Brandon University Board of Governors
(Open Session)

Saturday, May 9, 2026
Louis Riel Room & Teams
8:30 a.m.

Present: Christine Bovis-Cnossen; Ravikiran Dwivedula (Teams); Sunday Frangi; Bryan Hill; Samuel Kayode; Katheryne Lumgair; Molly MacPherson-Blair; Mary Jane McCallum (Teams); Quintin Pearce (Teams); Joseph Pelletier; Tosin Salau; Emmanuelle Shakotko; Kevan Sumner (Chair)

Resources: Greg Gatien; Peter Hickey; Yvette Laflamme; Meghan Lamontagne (Recorder); Allison Noto

Regrets: Dean Hammond; Steven Soder; Chukwuanugo Okudo

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1. CALL TO ORDER & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:34 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 Ininew, Anisininewuk, Denesuline, and Inuit.

The Chair welcomed Tosin Salau and Samuel Kayode as the new BUSU representatives on the Board.

The Chair noted that the meeting was not being recorded and reminded those in attendance that unauthorized recordings are not permitted.

2. AGENDA & MINUTES

2.1 Approval of Agenda of May 9, 2026

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda of the May 9, 2026, Board of Governors meeting (Open Session) be approved.

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CARRIED

2.2 Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion: Moved and seconded (B. Hill/C. Bovis-Cnossen)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the consent agenda of the May 9, 2026, Board of Governors (Open Session) meeting be approved as follows:

- **2.2.1 Minutes of March 21, 2026 (Open Session)**
- **2.2.2 Report from the Vice-President (Research & Graduate Studies)**
- **2.2.3 Report from the Vice-President (Administration & Finance)**
- **2.2.4 Report – Transactions Over $100,000 – January 1 to March 31, 2026**
- **2.2.5 Reports from Representatives on Committees Reporting to the Board**
  - **2.2.5.1 BU Retirement Plan Board of Trustees**
  - **2.2.5.2 BU Senate**
  - **2.2.5.2 Audit & Risk Committee**

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CARRIED

3. REPORTS

3.1 Report from the Board Chair

A written report from the Board Chair was included in the meeting package.

The Chair provided brief verbal highlights, noting a meeting with the former President regarding research and professional development; attendance at a campus event held in solidarity and taking a stand against intimate partner violence, with appreciation expressed to Board members and acknowledgment of University support; receipt of a provincial budget letter from the Minister addressed to the Chair and President, with a recommendation that Board members review the outlined priorities; presentation of the Board of Governors Award for Community Service to Professor Megumi Masaki; and the April retiree recognition event.

The Chair provided an overview of the new training session available through the Agencies, Boards, and Commissions online portal and reminded members to complete the board evaluation in Diligent prior to the 15th.

3.2 Report from the President

A written report from the President was included in the meeting package.

The President provided brief verbal highlights, noting progress on the institutional listening tour and ongoing engagement with community and education partners to support collaboration across sectors. The President also shared reflections on recent student, alumni, and community events, including recognition initiatives, and highlighted several upcoming institutional activities. Updates were provided regarding participation in regional and provincial discussions focused on collaboration among post-secondary institutions and community development.

The President further noted recent community-led initiatives and events, acknowledged external developments impacting the post-secondary environment, and confirmed that the University has not been affected by the recent learning management system security incident.

J. Pelletier joined the meeting at 8:55 a.m.

3.3 Report from the Vice-Chair: Canadian University Governance Association Conference

The Vice-Chair provided a brief update on his attendance at the Canadian University Governance Association conference hosted by the University of Waterloo, noting shared experiences across universities in a rapidly evolving post-secondary landscape and the complexities of universities. It was further that a more fulsome report will be provided at the June meeting and that next year's conference will be hosted in Winnipeg.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Motion: 2026 Report Against Forced Labour and Child Labour Supply Chains

Motion: Moved and seconded (J. Pelletier/S. Frangi)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Governors approve the 2026 Report Against Forced Labour and Child Labour in Supply Chains.

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A motion sheet outlining the background and rationale, along with the report, was included in the meeting package.

A. Noto provided an overview, noting that this is the third year in effect and that procurement practices continue to be guided by legislative requirements, with consideration given to sourcing and selection beyond lowest cost. An update on the current status was provided, and it was noted that there are no concerns for Brandon University at this time.

In response to a question regarding available resources and training, A. Noto indicated that such resources have not been explored in detail, noting that current measures primarily involve incorporating requirements within vendor agreements to ensure compliance.

CARRIED

4.2 Motion: Scholarship & Research Funds

Motion: Moved and seconded (C. Bovis-Cnossen/B. Hill)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Governors approve the allocation of unrestricted endowment funds for the 2026/2027 fiscal year as follows:

Faculty Research (BURC)			**$75,609**
Entrance Scholarships:			
Tier I	**Average greater than or equal to 95%**	**2000.00**	
Tier II	**Average greater than or equal to 92.5%**	**1700.00**	
Tier III	**Average greater than or equal to 90%**	**1400.00**	
Tier IV	**Average greater than or equal to 87.5**	**1100.00**	
Tier V	**Average greater than or equal to 85%**	**800.00**	
Total available from endowment funds for Entrance Scholarships			**$64,332**
TOTAL			**$139,942**

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A motion sheet outlining the background and rationale, along with supporting information, was included in the meeting package.

A. Noto provided an overview, noting that there are approximately a dozen endowments without specific terms of reference, and that the University has designated the associated spending to support internal research and entrance awards for new students. It was noted that approximately $275,000 is allocated annually to entrance awards, with approximately $50,000 to $60,000 funded through these endowments.

CARRIED

5. MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

Motion: Moved and seconded (S. Frangi/C. Bovis-Cnossen)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting move to Closed Session.

CARRIED

Open Session resumed.

6. RAISE MOTION(S) FROM CLOSED SESSION

The following motions were raised from Closed Session:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Governors ratify, in advance, the sabbatical leaves to be considered per the Brandon University Faculty Association (BUFA) Collective Agreement for sabbatical requests received in 2026, with the President to report their decisions to the Board for information following approval.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Governors confer the title of Dean Emeritus upon Dr. Scott Grills of the Faculty of Arts.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

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Chair, Board of Governors Board Secretariat