

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

**Saturday, March 15, 2025
Room 143, Health Studies Building & Zoom
8:30 a.m.**

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

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

Regrets: Mary Jane McCallum; Steven Soder

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 Inineew, Anisininewuk, Denesuline, and Inuit.

2. AGENDA & MINUTES

2.1 Approval of Agenda of March 15, 2025

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda of the March 15, 2025, Board of Governors meeting (Open Session) be approved.

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CARRIED**

2.2 Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion: Moved and seconded (W. Hodgins/S. Frangi)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the consent agenda of the March 15, 2025, Board of Governors (Open Session) meeting be approved as follows:

- 2.2.1 Minutes of January 25, 2025 (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 – January 1 to February 28, 2025**
- 2.2.6 Report – Research & Special Purpose Funds as at December 31, 2024**
- 2.2.7 Report – Final List of February Graduands**
- 2.2.8 Reports from Representatives on Committees Reporting to the Board**
 - 2.2.8.1 Board of Trustees of the BU Retirement Plan**
 - 2.2.8.2 BU Senate**
 - 2.2.8.3 Audit & Risk Committee**
 - ~~**2.2.8.4 Status of Women Review Committee**~~

A request was made to move the Status of Women Review Committee Report from the Consent Agenda to Item 4.1 under Reports of the regular agenda.

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CARRIED AS AMENDED**

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Presentation from Dean of Arts, Dr. Gregory Kennedy

G. Kennedy, Dean of Arts, delivered a comprehensive presentation on the Faculty of Arts, covering key aspects such as program offerings, enrollment and graduate statistics, recent events, and a SWOT analysis. Board members were encouraged to explore additional details by visiting the faculty's website.

K. Campbell acknowledged G. Kennedy as a valuable addition to Deans' Council.

4. REPORTS

4.1 Status of Women Review Committee (SWRC) Report

K. Lumgair informed the Board of the recent release of the SWRC quinquennial report and asked whether the Board preferred an in-person presentation at a future meeting or to watch the campus-wide presentation scheduled for Wednesday, April 9, at 3:30 p.m., which will be recorded for later viewing. After discussion, the Board agreed to invite SWRC representatives to a Board meeting for a presentation.

4.2 Report from the President

In addition to the President's written report included in the meeting package, the President provided a detailed overview of the University Registrar's report, highlighting a decline in applications, primarily due to a decrease in international student applicants. Recruitment efforts are ongoing, and it was noted that BU has the capacity to accommodate more students. It was also noted that there has been a recent transition in the Minister of Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada.

A question was raised regarding whether PENT program enrollment numbers are included in Indigenous enrollment figures. The President responded that they were uncertain.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Motion: May Board Meeting Date Change

Motion: Moved and seconded (W. Hodgins/K. Lumgair)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Governors approve the revised 2025 meeting schedule as follows:

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Saturday, May 10, 2025

Saturday, June 21, 2025

Saturday, September 20, 2025

Saturday, November 22, 2025

A motion sheet outlining the background and rationale for the revised meeting schedule was included in the meeting package. The May Board meeting date is being changed from May 24 to May 10, returning to its previous regular schedule. The initial change had been made due to a potential audit deadline last year, which did not occur this year. The revised date was requested to accommodate the capacity of the President's Office during a busy period and to ensure a balanced distribution of Board meetings between March, May, and June.

CARRIED

6. INFORMATION

6.1 Reminder: Board Evaluation

The Chair reminded Board members to complete the Board Evaluation (published on Diligent) by the March 21 deadline, emphasizing its importance for self-assessment, particularly with the incoming President, and for providing valuable information to the province.

7. MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

Motion: Moved and seconded (W. Hodgins/B. MacKalski)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting move to Closed Session.

CARRIED

8. RAISE MOTION(S) FROM CLOSED SESSION

The following motions were raised from Closed Session:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Governors approve Nancy McPherson as the 2025 recipient of the Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Community Service, as recommended by the Human Resources Committee.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Collective Agreement with International Union of Operating Engineers Local 987 (IUOE A), as negotiated and recommended by the University Bargaining Committee for the period of April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2028, be ratified by the Board of Governors.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved and seconded (C. Okudo/J. Joseph)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting adjourn at 11:05 a.m.

CARRIED

Chair, Board of Governors

Board Secretariat