

**MINUTES
OF THE SEVENTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE 49TH SENATE
HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2017 @ 2:00 P.M.
LOUIS RIEL ROOM, MCMASTER CONCOURSE**

Present: Dr. Gervan Fearon (Chair); Dr. Bernadette Ardelli; Dr. Edward Bach;
Dr. Chris Beeman; Mr. Garnet Boyd; Ms. Betty Braaksma;
Mr. Michael Cain; Dr. Dean Care; Dr. Heather Duncan; Dr. Noreen Ek;
Ms. Joan Garbutt; Dr. Austin Gulliver; Mr. Jack Lindsay; Ms. Andrea McDaniel;
Mr. Michael Malazdrewicz; Dr. Lorraine Mayer; Dr. Hamid Mumin;
Dr. Burcu Ntelioglou; Ms. Kim Ryan-Nichols; Dr. Steven Robinson;
Dr. Demetres Tryphonopoulos; Mr. Nicholas Brown (BUSU); Ms. Jillian Creasor (BUSU);
Ms. Elizabeth Davidson (BUSU); Ms. Laura Davidson (BUSU); Ms. Meagan Stade (BUSU);
Ms. Kim Fallis (Recording Secretary)

Regrets: Ms. Cordella Friesen; Mr. Greg Gatien; Ms. Katie Gross; Mr. Scott Lamont;
Dr. David Winter; Mr. Trevor Poole (BUSU); Mr. Greg Monias (BUSU)

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION 148.FEB17 Creasor/Malazdrewicz

THAT the agenda be approved as distributed.

CARRIED

2. Closed Session

MOTION 149.FEB17 Duncan/Mumin

THAT the committee move into CLOSED session.

CARRIED

3. Open Session

3.1. Approval of Minutes of January 17, 2017 (Attached)

MOTION 157.FEB17 Brown/Robinson

THAT the minutes of January 17, 2017 be approved as amended.
Mr. Jack Lindsay was absent with regrets.

CARRIED

4. Business Arising

5. New Business

5.1. Report from the Curriculum and Academic Planning Committee (Sen. Robinson)

MOTION 158.FEB17 Robinson/Duncan

THAT Senate approve the Faculty of Education regularization of the previous experimental course
04:356 Culturally Proficient and Equitable Instruction.

CARRIED

5.2. Library Academic Plan (Sen. Robinson) (for information only)

The Library Academic Plan was received for information.

5.3. Report from the Board of Governors Representative to Senate (Sen. Boyd)

Senator Boyd reported on the following from the January 26, 2017 meeting:

- The City of Dauphin has agreed to continue its financial support of BU's First-Year Outreach Program offerings. That agreement has allowed us to extend the pilot through 2017-18, at which point we will re-assess the viability of the program.
- Budget and Staffing Plans Report
 - Staffing positions that were approved are being advertised.
 - Town Hall-style budget presentations will be conducted in preparation for a final draft budget to be presented to the Board in May.
 - Communications have been ongoing with the Province about capital funding needs for the University outside of the normal budget communications.
- The Board of Governors approved:
 - the transactions of \$25,000 or more from November 4th, 2016 to January 9th, 2017;
 - the School of Music's department name change from History and Theory to Music Research;
 - the minimum academic requirement for undergraduate bursary eligibility; and
 - the amended Managed Account Agreement, including the amended fee schedule. (This motion was passed by the BU Retirement Plan Board of Trustees and the Trust Agreement required approval of the Board of Governors to employ professional investment managers).
- BUSU executive members and 20 students attended the Board of Governors' meeting and made presentations regarding their concerns about differential fees charged to international students. They asked the Board to consider reducing the international student rates to the domestic student rate.
- Ms. Bea Jolly was appointed to the Knowles-Douglas Commission Committee.

5.4 Report from the Brandon University Students' Union (BUSU) President (Sen. Brown)

Senator Brown reported on the following;

- Mental Health week ran from January 16-20, 2017, and it was very successful.
- Members of BUSU and students made a presentation to the Board of Governors regarding international student differential fees.
- BUSU will hold their elections for the 2017-2018 Executive on March 2 & 3, 2017.
- Family Fun Week will be held from March 27-31, 2017 to coincide with the public schools' spring break. Students are encouraged to bring their children with them to school that week.

5.5 Deans', University Librarian, and Registrar's Reports (Dr. Fearon will call on these individuals for verbal reports)

5.6 Vice-President's (Academic & Provost) Report (Sen. Robinson)

Senator Robinson reported on the following:

- With the departure of Mr. Tom Brophy, the following changes are being made:
 - Ms. Andrea McDaniel, Acting Registrar, will take over the role and title of University Registrar beginning March 1, 2017.
 - There will be an open search for a new leader of Student Services with the position being at the level of a Dean. In the meantime, Ms. Katie Gross will continue as the Acting Dean of Student Services.
- The name of the provincial government's Ministry of Education and Training is now known as Post-Secondary Education and Workforce Development. The Council of Presidents of Universities

of Manitoba (COPUM), previously a committee acting at arm's length from the government, is now an entity that meets directly with government representatives.

- Over the next few months there will be a number of roundtable meetings discussing such items as K-12 education, English language and workplace readiness for new Canadians, post-secondary education, and early childhood and mental health. Brandon University will be participating in these discussions.
- He had a meeting with the leadership from the University of Winnipeg to discuss potential collaboration on graduate programs and to discuss the current MOU regarding BU's Bachelor of Psychiatric Nursing program in Winnipeg.

5.7 President's Report (Dr. Fearon)

Dr. Fearon reported on the following:

- The current government is operating with budget as their overarching priority.
- Post-secondary institutions are still awaiting the government's notification regarding their operating grants and tuition fee increases.
- The province's post-secondary Presidents have been meeting with government ministers regarding post-secondary concerns, Indigenous education, and K-12 education with special attention to labour market outcomes.
- COPUM meetings now include the Presidents of Manitoba's Colleges, and they continue to meet every two months.
- Universities Canada held their conference in Ottawa, and they focused the discussions on students of today and of the future. A number of students were also invited to attend, and they had the opportunity to hear the Prime Minister who was the key note speaker.
- Universities Canada also issued a statement on behalf of all universities related to the US travel ban and how this will affect students.
- Ms. Deb Berkan is now the full-time Director of Institutional Data & Analysis.
- The University has started the budget consultation process and will be setting up dates for Town Hall discussions.
- The Master Plan is moving into stage three of consultations with an open house on March 9, 2017.
- The University has been able to purchase additional land around the Strand Theater with the approval and support from the City of Brandon and Renaissance Brandon. With this additional land, the University will be able to expand its downtown footprint. The University is looking at a number of options for the development of the property. Some of the items being considered are additional residences for students, seniors residences, commercial space, as well as teaching and learning space.

6 Other Business

7 Correspondence

8 Adjournment

MOTION 159.FEB17 Braaksma/ Garbutt

THAT the Senate committee adjourn.
The committee adjourned at 3:43 pm

CARRIED