

**MINUTES
OF THE SIXTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE 48TH SENATE
HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 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. Tom Brophy;
Mr. Michael Cain; Dr. Dean Care; Dr. Heather Duncan; Dr. Noreen Ek;
Ms. Joan Garbutt; Mr. Greg Gatien; Mr. Steve Gouthro; Dr. Austin Gulliver;
Mr. Scott Lamont; Dr. Lynn MacKay; Ms. Andrea McDaniel;
Mr. Michael Malazdrewicz; Dr. Sarah Plosker; Dr. Steven Robinson; Dr. Linda Ross;
Dr. Demetres Tryphonopoulos; Dr. David Winter; Mr. Nicholas Brown (BUSU);
Ms. Kim Fallis (Recording Secretary).

Regrets: Dr. Corinne Mason; Dr. Lorraine Mayer; Ms. Sheyenne Spence (BUSUS); Mr. Aaron Thompson (BUSU)

Guest: Mr. Michael Hay (Quill)

Dr. Fearon thanked the members of Senate for their work on Senate. He also noted that the good work that Brandon University faculty and staff do is recognized in the broader community of Brandon. He reiterated how proud he is of Brandon University.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION 111.JAN16 Malazdrewicz/Care

THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. Closed Session

MOTION 112.JAN16 Boyd/Ek

THAT the committee move into CLOSED session.

CARRIED

3. Open Session

3.1 Approval of Minutes of December 15, 2015

MOTION 115.JAN16 Care/Gatien

THAT the minutes of December 15, 2015 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Business Arising

4.1 Indigenous Education Committee of Senate (Sen. Robinson) (Attached)

MOTION 116.JAN16 Robinson/Beeman

THAT Senate establish an Indigenous Education Committee to explore the advancing of the Indigenous Education Blueprint at Brandon University with the Terms of Reference for and membership of this committee to be reviewed and approved by Senate.

CARRIED

Senator Robinson will consult with Senate members to draft terms of reference for the committee and bring them back to Senate for the February 23, 2016 meeting. This will be an ad hoc committee of Senate.

4.2 Review of Academic Units (Sen. Robinson)

Dr. Austin Gulliver was appointed by Senate as the Senate representative for the Geology external review. Now that he has taken on the role of Acting Dean of Science, he can no longer serve on the external review committee. Senate will need to appoint **ONE person from outside the unit/program** to the Geology external review committee.

Senator Gulliver nominated Dr. Gwynfor Richards, seconded by Senator Brown.

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

5. New Business

5.1 Senate Graduate Studies (Sen. Tryphonopoulos) (Attached)

MOTION 117.JAN16 GS Tryphonopoulos/Brown

THAT Senate approve the discontinuance of admission into the 54 credit hour Master of Education (all specializations) as of January 19, 2016.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

MOTION 118.JAN16 GS Tryphonopoulos/Duncan

THAT Senate approve the discontinuance of admission into the Graduate Diploma in Education (all specializations) as of January 19, 2016.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

There was discussion by the committee regarding students currently in these two programs who have chosen not to change into one of the continuing programs. These students will be allowed to continue in their current program, and once all have graduated from either the 54 credit hour Masters program or the Graduate Diploma program, both programs will be discontinued through formal motions in the future to Senate.

MOTION 119.JAN16 GS Tryphonopoulos/Ardelli

THAT Senate approve the prerequisite and description change for course 48:663 Graduate Seminar in Science.

CARRIED

MOTION 120.JAN16 GS Tryphonopoulos/Ardelli

THAT Senate approve the new course 48:664 Graduate Seminar in Environmental & Life Sciences. (Course Information form was amended.)

CARRIED AS AMENDED

MOTION 121.JAN16 GS Tryphonopoulos/Gulliver

THAT Senate approve the prerequisite change for course 48:798 Thesis.

CARRIED

MOTION 122.JAN16 GS Tryphonopoulos/Brown

THAT Senate approve the Environmental & Life Sciences calendar changes as noted on the attached.

CARRIED

5.2 Senate Scholarship Committee (Sen. McDaniel)

MOTION 123.JAN16 SC Gatien/Brown

THAT Senate approve the new Terms of Reference for the Bobcat Non-Canadian Interuniversity Sports Athletic Award as follows:

To be awarded to full-time Brandon University student athletes in good academic standing who are members of one of the University's Non-Canadian Interuniversity Sports sports teams (run under the auspices of athletics), and who meet all the requirements as established by the governing body that oversees the sport and in such amounts as the University in its sole discretion deems proper and advisable to a maximum of tuition and compulsory fees. Awards will be approved by the Senate Athletic Awards Committee of Brandon University based on recommendations received from the University's Director of Athletics, ~~to a maximum of tuition and compulsory fees.~~

Award Value: Number and value of awards will vary

CARRIED AS AMENDED

MOTION 124.JAN16 SC

THAT Senate approve the new Terms of Reference for the Heather Macdonald Women's Volleyball Award as follows:

To be awarded on the recommendation of the Athletic Director, to a returning Bobcat women's volleyball player who best exemplifies leadership in volleyball and scholastic accomplishment. This award may not be divided.

Award Value: Use income allocation, 1 x approximately \$300.00*
(or up to \$450.00, if all pledge installments matched by MSBI)

*Award value is subject to change based on market values and the BU Foundation's distribution rate in any given fiscal year.

CARRIED

5.3 Deans' and University Librarian's Reports (Dr. Fearon will call on Deans for verbal reports)
(Not minuted)

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

Senator Robinson reported on the following:

- He recently attended a workshop on the major challenges facing institutions regarding issues around the evolution of data management needs and technologies. For example, the way in which research data is stored by institutions is a major concern; research must be stored and made readily accessible to others. Senator Robinson will be working with the Associate Vice-President (Research) and other stakeholders to develop a strategic plan in this regard.
- The government is continuing consultation work on dual credit programming. At this time, there is little consistency between institutions with regard to dual credit. The government's goal is to see post-secondary institutions networking with the public school system to create pathways and ease the transition from high school to post-secondary studies.
- The Government is consulting on a Regulation on Bill 3 which addresses sexual harassment and assault policies at post-secondary educational campuses in Manitoba. Brandon University is working on a review of its policies concerning sexual violence and assault on campus.
- The Vice-President's (Academic – Provost) office has distributed over \$100,000 in BURC funding.
- The government has indicated that they will not be offering new funding support for the Dauphin outreach and the longstanding PENT program at this time.
- At the last Senate meeting, Sen. Robinson had announced that changes the government had made regarding the approval process for funding of new programs had resulted in a timeline of up to 27 months between request submission and new program start date. Due to feedback from institutions that this processing period is too long, announcements of new program approval will now occur in January of each year instead of April.

5.5 Report of the Associate Vice-President (Student Services and Enrolment Management) and University Registrar (Sen. Brophy)

Senator Brophy reported on the following:

- Student Services and BUSU will be hosting Mental Health Week from January 25 – 29th. On January 28th, Student Services will host a “Soup for the Soul” event. Students will be asked what makes them happy, and they will receive a bowl of soup.
- He will be traveling with Mr. David Rowland to Taiwan and Thailand on a recruiting trip in February.
- The University will be hosting an open house on February 16, 2016.
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5.6 Report of the President (Dr. Fearon)

Dr. Fearon reported on the following:

- On January 7, 2016, the University's operating grant will be increased by 2.5%, and tuition will be going up by the rate of inflation.
- Included in the announcement was \$50,000 for support of Indigenous education initiatives and \$150,000 for the Métis Studies program. As well, the government is donating \$10,000 to the Len Evans Scholarship in recognition of his contribution to the Province of Manitoba and Brandon University.
- The Fleming School project (42 units of student family housing) has been approved. This will be a \$13,500,000 project with the government committing \$12,000,000.
- The government also announced that they will be committing \$99,000,000 for the further development of ACC's North Hill Campus. Brandon University will continue to work on articulation agreements with ACC.
- The provincial government made the University funding announcement in January which is earlier than previous years. The January announcement was a response to the Post-Secondary Education (PSE) sector and Council of Presidents of Universities of Manitoba (COPUM) request to have funding levels established sufficiently early to facilitate colleges and universities making decisions, including timely faculty and staff hiring efforts. The Government indicated that it hopes to establish a new tradition of making the PSE sector funding announcements in January (i.e., around the same time as the public school funding announcement).

- As an economist, Dr. Fearon commented that the economic downturn in Canada may spur the federal government to look at infrastructure expenditures, and it may be a good time for them to commit to look for a funding a new Science building, which is a major priority for the University.

6 Other Business

6.1 Report from the Brandon University Student Union (Senator Brown)

Senator Brown reported on the following:

- Winter Orientation went well and was well attended by students, alumni, and faculty.
- BUSU, with Student Services, will be hosting Mental Health Week from January 25 – 29th. All are encouraged to attend the events.
- BUSU, with support from Gender and Women’s Studies, will be hosting #consentask4it from February 8-12, 2016.
- BUSU elections will run from March 7-8, 2016.
- BUSU will be hosting an “All Parties Debate” on April 6, 2016 in advance of the provincial election.

7 Correspondence

8 Adjournment

MOTION 125.JAN16 Ek/Boyd
THAT the Senate adjourn.
Adjournment was at 3:31 pm.

CARRIED