

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

**Saturday, January 23, 2021
Via Video Conference
8:30 a.m.**

Present: S. Chambers (Chair); E. Bach; T. Corbett; D. Docherty; J. Galvin; K. Kerkowich; A. Kowalchuk; B. Lawrence; S. Montague; W. Taylor; T. Friesen; B. Zander; O. Adeleye

Resource: S. Robinson; S. Lamont; K. Fisher; M. Lamontagne (Recorder)

Regrets: T. Rourke; K. Auriat; M. Decter

Absent: J. Omoregie

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

2.0 AGENDA AND MINUTES

2.1 Approval of Agenda of January 23, 2021

Motion: Moved and seconded (E. Bach/T. Corbett)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda of the January 23, 2021, Board of Governors meeting (Open Session) be approved.

It was agreed that a short verbal report regarding the BU Foundation would take place in Open Session.

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CARRIED**

2.2 Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion: Moved and seconded (S. Montague/J. Galvin)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the consent agenda of the January 23, 2021 Board of Governors (Open Session) meeting be approved as follows:

- a) **Minutes of November 28, 2020 (Open Session)**
- b) **Report from the Vice-President, Academic & Provost (S. Robinson)**
- c) **Report from the Vice-President, Administration & Finance (S. Lamont)**
- d) **Report – Transactions of \$100,000 or More – November 1, 2020 to January 1, 2021**
- e) **Financial Statements & Activity Report – Early Childhood Learning Centre**
- f) **Reports from Representatives on Committees Reporting to the Board:**
 - i) **Brandon University Senate**
 - ii) **BU Retirement Plan Trustees**
 - iii) **Status of Women Review Committee**

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3.0 REPORTS

3.1 Report from the President (D. Docherty)

Dr. Docherty's written report was provided in the agenda package. Highlights were shared as follows:

- \$283k was raised for the annual fund noting that the goal was \$300k. This was made possible with strong support from among alumni and the community.
- Dr. David Greenwood, Professor in the Dept. of Biology was named one of CNN's top scientists for research which helped identify a dinosaur's last meal.
- BU Music student, Alexis Jenkins, has been selected to be part of the Ceremonial Guard Band in Ottawa.

3.2 Brandon University Foundation (B. Zander)

A written report was provided in the agenda package. In addition, B. Zander highlighted the following in regards to the December 9, 2020 Foundation Management Committee meeting:

- Total assets in the Foundation as at September 30, 2020 were just under \$70M compared to \$74M as at December 31, 2019.
- Receipts as at September 30, 2020 were \$803k.
- Unrealized losses of investments as at September 30, 2020 were just under \$5M.
- Total disbursements made as of September 30th were \$1.577M.
- Discussion took place regarding portfolio strategies moving forward.

The Chair added that November was one of the best months on record for the equity market.

4.0 NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Motion: Revisions to the Terms of Reference of the BU International Undergraduate Student Scholarship

Motion: Moved and seconded (D. Docherty/E. Bach)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Governors approve the revised Terms of Reference for the Brandon University International Undergraduate Student Scholarship as presented.

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Dr. Docherty stated that the BU International Undergraduate Student Scholarship is provided by the Board of Governors. The revisions made to the terms of reference are simply to remove the requirement that students must apply for the scholarship. This has stopped being implemented in practice due to not enough applicants and therefore, the University was building too much money in the fund. This revision is a way of controlling the funds to ensure the University is distributing as much as possible to students without compromising the funds. Using a GPA as a measure of eligibility will allow the University to identify students and make it easier to distribute the funds.

O. Adeleye joined the meeting at 8:43 a.m.

CARRIED

4.2 Motion: Bachelor of Science in Mental Health – Permanent Cessation

Motion: Moved and seconded (T. Corbett/D. Docherty)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Governors approve cessation of admission to the Bachelor of Science in Mental Health degree program effective Fall 2021.

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Dr. Robinson stated that the degree program was created along with the four-year Psychiatric Nursing program as the pathway for the profession prior to the four-year degree program was via a two-year diploma. When the four-year Psychiatric Nursing program was created, all individuals in the program had a two-year diploma, however, desired to upgrade without needing to complete the

full four-years. The Bachelor of Science in Mental Health was created as a post-diploma program for those in the field who wished to upgrade and the program was always intended to be temporary. Now that almost everyone has completed the upgrade, the program is redundant with no demand and it is time to phase it out.

CARRIED

4.3 Move to Closed Session

Motion: Moved and seconded (T. Corbett/W. Taylor)

BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting move to Closed Session.

CARRIED

4.4 Raise Motion(s) from Closed Session

There were no motions raised from Closed Session.

5.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved and seconded (E. Bach/B. Lawrence)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting adjourn at 9:57 a.m.

CARRIED

Chair, Board of Governors

Secretary, Board of Governors