

**MINUTES
OF THE FIRST REGULAR MEETING OF THE 47TH SENATE
HELD TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2014 @ 2:00 P.M.
LOUIS RIEL ROOM, MCMASTER CONCOURSE**

Present: Dr. Deborah Poff (Chair); Ms. Betty Braaksma; Dr. Derek Brown;
Mr. Tom Brophy; Dr. Gervan Fearon; Ms. Joan Garbutt;
Dr. Rosanne Gasse; Ms. Bea Jolly; Dr. Michael Kim;
Mr. Scott Lamont; Dr. Lynn MacKay; Dr. Allison McCulloch
Mr. Michael Nantais; Dr. Serena Petrella; Ms. Kim Ryan-Nicholls;
Dr. Bruce Strang; Mr. Nicholas Brown (BUSU); Mr. Roque Lacroix (BUSU);
Mr. Joel Springer (BUSU);
Ms. Kim Fallis (Recording Secretary)

Regrets: Dr. Edward Bach; Mr. Michael Cain; Dr. Dean Care; Dr. Glenn Cockerline;
Dr. Heather Duncan; Dr. Andrew Egan; Dr. Bryan Hill; Dr. Sara Plosker;
Dr. Dion Wiseman; Mr. Mikail Zakir (BUSU)

Guests: Dr. Chris Brown; Mr. Greg Gatiem; Ms. Roberta Graham; Dr. David Greenwood

As this was the first meeting of the 47th Senate, introductions were conducted.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION 001.JUN14 Nantais/Gasse

THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. Closed Session

MOTION 002.JUN14 Jolly/Brown

THAT the committee move into CLOSED session.

CARRIED

3. Open Session

3.1. Approval of Minutes of May 13, 2014

MOTION 005.JUN Petrella/Strang

THAT the minutes of May 13, 2014, be approved as amended.
Page 4 the addition of the word "for" after faculty councils

CARRIED

3.2. Appointments of Committees

3.2.1 Report of the Senate Office regarding membership of Senate Committees. (Sen. Brophy)

Senator Brophy reported that there are vacancies on the Senate Committees still to be filled.

The Senate Office will work towards filling the vacancies over the summer.

**3.2.2 Election of the 2014 – 2015 Senate Executive Committee
(Require a Senator from each faculty and a student Senator)**

Arts – Senator MacKay was Nominated by Senator D. Brown and Seconded by Senator Petrella.

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

Education – Senator Cockerline was Nominated by Senator Nantais and Seconded by Senator Lamont.

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

Health Studies - Senator Ryan-Nichols was Nominated by Senator Jolly and Seconded by Senator Gasse.

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

Student Senator –Senator Springer was Nominated by Senator N. Brown and Seconded by Senator Lacroix.

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

There were no Senators from either the Faculty of Science or Music in attendance at the meeting. This item will be added to the Senate agenda for the meeting of September 16, 2014.

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

Senator Plosker was Nominated by Senator D. Brown and Seconded by Senator Ryan-Nicholls. (Senator Plosker was not at the meeting but the Senate office had received an email from her agreeing to stand for election)

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

3.2.4 Election of a Senate Representative and Alternate to the Scholarship Committee

Representative - Senator Gasse was Nominated by Senator MacKay and Seconded by Senator Nantais.

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

Alternate – Senator D. Brown was Nominated by Senator Garbutt and Seconded by Senator Petrella.

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

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

Senator Springer was Nominated by Senator N. Brown and Seconded by Senator Lacroix.

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

3.2.6 Election of TWO Senators to the Board of Governors
(One Senator elected for a two year term, and One Senator for one year to complete Sen. Brown's term)

One (1) Year term

Senator Gasse was Nominated by Senator Brown and Seconded by Senator Nantais.

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

Two (2) year term

There was no Senator elected to the two (2) year term on the Board of Governors. This item will be added to the Senate agenda for the meeting of September 16, 2014.

- 3.2.7 **Election of Bylaws Revision Committee** - ONE representative from each Faculty/School: two of whom must be Senators; ONE student Senator elected by Senate. Where Faculty/School positions are not filled by Senators, the respective Faculty/School councils shall elect their representatives.

Student Senator – Senator N. Brown was Nominated by Senator Springer and Seconded by Senator Lacroix.

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

There were no Faculty representatives elected to the bylaws committee. This item will be added to the Senate agenda for the meeting of September 16, 2014.

4. Business Arising

- 4.1.1 **Update from the Strategic Academic Planning Process** (Sen. Fearon)

Dr. Fearon presented an update and overview from the steering committee regarding Brandon University's Academic Plan. There were members of the committee in attendance as guests. The Senate agreed that these guests would be allowed to speak to the report.

5. New Business

5.1. Committee Reports

- 5.1.1. **Curriculum & Academic Planning Committee** (Sen. Fearon)

MOTION 006.JUN14 CAP Fearon/Gasse

THAT the Senate approve the Faculty of Arts, Department of English & Creative Writing, new course, 30:240 Digital Journalism.

CARRIED

MOTION 007.JUN14 CAP Fearon/McCulloch

THAT the Senate approve the Faculty of Arts, Department of Fine Arts & Visual & Aboriginal Arts, course changes as listed below.

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| • 32/36:240 Gender Issues & Art | Regularizing an Experimental course |
| • 32:266 African Art | Delete Course |
| • 32:360 Studio Mold Technology | Delete Course |
| • 32:450 Kiln Building | Delete Course |
| • 32:457 Monumental Ceramics | Delete Course |

CARRIED

MOTION 008.JUN14 CAP Fearon/Strang

THAT the Senate approve the Faculties of Arts, Department of Native Studies, new course 68:348 Nature Through Native Eyes.

CARRIED

MOTION 009.JUN14 CAP Fearon/MacKay

THAT the Senate approve the deletion of the Faculty of Arts, Department of Rural Development, 88:350 Rural Issues and 88:459 Seminar in Agricultural History.

CARRIED

MOTION 010.JUN14 CAP

THAT the Senate approve the changes to section 3.1.1 6 section II English Proficiency Requirements number 7 as noted below

7. TOEFL: the Test of English as a Foreign Language exam with a minimum overall score of 80 on the internet-based test with a minimum score of 20 in each testing sector or an overall score of 550 on the paper-based test with a minimum of 50 on each testing section.

CARRIED

MOTION 011.JUN14 CAP

THAT the Senate approve the changes to the External Review Team Membership referred to in the External Review Policy.

CARRIED

(the full policy can be viewed at <http://www.brandonu.ca/senate-office>)

5.1.2. Senate Graduate Studies Committee (Sen. Strang)

MOTION 012.JUN14 GS Strang/Petrella

THAT the Senate approve the changes to the Master of Rural Development program changes, as attached. (document can be viewed by contacting the Senate office)

CARRIED

MOTION 013.JUN14 GS Strang/Kim

THAT the Senate approve the deletion of Faculty of Arts, Department of Master of Rural Development, 88:568 Rural Issues and 88:569 Seminar in Agricultural History.

CARRIED

MOTION 014.JUN14 GS Strang/Springer

THAT the Senate approve the Faculty of Arts, Department of Master of Rural Development, 88:600 Thesis, change from 9 to 12 credit hours.

CARRIED

5.1.3. Athletic Awards Committee of Senate (Sen. Gasse)

MOTION 015.JUN14 Gasse/Petrella

THAT the Senate recommend that the Board of Governors approve the new Terms of Reference for the Jerry and Marnie Hemmings Award as follows:

Jerry and Marnie Hemmings Award - To be awarded on the recommendation of the Athletics Director, in consultation with the basketball coaches, to returning Bobcat basketball players who best exemplify leadership in basketball and scholastic accomplishment. Preference will be given to students in the Bachelor of Education After Degree program who have completed the Bachelor of Physical Education Studies degree at Brandon University or students in the Bachelor of Physical Education Studies degree program. Awards shall be evenly divided between the Men's and Women's Bobcat basketball teams.

Value: Use income allocation, number and amount will vary.

CARRIED

5.2. The Report of the Board of Governors Representative to Senate (Sen. Jolly)

At the Board of Governors meeting on May 24, 2014 a number of items were approved including the following; Dr. Fearon was approved as the next President and Vice Chancellor of Brandon University. His five year term will begin on August 1, 2014. The Universities 2014-2015 budget was approved. A number of Sabbaticals were approved as well as a four month administrative leave for Dr. Bruce Strang.

5.3. Deans' Reports (Dr. Poff will call on Deans for verbal reports) (Not minuted)

5.4. The Report of the Vice-President's (Academic & Provost) (Sen. Fearon)

Dr. Fearon reported that Provincial Bill 63, repealing COPSE received Royal Assent and the Bill will be posted on the Provincial governments web site.

The Academic Plan steering committee is continuing their work and their report will be presented to Senate at a later date.

There have been a number of new faculty members hired. A number of faculty members have recently or will have books published soon.

Dr. Poff was last thanked for all of her work and dedication to Brandon University.

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

Student Services has hired Ms. Courtney Adams as the new student recruitment officer.

On May 29th the University hosted its annual graduation Pow Wow and it was very successful.

Mr. Brophy wanted to thank food services for their help at the Pow Wow.

5.6. The Report of the President (Dr. Poff)

Dr. Poff was recently in Toronto to help launch a new alumni chapter.

The Richardson family has pledged \$250,000 and they will donate an additional \$250,000 if the Brandon community also raises \$250,000. The university will be launching the "Score a Seat" campaign to help raise these funds. Members of the community will be able to purchase seats in the Healthy Living Centre.

Chancellor Decter has donated \$50,000 for a scholarship in Dr. Poff's name.

Dr. Poff had a meeting with Premier Selinger and Minister Allum regarding the Brandon University housing program.

6. **Other Business**
7. **Correspondence**
8. **Adjournment**

MOTION 016.JUN14 Brown/McCullum

THAT Senate adjourn
The Senate Adjourned at 4:01 pm

CARRIED