

**MINUTES
OF THE FOURTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE 47TH SENATE
HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2014 @ 2:00 P.M.
LOUIS RIEL ROOM, MCMASTER CONCOURSE**

Present: Dr. Gervon Fearon (Chair); Dr. Edward Bach; Mr. Tom Brophy;
Mr. Michael Cain; Dr. Glenn Cockerline; Dr. Heather Duncan; Dr. Andrew Egan;
Ms. Joan Garbutt; Dr. Rosanne Gasse; Dr. Bryan Hill; Ms. Bea Jolly;
Dr. Michael Kim; Mr. Scott Lamont; Dr. Lynn MacKay; Dr. Allison McCulloch;
Dr. Michael Nantais; Dr. Sarah Plosker; Dr. Steve Robinson; Dr. Dion Wiseman;
Mr. Nicholas Brown (BUSU); Mr. Roque Lacroix (BUSU); Mr. Justin Shannon (BUSU);
Mr. Joel Springer (BUSU);
Ms. Kim Fallis (Recording Secretary).

Regrets: Ms. Betty Braaksma; Dr. Derek Brown; Dr. Dean Care; Dr. Jacqueline Kirk;
Dr. Serena Petrella; Mr. Manuel Godoy (BUSU)

Guest: Whitney Hodgins (The Quill)

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION 054.NOV14 Gasse/Plosker

THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. Closed Session

MOTION 055.NOV14 Lamont/MacKay

THAT the committee move into CLOSED session.

CARRIED

3. Open Session

3.1. Approval of Minutes of October 14, 2014

MOTION 058.NOV14 Robinson/Wiseman

THAT the minutes of October 14, 2014, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Business Arising

4.1 Academic Plan (for information only)

Dr. Duncan informed the committee that the minor edits and changes that were discussed at the Senate meeting of October 14, 2014, have been incorporated into the Academic Plan. The document will be posted on the Vice-President (Academic & Provost) web site. A glossy document will be created for external purposes.

5. New Business

5.1 Committee Reports

5.1.1. Curriculum & Academic Planning Committee (Sen. Duncan)

MOTION 059.NOV14 CAP Duncan/Egan

THAT Senate approve the Faculty of Science, Department of Biology, calendar and course changes as listed below:

- 15:351 Research Methods in Life and Environmental Science Delete Course
- 15:280 Comparative Vertebrate Anatomy Remove from required major list*
- 15:267 Animal Diversity Add to required major list *
- (* Note these two changes are on one information sheet)
- Biology 4-Year Honours calendar changes
- Removal of the Ecology & Evolution stream from the Biology Major
- 15:466 Conservation Biology Prerequisite Change
- 15:470 Bioinformatics Change title to “Genomics and Bioinformatics”, description, prerequisite and delivery change

- 15:380 Biology of the Fungi Change level to 15:480, prerequisite change

CARRIED

MOTION 060.NOV14 CAP Duncan/Egan

THAT Senate approve the Faculty of Science, Department of Chemistry, course changes as listed below:

- 18:366 Introduction to Geochemistry Delete Course
- 18:451 Environmental Chemistry Deletion of cross listing with 31:451, prerequisite change

CARRIED

MOTION 061.NOV14 CAP Duncan/Egan

THAT Senate approve the Faculty of Science, Department of Environmental Science, course changes as listed below:

- 31:192 Environmental and Resource Issues Delete Course
- 31:272 Environmental Geology Delete Course
- 31:273 General Ecology Delete Course
- 31:351 Research Methods in Life and Environmental Sciences Delete Course
- 31:374 Wildlife Resource Management Delete Course
- 31:451 Environmental Chemistry Delete Course
- 31:467 Fossils Plants and Palaeoenvironments Delete Course
- 31:480 Geobiology Delete Course

Please note that that only the Environmental Science (31) is deleted and all cross listed course will remain except for 31:351 both the 31 & 15 (Biology) are to be deleted

CARRIED

MOTION 062.NOV14 CAP Duncan/ Egan

THAT Senate approve the Faculty of Science, Department of Mathematics & Computer Science, course changes and new courses as listed below:

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| • 62:292 Linear Algebra II | Delete Lab and Prerequisite change |
| • 62:231 Introduction to C++ | New Course |
| • 62:379 Data Mining | New Course |

CARRIED

MOTION 063.NOV14 CAP Duncan/Egan

THAT Senate approve the Faculty of Science, Department of Psychology, calendar and course changes as listed below:

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| • Psychology 4-Year Major (Honours) Calendar description change
Psychology Rational | |
| • 82:250 Fundamentals of Psychological
Research I | Course Description and Lab hours |
| • 82:251 Fundamentals of Psychological
Research II | Lab hours |
| • 82:282 Environmental Psychology | Course Description |

CARRIED

MOTION 064.NOV14CAP Duncan/Robinson

THAT Senate approve the academic dates for 2015-2016 as attached

CARRIED

(To view the full document contact the Senate office)

5.1.2 **Graduate Studies Committee (Sen. Care)**

MOTION 065.NOV14 GS Duncan/Egan

THAT Senate approve the Faculty of Science, Department of Biology, new course 15:680 Biology of the Fungi.

CARRIED

MOTION 066.NOV14 GS Duncan/Egan

THAT Senate approve the Faculty of Science, Department of Chemistry, new courses 18:650 Natural Product Synthesis & 18:674 Current Innovations and Trends in Chemistry.

CARRIED

MOTION 067.NOV14 GS Duncan/Petrella

THAT Senate approve the Faculty of Science, Department of Environmental Science deletion of 31:680 Geobiology.

CARRIED

5.1.3 The Knowles Visiting Professorship Committee of Senate (Sen. Duncan)

MOTION 068NOV 14 SKDVP Gasse/ Hill

THAT Senate approve the revised Stanley Knowles Distinguished Visiting Professorships in Public Policy as revised.

CARRIED

(Revised document can be viewed at <https://www.brandonu.ca/senate/office/files/2010/11/Stanley-Knowles-Distinguished-Visiting-Professor-Nov-18-2014.pdf>)

5.2 Deans' Reports (Dr. Fearon will call on Deans for verbal reports) (Not minuted)

5.3 Vice-President's (Academic & Provost) Report (Sen. Duncan)

Research, Scholarly and Creative Activities

- The *Celebrating Women's Leadership* event took place on October 20, 2014 in in the Library Gathering Space. It featured research/ creative projects by five BU women as part of Women's History month. This was followed on October 28 by a Women's Research 'Brown Bag' lunch meeting at which various ways for future collaboration and support were discussed. Administrators from Research Manitoba conducted a roundtable discussion at BU on October 21, 2014 to provide an overview of Research Manitoba including its mandate, goals and funding programs available to researchers in the health, natural and social sciences, engineering and the humanities through a number of grants and awards programs from moneys received from the Province.
- The Manitoba Educational Research Forum (MERN) held its Fall meeting in the BU Faculty of Education on November 7. It was well attended by representatives from the K-12 section and post-secondary institutions in Manitoba.
- The COPUM working groups (Council of Presidents of the Universities of Manitoba) met to discuss four province-wide focus areas
 - Articulation within the system
 - Indigenous education
 - Campus Manitoba
 - Operational/Administrative reporting issues
- The announcement by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) of Jonathan Allan as the Tier II Canada Research Chair in Queer Theory was made. Further to that a Canada Research Chair recognition event is coming up on November 25.

Academic Program and Services Activities

- An LGBTTQ Awareness event was held on October 14 to a capacity audience and various ways to make Brandon University a 'Safe Place' were explored.
- Several members of the BU community attended the Enbridge Dakota language scholarship lunch on November 10, at which 3 BU Aboriginal students were presented with awards. In a similar vein, I attended the Business Council of Manitoba Award Ceremony held in Winnipeg on November 13, honouring Aboriginal student recipients from across Manitoba. Three BU students were among the award winners, along with one student from ACC.
- Several meetings occurred across campus to disseminate the wide variety of services available to employees through the Lifeworks Employee Assistance program.

Community Liaison

The President's Installation Ceremony occurred on October 17 and provided an opportunity for the Brandon community to recognize Brandon University, and was a positive start to Homecoming Weekend, which was well attended and was a big success.

The Institute for Rural Development celebrated its 25th anniversary on November 6 with a Think Tank discussion on Rural enterprise attended by representatives from across the country

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

Ms. Jen Elliott has been hired as the new Clerk 5, Scholarship & Award clerk
The first round of interview for the Associate Registrar are completed and there will be three individuals coming to BU to meet with the committee and departments.
The Director of the Indigenous Peoples Center will be leaving as of November 28th. and the process to fill this position will begin soon.
Reminder to departments that the last day for calendar revisions to be received in the Senate office is November 28th for the Undergraduate Calendar and December 3rd, for graduate calendar

5.5 President's Report (Dr. Fearon)

The following is an overview of our activities and progress for the reporting period of October/November:

Introductory, Committee and Special Meetings

- Positive Space Campaign Launched with a workshop on LGBTTQ Awareness
- Initiative spearheaded by Dr. Corinne Mason, Assistant Professor, Sociology/Gender and Women's Studies
- Rainbow Resource Center (Winnipeg) provided an introductory workshop attended by more than 40 faculty, staff, and administration to broaden their understandings of gender and sexuality. Participants learned how to identify and resist homophobia, lesbophobia, biphobia, transphobia, and heterosexism from a personal, social, cultural, and systemic framework.
- Meetings with various government officials, including Minister of Housing and Community Development
- Latino Community Consultations
- Attended the Council of Presidents of Universities in Manitoba (COPUM)

Conferences and Events

- Remarks to President's Circle Members at Lobodowsky Art Show
 - Art Exhibition at The Sutherland Gallery – artwork donated by BU Donor Dr. Viola Lobodowsky. This collection contains an eclectic array of paintings and prints, including rare gems such as work from the 19th century by British painter George Morland, Dutch artist Jonathan Bernard de Hoog, and Canadian artist Frederic M. Bell-Smith.
- Brandon University Anti-Bullying Society "Glow Walk" in Support of World Mental Health Day
- Presidential Installation Ceremony & Reception
- Homecoming Weekend (17 October to 19 October)
 - Celebrating the classes of 1944, 1954, 1964, 1974, 1984 and 1989
 - Provided Greetings to Guests at the Athletics Wall of Fame Induction Ceremony
 - Alumnus Speaker Andreas Souvaliotis '84
 - Homecoming Banquet
- Celebrating Women's Leadership Event – Welcoming Remarks
 - Celebration of women's leadership in research at Brandon University as part of Women's History Month
- Manitoba Trade and Education Mission to China with Mr. David Rowland, Director, International Activities (21 October to 3 November)
 - MOUs signed with seven colleges and universities, new partnerships were forged and reconnections were made with existing institutions
- Rural Development Institute 25th Anniversary Celebration Lunch
 - Welcoming Remarks, Rural Works: A Rural Policy Think Tank
 - Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, Ron Kostychyn, attended and provided a cheque in support of RDI.

- Attended City of Brandon Swearing-In Ceremony, City Hall, and Inaugural City Council. City Councillors have consistently been support of BU.
- Wreath laying at Brandon's Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Keystone Centre

Upcoming Activities

- Assiniboine Community College/Brandon University Memorandum of Understanding Launch Meeting
 - Implementation and Prioritization of Deliverables

6 Other Business

6.1 Announcements or Questions

7 Correspondence

8 Adjournment

MOTION 068NOV 14 Cain/Egan

THAT the Senate adjourn.
The meeting was adjourned at 2:57 pm.

CARRIED