

**MINUTES
OF THE THIRD REGULAR MEETING OF THE 50TH SENATE
HELD TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2017 @ 2:00 P.M.
LOUIS RIEL ROOM, MCMASTER CONCOURSE**

Present: Dr. Steven Robinson (Chair); Dr. Edward Bach; Dr. Chris Beeman;
Dr. Dean Care; Dr. Heather Duncan; Ms. Katie Gross; Dr. Austin Gulliver;
Mr. Scott Lamont; Ms. Stacey Lee; Mr. Jack Lindsay; Ms. Andrea McDaniel;
Mr. Michael Malazdrewicz; Dr. Hamid Mumin; Dr. Burcu Ntelioglou;
Ms. Kim Ryan-Nichols; Dr. Meir Serfaty; Dr. Deanna Smid; Dr. Gautam Srivastava;
Ms. Sheree Blacksmith (BUSU); Mr. Nicholas Brown (BUSU); Ms. Whitney Hodgins (BUSU);
Ms. Kim Fallis (Recording Secretary)

Regrets: Ms. Betty Braaksma; Mr. Michael Cain; Dr. Noreen Ek; Mr. Greg Gatien;
Mr. Grant Prairie; Dr. Linda Ross; Dr. Demetres Tryphonopoulos;
Ms. Laura Davidson (BUSU); Ms. Meagan Stade (BUSU); Ms. Emily Simon (BUSU)

Guests: Dr. Deanna Rexe, Assiniboine Community College;
Ms. Jill Ferguson, Assiniboine Community College

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION 028.OCT17 Brown/Care

THAT the agenda be approved as distributed

CARRIED

2. Closed Session

MOTION 029.OCT17 Brown/Gross

THAT the committee move into CLOSED session.

CARRIED

3. Open Session

3.1. Approval of Minutes of September 17, 2017 (Attached)

MOTION 033OCT17 Smid/Ntelioglou

THAT the minutes of September 19, 2017 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3.2. Appointments of Committees

- 3.2.1 Appointment & Review of Academic Administrators – University Librarian**
- **1(one) Student Senator, elected by Senate**

Senator Brown nominated Senator Hodgins, seconded by Senator Duncan

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

3.2.2 Election of ONE Senator for the Indigenous Education Subcommittee of Senate

Senator Mumin nominated Senator Care, seconded by Senator Brown

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

4. Business Arising

4.1 Academic Amnesty for Bill 31 Protest (Sen. Brown)

MOTION 034.OCT17 BUSU Brown/Hodgins

Be It Resolved THAT Senate grants Academic Accommodation on October 25th, 2017 from 11:00am – 1:00 pm for all students regardless of Faculty, School, and Department with the exception of mandatory classes and practicums;

AND

Be It Resolved THAT on Wednesday October 25th, 2017 from 11:00am – 1:00 pm students be allowed to participate in the activities being planned by the Brandon University Students' Union without penalty to their grades or any other academic penalty they may face.

CARRIED

5. New Business

5.1. Curriculum and Academic Planning Committee (Sen. Serfaty)

MOTION 035.OCT17 CAP Gulliver/Malazdrewicz

THAT Senate approve the Faculty of Science, Department of Applied Disaster and Emergency Studies, new course 40:457 Community-based Research Approaches for Understanding Disaster Risk.

CARRIED

MOTION 036.OCT17 CAP Gulliver/Mumin

THAT Senate approve the Faculty of Science, Department of Geology, prerequisite changes to 42:480 Geobiology.

CARRIED

MOTION 037.OCT17 CAP Gulliver/Srivastava

THAT Senate approve the Faculty of Science, Department of Physics & Astronomy, new course 74:451 Introduction to General Relativity and changes to the 4-Year (Honours) program.

CARRIED

MOTION 038.OCT17 CAP Gulliver/Gross

THAT Senate approve the Faculty of Science, Department of Psychology, prerequisite changes to 82:356 Psychology of Aging.

CARRIED

MOTION 039.OCT17 CAP Serfaty/Malazdrewicz

THAT Senate recommends that the Board of Governors approve the Brandon University and Assiniboine Community College joint program in the Faculty of Arts, Department of History, Public History;

AND

THAT it be forward to the Education and Advanced Learning Division of the Provincial Government.

CARRIED

5.2. Senate Scholarship Committee (Ms. McDaniel)

MOTION 040.OCT17 SC Care/Gross

1. THAT Senate the approves of the new Terms of Reference for the Shirley and Dalton Gadbois Memorial Scholarship in Psychology:

To be awarded on the recommendation of the Department of Psychology to a student with a major in Psychology. Preference will be given to students who are parents of dependent children, or if no student-parents are eligible, to Indigenous students, or if no Indigenous students are eligible, to students who have not received other scholarships. This award may not be divided.

Award Value: *Use income allocation, approximately \$225.00

*The award value is 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 Brandon General Hospital School of Nursing Scholarships:

To be awarded by departmental recommendation to two students, one who is currently enrolled in Year 3 or Year 4 of the Nursing program, and one who is currently enrolled in Year 3 or Year 4 of the Psychiatric Nursing program. The students will have demonstrated exceptional patient/family communication, excellent assessment skills, outstanding proficiency in nursing, and a commitment to/interest in nursing in rural communities/environments. Each of these two awards may not be divided

Award Value: Use income allocation, 2 x \$475.00

*The award value is subject to change based on market values and the BU Foundation's distribution rate

CARRIED

MOTION 041.OCT17 SC Duncan/Mumin

(1) THAT Senate approve the revised Terms of Reference and award value for the Teachers Applying the Whole Language Winnipeg Inc. Scholarship as follows:

~~To be awarded to an Education student with the highest mark in the Early Childhood Education course 01:332.~~

To be awarded to an Education student with the highest mark in 04:255 Child Development and Learning, or its equivalent.

Award Value: Use income allocation, approximately \$150.00

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

(2) THAT Senate approve the revised Terms of Reference and award value for the Dr. Charles Whitfield Clark Memorial Scholarship in Early Childhood Education as follows:

~~Provided for in the will of Avis Maude Clark McWilliams in memory of her uncle, to be awarded to the student with the highest grade in 01:332 Early Childhood Planning and Assessment.~~
Provided for in the will of Avis Maude Clark McWilliams in memory of her uncle, to be awarded to the student with the highest grade in 04:353 Evaluation and Assessment (EY), or its equivalent.
Award Value: Use income allocation, approximately 1 x \$445.00
*Subject to change based on market values and the Foundation's distribution rate

- (3) THAT Senate approve the revised name and Terms of Reference for the Manitoba Conservation District Association Scholarship-Bursary as follows:
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Manitoba Conservation Districts Association Scholarship
~~To be awarded, based on financial need and academic merit, to a student conducting a Topics or Honours Undergraduate Research project on water stewardship for a Major in Biology, Chemistry, Geology, Geography, or a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science. Applicants will include a letter of support from their topics or research project supervisor.~~
~~Award Value: \$1,000.00~~
To be awarded, by departmental recommendation and on the basis of academic merit, to a student conducting a Topics or Honours Undergraduate Research project on water stewardship for a Major in Biology, Chemistry, Geology, or Geography, or a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science.
Award Value: \$1,000.00
- (4) THAT Senate approve the revised Terms of Reference and award value for the Margaret McCurdy Memorial Special Awards as follows:
~~Established by the Eckhardt-Gramatté Conservatory of Music for deserving choristers in financial need. Members of the Brandon University Conservatory Chorale must apply by completing an Eckhardt-Gramatté Conservatory of Music Application for Special Awards. Applications must be submitted to the Director of the Conservatory no later than May 31st of each year. Amounts awarded will vary according to financial need, amount of tuition, amount of money available and the number of applications received. Recipients will be recommended to the Senate Scholarship Committee by the School of Music Scholarship Committee based on the recommendation of the Conservatory Director and the Conservatory Chorale Director.~~
~~Value: Use income allocation, approximately \$450.00 to \$550.00~~
Established by the Eckhardt-Gramatté Conservatory of Music for deserving choristers in financial need. Members of the Brandon University Conservatory Chorale must apply by completing an Eckhardt-Gramatté Conservatory of Music Application for Special Awards. Applications must be submitted to the Conservatory Director in the spring of each year. Amounts awarded will vary according to financial need, amount of tuition, amount of money available and the number of applications received. Recipients will be recommended to the Senate Scholarship Committee by the School of Music Scholarship Committee based on the recommendation of the Conservatory Director and the Conservatory Chorale Director. This award may be shared.
Value: Use income allocation, approximately \$650.00
*Award value subject to change based on market values and the BU Foundation's distribution rate
- (5) THAT Senate approve the revised Terms of Reference and award value for the Lyall & Evelyn Robinson (Syncopators) Scholarship in Music as follows:
~~To be awarded to a music student who has demonstrated his/her commitment, dedication, persistence and love of music by sharing his/her talents throughout the community. He/she should be technically capable and show great passion in his/her approach to music and eager to build on that base. The recipient shall use the funds to expand his/her musical education while continuing to display a desire to perform publicly.~~
~~Approx. Value: (1 award x \$2,500.00)~~
To be awarded to a music student who has demonstrated his/her commitment, dedication, persistence and love of music by sharing his/her talents throughout the community. He/she should be technically capable and show great passion in his/her approach to music and be eager to build on that base. The recipient shall use the funds to expand his/her musical education while continuing to display a desire to perform publicly. This award may be shared.

Award Value: Use income allocation, approximately \$3,500.00*

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

- (6) THAT Senate approve the revised Terms of Reference and award value for the Manitoba Hydro Bursaries as follows:
~~To be awarded to full-time students who have financial need, who are able to present evidence of community involvement and whose studies are relevant to Manitoba Hydro operations and Human Resource Strategy. The applicants must declare membership in at least one of the four following equity designated groups: Aboriginal peoples; women; persons with disabilities and/or members of visible minority groups. Applicants must submit a declaration of community involvement and membership.~~
To be awarded on the basis of financial need to full-time majors or minors in Business Administration or Computer Science who are involved in their community. Applicants must submit a declaration of membership in at least one of the four following equity designated groups: Indigenous peoples; women; persons with disabilities and/or members of visible minority groups, and must provide evidence of community involvement. A minimum cgpa of 2.0 is required to receive this bursary.
Award Value: *Use income allocation, approximately 2 x \$1,100.00
*Subject to change based on market values and the Foundation's distribution rate
- (7) THAT Senate approve the revised Terms of Reference and award value for the Shahna Bronwen Rice Memorial Scholarship in Physics and Astronomy as follows:
~~To be awarded, on the recommendation of the Department, to an outstanding student who is majoring or minoring in Physics and entering the third or fourth year. Preference will be given to a student who has shown leadership in public relations and student social activities in the Department of Physics and Astronomy. Normally this scholarship is awarded to one student.~~
~~Award Value: Use income allocation, approximately *2,700.00~~
~~*The approximate award value is subject to change based on market values and the BU Foundation's distribution rate in any given fiscal year.~~
To be awarded, on the recommendation of the Department, to an outstanding student who is majoring or minoring in Physics and entering the third or fourth year. Preference will be given to a student who has shown leadership in public relations and student social activities in the Department of Physics and Astronomy. This award may not be divided.
Award Value: Use income allocation, approximately \$3,700.00*
*Subject to change based on market values and the BU Foundation's distribution rate
- (8) THAT Senate approve the revised Terms of Reference and award value for the Alex Whyte Memorial Scholarship as follows:
~~To be awarded to a promising string student who is enrolled in, or about to enroll in the Conservatory program, or any year of the University Music program. Application must be made for the scholarship, which is tenable only at Brandon University. Application forms are available from the School of Music, and must be submitted to the School of Music by the date set in April for the May auditions.~~
To be awarded to a promising string student who is enrolled in, or about to enroll in the Conservatory program, or any year of the University Music program. Application must be made for the scholarship, which is tenable only at Brandon University. Application forms are available from the School of Music, and must be submitted to the School of Music by the date set in April for the May auditions. This award may be shared.
Award Value: Use income allocation, approximately \$1,300.00
*Subject to change based on market values and the Foundation's distribution rate
- (9) THAT Senate approve the revised Terms of Reference and award value for the Clotilde Bursary in Statistics as follows:
~~To be awarded to a student who demonstrates financial need and has received a grade of "B" or more in the Brandon University course 62:171 (Introduction to Statistics). In case of equal financial need, the bursary will be awarded to the student who received the higher mark.~~

To be awarded to a student who demonstrates financial need and has received a grade of "B" or higher in the Brandon University course 62:171 (Introduction to Statistics) or its equivalent. In case of equal financial need, the bursary will be awarded to the student who received the higher mark.

Award Value: Use income allocation, approximately \$750.00

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

(10) THAT Senate approve the revised Terms of Reference and award value for the Fiorella Memorial Scholarship in Italiano as follows:

~~To be awarded to either: a) a student who demonstrates the highest academic achievement in six credit hours of Italian language courses at Brandon University; or b) if there is no eligible candidate as specified in point (a), to an entering student who has demonstrated proficiency in a modern language other than English, with preference given to Italian and Spanish.~~

~~Award Value: 1 x \$300.00~~

To be awarded to either: a) a student who demonstrates the highest academic achievement in Italian language courses at Brandon University; or b) if there is no eligible candidate as specified in point (a), to an entering student who has demonstrated proficiency in a modern language other than English, with preference given to Italian and Spanish.

Award Value: Use income allocation, approximately \$1,200.00*

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

CARRIED

5.3. **Inclusive Post-Secondary Education Program** (Sen. Serfaty) (*For Information only*)

Senator Serfaty gave the committee a brief overview of the recently approved Inclusive Post-Secondary Education program. This is a non-credit certificate program running as a partnership between Brandon University, Community Living Brandon, Ready, Willing and Able, the Manitoba Government Department of Families, and Career Connections. The program is for students with intellectual disabilities who, if approved by the external partners, will audit courses at the University and work towards a Certificate of Completion. While auditing, students will set achievement goals, participate in classroom work, and complete modified assignments. Students will need to complete 18 credit hours or 24 credit hours of audit courses in order to receive the certificate. There is no cost of the program for Brandon University, and involvement by faculty members is on a voluntary basis.

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

Senator Brown reported on the following:

- The student union is working on their Day of Action which will be held October 25, 2017 to protest Bill 31. The event will be held in the Kavanagh Courtyard from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm.
- They participated in the 25th annual Take Back the Night walk.
- They participated in the Light Up The World Purple walk.
- They participated at the Homecoming Weekend.
- They will be collecting non-perishable goods on Halloween. This is an annual event between BUSU students and students from Assiniboine Community College. All donations go to their respective food banks.
- There will be no midterm elections this year.

5.5 **Report from the Board of Governors Representative to Senate** (Sen. Mumin)

Senator Mumin reported on the following items from the September 23, 2017 meeting:

- The Board welcomed Dr. Meir Serfaty as the Acting Vice-President (Academic & Provost).
- The removed the position description for the Associate Vice-President (Student Services, Enrolment Management and University Registrar), replacing it with two new position descriptions: University Registrar and Dean of Students.

- They approved the appointment of Ms. Karen MacDonald as the Chief Human Resources Officer, effective November 6, 2017.
- The 2018-2019 budget estimates were approved.
- The current Respectful Environment Policy was rescinded as there is a committee working to update the policy.
- There were revisions approved to the policy for Appointment & Review of Non-Academic Administrators.
- There were elections held for executive officers as well as nominations to the President Search Committee, the Dean of Science Search Committee and the Dean of Students Search Committee.

5.5 Reports from the Deans, University Librarian, and Registrar

Verbal reports were given.

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

Senator Serfaty reported on the following;

- Due to the resignation of one of the Canada Research Chair holders, Brandon University has the opportunity to nominate two individuals.
- The internal posting has been distributed for the Dean of Science search.
- His office is in the process of populating the committee for the Dean of Students search.
- His office is also undertaking the review processes for the Dean of Education and the University Librarian.

5.8 President's Report (Dr. Robinson)

Dr. Robinson reported on the following:

- Enrolment is up by 6% this year and it has increased by 22% since 2014.
- International student enrollment is up by 26% and Indigenous student enrolment by 8%.
- The residences are also full this year, and the university is looking for more spaces for student housing.
- He attended Homecoming, and even though he has attended in previous years, it was different attending as Interim President. He enjoyed meeting and hearing about the remarkable achievements of BU alumni.
- He noted that 2017 is the 50th Anniversary of Brandon University awarding its own degrees. Prior to that, students who graduated from Brandon College received their degrees from either the University of Manitoba or McMaster University. However, even though their degrees were from another institution, these alumni still consider themselves Brandon University graduates.
- This year's Homecoming celebrated the class of 1967, the last to graduate from Brandon College, and next year will celebrate the class of 1968, the first to graduate from Brandon University.
- As we are celebrating 50 years as a University, we will be launching related fundraising program.
- He attended the pre-budget consultations in Brandon and met with government officials.
- He announced that, in his capacity as Interim President, he has been invited to sit on the Electoral Divisions Boundaries Commission for the Province.

6. Other Business

7. Correspondence

8. Adjournment

MOTION 042.OCT17 Brown/Hodgins

THAT the Senate adjourn at 3:37 PM

CARRIED