

**MINUTES
OF THE THIRD REGULAR MEETING OF THE 49TH SENATE
HELD TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2016 @ 2:00 P.M.
LOUIS RIEL ROOM, MCMASTER CONCOURSE**

Present: Dr. Gervan Fearon (Chair); Dr. Bernadette Ardelli; Dr. Edward Bach;
Dr. Chris Beeman; Mr. Garnet Boyd; Dr. Dean Care; Dr. Noreen Ek;
Ms. Joan Garbutt; Ms. Katie Gross; Dr. Austin Gulliver; Mr. Scott Lamont;
Mr. Jack Lindsay; Ms. Andrea McDaniel;
Mr. Michael Malazdrewicz; Dr. Hamid Mumin; Dr. Steven Robinson;
Dr. Demetres Tryphonopoulos; 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; Mr. Michael Cain; Dr. Heather Duncan;
Ms. Cordella Friesen; Mr. Greg Gatien; Dr. Lorraine Mayer;
Dr. Burcu Ntelioglou; Ms. Kim Ryan-Nichols; Dr. David Winter;
Mr. Nicholas Brown (BUSU); Ms. Krista Charney (BUSU); Ms. Elizabeth Davidson (BUSU)

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION 029.OCT16 Vanderheiden/Malazdrewicz

THAT the agenda be approved as distributed.

CARRIED

2. Closed Session

MOTION 030.OCT16 Mumin/Lamont

THAT the committee move into CLOSED session.

CARRIED

3. Open Session

3.1. Approval of Minutes of September 13, 2016

MOTION 034.OCT16 Mumin/Monias

THAT the minutes of September 13, 2016 be approved as distributed.

CARRIED

4. Business Arising

4.1 Decanal Search for Dean of Science (Sen. Robinson)

Due to other commitments, Senator Bach is unable to continue on this committee.

Election of **1 Faculty** member Senator, elected by Senate, who is not members of the Faculty/School concerned

Senator Lamont nominated Senator Ek, seconded by Senator Gross.

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

Senator Vanderheiden, Brandon University Student Union Vice-President – Internal, informed the committee that Senator Charney, who had been elected by Senate as the Student Senator Representative on the Decanal Search for the Dean of Science, will be resigning her position due to scheduling issues. Based on this information and the tight timeline of the search, the committee agreed to hold the election for a replacement at this meeting. Senator Charney will be asked to forward a letter of resignation to both the Senate Office and the Office of the Vice-President (Administration & Provost).

Senator Vanderheiden nominated Senator Poole, seconded by Senator Lindsay.

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

5. New Business

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

MOTION 035.OCT16 CAP Tryphonopoulos/Malazdrewicz

THAT Senate approve the Faculty of Arts, Departments of Anthropology and Sociology, prerequisite change to 12/90:259.

CARRIED

MOTION 036.OCT16 CAP Tryphonopoulos/Malazdrewicz

THAT Senate approve the Faculty of Arts, Department Sociology, degree requirement change from “two 300 level courses” to “6 credit hours at the 300 or 400 level”.

CARRIED

MOTION 037.OCT16 CAP Gulliver/Tryphonopoulos

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

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| • 18:160 General Chemistry I | Prerequisite change |
| • 18:362 Instrumental Analysis | Prerequisite change |
| • 18:455 Mass Spectrometry-Based Proteomics | Prerequisite change |

CARRIED

MOTION 038.OCT16 CAP Robinson/Gross

THAT Senate approve a one-week Fall Study Break, starting in Fall 2017, that incorporates the Remembrance Day holiday.

AND

THAT the Faculties of Health Studies and Education be exempted.

CARRIED

MOTION 039.OCT16 CAP Robinson/Vanderheiden

THAT Senate approve the important dates for the 2017-2018 Academic Year.

CARRIED

MOTION 040.OCT16 CAP Gulliver/Mumin

THAT Senate approve the Faculty of Science, Department of Biology/Geology, new course 15/42:180
The world of the dinosaurs.

CARRIED

MOTION 041.OCT16 CAP Gulliver/Mumin

THAT Senate approve the Faculty of Science, Department of Biology/Geology, new course 15/42:180
The world of the dinosaurs be added to the Liberal Education list as a Natural Science.

CARRIED

MOTION 042.OCT16 CAP Robinson/Gross

THAT Senate recommend that The Board of Governors approve the Faculty of Education organisational structure change: moving from six departments to five departments through the amalgamation of Teaching and Learning (02) and Curriculum Foundations (03) into a new combined department, Curriculum and Pedagogy (02/03).

CARRIED

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

MOTION 043.OCT16 SS Monias/Mumin

1. THAT Senate approve the new Terms of Reference for the **CPA Manitoba Foundation Scholarship** as follows:

To be awarded on the recommendation of the Department of Business Administration to the graduating student with a minimum of 24 credit hours in accounting courses at Brandon University who achieved the highest cumulative grade point average. If the recipient chooses to enroll in courses with CPA Manitoba (Certified Professional Accountants of Manitoba) he or she will receive an additional \$500.00 credit toward fees from the CPA Manitoba Foundation (Chartered Professional Accountants of Manitoba Foundation). This award may not be divided.
Award Value: 1 x \$500.00

2. THAT Senate approve the new Terms of Reference for the **Jean M. Ford Memorial Scholarship-Bursary in Voice** as follows:

To be awarded, on the basis of financial need and musical promise, to a full-time student in the School of Music who has a major or concentration in voice. This award may not be divided.

Award Value: Use income allocation, (approximately \$225.00 to \$500.00*) plus donor bridging, if applicable

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

3. THAT Senate the approve the new Terms of Reference for the **Cordell Grant Memorial Bursary** as follows:

To be awarded, on the basis of financial need, to a student entering the Bachelor of Education After Degree program. Preference will be given to a first-generation university student from rural Manitoba (not Brandon or Winnipeg). This award may not be divided.

Award Value: Use income allocation, approximately 1 x \$450.00*

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

CARRIED

MOTION 044.OCT16 SS Boyd/Monias

THAT Senate recommends that the Board of Governors approve the revised Terms of Reference for the Board of Governors Entrance Scholarships as follows:

To be awarded to graduates of accredited Canadian high schools who are entering first year at Brandon University. Students who are entering Brandon University with advanced university standing obtained through International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, dual credit, or university courses completed concurrently while full-time high school students are also eligible for this award. Board of Governors Entrance Scholarships will be awarded according to the following schedule: Tier 1 - Average greater than or equal to 95% - \$2000; Tier 2 - Average greater than or equal to 92.5% - \$1700; Tier 3 - Average greater than or equal to 90% - \$1400; Tier 4 - Average greater than or equal to 87.5% - \$1100; Tier 5 - Average greater than or equal to 85% - \$800. Scholarship eligibility will be based on Grade 11 marks if students apply before the last Friday in June of the year they graduate from high school. Students who apply after the last Friday in June shall have their scholarship eligibility assessed on final Grade 12 grades. Students are automatically considered for BOG scholarships upon admission and do not need to specifically apply for them. Students who are awarded Brandon University Board of Governors Entrance Scholarships on the basis of their Grade 11 courses may have their award increased should their Grade 12 average at graduation result in a higher award. In no case shall the award be reduced.

CARRIED

5.3. Senate Athletics Awards Committee (Ms. McDaniel)

MOTION 045.OCT16 SAAC Mumin/Vanderheiden

1. THAT Senate approve the new Terms of Reference for the Brandon Volleyball Club Men's Volleyball Award as follows:

To be awarded on the recommendation of the Athletic Director, to a Bobcat Men's Volleyball player. Preference will be given to a student athlete who participated with Brandon Volleyball Club prior to attending BU. This award may be divided.

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

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

2. THAT Senate approve the new Terms of Reference for the Cats Volleyball Club Women's Volleyball Award as follows:

To be awarded on the recommendation of the Athletic Director, to a Bobcat Women's Volleyball player. Preference will be given to a student athlete who participated with Cats Volleyball Club prior to attending BU. This award may be divided.

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

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

3. THAT Senate approve the new Terms of Reference for the Schira Haddow Award for Soccer Excellence as follows:

The Athletic Director, in consultation with the Brandon University Bobcat Women Soccer Coach(es), will recommend one or more returning player(s) for their commitment and contribution to personal, team, and program excellence. The player must be in good academic standing with a minimum

cumulative GPA of 2.30. The award may be divided but each award per player must be at least \$500.00.

Award Value: Use income allocation, plus bridging to provide one or more awards of a minimum of \$500.00 each.

CARRIED

5.4. Senate Graduate Studies Committee (Sen. Tryphonopoulos)

MOTION 046.OCT16 GS Tryphonopoulos/Malazdrewicz

THAT Senate approve the Master of Music calendar wording change to 6.2.2 Advisory Examinations in the Music section of the Graduate Calendar as noted below:

6.2.2 ADVISORY EXAMINATIONS

All applicants accepted into the Masters of Music or Music Education program at Brandon University are required to write advisory examinations relevant to their program before the beginning of their first term unless they hold an undergraduate music degree from an accredited Canadian or American university. Applicants will be notified of the required examinations for their intended program through their letter of admission. Entering students who do not achieve a satisfactory result on one or more advisory examinations will be required to pass relevant undergraduate courses before they can register for certain seminars. Such undergraduate courses will not form part of the Master's program, and, as such, will not count toward the student's GPA. Applicants are advised that remedial undergraduate courses may delay completion of the degree.

CARRIED

MOTION 047.OCT16 GS Tryphonopoulos/Mumin

THAT Senate approve the Master of Science, Environmental and Life Sciences, new course 38:657 Wetlands.

CARRIED

5.5 Brandon University Students' Union (Sen. Vanderheiden)

MOTION 048.OCT16 BUSU Vanderheiden/Monias

THAT Senate grants academic accommodation on November 2, 2016 to all students regardless of Faculty, School and Department.

AND

THAT on Wednesday, November 2nd, 2016 students be allowed to participate in the activities being planned by the Brandon University Students' Union during slots 4 and 5 without penalty to their grades or any other academic penalty they may face.

CARRIED

MOTION 049.OCT16 BUSU Vanderheiden/Monias (Notice of Motion)

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

Senator Boyd reported on the following:

- The search for a new Dean of Science has been extended into the Fall. Three candidates were interviewed in June, but the committee was not satisfied so they have re-advertised the position and expect to be interviewing an additional round of candidates in December, and Dr. Austin Gulliver has been extended in the role of Acting Dean until December 31, 2016.
- The first-year outreach pilot project in Dauphin was launched in June, and Mr. Barry Nadolny has been hired as co-ordinator. They are currently running six first-year courses, with four more planned for the second term. Enrollments are lower than expected due to late start up so we expect them to improve going into second term. The city and the broader community are very excited about the project.
- As you are aware, our Associate Vice-President (Student Services, Enrollment Management, and University Registrar), Mr. Tom Brophy, left BU for a lead position at another university at the end of August.
Ms. Katie Gross, has accepted responsibility for Student Services and International as Acting Dean of Student Services, while our Associate Registrar, Ms. Andrea McDaniel, has taken over the Registrar’s Office and the Admissions Office as Acting Registrar.
- This has been a banner year for research success at BU, and many of these awards are for multi-year projects with a celebration of this success to be held October 25th in Harvest Hall at 6 PM.
- The BU Sexual Assault Advisory Group was set up in the spring to draft a stand-alone sexual assault and violence policy for the University with a plan to present a finished draft policy to the Board of Governors by January.
- Fleming School property – The Class B drawings and costing is nearly complete. However, the Province is reviewing all projects that require provincial funding. So until that review has been completed, work on the project is on hold.
- In athletics, CIS has changed the criteria for applying to host future National events. The next event was awarded, and all future events will seek hosts using the new criteria. Once the criteria have been finalized, BU will reapply at that time.
- The Manitoba Accessibility for Manitobans Act requires that all public institutions develop plans to ensure services and facilities are adapted to provide services to people with all abilities. Manitoba is closely following the Ontario legislation and experience. Much work has been done for the first phase of the implementation of the Act.
- The Board of Governors approved the 2017 – 2018 Budget Estimates as recommended by the Board Budget Committee.
- At the Board Elections: Derek Stewart was re-elected as Chair, Bea Jolly as Vice Chair, and Garnet Boyd as Treasurer and as the BOG representative to Senate.

5.7 Report from the Brandon University Students' Union (BUSU) President (Sen. Vanderheiden)

Senator Vanderheiden reported on the following:

- Brandon University Students' Union is working with the Canadian Federation of Students on the National Day of Action on November 2, 2016. Senator Vanderheiden invited all Senators to attend the BBQ that they will be hosting.
- BUSU is working with Student Services on the Safe Walk pilot program. Students will be available to walk other students to their cars or buses after night classes. They reminded our students at the University of Winnipeg campus that they have access to all services offered by the University of Winnipeg.
- The Students' Union Annual General Meeting will be on November 15, 2016 in Harvest Hall.
- They will be holding elections for a number of positions on October 24 and 25, 2016.

5.8 Deans', University Librarian, and Registrar's Reports (Dr. Fearon will call on these individuals for verbal reports)

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

Senator Robinson reported on the following:

- Dr. Robinson reported that he attended second annual Building Reconciliation Forum on 28 & 29 September, in Edmonton. Following the University of Saskatchewan's example in 2015, the University of Alberta convened a dialogue in response to the Truth & Reconciliation Commission's calls to action. Fifty-eight universities were represented there this year, together with a wide range of presenters including university and college administrators, faculty, and graduate students as well as leaders of Indigenous organizations and elected officials. Speakers represented First Nations, Inuit, Metis, and non-Indigenous perspectives. This two-day Forum was very rich and thought-provoking. I learned a lot and heard lots of good advice. There was a strong sense that while systems of education have been very destructive to Indigenous communities in the past, education can also be a large part of the solution to the problems so created.

Throughout the conference, speakers did not hesitate to express what they felt Indigenous people needed most from Canadian universities, both in the long term and the short term. The following are just a few immediate challenges that were put to us all as participants:

As faculty members, staff and administrators, admit to yourself that you have too easily in past accepted a misleading picture of the world that was presented to you by authorities.

Add Indigenous content where you detect that your curricula have ignored important Indigenous topics or issues.

Hire more Indigenous professors.

Get Indigenous people appointed to your Boards of Governors and Senates.

Lobby to get Maclean's Magazine to rank universities also on the basis of Indigenous initiatives.

- The Sexual Assault Advisory Group has been meeting weekly, and the final standalone policy will be sent out to the broader community before the final draft is submitted to the Board of Governors in early 2017.
- On October 25, 2016, Brandon University will celebrate the success of researchers. There will be a reception to recognize 34 BU researchers who are working on projects supported by national Tri-Agency research grants.

5.10 President's Report (Dr. Fearon)

Dr. Fearon reported on the following:

- Dr. Fearon has completed his consultations with all faculty councils and has hosted two open sessions for staff to attend.
- Homecoming weekend was well attended by members of Senate, the Board of Governors, and others. Many outstanding alumni were honoured during the event.
- In part due to a large donation from an Alumnus and World University Service of Canada (WUSC) supporter, two additional WUSC students from Saria are attend Brandon University this fall. This brings our total new WUSC students to four this fall, our highest number ever.

6 Other Business

7 Correspondence

8 Adjournment

MOTION 050.OCT Gross/Ek

THAT the Senate adjourn.
Senate adjourned at 3:29 pm.

CARRIED