

**Brandon University Board of Governors
(Open Session)
Friday, February 3, 2012
Room 043, Health Studies Complex
Brandon University
5:00 pm**

Present: Ms J. Biggs, Dr. F. Nichols, Dr. P. Carrabré, Dr. H. Champ (via teleconference), Dr. R. Enns (via teleconference), Mrs. L. McDougald-Williams, Dr. D. Poff, Ms D. Tousignant, Mr. J. Keen, Mr. D. Stewart, Ms B. Jolly, Ms K. Phillips

Resource: Mr. S. Lamont, Dr. S. Grills, Ms R. Watts (Recorder)

Regrets: Mr. M. Abbey, Ms A. Long, Ms S. Armstrong, Mr. B. Schaffer

Absent:

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

2.0 AGENDA AND MINUTES

2.1 Approval of Agenda of February 3, 2012

Motion: Moved and seconded (D. Stewart/F. Nichols)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda of the February 3, 2012, Board of Governors meeting (Open Session) be approved.

Approved with addition

5.2 OIC Board Representative for Dean of Science Selection Committee

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CARRIED
AS AMENDED**

1.1 Move to Closed Session

Motion: Moved and seconded (K. Phillips/B. Jolly)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting moves to Closed Session.

CARRIED

1.2 Motion(s) Raised from Closed Session

Whereas the 2011 strike at Brandon University may result in students receiving less than the minimum number of contact hours with their professors (36) required for credit as established by Senate and communicated through the 2011-12 course calendar;

Whereas Brandon University has generated a substantial surplus of funds due to unpaid Faculty Salaries during the Strike;

Whereas the University President was presented with a petition signed by 1516 Students which demands that students be given a proportional refund for every credit hour less than the minimum 36 credit hours as stipulated by senate.

Be it resolved that Brandon University grant proportional tuition refunds to all students for the lost contact hours due to the work stoppage for both first and second term where student did not receive the minimum 36 contact hours indicated in the course calendar.

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MOTION DEFEATED**

2.0 CONTINUING BUSINESS

There were no items of continuing business.

3.0 CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items of correspondence.

4.0 REPORTS

There were no reports delivered at this meeting.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

Motion: Moved and seconded (R. Enns/K. Phillips)

5.1 Annual Distribution Rate – Endowment Funds

S. Lamont explained that the distribution rate is set on an annual basis by the Brandon University Foundation. The rate is similar to other Canadian universities

and is in line with past practice. P. Carrabré questioned if we are maintaining the original capital but not growing the fund and the answer was yes.

D. Poff expressed that the Foundation does a great job of considering all the consequences of dropping the rate.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Governors approve the endowment earnings disbursement rate of 5.0% as recommend by the Brandon University Foundation.

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CARRIED**

5.2 OIC Board Representative for Dean of Science Selection Committee

S. Grills explained the process and the time commitment that is necessary to sit on the committee.

D. Poff explained that we have hired one search consultant to do both this search and the VP Academic and Provost search so there is a high chance of the meetings being done in clusters.

D. Tousignant nominated B. Jolly. The board members accepted the nomination and voted that B. Jolly be the Board's OIC representative on this committee.

6.0 INFORMATION

The chair shared information about some ACC courses that are being offered on the BU campus in February and March and encouraged Board members to attend.

The chair shared that it was Jonathan Keen's last meeting and thanked him for his contribution to the Brandon University Board of Governors.

B. Jolly asked what has been done since the end of the strike to encourage the healing process. D. Poff explained that she has offered open hours for faculty to come and speak with her as well as there is a Quality of Life Committee being set up. She also shared with the Board members the planning for the upcoming Winterlude event taking place on February 25, 2012 and invited all to attend after the conclusion of the Board meeting that is booked that day.

7.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved (K. Phillips)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting adjourn (6:07 p.m.).

CARRIED