.0 DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

4.0 CONTINUING BUSINESS

There was no continuing business.

The Chair welcomed Ms Laura Balanko, BUSU Vice-President Academic, to the Board of Governors.

5.0 CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Letter dated April 20, 2009, from Mr. Jerry Storie, Dean of Education re First Nations Teacher Education Scholarship

Mr. Storie submitted a letter thanking the Board of Governors for their support of the First Nations Teacher Education Scholarship proposal which was passed by the Board on March 26, 2009.

5.2 Thank you letters – Board of Governors Advanced Early Admission Entrance Scholarship

Thank you letters for the Board of Governors Advanced Early Admission Entrance Scholarship were received from 22 students.

5.3 Letter dated May 27, 2009, from Dr. Louis Visentin, re Internationalization

Dr. Visentin referred to Dr. Grills' presentation regarding Internationalization at the last Board of Governors meeting. Dr. Visentin believes that this proposal is quite reasonable relative to other institutions. He noted that the majority of international students who attend Brandon University do not have the necessary qualifications to receive scholarships and the University would like to recruit high calibre students. Dr. Visentin stated that even with the proposed increases, Brandon University would still be at the bottom of the list for fees for international students. He further stated that his intention is to make sure that there is access, improved services, and that the fees are reasonable.

5.4 Letter dated May 14, 2009, from the Council on Post-Secondary Education re 2010/11 Budget Submissions

A letter was received from the Council on Post-Secondary Education requesting preliminary budget submissions (estimates) for 2010/11 fiscal year. These submissions are required on or before September 20, 2009.

5.5 Package of Correspondence from Brandon University Students' Union re 09/10 Budget

A package of correspondence was provided by Mr. Stephen Montague, President of BUSU, and included letters from himself, the Canadian Federation of Students, The University of Winnipeg Students' Association, the University of Manitoba Students' Union, Memorial University of Newfoundland Students' Union, and York Federation of Students. Mr. Montague noted that international student differential fee has been discussed across Canada and fellow student unions are showing their solidarity.

Mr. Montague stated that international students comprise 4.5% of Brandon University's student population which is very competitive. Substantially higher fee revenue does not create an opportunity for massive recruitment of international students. Mr. Montague stated that BU's international students are worried about what a fee increase would mean to them and their families.

6.0 REPORTS

Item 6.2 was discussed prior to item 6.1.

6.1 Executive Committee

a) Motion: 2009 – 2010 Operating Budget

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Governors approve the 2009 – 2010 Operating Budget (including the 2009 – 2010 Fee Schedule and budgets relating to Renovations & Equipment, Eckhardt-Gramatte Conservatory of Music, Ancillary Services, BUNTEP and Campus Manitoba), as recommended by the President.

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Ms Janz noted that the previous strategic plan was for the period 2006 – 2009 and questioned if this budget looked ahead to the next three years.

Dr. Visentin stated that he looked forward one year and back at the previous plan. He felt that he should look no further ahead than one year as there is a new President in August and she may have a very different view on how to do a strategic plan. Dr. Visentin felt it was essential for him to have the new President decide how to plan, who should be involved in the plan, and the overall direction of the University. He noted that the

Deans and the Vice-Presidents have their own plans for their own faculties/departments, and each produces a ten point plan each year.

Mr. Bolley questioned the status of the vacant tenure track position in the Political Science Department.

Dr. Visentin noted that this was declared a failed search because there were no qualified applicants. Dr. Grills added that a one-year term search has been launched and the new Dean of Arts will lead the search upon his arrival.

Mr. Bolley questioned what the goal is for staffing this particular department.

Dr. Grills stated that there will be two full-time faculty members plus an attempt to provide some sessional work.

Amendment: Moved and seconded (L. Balanko/S. Montague)

THAT any reference to the increase in international student differential fees be struck.

Mr. Montague noted the 25 international students in attendance who are all concerned about the impact an increase in the differential fee would have on their friends and family back home. Mr. Montague noted that Brandon University is able to provide a quality education for the lowest fees in Canada and that the concerns raised by students are valid. Mr. Montague commented on other institutions that have implemented a higher fee, promised more services and higher enrolment, and have not delivered. He referred to the University of Manitoba who has lost 19.8% of their students since they implemented their fee increase. He noted that BU's proposal would see the largest increase in the country and would put BU out of the Manitoba market. Mr. Montague stated that he would like to see post-secondary education be accessible and affordable for everyone.

Mr. Stewart noted Mr. Montague's comments regarding improved services and asked for a breakdown of the University's proposal.

Dr. Grills stated that the long range goal is to increase the international student population to 10% of the entire student body. Dr. Grills noted that Brandon University tried to develop a best practices model, based on best practices across the country, that would allow the University to be fair to its students. This strategy includes a few key things including money flowing directly through to faculties in order to provide faculty level supports to the students. By allowing money to flow to faculties, you

increase access. Money would also flow directly to Student Services and recruitment efforts. Best practice shows the most effective way to recruit is to have representatives work on behalf of the University on a long-term basis. Money would flow to the Registrar's Office and would be targeted to new scholarships to help recruit new, highly qualified academic students to BU.

Mr. Bolley questioned the timing of the proposed increase and felt that having this debate with the budget does not do justice to the international students. He noted that trying to attract more international students to the University is an admirable goal but noted that they would be getting the same education but paying three times more. Mr. Bolley noted the decline at the U of M and questioned how our experience would be any different than theirs.

Mr. Montague stated that internationalization is a very complex issue and felt that more attention needs to be paid to the successes and failures across the country. Mr. Montague noted that he would be challenged to find an institution with international students composing 10% of the student population. Mr. Montague asked that the Board re-evaluate this proposal and allow for substantially more discussion.

Mrs. McDougald-Williams questioned why this proposal is part of the budget.

Mr. Lamont stated that it is a timing issue. When recruiting, the University wants to ensure that the fees would not change based on what recruitment information was provided (i.e. bait and switch). Mr. Lamont noted that resource allocation and fees are both also budget issues. Mr. Lamont noted that this is not the first time the Board has dealt with this sort of thing and reminded Board members of the fitness membership fee that was passed last year but will not be implemented until the new Healthy Living Centre is built.

Dr. Visentin noted the misconception regarding the increase in enrolment during the tuition freeze and noted that there was in fact no correlation. He referred to the decline at the University of Manitoba and felt that there was misconception there as well. Dr. Visentin stated that we all pay taxes which helps subsidize Canadian students. He noted that international students are subsidized as well and it is an issue of fairness.

Mr. Montague stated that when international students work here, and contribute to our economy, they pay taxes. He felt that they pay their fair share and should not have to pay three times the tuition to sit in on the same lectures. With respect to recruitment, Mr. Montague noted that BU

has not, in the past, focused on this. He feels that once you get students here, they will stay here and their family will come here. Mr. Montague encouraged the Board to re-evaluate the proposal and find away that will enhance the University while working towards an increase in the international student population without increasing fees.

Ms Balanko noted that a lot of BU's international students do not come from higher income families.

Mr. Bolley stated that unless the University significantly changes what students would get with an increase in tuition, then our enrolment will decrease.

Dr. Visentin stated that when you go out and assess what the outside world knows about Brandon University, it will be nothing. He further stated that in order to go out and make yourself known, it costs dollars. Other institutions in larger cities have more than just the university to help with recruiting. Brandon University does not have that advantage.

Mr. Montague stated that fees do not necessarily equal quality and paying more tuition does not mean getting a higher education.

Dr. Grills recognized the necessary differences around the table but stated that if the amendment is supported, Brandon University will not be able to join its sister institutions in a provincial international recruitment strategy. Dr. Grills stated that students need to pay a larger portion of the cost of their education. Dr. Grills noted that he has been criticized by some of the Deans because they feel that this proposal is not aggressive enough but, after robust debate, this proposal, which would still leave BU last on this list, was brought forward with their support. Dr. Grills stated that the University can not move forward without a meaningful differential.

Dr. Nichols stated that increases are necessary to provide an ongoing service to our students and felt that the increase was necessary for going forward.

Ms Balanko stated that the BUSU Executive met with President Elect Dr. Poff, and stated that she was not in favour of increasing the differential fee and felt that the timing was inappropriate.

Mr. Montague stated that the decision to increase the differential fee is a complex issue and hopes that the Board can work together to develop a better plan.

**AMENDMENT
CARRIED**

Ms Janz referred to the \$1.5 million deficit after provincial budget funding and the proposed adjustments required to balance.

Mr. Lamont noted that the proposed adjustments include taking \$160,000 out of inflationary increases, which will decrease purchasing power, leaving a certain number of academic positions vacant allowing \$500,000 to come out of salaries and benefits, and adding \$116,000 to scholarships, CRC funding and other strategic initiatives. This will leave a deficit of approximately \$635,000, \$280,000 of which will be addressed by the 4.5% increase in tuition. The remaining amount will be split between the operating budget carry forward, Ancillary Services carry forward, and the unappropriated surplus.

Amendment: Moved and seconded (S. Montague/L. Balanko)

THAT an additional \$10,000 be allocated to the library for extended hours be inserted.

Mr. Montague stated that at last year's Board Budget Committee meeting, a discussion ensued regarding additional funding for the library to increase access. Mr. Montague discussed the possibility with University Librarian, Linda Burridge and both agree that an additional \$10,000 would greatly improve access.

Ms Janz questioned what the balance of the surpluses would be if this additional money was allocated to the library.

Mr. Lamont noted that the unappropriated surplus would be approximately \$1.3 million and the operating budget carry forward would be approximately \$2 million.

Ms Janz asked Mr. Lamont if this is a contingency plan he felt comfortable with.

Mr. Lamont stated that it would leave between two and five percent which is a responsible amount.

Dr. Nichols asked how an additional \$10,000 will be used to extend the hours.

Mr. Montague stated that these funds could be used to hire OBO security or students and could provide an additional 10 to 15 hours per week.

**AMENDMENT
CARRIED**

Amendment: Moved and seconded (S. Montague/M. Bolley)

THAT the grade appeal fee of \$35.00 be struck.

Mr. Montague stated that in January, the Board approved the removal of the grade appeal fee for the remainder of the 08/09 academic year. Once removed, the University did not see a large influx of frivolous appeals nor did an increased workload get placed on the appeal subcommittee. Mr. Montague stated that it is the fundamental right of a student to challenge their grade if they feel unduly treated.

**AMENDMENT
CARRIED**

Amendment: Moved and seconded (S. Montague/L. Balanko)

THAT the performance appeal fee be reduced from \$35.00 to \$25.00.

Mr. Lamont noted that the performance appeal fee can be waived at the discretion of the University Registrar should the student be unable to afford it.

**AMENDMENT
DEFEATED**

Mr. Bolley asked the Chair to proceed to call the question on the main motion as amended. The Chair asked all those in favour of proceeding to the main motion. The question did not get the required two-thirds vote for adoption and discussion continued.

Amendment: Moved and seconded (S. Montague/L. Balanko)

THAT the tuition increase of 4.5% be struck.

Mr. Montague stated that students see a problem with the government eliminating the tuition freeze. He stated that student scholarships are declining, student debt is rising, fewer bursaries are available, and so on. Mr. Montague asked that the Board not burden students with additional tuition fees.

Mr. Lamont noted that the provincial grant of 4.5% is extraordinary and yet, even after the province's effort, the University is still dealing with a \$1.5 million problem. Administration's plan was to try to take a one year cautious approach with the University's surplus and by not increasing

tuition, the Board will put the institution into substantial financial difficulty.

Mr. Bolley noted that 4.5% on a full-time student's year long tuition is approximately \$150.00. Mr. Bolley felt that it would be irresponsible for the Board to not allow this increase.

Mr. Montague encouraged the Board to reject the 4.5% increase and to continue to work with the government and send them a message that the way they are currently handling post-secondary education in this province is not acceptable.

Dr. Visentin stated that the University has suffered through the tuition freeze for the past nine years and has been fortunate to raise money through other venues. Rejecting the allowable increase would not be a good message to send to the government, the Committee of Presidents of Universities in Manitoba, and students who have all worked toward it.

Dr. Grills stated that the President instructed his office to leave 11 faculty positions vacant next year. If the Board supports this amendment then more positions will need to be left vacant and that is not a service to the students. Dr. Grills stated that this amendment has an exceptionally detrimental effect.

**AMENDMENT
DEFEATED**

The Chair called for any further discussion. Hearing none, the Chair called the question on the main motion, as amended.

CARRIED

6.2 President (Dr. L. Visentin)

a) Other Matters

Other matters were discussed in Closed Session.

b) Motion: International Music Student Scholarship

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Governors support and approve in principle, two full-tuition scholarships within the School of Music. Scholarships are renewable; however the maximum number

of awards in any one academic year is two. The purpose of the scholarship is to attract and retain exceptional students.

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The Chair noted that Dr. Michael Kim, Dean of the School of Music, is in attendance should any one have any questions.

Dr. Visentin stated that these proposed scholarships are in response to a huge increase in recruitment by the School of Music, one of BU's most esteemed faculties. Dr. Visentin stated that the School has a ranking system from 0 to 10 and all of the current students are ranked 8 or higher. These scholarships will allow BU to be competitive with our sister institutions and will help develop the recruitment, selection and funding of prospective students. If approved, these scholarships will go to the Senate Scholarship Committee who will work with Dean Kim to help establish the terms and conditions.

CARRIED

c) Proposal for Recruitment of American Students

Dr. Visentin noted that Chancellor Champ sends his apologies and regrets as he would have liked to be present for this discussion. Dr. Visentin spoke to the Chancellor's proposal in his absence.

The proposal involves the use of Pell Grants which are part of the U.S. post-secondary funding mechanism. In his proposal, Chancellor Champ points out that most American students are attending institutions in Eastern Canada and very few are coming to the Midwest. However, American students are starting to recognize the deal that they get – high quality education in Canada at a lower cost.

In his proposal, Chancellor Champ has outlined a scheme where BU would take advantage of Pell grants. Students who are eligible for Pell grants are also able to get a student loan for up to an additional \$8,000. Brandon University is one of the federally approved Canadian schools eligible to accept students with Pell grants. Chancellor Champ suggests that we start recruiting.

Dr. Visentin noted one caveat and that is that this proposal requires dollars and commitment. Brandon University would need someone in place by September who knows the Pell system, knows the province, and has the skills and ability to recruit. This person must ensure students are aware of the low cost loans which are available from the U.S. government and are

to be paid back after they leave. Dr. Visentin stated that this is something that Chancellor Champ knows about and is willing to participate in. Dr. Visentin felt that this is a good proposal, a good idea, and that the Board should respond to it by way of the operating budget.

Ms Janz asked for clarification regarding the initial recruitment area.

Dr. Visentin stated that we would start in areas like Detroit, Minnesota, North Dakota, etc. He noted that there are plenty of opportunities to recruit in these areas but we haven't had the funds to do it.

Ms Janz noted that a few years ago the strategic plan set aside recruitment dollars and she questioned if this has been successful.

Dr. Visentin noted that there has not been enough activity because there was not enough dollars allocated.

Dr. Grills added that being at such a strategic disadvantage, Brandon University simply cannot recruit at the same level as other institutions and cannot participate at international fairs. BU does not have the resources nor an international office of recruitment.

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

a) Other Matters

Dr. Grills reported the following:

- Brandon University is pleased to announce the appointment of William Ashton as the Director of the Rural Development Institute. Mr. Ashton is an expert in terms of rural leadership and will assume the position of Director effective August 17, 2009.
- Search process is underway for the new Coordinator of Research Services.
- A Marketing Committee has been established to help with recruitment materials.
- Plans for New Employee Orientation, which will be held on September 2, 2009, are underway.
- A celebration of teaching will be held on September 3, 2009 and will feature a 3M speaker as well as Dr. Poff.
- Arts faculty member Dr. Reinhold Kramer was recently awarded the Canadian Jewish Book Award for his book *Mordecai Richler: Leaving St. Urbain*.

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

a) Other Matters

No other matters were discussed.

6.5 Board Budget Committee (R. Lonstrup)

There was no report.

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

a) Motion: Amendment of By-Law No. 11 – Committees of the Board of Governors

Motion: Moved and seconded (K. Janz/S. Montague)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Governors approve the amendments to By-Law No. 11 – Committees of the Board of Governors, as follows:

SECTION III – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee will attempt to meet regularly, at least one week prior to the regular Board meeting, to review matters coming before the Board of Governors;...

SECTION VI – BOARD BUDGET COMMITTEE

**1. The Composition of the Committee...:
plus University Registrar**

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Ms Janz noted that, if approved, this amendment will allow the Executive Committee some flexibility with their meeting schedule. It will also see to the addition of the University Registrar to the Board Budget Committee.

CARRIED

b) Motion: Board Treasurer Position

Motion: Moved and seconded (K. Janz/M. Bolley)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Mr. Scott Stewart's term as Treasurer of the Board of Governors be extended to June 10th, 2009;

AND THAT Mrs. Laura McDougald-Williams assume the position of the Treasurer of the Board of Governors effective June 11th, 2009.

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

Mr. Montague noted that the Foundation AGM was held today.

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

There was no report.

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

There was no report.

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

There was no report.

6.11 Senate (R. Robinson/M. Bolley)

Mr. Bolley noted that the Senate Office is busy with Convocation preparations as grad is on Saturday, May 30th.

Mr. Bolley noted that this is his last meeting as a Senate representative and thanked the Board of Governors for the opportunity to participate. Mr. Bolley takes much pride in this institution and is proud to become an alumnus on Saturday.

6.12 Brandon University Alumni Association (R. Lonstrup)

The Chair reported the following:

- This year's Homecoming will have a 50's theme. Alumni volunteers are actively contacting alumni – the target years are 1950 – 1959. For more details please contact Carla Eisler.
- The Alumni Wall of Fame Award will be presented to the late Dr. Wilfred Bigelow for his outstanding achievements in the medical field.

- Approximately 50 people turned out for the alumni event in Winnipeg with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra.
- The Spring/Summer edition of Alumni News is a tribute to Dr. Louis and Mrs. Mary Visentin as Dr. Visentin's term as President and Vice-Chancellor comes to a close.
- Guest speaker for Launch Ceremony in September has yet to be determined.
- Alumni Association is seeking nominations for the following awards: Excellence in Teaching, Alumni Award, and Alumni Award for Excellence in Community Service.
- Mrs. Lana Myers, a long-time member of the BUAA will be presented with the Order of Merit at Convocation.

6.13 Brandon University Students' Union (S. Montague/L. Balanko)

Mr. Montague noted that Ms Laura Balanko is now serving as Vice President Academic for 2009/10.

BUSU Executive members returned last week from the Semi-Annual Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students in Ottawa.

BUSU is working with Student Services to prepare for orientation week in the hopes of making it bigger and better than past years.

7.0 NEW BUSINESS

The Chair announced that this is the last meeting for Dr. Visentin before he moves. The Chair presented Dr. Visentin with a gift as a small token of appreciation from the Board of Governors.

8.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No items of other business were discussed.

9.0 INFORMATION

- 9.1 Transactions of \$25,000 or More – April 11, 2009 to May 8, 2009
- 9.2 Report of Staff Changes – April 2009
- 9.3 Library Acquisitions Report for 2008-09 Fiscal Year
- 9.4 Contracts/Agreements Report – May, 2009
- 9.5 International Agreements Report – May, 2009
- 9.6 Telephones/Computers and Maintenance/Warranty Agreements Report – May, 2009
- 9.7 2009 – 2010 BUSU Council

Items 9.1 through 9.7 were received for information.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved and seconded (S. Montague/M. Bolley)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting adjourn (7:41) p.m.

CARRIED

Chair, Board of Governors

Secretary, Board of Governors