

**MINUTES  
OF THE FOURTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE 49<sup>TH</sup> SENATE  
HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2016 @ 2:00 P.M.  
LOUIS RIEL ROOM, MCMASTER CONCOURSE**

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**Present:** Dr. Gervan Fearon (Chair); Dr. Bernadette Ardelli; Dr. Edward Bach;  
Dr. Chris Beeman; Mr. Garnet Boyd; Mr. Michael Cain; Dr. Dean Care;  
Dr. Heather Duncan; Ms. Cordella Friesen; Ms. Joan Garbutt;  
Mr. Greg Gatien; Ms. Katie Gross; Dr. Austin Gulliver; Mr. Scott Lamont;  
Mr. Jack Lindsay; Ms. Andrea McDaniel; Mr. Michael Malazdrewicz;  
Dr. Hamid Mumin; Dr. Burcu Ntelioglou; Ms. Kim Ryan-Nichols;  
Dr. Steven Robinson; Dr. Demetres Tryphonopoulos; Dr. David Winter;  
Mr. Nicholas Brown (BUSU); Ms. Laura Davidson (BUSU); Mr. Trevor Poole (BUSU);  
Mr. Greg Monias (BUSU); Ms. Jillian Vanderheiden (BUSU);  
Ms. Kim Fallis (Recording Secretary)

**Regrets:** Ms. Betty Braaksma; Dr. Noreen Ek; Dr. Lorraine Mayer; Ms. Elizabeth Davidson

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**1. Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION 051.NOV16 Brown/Lamont**

THAT the agenda be approved as distributed.

**CARRIED**

**2. Closed Session**

**MOTION 052.NOV16 Boyd/Lindsay**

THAT the committee move into CLOSED session.

**CARRIED**

**3. Open Session**

**3.1. Approval of Minutes of October 18, 2016**

**MOTION 055.NOV16 Mumin/Boyd**

THAT the minutes of October 18, 2016 be approved as distributed.

**CARRIED**

**4. Business Arising**

**5. New Business**

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

**MOTION 056.NOV16 CAP Gulliver/Lindsay**

THAT Senate approve the revised wording for section 3.15.1.1 Mature Students and 3.15.3.4 Academic Withdrawal of the undergraduate calendar.

AND

THAT there be a friendly amendment from CAP to add Faculty of Arts students. Therefore, the policy will apply to all students no matter the faculty.

#### 3.15.1.1 MATURE STUDENTS

If a mature entry student has failed to attain 12 credit hours of “C” in the prescribed 24 credit hours, they have not met the requirements for promotion to regular student status and is, therefore, placed on Academic Suspension. Such students must formally reapply to the University in order to be considered for readmission (see Section 2.1). ~~In the case of students in the Faculty of Arts requests for readmission will be considered by the Curriculum & Academic Planning (CAP) Committee, the decisions of which are final. In the case of students in the Faculties of Science, Education, Health Studies, or the School of Music, R~~requests for readmission will be considered jointly by the appropriate Faculty/School Dean, the Registrar (or designate), and the appropriate Faculty/School BUSU Senator (or, in the event of a BUSU Senator vacancy, a member of the BUSU Executive). Joint decisions may be appealed to the Curriculum & Academic Planning (CAP) Committee, the decisions of which are final.

#### 3.15.3.4 ACADEMIC WITHDRAWAL

Students will be placed on Academic Withdrawal if, after having been readmitted from Suspension they have:

1. Failed in a subsequent session to meet the minimum academic performance requirement for all credit hours attempted to date.
2. Failed to obtain a minimum of a 2.0 grade point average on courses taken during the academic year.
3. Accumulated more than 48 credit hours of F's and/or repeat courses.

Such students will be required to withdraw from the University for a minimum of 36 months and must formally reapply to the University in order to be considered for readmission (see Section 2.1). ~~In the case of students in the Faculty of Arts, requests for readmission will be considered by the Curriculum & Academic Planning (CAP) Committee, the decisions of which are final. In the case of students in the Faculties of Science, Education, Health Studies, or the School of Music, R~~requests for readmission will be considered jointly by the appropriate Faculty/School Dean and the Registrar (or designate). Joint decisions of the Dean and Registrar (or designate) may be appealed to the Curriculum & Academic Planning (CAP) Committee, the decisions of which are final. If readmitted, such students will be on Academic Probation.”

**CARRIED**

#### **MOTION 057.NOV16 CAP Gulliver/Ardelli**

THAT Senate approve the Faculty of Science, Department of Mathematics and Computer Science prerequisite changes as attached.

**CARRIED**

#### **MOTION 058.NOV16 CAP Gulliver/Ardelli**

THAT Senate approve the Faculty of Science, Department of Mathematics & Computer Science prerequisite change to 62:272 Applied Statistics.

**CARRIED**

#### **MOTION 059.NOV16 CAP Gulliver/Lindsay**

THAT Senate approve the Faculty of Science, Department of Mathematics & Computer Science deletion of 62:487 Projective Geometry.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 060.NOV16 CAP Tryphonopoulos/Gatien**

THAT Senate approve the Faculty of Arts, Department of English and Creative Writing, removal of the required “average grade of C” from the charts of required courses.  
Approved by Arts Faculty Council Oct. 11/17

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 061.NOV16 CAP Tryphonopoulos/Gatien**

THAT Senate approve the Faculty of Arts, Department of English and Creative Writing, addition of letter codes to identify Literature courses, Creative Writing courses, and Applied Writing and Communication courses so that the prerequisite system can better identify required courses. See attached list for more information.  
Approved by Arts Faculty Council Oct. 11/16

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 062.NOV16 CAP Tryphonopoulos/Gatien**

THAT Senate approve the Faculty of Arts, Department of English and Creative Writing, course changes as noted below:

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| • 30:146 Introduction to English Literature             | Prerequisite & Description change                |
| • 30:161 Twentieth-Century Literature                   | Prerequisite & Description change                |
| <del>• 30:162 Introduction to Canadian Literature</del> | <del>Prerequisite &amp; Description change</del> |
| • 30/36:347 The Joy of Text: Literature and Sexuality   | New Course                                       |
| • 30:459 Advanced Seminar in Creative Writing           | Description change                               |

**CARRIED**

Note: 30:162 Introduction to Canadian Literature was removed from the motion as the department has made additional changes subsequent to this submission. The revised course information form will be on the agenda for the December 15, 2016 meeting of Senate.

**MOTION 063.NOV16 CAP Tryphonopoulos/Brown**

THAT Senate approve the Faculty of Arts, Department of Gender and Women’s Studies, course and calendar changes as noted below:

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| • 36:161 Issues in Feminism                 | Delete course       |
| • 36:268 Understanding Feminism             | New course          |
| • 36:385 Gender & Women’s Studies Practicum | Prerequisite change |

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 064.NOV16 CAP Tryphonopoulos/Brown**

THAT Senate approve the Faculty of Arts, Department of Gender and Women’s Studies, removal of the “Thesis in development” comment from the 4-Year Honours table.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 065.NOV16 CAP Tryphonopoulos/Brown**

THAT Senate approve the Faculty of Arts, Department of Gender and Women's Studies, reduction in the number of required courses for each program from 5 courses to 2.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 066.NOV16 CAP Tryphonopoulos/Brown**

THAT Senate approve the Faculty of Arts, Department of Gender and Women's Studies, creation of a 3 credit hour 'core discipline' requirement consisting of courses that are not cross-listed with other department/programs.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 067.NOV16 CAP Tryphonopoulos/Brown**

THAT Senate approve the Faculty of Arts, Department of Gender and Women's Studies, proposal to meet Arts Faculty Council standards by changing their Honours Major requirements to 54 credit hours with a minimum of 27 cr hrs at the 300/400 level, of which 12 cr hrs must be at the 400 level.  
AND

THAT the 4-Year Major require 6 cr hrs at the 400 level.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 068.NOV16 CAP Tryphonopoulos/Brown**

THAT Senate approve the Faculty of Arts, Department of Gender and Women's Studies, development of an informal 'stream' concept.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 069.NOV16 CAP Tryphonopoulos/Brown**

THAT Senate approve the Faculty of Arts, Department of Sociology, regularization of 90/36/56/:445 Sex and the State.

**CARRIED**

**5.2 Election of Senate Member to the Non-Credit Certificate Program Committee (Sen. Robinson)**

See attached Senate Policy

Membership requires **one (1)** Senator who is also on the Board of Governors to be elected by and from Senate.

Senator Lindsay nominated Senator Boyd, seconded by Senator Mumin.

**ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION**

**5.3 Senate Scholarship Committee (Ms. McDaniel)**

**MOTION 070.NOV16 SC Brown/Monias**

**(1)** THAT Senate approve the new Terms of Reference for the **Kelvin Colquhoun Memorial Physics Scholarship as follows:**

To be awarded on the recommendation of the Department of Physics and Astronomy and on the basis of academic merit to an outstanding major in Physics. Preference will be given to a full-time student entering the fourth year. This award may not be divided.

Award Value: Use income allocation, approximately 1 x \$1,350.00\*

\*Subject to change based on market values and the BU Foundation's distribution rate.

(2) THAT Senate approve the new Terms of Reference for the **Norma June Freeman Memorial Nursing Bursary as follows:**

To be awarded, on the basis of financial need, to a student in the Bachelor of Nursing Program.  
Award Value: Use income allocation\*

\*The award value is subject to change based on market values and the BU Foundation's distribution rate. One the bequest has been received and as income allows, additional awards should be added in keeping with the intention of the donor to cover an average student's tuition, housing and books. The amount will be set at the discretion of the University.

(3) THAT Senate approve the new Terms of Reference for the **Norma June Freeman Memorial Psychiatric Nursing Bursary as follows:**

To be awarded, on the basis of financial need, to a student in the Bachelor of Nursing Program.  
Award Value: Use income allocation\*

\*The award value is subject to change based on market values and the BU Foundation's distribution rate. One the bequest has been received and as income allows, additional awards should be added in keeping with the intention of the donor to cover an average student's tuition, housing and books. The amount will be set at the discretion of the University.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 071.NOV16 SC Brown/Gross**

(4)—THAT Senate approve the minimum academic requirement for undergraduate bursary eligibility be changed as follows:

~~Bursaries are monetary awards given to students who have demonstrated a financial need and meet such other criteria as may be specified in the Terms of Reference for specific bursaries. Regardless of whether such other criteria include academic achievement, an award is designated as a bursary if the Terms of Reference include financial need. Bursaries designated for entering students normally require a minimum high school average of 75%, unless a higher average is specified in the Terms of Reference. All other (non-entering) bursaries require a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 unless a higher grade is specified in the Terms of Reference. Even in the case of bursaries that do not specifically include an academic criterion, academic achievement may be considered where two or more applicants have a similar financial need.~~

**Bursaries** – are monetary awards given to students who have demonstrated a financial need, who are academically eligible to register at the University, and who meet such other criteria as may be specified in the Terms of Reference for specific bursaries. In the case of bursaries whose Terms of Reference do not include an academic criterion, academic achievement may be considered where two or more applicants have a similar financial need.

AND

(5)—THAT Senate approve the minimum academic requirement for graduate bursary eligibility be changed as follows:

~~Bursaries are monetary awards given to students who have demonstrated a financial need and meet such other criteria as may be specified in the Terms of Reference for specific bursaries. Bursaries require a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 unless a higher GPA is stipulated in the Terms of Reference. In the event that two or more applicants for a specific bursary have a significant financial need and meet such other criteria as may be specified in the Terms of Reference, academic achievement will also be considered in awarding the bursary. All bursaries require application. Students are advised to contact the Senate Scholarship Office for detailed information and application forms.~~

**Bursaries** – are monetary awards given to students who have demonstrated a financial need, who are academically eligible to register at the University, and who meet such other criteria as may be specified in the Terms of Reference for specific bursaries. In the case of bursaries whose Terms of Reference do not include academic criterion, academic achievement may be considered where two or more applicants have a similar financial need.

**CARRIED**

5.4 **Senate Graduate Studies Committee** (Sen. Tryphonopoulos)

**MOTION 072.NOV16 GS Tryphonopoulos/Duncan**

THAT Senate approve the Master of Education calendar changes as attached.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 073.NOV16 GS Robinson/Duncan**

THAT Senate approve that all Grade Point Averages (GPAs) published in the Graduate Calendar contain two decimal places.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 074.NOV16 Robinson/Gross**

THAT Senate approve the Repeated Courses policy in the Graduate Calendar be revised to include a fuller description of the ways in which repeat courses function in a student's academic record.

**PROPOSED CALENDAR LANGUAGE REVISION:**

**3.11.4 REPEATED COURSES**

When a student repeats a course, all course attempts, including the grades earned, will remain on the transcript. Where a student repeats a previously attempted course, however, only the grade and any associated credits earned on the most recent grade attempt will form part be used for calculating grade point averages and credit hours completed, determining prerequisite satisfaction, and verifying completion of degree/program requirements of the student's cumulative and degree grade point averages.

The previous attempt(s) will have the designation RPT (repeat) placed beside them on the transcript.

**CARRIED**

5.5 **Bylaw Review Committee** (Dr. Fearon)

Section X 4. This committee shall consist of one representative from each Faculty/School **two (2)** 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.

Senator Garbutt nominated Senator Care (Health Studies), seconded by Senator Mumin.

**ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION**

Senator Bach nominated Senator Gatien (Music), seconded by Senator Cain,

**ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION**

Senator Brown nominated Senator Vanderheiden (student), seconded by Senator Monias

**ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION**

**5.6 Report and Motion from the Brandon University Students' Union (BUSU) President (Sen. Brown)**

Senator Brown reported on the following:

- The student union held its annual Halloween food drive on October 31, 2016. Students from a number of clubs gathered donations from the community, and 3,900 lbs of donations were collected.
- November 2, 2016 was the "All Out" National Day of Action. There was a march around campus, and approximately 400 people enjoyed a BBQ hosted by BUSU. There were a number of speakers at the event discussing BUSU's "asks": No Mandatory Attendance Policy, Mandatory Indigenous Course Requirements, No Increase in International Student Differential Fees. Students also declared support for Bill 15.
- The BUSU Annual General meeting was held on November 15, 2016.

**MOTION 075.NOV16 BUSU Brown/Monias**

THAT Senate approve the following change to Section VI Faculty/School Councils of the Senate Bylaws .

Currently states: Senate bylaw, Section VI Faculty/School Councils, (1) Membership (d) Two undergraduate student representatives shall sit on the Faculty/School Council as full voting members, one of the students to be the Faculty/School representative on BUSU Council, the other the student Senate member of the Faculty/School."

Change: Senate bylaw, Section VI Faculty/School Councils, (1) Membership (d) Two undergraduate student representatives shall sit on the Faculty/School Council as full voting members, one of the students to be the Faculty/School representative on BUSU Council or elected BUSU designate, the other the student Senate member of the Faculty/School."

**CARRIED**

**5.6 Deans', University Librarian, and Registrar's Reports (Not minuted)**

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

Senator Robinson reported on the following:

- BU has scheduled three open Town Hall sessions this month to gather wide community feedback for its new, stand-alone sexualized violence policy, now in draft form.
- The search is underway for the Co-op coordinator. This position will assist the University and departments with creating Co-op options within their programs, finding Co-op opportunities that would be valuable to our students, and helping our students get placement into these positions.
- The search is continuing for the Dean of Science position, and the committee will begin the short-listing process soon.
- The research celebration event held on October 25, 2016 to recognize faculty who have obtained Tri-Agency funding was very successful. Dr. Robinson noted that the Tri-Agency funding is only one avenue of funding through which BU faculty research is supported.
- The Faculty of Arts will be celebrating 18 years of research success.

### 5.8 **President's Report (Dr. Fearon)**

Dr. Fearon reported on the following:

- He asked Senator Lamont to update the committee on the Campus Master Plan. Senator Lamont reported that, over the last few months, there have been a number of opportunities for members of the BU and Brandon communities to communicate their priorities and ideas to the consultants working on the plan. The consultants will forward a summary and synthesis report to the University at the end of November. Following this, and after further community consultation, the consultants will make suggestions on how the campus should grow and what it might look like over the next 30 years.
- Dr. Fearon has been meeting with the provincial government to communicate the direction in which the University wishes to go. The messages he is receiving back are that dollars are scarce, and the University will need to make a very strong case in order to receive new program funding and there is potential that even if new programs are approved, it may be without funding. The University has not received any information as to what, if anything, the increase will be for the operating budget and how much tuition may increase.
- The discussion at General Faculty Council was very engaging and useful. Dr. Fearon reminded Senators of the importance of broad community participation and engagement in General Faculty Council.
- BU's ranking by Maclean's magazine, while important to a number of University stakeholders, does not take into account many of the great things that we do well at BU as also suggested by BUSU.
- Dr. Fearon reflected on a conversation he had recently with a member of the public that impressed upon him the essential importance of always keeping a human face and impact on things and remaining committed to dialogue and respect even in the face of opposing viewpoints as a fundamental role of universities.

### 6 **Other Business**

### 7 **Correspondence**

### 8 **Adjournment**

#### **MOTION 076.NOV16 Garbutt/Gross**

That the Senate adjourn.  
Adjournment was at 3:15 pm.

**CARRIED**