

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

**Saturday, January 27, 2024
Zoom
8:30 a.m.**

- Present:** Edward Bach; Kristal Bayes-McDonald; Joy Chikezie; David Docherty; Scott Hayward; Michael Juce; Michelle Magnusson; Barbara MacKalski; Mary Jane McCallum; Anugo Okudo; Asit Patel; Ayushi Patel; Quintin Pearce; Kevan Sumner (Acting Chair)
- Resources:** Bernadette Ardelli; Kofi Campbell; Scott Lamont; Meghan Lamontagne (Recorder); Louise Moss
- Regrets:** Julee Galvin
- Absent:** David Huberdeau-Reid
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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

The Chair acknowledged that Brandon University campuses are located on Treaty 1 and Treaty 2 Lands, the traditional homelands of the Dakota, Anishinaabek, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dene, and the Red River Métis peoples.

The Chair welcomed Bernadette Ardelli, Vice-President of Research & Graduate Studies, to the meeting. It was noted that Dr. Ardelli would be a regular attendee at Board meetings as a resource.

2. AGENDA & MINUTES

2.1 Approval of Agenda of January 27, 2024

Motion: Moved and seconded (Q. Pearce/M. Magnusson)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda of the January 27, 2024, Board of Governors meeting (Open Session) be approved.

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2.2 Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion: Moved and seconded (E. Bach/M. Juce)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the consent agenda of the January 27, 2024, Board of Governors (Open Session) meeting be approved as follows:

- 2.2.1 Approval of Minutes of November 25, 2023 (Open Session)
- 2.2.2 Report from the Vice-President (Administration & Finance)
- 2.2.3 Report – Transactions of \$100,000 or More – November 1, 2023 – January 1, 2024
- 2.2.4 Report – Financial Summary as at December 31, 2023
- 2.2.5 Report – Financial Summary by Object as at December 31, 2023
- 2.2.6 Report – Research & Special Purposes – April 1 to December 31, 2023
- 2.2.7 Reports from Representatives on Committees Reporting to the Board
 - 2.2.7.1 Board of Directors of the BU Foundation
 - 2.2.7.2 BU Senate
 - 2.2.7.3 BU Students’ Union
 - 2.2.7.4 Board of Trustees of the BU Retirement Plan
 - 2.2.7.5 Status of Women Review Committee
 - 2.2.7.6 Governance & Nominating Committee

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3. REPORTS

3.1 Report from President

The President’s written report was provided in the agenda package.

D. Docherty noted an error in his report regarding the Vice-President, Research & Graduate Studies’ reports to the Board. He stated that written reports would begin to be provided to the Board at the March meeting rather than June.

D. Docherty provided a brief overview of the recent announcement by the federal government that they will be implementing caps on international student visas across the country. It was noted that each province will be given an allotment of

student visas to be divided amongst PSIs. Manitoba PSIs are working with the provincial government and a working group has been established with representatives from PSIs to help inform the provincial attestation letter process. It was noted that the federal government has set a deadline for a system to be in place by March 31, 2024. It is not yet clear what the impacts will be for BU.

A question was raised as to why the federal government has made the decision on implementing student visa caps.

D. Docherty stated that of about one million international students in the country, approximately two thirds attend regulated universities and colleges. The remainder attend private colleges that tend to offer limited services to students (e.g., residences, student services, mental health support, etc.) whereas publicly regulated institutions have the infrastructure to provide these necessary services along with quality education. This is being seen as part of the problem, noting housing challenges for international students has also been raised as an issue; however, this is being seen more in other provinces such as Ontario and British Columbia.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Motion: Revisions to the BU International Undergraduate Student Scholarship

Motion: Moved and seconded (K. Bayes-McDonald/Asit Patel)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Governors approve the revisions to BU International Undergraduate Scholarship as recommended by Senate.

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D. Docherty spoke to the revisions and rationale, which were summarized in detail in the meeting package. It was highlighted that the scholarship is being changed to a bursary, noting that bursaries are awarded based on financial need whereas scholarships are awarded based on high grade point averages.

CARRIED

4.2 Motion: Name Change – Program for the Education of Native Teachers – P.E.N.T.

Motion: Moved and seconded (M. Magnusson/Q. Pearce)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposed name change for the Brandon University Indigenous Education Program from Program

for the Education of Native Teachers to PENT Indigenous Teacher Education as recommended by Senate.

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D. Docherty provided an overview of the PENT program. He spoke to the proposed name change, which was summarized in detail in the meeting package. He highlighted that the word “native” is no longer appropriate and given that the PENT acronym is well-recognized, it was recommended that the PENT acronym remain as part of the new proposed program name.

Discussion ensued regarding the use of the word “Indigenous” in the program name. Chancellor McCallum encouraged BU to be mindful that the word “Indigenous” can lead people to see First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples as pan-Canadians and a homogenized group with the same culture and language.

It was confirmed that the PENT Advisory Group recommended the program name change to Senate.

CARRIED

S. Hayward joined the meeting at 8:52 a.m.

4.3 Motion: Omnibus Revisions to the Board Research Policies due to Position Authority Change

Motion: Moved and seconded (E. Bach/Ayushi Patel)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposed revisions to the following policies as an omnibus motion, as recommended by the Governance and Nominating Committee:

- 1. Policy on Academic Integrity and the Responsible Conduct of Research, Scholarship and Creative Work**
- 2. Brandon University Conflict of Interest in Research Policy**
- 3. Disposition of Research Equipment Policy and Procedures**
- 4. Brandon University Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) and Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) General Research Fund (GRF) Policy**
- 5. Research Contract Policy**

6. Residual Balances in Research Accounts Policy

7. Rural Development Institute (RDI) Research Affiliate Designation Policy

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D. Docherty spoke to the proposed revisions, highlighting that the policies required updating to reflect the Vice-President (Research & Graduate Studies) as the authority and leadership for research and graduate studies at BU in place of the Provost and Vice-President (Academic).

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4.4 Motion: Date Change for the June 22, 2024 Board of Governors Meeting

Motion: Moved and seconded (A. Okudo/Asit Patel)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Governors change the date of their June meeting from June 22, 2024, to June 15, 2024, to meet the deadline to submit Board approved final audited financial statements to the province.

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D. Docherty stated that as discussed at the November Board meeting, the provincial government has changed the submission deadline to receive the Board approved audited financial statements and therefore, there is a need to change the date of the June Board meeting.

CARRIED

4.5 Nominations and Election for Board (Order-in-Council) member to serve on the Human Resources Committee

The Chair reported that there is still a non-student Order-in-Council vacancy on the Human Resources Committee and called for volunteers or nominations.

Quintin Pearce volunteered to serve on the committee. No other volunteers or nominations came forward.

Motion: Moved and seconded (K. Bayes-McDonald/E. Bach)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Quintin Pearce be appointed to the Human Resources Committee.

CARRIED

5. MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

Motion: Moved and seconded (Asit Patel/Ayushi Patel)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting move to Closed Session.

CARRIED

6. RAISE MOTION(S) FROM CLOSED SESSION

There were no motions raised from Closed Session.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved and seconded (S. Hayward/A. Okudo)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting adjourn at 1:42 p.m.

CARRIED

Chair, Board of Governors

Board Secretariat