

**MINUTES
OF THE FIRST REGULAR MEETING OF THE 49TH SENATE
HELD TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2016 @ 2:00 P.M.
LOUIS RIEL ROOM, MCMASTER CONCOURSE**

Present: Dr. Gervan Fearon (Chair); Mr. Garnet Boyd; Mr. Tom Brophy;
Mr. Michael Cain; Dr. Heather Duncan; Dr. Noreen Ek; Ms. Joan Garbutt;
Mr. Greg Gatién; Dr. Austin Gulliver; Mr. Jack Lindsay; Ms. Andrea McDaniel;
Mr. Michael Malazdrewicz; Dr. Corinne Mason; Ms. Kim Ryan-Nichols;
Dr. Steven Robinson; Dr. Demetres Tryphonopoulos; Mr. Nicholas Brown (BUSU);
Ms. Krista Charney (BUSU); Ms. Elizabeth Davidson (BUSU); Ms. Laura Davidson (BUSU);
Mr. Greg Monias (BUSU); Ms. Jillian Vanderheiden (BUSU)
Ms. Kim Fallis (Recording Secretary)

Regrets: Dr. Bernadette Ardelli; Dr. Edward Bach; Dr. Chris Beeman; Ms. Betty Braaksma;
Dr. Dean Care; Ms. Cordella Friesen; Mr. Scott Lamont; Dr. Lorraine Mayer;
Dr. Hamid Mumin; Dr. Burcu Ntelioglou; Dr. David Winter; Mr. Trevor Poole (BUSU)

As this was the first meeting of the 49th Senate, introductions were conducted.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION 001.JUNE16 Brown/Garbutt

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.
Item 3.3 Business Arising from May 17, 2016 meeting was removed

CARRIED

2. Welcome and Orientation

Dr. Fearon explained that the Senate is the highest academic governance body of the University. This body represents the interests and direction of the university. In 2019, Brandon University will celebrate 50 years as an institution.

Senator Brophy gave an overview of Senate:

- Senators are encouraged to look at the Senate Bylaws which are available on the Senate website.
- Packages are available to Senators on the private Senate website the Friday prior to the meeting. If there is a delay in posting a package, the Senate Office will notify members by email.
- The Senate meets in June, September, October, November, December, January, February, March, and May.

Senator Robinson reported on the following:

- He distributed a copy of the Academic Plan, which was approved by Senate in October 2014; this contains the guiding principles for all of the work that the University does.
- The University has six key priorities: teaching and the student experience, creative research and scholarly work, community engagement, diversity and dialogue, academic program renewal and development, and sustainable growth.
- There are a number of Senate subcommittees that will forward information to Senate for consideration. Most undergraduate study related information will come from the Curriculum & Academic Planning (CAP) and most graduate study related information will come from the Graduate Studies Committee.

Dr. Fearon explained:

- The University follows the University Act as approved by the Provincial Government.

- The University is a bicameral institution with Senate responsible for the academic priorities of the University and the Board of Governors responsible for resource management and strategic planning. There are two members of Senate who are nominated by Senate to the Board of Governors, and Senator Boyd is a representative from the Board to the Senate.
- Decisions made at the Senate are achieved through consensus wherever possible.
- Dr. Fearon announced that, like the Universities of Manitoba and Winnipeg, we will have a Government representative attending Senate meetings. Ms. Cordella Friesen, Director of Post-Secondary Education Programs, plans to attend the September 13, 2016 meeting.
- Dr. Fearon stated that, while he serves as Chair of Senate, he does not make independent and uniformed decision on academic matters pertaining to the University.

3. Closed Session

MOTION 002.JUNE16 Brown/Monias

THAT the committee move into CLOSED session.

CARRIED

4. Open Session

4.1. Approval of Minutes of May 17, 2016

MOTION 006.JUNE16 Brown/Duncan

THAT the minutes of May 17, 2016 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

4.2. Appointments of Committees

- 4.2.1 Report of the Senate Office regarding membership of Senate Sub-Committees.
(Sen. Brophy)

Senator Brophy reported that the Senate Office has not received the list of Senate Subcommittee members yet from all faculties. Once the membership of these committees has been finalized, a list will be distributed to all Senate members.

- 4.2.2 Election of the 2016 – 2017 Senate Executive Committee
(Requires a Senator from each faculty and a student Senator)

Arts – Senator Robinson nominated Senator Malazdrewicz, seconded by Senator Tryphonopoulos

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

Science – Senator Gulliver nominated Senator Lindsay, seconded by Senator Robinson.

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

Health Studies - Senator Gatien nominated Senator Ryan-Nicholls, seconded by Senator Monias.

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

Education – Senator Duncan nominated Senator Beeman, seconded by Senator Brown.
(Senator Beeman was absent with regrets. The Senate Office has a letter stating that he will let his name stand.)

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

Music – Senator Brown nominated Senator Caine, seconded by Senator Gatien.
(Senator Cain was absent with regrets. The Senate Office has a letter stating that he will let his name stand.)

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

Student Senator– Senator Brown nominated Senator Vanderheiden, seconded by Senator Monias.

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

- 4.2.3 Election of a Senate Representative to the Library Committee
(According to the Bylaws, this representative is the Chair of the Committee.)

No one was elected to this position. It will be on the September 13, 2016 Agenda.

- 4.2.4 Election of a Senate Representative and Alternate to the Scholarship Committee

Senate representative – Senator Brown nominated Senator Monias, seconded by Senator Vanderheiden.

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

Senator Monias nominated Senator Brown, seconded by Senator Vanderheiden.

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

- 4.2.5 Election of a Senate Representative to the International Activities Committee
(According to the Bylaws, this representative is the Chair of the Committee.)

Senator Duncan nominated Senator Malazdrewicz, seconded by Senator Gatien.

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

- 4.2.6 Election of a Student Senator to the Committee to Administer the Knowles
Distinguished Visiting Professorship

Senator Monias nominated Senator Brown, seconded by Senator Robinson.

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

- 4.2.7 Election of THREE Senators, ONE of who has to be a Student Senator, for the Indigenous
Education Subcommittee of Senate

Student – Senator Brown nominated Senator Monias, seconded by Senator Vanderheiden.

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

Senator Robinson nominated Senator Beeman, seconded by Senator Duncan.
(Senator Beeman was absent with regrets. The Senate Office will contact him to see if he will accept the nomination.)

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

Senator Vanderheiden nominated Senator Garbutt, seconded by Senator Brown.

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

4.2.8 Election of ONE Senator for the Professor Emeritus/Emerita Policy Review Committee.

Senator Brown nominated Senator Monias, seconded by Senator Gatien.

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

4.2.9 Election of TWO Senators to the Board of Governors
(One Senator elected for a one year term (to finish Dr. S. Gouthro's term) and one Senator elected for a two year term)

Two year term – Senator Gatien nominated Senator Caine, seconded by Senator Brown.
(Senator Cain was absent with regrets. The Senate Office has a letter stating that he will let his name stand.)

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

One year Term – Senator Brown nominated Senator L. Davidson, seconded by Senator Vanderheiden.

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

5. **Business Arising**

6. **New Business**

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

MOTION 007.JUNE16 Duncan/Garbutt

THAT Senate approve that, beginning with the October 2016 graduation, Bachelor of Education (A.D.) graduates will cease to receive Distinction upon conferral of degree.

CARRIED

MOTION 008.JUNE16 Gatien/Brown

THAT Senate approve the School of Music new course 64:364 Ethnomusicology & the Canadian Musician.

CARRIED

MOTION 009.JUNE16 Duncan/Malazdrewicz

THAT Senate approve the Faculty of Education description change to 01:443 Educator and the Law.

CARRIED

6.2. Graduate Studies Committee (Sen. Tryphonopoulos)

MOTION 010.JUNE16 Tryphonopoulos/Duncan

THAT Senate approve that all graduate student Theses must be submitted electronically.

CARRIED

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

Senator Boyd reported on the following:

At the May 14, 2016 meeting of The Board of Governors, the following was approved:

- a) Minutes of January 23, 2016
- b) Report from the Vice-President (Academic and Provost)
- c) Report from the Vice-President (Administration and Finance)
- d) Transactions of \$25,000 or More – January 14, 2016 to March 3, 2016
- e) Final List of February 2016 Graduates

The Board also:

- Approved the report from the Finance and Audit Committee
- Nominated the OIC Representative to the Dean of Science Search Committee
- Heard a presentation by Prof. Greg Gatien, Dean of the School of Music
- Approved the selection of Ms. Judy Ramsay as the 2016 recipient of the Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Community Service.
- Agreed that the Collective Agreement with the Manitoba Government and General Employees' Union (MGEU), as negotiated and recommended by the University Bargaining Committee for the period of April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2020, be ratified by the Board of Governors;
- Agreed that the Collective Agreement with the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) Group D as negotiated and recommended by the University Bargaining Committee for the period of April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2020, be ratified by the Board of Governors;

Additionally:

- The Governance and Nominating Committee held their inaugural meeting, reviewed the terms of reference as identified in Board By-Law No. 11 and, through discussion, began developing a work plan that establishes developmental objectives, expected outcomes, and priority areas.
- Board of Trustees of the BU Retirement Plan engaged Eckler as the actuary for the three-years ending in 2019.

6.4. Report from the Brandon University Student Union (BUSU) President (Sen. Brown)

Senator Brown reported on the following:

- The newly elected BUSU council began their term on May 1, 2016. There were 7 Student Senators elected.
- BUSU held a BBQ for the PENT students on May 11th and approximately 150 students attended.
- Representatives from BUSU attended Convocation and the All Nations Powwow.

- November 7, 2016 will be a national day of action focusing on the rising tuition fees in Newfoundland and Labrador.
- Brandon's PRIDE parade will be on Saturday June 18, 2016.
- BUSU is in the process of planning their orientation for 2016. Crash the Courtyard will be held on September 9, 2016.

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

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

Senator Robinson reported on the following:

- The search committee for the Dean of Science has short-listed three candidates, and they will be on campus in the next week for meet and greets.
- Ms. Carla Navid has been hired as the Sexual Violence Education and Prevention Coordinator. Ms. Navid will be part of the committee formed to develop sexual assault and sexual violence policy.
- Prior to the Provincial Election, Bill 3 was proposed to address Sexual Violence and Sexual Assault on post-secondary campuses. This bill was not passed. However, Bill 204 will be presented to the government as a Private Members Bill and will contain much of the same information as was included in Bill 3. The University is committed to continue its work to establish its own policy on this item. This committee consists of a number of interested parties within the University, including students, staff, faculty, and union representatives. The policy will be presented to the University community in the Fall and presented to the Board of Governors for approval in January 2017.
- The search committee for a coordinator for the first year pilot project in Dauphin will be making an announcement soon.
- Ms. Cordella Friesen, Director of Post-Secondary Education Programs will be attending Senate meetings in the future. Ms. Friesen chairs the Academic Advisory Committee. Having Ms. Friesen attending Senate will give Brandon University another opportunity to meet with members of the Government.

6.7. Associate Vice-President's (Student Services and Enrolment Management) and University Registrar Report (Sen. Brophy)

Senator Brophy reported on the following:

- National Aboriginal Day is June 21, 2016, there are a number of events planned to take place at New Era School.
- The Brandon PRIDE march will begin at 10:30 am at city hall and end at Princess Park with a BBQ.
- Admission of new students for the 2016-2017 year is up by 7%.
- Student Services is currently recruiting for two positions – Learning Skills Specialist, to fill Ms. S. Grills sabbatical and Director, Indigenous Peoples' Center.
- The committee for the Indigenous Education Blueprint is continuing its meetings.
- Brandon University Student Services hosted meetings of the Manitoba Student Services group.
- Students and Staff will be walking from the BUSU building to City Hall to take part in the vigil for individuals killed in Orlando Florida.

6.8. President's Report (Dr. Fearon)

Dr. Fearon reported on the following:

- Dr. Fearon expressed his sympathy to the LBGTQ community in response to the events in Orlando, Florida.
- He also expressed the University's sympathy with regard to the passing of Dr. Bill Paton.

- He thanked Dr. Austin Gulliver for his time as Acting Dean of Science.
- It was announced in the Provincial Budget that the University will be receiving an increase of 2.5% to the operating budget, and tuition will be raised based on the rate of inflation.
- He encouraged members of Senate to talk about the University as adding value for money for the province.
- The University will continue to advocate on behalf of the Family Housing project.
- The Presidents of Manitoba Universities will be meeting with the Minister and Deputy Minister to discuss scholarship dollars.
- The University recently celebrated a number of events: Convocation, All Nations PowWow, and events through the Centre for Teaching, Learning, and Technology.
- Dr. Fearon will be attending an Alumni event in Winnipeg on June 23, 2016. Development of the Westman chapter of Alumni is in process.

7. **Other Business**

8. **Correspondence**

9. **Adjournment**

MOTION 011.JUNE16 Gatién/Boyd

THAT the Senate adjourn.

Senate adjourned at 4:05.

CARRIED