

**MINUTES
OF THE NINTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE 46TH SENATE
HELD TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2014 @2:00 P.M.
LOUIS RIEL ROOM, MCMASTER CONCOURSE**

Present: Dr. Deborah Poff (Chair); Dr. Derek Brown; Mr. Tom Brophy; Dr. Dean Care;
Dr. Glenn Cockerline; Dr. Heather Duncan; Dr. Derrek Eberts; Dr. Andrew Egan;
Dr. Gervan Fearon; Ms. Joan Garbutt; Dr. Bryan Hill; Ms. Bea Jolly;
Dr. Michael Kim; Mr. Roque Lacr ox; Mr. Scott Lamont; Dr. Allison McCulloch;
Mr. Michael Nantais; Dr. Serena Petrella; Dr. Doug Ramsey; Mr. Joel Springer;
Dr. Bruce Strang; Dr. Dion Wiseman
Ms. Kim Fallis (Recording Secretary)

Regrets: Ms. Betty Braaksma; Dr. Patrick Carrabr e; Dr. Rosanne Gasse;
Dr. James Naylor; Ms. Kim Ryan-Nicholls

Guest: Mr. Matthew May

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION 136.MAY14 Nantais/Lamont

THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. Closed Session

MOTION 137.MAY14 Garbutt/Ramsey

THAT the committee move into CLOSED session.

CARRIED

3. Open Session

3.1. Approval of Minutes of March 18, 2014

MOTION 142.MAY14 Duncan/Care

THAT the minutes of March 18, 2014, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Business Arising

5. New Business

5.1. Committee Reports

5.1.1. Curriculum & Academic Planning Committee (Sen. Fearon) (Attached)

MOTION 143.MAY14 CAP Fearon/Duncan

THAT Senate approve the Faculty of Science, Department of Psychology, addition of a lab to 82:370 Psychological Assessment.

CARRIED

MOTION 144.MAY14 CAP Fearon/Petrella

THAT Senate approve the Faculty of Arts, Department of Native Studies, conversion of the courses listed below from experimental to regular.

- 68/58:140 Michif I from Experimental to Regular
- 68/58:197 Michif II from Experimental to Regular

CARRIED

MOTION 145.MAY14 CAP Fearon/Duncan

THAT Senate approve the Physical Education calendar entry for the Liberal Arts Distributed Major section as attached.

CARRIED

Mr. Matthew May, Past Vice-President Internal BUSU was in attendance to answer questions from the committee regarding the next three motions. Mr. May was the BUSU representative to the Curriculum & Academic Planning Committee, and he initiated the standardizing of course outlines/syllabi on behalf of students.

MOTION 146.MAY14 CAP Fearon/Egan

THAT the Curriculum & Academic Planning committee recommends to Senate that, beginning Fall term 2014, course outlines/syllabi in all courses across all departments and Faculties should include the following information such as or equivalent: course title, course number and section, meeting times and location, instructor name, contact information (to include the instructor's office hours), course description, course learning objectives, course prerequisites, course sequence, required texts, evaluation profile (percent of total grade by assignment/exam), grading profile, grading equivalents, learning objectives/outcomes (e.g., "students successfully completing this course will be able to ..."), a statement on accommodation of disabilities, and a statement on Academic Integrity.

AND

THAT Senate approve that, beginning Fall term 2014, Brandon University encourage faculty to adopt the provided course outline/syllabus template as a guideline for all courses at Brandon University.

CARRIED

MOTION 148.MAY14 Gearon/Care

THAT Senate approve that beginning Fall term 2014, course outlines/syllabi for all courses across all departments and Faculties and School must be submitted to the respective Dean's Office by the first week of every semester, and kept on record (e.g., electronically), as outlined in the University record management guidelines.

The committee discussed if this motion could potentially violate sections of the BUFA collective agreement. After a lengthy discussion the following motion was proposed and carried.

MOTION Strang/Eberts

THAT motion 148.MAY14 be referred back to the Curriculum & Academic Planning committee for further investigation.

CARRIED

MOTION 149.MAY14 CAP Fearon/Duncan

THAT Senate approve, that by June 16, 2015 each Faculty and School, for all degree programs, establish and publish degree statements and degree completion mapping based on a Senate approved template;

AND

THAT Senate approves that, by June 16, 2015, degree level expectations (i.e., educational goals) be established and published based on the 2007 Ministerial Statement on Quality Assurance of Degree Education framework, including depth and breadth of knowledge, knowledge methodologies, research, scholarships and creative activities; application of knowledge; and professional capacity/autonomy; communication skills, and awareness of limits of knowledge;

AND

THAT Senate approves that, the Senate approved template for degree statements and completion mapping be consistent with the template attached and based on the framework currently used within the Faculty of Science;

AND

THAT Senate approve that the Curriculum & Academic Planning Committee work with each Faculty or School, including through the Academic Planning process, to catalogue degree structures for all academic programs offered at the university and for Curriculum & Academic Planning Committee to return to Senate with a report and recommendations by June 16, 2015.

DEFEATED

MOTION 152.MAY14 GS

THAT Senate approve, that by June 16, 2015 each Faculty and School with graduate programs establish and publish degree statements and degree completion mapping based on a Senate approved template;

AND

THAT Senate approve that, by June 16, 2015, degree level expectations (i.e. educational goals) be established and published based on the 2007 Ministerial Statement on Quality Assurance of Degree Education framework;

AND

THAT Senate approve, that the Senate approved template for graduate degree statements and completion mapping be consistent with the template attached and based on the framework currently used within the Faculty of Science;

AND

THAT Senate Graduate Studies Committee recommend to Senate that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee work with each Faculty or School, including through the Academic Planning process, to catalogue graduate degree structures for all academic programs offered at the university and that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee return to Senate with a report and recommendations by June 16, 2015.

DEFEATED

Senators expressed concerns regarding motions 149.MAY14 CAP, from the Curriculum & Academic Planning Committee and 152.MAY14 GS, from the Graduate Studies Committee. Senators felt that they did not have adequate opportunity to read and discuss the Education Goals discussion paper. After both motions were defeated the following motion was proposed and carried.

MOTION Eberts/Petrella

THAT motions 149.MAY14 CAP and 152.MAY14 GS (149) be referred to Faculty/School councils for discussion;

AND

THAT any feedback from the Faculties/Schools be forwarded to the Curriculum & Academic Planning Committee for consideration;

AND

THAT a discussion document be returned to Senate from the Curriculum & Academic Planning committee. The document should be distributed by way of notice of motion at least one month prior to discussion of the document at Senate.

CARRIED

MOTION 150.MAY14 CAP Fearon/Hill

THAT Senate approve the Faculties of Science & Arts, Department of Psychology entrance and exit requirements for the 4-Year Major (Honours) as noted below.

4-Year Major (Honours)

Entry into the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science Honours Program in the Department of Psychology requires successful completion of 90 credit hours, including a minimum of 30 credit hours in Psychology. Applicants must have a Grade Point Average of 3.0 in all Psychology courses and must have successfully completed 82:350 (Advanced Statistics and Research Methods in Psychology) with a minimum grade of C+. Graduation from the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science Honours Program requires successful completion of at least 60 credit hours in Psychology courses, including 82:449 (Honours thesis), with a Grade Point Average of 3.0 in all Psychology courses

DEFEATED

Senators indicated that the entrance requirements were too restrictive for students who wish to pursue a Bachelor of Science/Arts (4-Year Honours) with a Psychology major. The

committee also indicated that these students were put at a disadvantage by having to complete three years of study before declaring their intentions.

5.1.2. Senate Graduate Studies Committee (Sen. Strang)

MOTION 151.MAY14 GS Strang/Kim

THAT Senate approve the Master of Science (Environmental & Life Sciences) new course 15:670 Current Topics in Life Sciences.

CARRIED

MOTION 153.MAY14 GS Strang/Kim

THAT Senate approve the Master of Science (Environmental & Life Sciences) new course 42:653 Advances in Economic Geology.

CARRIED

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

No report.

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)

The Vice-President's Office is continuing with consultations with Faculties, School, staff and the community at large with regarding the Academic Planning process.

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

Senator Brophy reminded Senators that all grades for graduating students had to be submitted to Financial & Registration Services by May 16th.

He also reminded the committee of the graduation Powwow on May 29th and BU's 2014 graduation ceremonies will be on May 30th.

Student Services is in the third week of first-year mandatory advising (TREK).

Student Services has hired Ms. Viola Fleury as a Student Success Officer and her office is located in the Indigenous Peoples Centre.

Senators were informed that CAP will be forming an ad hoc committee to investigate the standardization of percentage to letter grade at Brandon University

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

Dr. Poff has attended the annual Alumni event in Winnipeg; approximately 80 BU alumni attended the event.

The Alumni chapter in Calgary will be hosting an event shortly

There are a number of BU alumni in Toronto who are looking forming an Alumni chapter.

As this was the last meeting for a number of Senators and student Senators, Dr. Poff thanked them for their dedication to Senate.

6. Other Business

7. Correspondence

8. Adjournment

MOTION 154.MAY14 Duncan/Lamont

THAT the Senate Adjourn
The Senate Adjourned at 3:25 pm

CARRIED