

**MINUTES  
OF THE MEETING OF THE 44<sup>th</sup> SENATE  
HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2011 @ 12:40 P.M.  
LOUIS RIEL ROOM, McMASTER CONCOURSE**

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Present            Dr. Deborah Poff (Chair); Dr. Scott Grills; Dr. Helen Armstrong; Dr. Sal Badali  
Dr. Ann Bowman; Dr. Di Brandt; Dr. Dean Care; Dr. Patrick Carrabré;  
Mr. Greg Coates; Dr. Glenn Cockerline; Dr. Robin Enns; Dr. Phillip Goernert;  
Mr. Chris Hurst; Dr. Patrick Jackson; Ms. Bea Jolly; Dr. Michael Kim;  
Dr. Jacqueline Kirk; Mr. Scott Lamont; Mr. Alan Levy; Ms. Michelle Magnusson;  
Dr. Terence McGonigle; Mr. David Rowland; Ms. Kimberly Ryan-Nicholls;  
Dr. Bruce Strang; Dr. Etsuko Yasui; Student Senators; Ms. Jenna Clinton;  
Ms. Sara Hallikas; Mr. Mustafa Hussain; Mr. Jonathan Keen; Ms. Natalie Ore;  
Ms. Carissa Taylor; Ms. Deandra Tousignant;  
Ms. Kim Fallis (Recording Secretary).

Regrets            Dr. Susan Roddy; Ms. Krista Weir

Guests            Dr. Derrek Eberts (for Dr. Roddy); a large number of students were also in attendance

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Dr. Poff called the meeting to order; she explained that the only item on the agenda was to approve the Senate Motion for the Resumption of Courses and the revised Sessional dates.

The student senators asked if they could record the meeting; there were no objections by the Senators in attendance.

Dr. Grills explained to the group which items were taken into account when deciding on the revised dates. After a period of questions and suggested changes the following motion was passed.

**MOTION Keen/Grills**

THAT Senate approve the following for the resumption of classes for the 2011 – 2012 Regular Session.

**CARRIED**

**Senate Motion Resumption of Courses**

The following motion covers academic policies related to courses in the fall semester of Brandon University in 2011. There are three sets of circumstances which this policy addresses. These are:

1. Students in courses that did not meet during the strike;
2. Students who participated in courses that met during the strike;
3. Students who did not participate in courses that met during the strike.

The onus of responsibility rests with the individual professor to ensure that all three categories of students are accommodated as fairly and equitably as possible as the University moves forward.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- Every effort is made on the part of students and instructors to complete the previously scheduled course. Notwithstanding this, however, instructors are free to modify course material and delivery as required, consistent with good pedagogical practice and academic and professional standards.
- Where required, faculty members shall provide students with revised course outlines no later than 7 calendar days following the general resumption of courses.

- No term test or assignment due shall occur sooner than 7 calendar days following the general resumption of courses. This expectation may be waived by mutual agreement of the student(s) and the faculty member.
- Students, who did not participate in academic activities during the strike either because they were unable to or because they chose not to cross the picket line, are entitled to immunity from penalty and to reasonable extensions of deadlines. Such remedies shall not alter the academic standards associated with the missed activity, nor shall they relieve the student of the responsibility for mastering materials covered during the strike.
- Student requests for grades of Incomplete shall be sympathetically considered, wherever appropriate, and that such requests not be unreasonably denied.
- The Voluntary Withdrawal dates shall be amended as follows: January 6th in Term One, April 5th in Term Two and March 16th for both-term courses. Students who have received final grades in a course(s), may not subsequently V.W. from the course(s).
- Where students V.W. from a course(s) on or before January 6th, no indication of the course or the V.W. shall be recorded on their transcript.
- Faculty members are strongly encouraged to hold final examinations within regularly scheduled class time. In the exceptional circumstance where this cannot be accommodated, faculty members shall notify the Dean no later than December 6th for first term courses. The limited available final examination slots shall be allocated on the basis of order of request. Where students are scheduled to write more than two examinations in a day, faculty members are strongly encouraged to make suitable accommodations for the student.
- The academic term is amended in accordance with the attached plan of study, and that where reasonable the School of Health Studies, the Faculty of Education and the Music Education programs be allowed the flexibility required to meet the requirements of these professional programs.

It is recognized that some students may have made irrevocable plans for the December holiday period, following their last previously scheduled exam and/or for “reading week.” In such cases faculty members are strongly encouraged to work with students to reasonably accommodate their absence.

**Plan for Terms 1 and 2 Sessional Dates, Brandon University**

September					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weeks
		7	8	9	
12	<b>13</b>	14	15	16	1
19	<b>20</b>	21	22	23	2
26	<b>27</b>	28	29	30	3
October					
3	<b>4</b>	5	6	7	4
Thanksgiving	11	-	-	-	5*
-	-	-	-	-	5*
-	-	-	-	-	5*
November					
-	-	-	-	-	5*
-	-	-	-	-	5*
-	-	-	-	-	5*
-	-	-	-	-	5*
<b>28†</b>	29	30			5
December					
			1	2	5
<b>5</b>	6	7	8	9	6
<b>12</b>	13	14	15	16	7

<b>19</b>	20				8
<b>January</b>					
		4	5	6	8
<b>9</b>	10	11	12	13	9
<b>16</b>	17	18	19	20	10
<b>23</b>	<b>Tuesday, 24 January, make up class for Monday day classes only</b>				11
	<b>Exams held in class time. Exceptional exams held Wednesday, 25 January to Monday, 30 January</b>				
<b>Term 2</b>					
	31				
<b>February</b>					
		1	2	3	
<b>6</b>	7	8	9	10	1
<b>13</b>	14	15	16	17	2
Riel Day	no classes	22	23	24	3*
<b>27</b>	28	29			4*
<b>March</b>					
			1	2	4*
<b>5</b>	6	7	8	9	5*
<b>12</b>	13	14	15	16	6*
<b>19</b>	20	21	22	23	7*
<b>26</b>	27	28	29	30	8*
<b>April</b>					
<b>2</b>	3	4	5	Good Friday	9*
<b>9</b>	10	11	12	13	10*
<b>16</b>	17	<b>Wednesday, 18 April, make up class for Riel Day</b>			11*
	<b>Thursday, 19 April – make up class for Good Friday</b>				11
<b>Exams held in class time. Exceptional exams held 21 April to 27 April</b>					

**Dates in red indicate week completed.**

\* One Monday class missing.

† Night classes only

**Adjournment**

**MOTION Taylor/Kim**

THAT the Senate adjourn.

**CARRIED**

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**Dr. D. Poff, Chair, Senate**