

**MINUTES
OF THE SIXTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE 48TH SENATE
HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2016 @ 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; Ms. Joan Garbutt; Mr. Greg Gatien; Mr. Steve Gouthro;
Dr. Austin Gulliver; Dr. Lynn MacKay; Ms. Andrea McDaniel;
Mr. Michael Malazdrewicz; Dr. Sarah Plosker; Dr. Steven Robinson;
Dr. Linda Ross; Dr. Demetres Tryphonopoulos; Dr. David Winter;
Ms. Sheyenne Spence (BUSU); Mr. Aaron Thompson (BUSU);
Ms. Kim Fallis (Recording Secretary)

Regrets: Mr. Tom Brophy; Dr. Heather Duncan; Dr. Noreen Ek; Mr. Scott Lamont;
Dr. Corinne Mason; Dr. Lorraine Mayer; Mr. Nicholas Brown (BUSU)

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION 126.FEB16 Thompson/Gulliver

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.
Addition of 5.1 Decanal Search for Dean of Science.

CARRIED

2. Closed Session

MOTION 127.FEB16 Malazdrewicz/Gulliver

THAT the committee move into CLOSED session.

CARRIED

3. Open Session

3.1 Approval of Minutes of January 19, 2016

MOTION 128.FEB16 Boyd/Beeman

THAT the minutes of January 19, 2014 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Business Arising

5. New Business

5.1 Decanal Search for Dean of Science (Sen. Robinson)

Election of **2 Faculty** member Senators, elected by Senate, who are not members of the Faculty/School concerned AND
Election of **1 Student** Senator elected by Senate, normally from the Faculty/School concerned

Senator Thompson nominated Senator Brown seconded by Senator Spence (pending written acceptance from Senator Brown)

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

Senator Malazdrewicz self-nominated seconded by Senator Gouthro

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

Senator Gatien nominated Senator Bach seconded by Senator Garbutt

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

5.2 Curriculum & Academic Planning (Sen. Robinson)

MOTION 129.FEB16 Gulliver/Gatien

THAT Senate approve the Faculty of Science, Department of Biology, deletion of 15:274 Environmental Health and 15:275 Pollution Biology.

CARRIED

MOTION 130.Feb16 Tryphonopoulos/Plosker

THAT Senate approve the Faculty of Arts, Department of English and Creative Writing, new course 30:452 Experimental Criticism: The Desire to Write.

CARRIED

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

Senator Boyd reported on the following:

The last meeting of the Board of Governors was January 23, 2016.

There were a number of reports reviewed and approved.

There was a presentation from the Follett Corporation. The University has signed a seven-year contract with them to manage the operation of Campus Books.

5.4 Report from the Brandon University Student Union (BUSU) President (Sen. Thompson)

Senator Thompson reported on the following:

BUSU and Student Services hosted a Mental Health Week which was a very well received by students.

On February 8 – 12th, BUSU hosted the “Consent: Ask For It” event which was not as well received as they had hoped for. They plan to continue hosting this event and hope that it will become successful in the coming years.

BUSU is currently holding their general elections for 2016-2017. March 7 & 8, 2016 will be election days.

With the upcoming Provincial election, BUSU will be hosting an All-Candidates Debate.

5.5 Deans' and University Librarian's Reports
(Not minuted)

5.6 Report from the Vice-President (Academic & Provost) (Sen. Robinson)

Senator Robinson reported on the following:

A search is underway for a Canadian Research Chair (CRC) in rural and remote mental health. His office recently recommended five students for NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Awards (USRA).

The decanal search for the Dean of Science has begun.

It has been and continues to be a very busy year with a number of external reviews in process or beginning soon, including the following: Graduate Studies in Education, Physical Education Studies, Gender & Women's Studies, History, Master of Rural Development, Anthropology, Economics, Applied Disaster and Emergency Studies, Geology and Geography.

Dr. Heather Duncan will begin chairing the Senate Research Committee.

Senator Robinson informed Senators that there will soon be an announcement from Brandon University, the City of Dauphin, and Assiniboine Community College (ACC) regarding a one-year pilot project that will give individuals the opportunity to take first-year BU courses in Dauphin. One of the objectives of the project is to offer individuals in the Dauphin area access to postsecondary education.

5.7 Report from the President (Dr. Fearon)

Dr. Fearon reported on the following:

The search for a Vice-President (Academic & Provost) is currently underway. Dr. Fearon thanked the individuals who are currently serving in acting positions.

He made mention of the Walking with our Sisters event that is being held on campus and encouraged members of the University community to continue their active engagement with organizations outside of the University.

He reminded members that Brandon University will be hosting the women's Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) Volleyball Championships from March 11-13, 2016. He also noted that our women's volleyball team has won every game this year. There will be some great volleyball at the event.

His office is planning a General Faculty Council to be held in April 2016.

Dr. Fearon asked Senators to consider the following questions: How does the University consolidate the Academic Plan with Senate policies and the academic process?

He noted that Mr. Brophy and Mr. Rowland are currently on international recruiting trip to Thailand. He also noted that he and Senator Robinson have signed a MOU with Jamaica.

6 Other Business

7 Correspondence

8 Adjournment

MOTION Gatien/Braaksma

THAT the Senate adjourn.
The Senate adjourned at 2:50.

CARRIED