

**Brandon University Board of Governors  
(Open Session)  
Saturday, January 25, 2025  
Louis Riel Room  
8:30 a.m.**

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**Present:** Joy Chikezie; David Docherty; Sunday Frangi; Dean Hammond; Bryan Hill; Whitney Hodgins; Katheryne Lumgair; Barbara MacKalski; Michelle Magnusson; Mary Jane McCallum; Chukwuanugo Okudo; Ayushi Patel; Quintin Pearce; Joseph Pelletier; Kevan Sumner (Chair)

**Resources:** Bernadette Ardelli; Kofi Campbell; Peter Hickey; Meghan Lamontagne (Recorder); Louise Moss; Allison Noto

**Regrets:** Charles Adamu; Steven Soder

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

The meeting began with a land acknowledgement, recognizing that Brandon University has campuses on both Treaty 1 and Treaty 2 lands and is a gathering place for people from many backgrounds around the world. In this way, we carry on the Indigenous customs of our home in Brandon. It was further acknowledged that Brandon is on shared territory between the Dakota Oyate, the Anishinaabeg, and the National Homeland of the Red River Métis. Today, many other Indigenous people call Brandon their home, including the Ininev, Anisininewuk, Denesuline, and Inuit.

The Chair welcomed Chukwuanugo (Anugo) Okudo to the Board as the new BU Alumni Association representative.

**2. AGENDA & MINUTES**

2.1 Approval of Agenda of January 25, 2025

Motion: Moved and seconded (M. Magnusson/W. Hodgins)

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda of the January 25, 2025, Board of Governors meeting (Open Session) be approved**

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CARRIED**

2.2 Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion: Moved and seconded (A. Patel/J. Pelletier)

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the consent agenda of the January 25, 2025, Board of Governors (Open Session) meeting be approved as follows:**

- 2.2.1 Minutes of November 23, 2024 (Open Session)**
- 2.2.2 Report from the Provost & Vice-President (Academic)**
- 2.2.3 Report from the Vice-President (Research & Graduate Studies)**
- 2.2.4 Report from the Vice-President (Administration & Finance)**
- 2.2.5 Report – Transactions of \$100,000 or More – November 1 to December 31, 2024**
- 2.2.6 Report – Financial Summary as at December 31, 2024**
- 2.2.7 Report – Financial Summary by Object as at December 31, 2024**
- 2.2.8 Reports from Representatives on Committees Reporting to the Board**
  - 2.2.8.1 Board of Directors of the BU Foundation**
  - 2.2.8.2 Board of Trustees of BU Retirement Plan**
  - 2.2.8.3 BU Senate**
  - 2.2.8.5 Governance & Nominating Committee**

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CARRIED

**3. REPORTS**

3.1 Report from the President

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

D. Docherty asked if there were any questions with respect to his written report. There were no questions raised.

**4. CONTINUING BUSINESS**

4.1 Motion: Approval of Accessibility Policy

Motion: Moved and seconded (S. Frangi/K. Lumgair)

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposed revisions to the Accessibility Policy, as recommended by the Governance and Nominating Committee.**

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A motion sheet with rationale along with both a tracked changes copy, and a clean copy of the policy were included in the meeting package.

D. Docherty reported that while the Board had delegated authority to the Governance and Nominating Committee to approve the final revisions to the Accessibility Policy and the three related policies as per Item 4.3, additional time was required to incorporate the necessary changes upon receiving feedback from Human Resources and legal counsel. He clarified that the previously mentioned December 31<sup>st</sup> deadline was not related to the accessibility policies but rather to the University's Accessibility Plan. This meant there was sufficient time for these policies to return to the Board for final approval, allowing for the completion of final revisions. He thanked M. Magnusson (who serves as BU's Accessibility Coordinator) for her expertise and work in reviewing and revising the policies and acknowledged the work of Human Resources.

D. Docherty further reported that he and B. Ardelli met recently with the Accessibility Compliance Secretariat. The meeting was positive and was focused around educating the University on the standards and asking a series of questions about the University's opinion on fair penalties for various sized organizations. They are consulting broadly with organizations across the province.

M. Magnusson, in her role as Accessibility Coordinator, added that the accessibility policies were on schedule to be revised, noting they were previously approved in 2016. She further noted that there was a misunderstanding in terms of the previously communicated December 31<sup>st</sup> deadline.

**CARRIED**

4.2 Motion: Omnibus Revisions to the Assistive Devices Policy, Service Animal Policy, and Support Persons Policy

Motion: Moved and seconded (Q. Pearce/B. Hill)

**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 & Nominating Committee:**

1. **Assistive Devices Policy**
2. **Service Animal Policy**

**3. Support Person Policy**

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A motion sheet with rationale along with tracked changes versions and clean copies of the policies were included in the meeting package.

D. Docherty spoke to these policies in Item 4.1. He noted that the policies need to be reviewed periodically to ensure compliance with legislation.

**CARRIED**

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**5.1 Motion: Approval of Postdoctoral Fellow Policy and Procedures**

A motion sheet with background and rationale for this new policy, along with a copy of the policy was included in the meeting package.

Motion: Moved and seconded (M. Magnusson/W. Hodgins)

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Governors approve the new Postdoctoral Fellow (PDF) Policy and Procedures, as recommended by the Governance and Nominating Committee.**

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B. Ardelli reported that with a growing number of Postdoctoral Fellows, it is important that the University have policies and procedures in place to assist in hosting and supervision and it is also a Tri-agency requirement.

**CARRIED**

**5.2 Motion: Revisions to the Art Acquisition and Management Policy**

A motion sheet outlining the proposed revisions and rationale, along with the current policy and revised policy was included in the meeting package. The policy is now titled the Art Collection Policy.

Motion: Moved and seconded (A. Patel/K. Lumgair)

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Governors approve the revisions to the Art Acquisition and Management Policy, as recommended by the Governance and Nominating Committee.**

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D. Docherty reported that several revisions were necessary since the policy has not been updated since its approval in 1996. Key changes include incorporation of relevant legislation and the establishment of a clear protocol for acquiring and deaccessioning art. He acknowledged the work of Carla Eisler (Director of Advancement & Alumni Affairs) in leading the policy review. The policy was also reviewed by the President's Executive Committee, President's Administrative Council, and the Arts faculty.

**CARRIED**

5.3 Motion: Public Access to Board of Governors Open Session Meeting Materials

A motion sheet outlining the rationale was included in the meeting package.

Motion: Moved and seconded (W. Hodgins/J. Pelletier)

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposed changes to the process for distributing Open Session meeting materials, aimed at enhancing openness, transparency, and access to information related to its activities, as recommended by the Governance and Nominating Committee.**

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K. Sumner provided an overview of the rationale of the proposed changes, which speak to good governance with an aim for openness and transparency.

**CARRIED**

D. Docherty reported that, unrelated to the current item and intended to be part of his President's report, the Senate approved the granting of the designation "Professor Emeritus" to Professor Kurt Noll of the Department of Religion, Faculty of Arts. The Senate requested that this information be shared with the Board.

**6. MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION**

Motion: Moved and seconded (B. MacKalski/A. Patel)

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting move to Closed Session.**

**CARRIED**

**7. RAISE MOTION(S) FROM CLOSED SESSION**

There were no motions raised from Closed Session.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: Moved and seconded (Q. Pearce/A. Okudo)

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting adjourn at 1:07 p.m.**

**CARRIED**

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Chair, Board of Governors

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Board Secretariat