

**MINUTES
OF THE SIXTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE 49TH SENATE
HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2017 @ 2:00 P.M.
LOUIS RIEL ROOM, MCMASTER CONCOURSE**

Present: Dr. Gervan Fearon (Chair); 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; Ms. Katie Gross;
Dr. Austin Gulliver; Mr. Scott Lamont; Ms. Andrea McDaniel;
Mr. Michael Malazdrewicz; Dr. Hamid Mumin; Dr. Burcu Ntelioglou;
Dr. Steven Robinson; Dr. Demetres Tryphonopoulos; Dr. David Winter;
Mr. Nicholas Brown (BUSU); Ms. Laura Davidson (BUSU);
Ms. Kim Fallis (Recording Secretary)

Regrets: Dr. Bernadette Ardelli; Ms. Cordella Friesen; Mr. Greg Gatien; Mr. Jack Lindsay;
Dr. Lorraine Mayer; Ms. Kim Ryan-Nichols; Ms. Jillian Creasor (BUSU);
Ms. Elizabeth Davidson (BUSU); Mr. Greg Monias (BUSU); Mr. Trevor Poole (BUSU)

Guest: Mr. Grant Prairie

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION 137.JAN17 Garbutt/Brown

THAT the agenda be approved as distributed.

CARRIED

2. Closed Session

MOTION 138.JAN17 Boyd/Bach

THAT the committee move into CLOSED session.

CARRIED

3. Open Session

3.1. Approval of Minutes of December 13, 2016

MOTION 141.JAN17 Care/Mumin

THAT the minutes of December 13, 2016 be approved as distributed.

CARRIED

4. Business Arising

5. New Business

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

MOTION 142.JAN17 Robinson/Brown

THAT Senate approve the creation of a new Committee of Senate.

AND

THAT the committee be known as the "Undergraduate Student Appeals Committee", and that the Terms of Reference for the committee be approved as presented.

CARRIED

MOTION 143.JAN17 Robinson/Brown

THAT Senate approve changing the English Requirement to the Liberal Arts Distributed Major in order to permit 3 credit hours of Creative Writing.

CARRIED

MOTION 144.JAN17 Robinson/Tryphonopoulos

THAT Senate approve the Faculty of Arts, Department of Business Administration, addition of the C+ requirement for 16:278 Business Finance in the 2+2 program tables.

CARRIED

MOTION 145.JAN17 Robinson/Gross

THAT Senate approve the Faculty of Arts, Department of Native Studies, new course 68/36:453 Indigenous Masculinity.

CARRIED

MOTION 146.JAN17 Robinson/Brown

THAT Senate approve the Faculty of Arts, Department of Music Arts, addition of 67/64:234 History of Popular Music as a Major requirement.

CARRIED

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

Senator Brown reported on the following:

- BUSU hosted a holiday dinner on December 22, 2016 for students who would be staying in Brandon during the Christmas vacation. There were 50 students in attendance
- BUSU also supplied food hampers for students staying in residence or not having access to a kitchen over the holiday.
- BUSU hosted a number of events during Snowientation week held January 4-10, 2017 – Clubs Day, Trivia Night, SUDS' 30th birthday party, Services Day, and Karaoke in SUDS.
- Mental Health Week is taking place from January 16 – 20, 2016 with a number of planned events:
 - The event began Monday, Jan. 16 with Lee Thomas providing Mental Health First Aid Training for students. Lee Thomas helped celebrate Blue Monday and launched the #MyDefinition Campaign to end the stigma around mental health. There was also a Mental Health Walk.
 - Tuesday, Jan. 17: BUSU hosted a free taco-in-a-bag lunch and an opportunity to chat with Marsha Harris around mental health issues.
 - From Jan. 18 – 20, there will be de-stress booths as well as local health resources in the Mingling Area.
 - On January 20th, there will be therapy dogs and massages in the Mingling Area.
- From February 13-28, BUSU will hold elections for the next BUSU executive.
- The CFS graduate student conference will be held in Brandon in February.

5.3 Deans', University Librarian, and Registrar's Reports (verbal reports were given)

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

Senator Robinson reported on the following:

- The search for the Dean of Science continues. The committee will be hosting five candidates on campus over the next few weeks.
- Mrs. Kelley Mitton has been hired as the Co-operative Program Coordinator. This position has been made possible through a targeted operating grant increase from the Province of Manitoba. Kelley will be helping to facilitate the on-going development of co-op, work-integrated, and experiential learning options in a variety of disciplines across the University, and will be coordinating the implementation of BU's forthcoming Co-operative Education Program. Brandon University is committed to the importance of experiential learning and to facilitating the transition of our students from university to career, and with her background and education in project management and adult education, Kelley is well-suited to implement new and innovative programs that will truly enhance our student experience.
- The Sexual Assault Advisory Group will be hosting the final community town hall before the Sexual Assault and Sexualized Violence Policy will be forwarded to the Board of Governors for approval.
- The Faculty of Science has been meeting with the University of Manitoba regarding possible renewal of the pre-agriculture program.

5.5 Report from the President (Dr. Fearon)

Dr. Fearon reported on the following:

- The Premier and caucus were in Brandon today, and the Chamber of Commerce organized an event. The governmental representatives had the opportunity to speak to individuals regarding such items as the relationship of the government to postsecondary education, dealing with budget deficits, and fiscal management over the next few years.
- The government has asked that the University present a report at the end of March outlining the long-term infrastructure priorities for the University. Senator Lamont will be the contact person at BU during this deliberation. Some of the items that will be included in BU's report will be a new Science building, student residences, and Learning Commons space.
- The University continues to build relations with the community.
- Dr. Fearon has had the opportunity to speak with the students and caregivers from the Inclusion Options program. The students are enjoying the welcoming environment of the university, and they are finding it a very positive experience.
- There is a team working towards identifying possible uses for the Strand Theater which was recently purchased by the University.
- Dr. Fearon had the opportunity to meet and discuss postsecondary education with a number of grade 6-9 students as part of an athletics event that brought many younger students on campus.
- The Board of Governors is looking into a retreat to review the institutional plan.

6 Other Business

7 Correspondence

8 Adjournment

MOTION 147.JAN17 Brown/Lamont

THAT the Senate adjourn.

The Senate adjourned at 2:58 pm.

CARRIED