

**MINUTES
OF THE SEVENTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE 51st SENATE
HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2019 @ 2:00 P.M.
LOUIS RIEL ROOM, MCMASTER CONCOURSE**

Present: Dr. Steven Robinson (Chair); Dr. Bernadette Ardelli;
Dr. Chris Beeman; Dr. Dean Care; Dr. Heather Duncan;
Mr. Greg Gatién; Dr. Jon-Tomas Godin; Ms. Katie Gross; Mr. Scott Lamont;
Dr. Christophe LeMoine; Ms. Andrea McDaniel; Mr. Michael Malazdrewicz;
Dr. Linda Ross; Mr. Rainer Schira; Dr. Gautam Srivastava; Mr. Derrick Stewart;
Mr. Manuel Colmenarez (BUSU); Mr. Justin Shannon (BUSU) (by phone);
Ms. Kim Fallis (Recording Secretary).

Regrets: Ms. Stacey Lee; Mr. Jack Lindsay; Dr. Hamid Mumin; Dr. James Naylor;
Dr. Burcu Ntelioglou; Mr. Grant Prairie; Ms. Kim Ryan; Dr. Meir Serfaty;
Dr. Demetres Tryphonopoulos; Ms. Jada Grant (BUSU);
Ms. Whitney Hodgins (BUSU); Ms. April Li (BUSU); Ms. Emily Simon (BUSU)

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION 130.FEB19 Malazdrewicz/Gross

THAT the agenda be approved as distributed.

CARRIED

2. Closed Session

MOTION 131.FEB19 Godin/Gatién

THAT the committee move into CLOSED session.

CARRIED

3. Open Session

3.1. Approval of Minutes of January 15, 2019 (Attached)

MOTION 135.FEB19 Duncan/Lamont

THAT the minutes of January 15, 2019 be approved as distributed.

CARRIED

3.2. Appointments of Committees

3.2.1 Dean of Arts Search Committee

The following Senators were elected as members of the Dean of Arts search committee:

Senator Ardelli nominated Senator Lindsay seconded by Senator Gross.

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

Senator Ardelli nominated Senator Srivastava seconded by Senator Gross.

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

Senator Shannon nominated Senator Hodgins seconded by Senator Gross.

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

3.2.1 Academic Accommodations Appeal Committee

The following Senators volunteered to serve as members of the Academic Accommodations Appeal Committee:

Senator Lindsay, Senator Ross, Senator Srivastava, Senator Colmenarez and Senator Hodgins.

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

4. Business Arising

5. New Business

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

MOTION 136.FEB19 CAP Care/Gatien

THAT Senate approve the deletion of 70:151 Beer, Books, Sex as submitted by the Faculty of Arts, Department of Philosophy.

CARRIED

5.2. Senate Scholarship Committee (Sen. Gatien)

MOTION 137.FEB19 SS Gatien/Stewart

THAT Senate approve the new Terms of Reference for the Brandon College Capettes – BU Bobcats Women’s Basketball Alumni Scholarship.

THAT Senate approve the new Terms of Reference for the Michael Bouchard National Bank Financial Wealth Management Men’s Basketball Scholarship.

CARRIED

5.3. Library Committee of Senate (Sen. Schira)

MOTION 138.FEB19 LC Schira/Ross

THAT Senate approve the Collection Development Policy for the John E. Robbins Library.

CARRIED

5.4. Report from the Board of Governors Representative (Sen. Stewart)

Senator Stewart reported on the following:

- The last meeting of the Board of Governors was on January 26, 2019.
- The Board received a report from Dr. William Ashton, on behalf of the Rural Development Institute (RDI), on the various projects and types of work RDI performs. Dr. Ashton highlighted the release of the Indigenous Economic Impact Report as a very recent example of this work. The report, which found that Indigenous Manitobans contributed \$9.3 Billion

to the Manitoba economy in 2016, can be found at <https://www.brandonu.ca/rdi/projects/indigenous-economy/> for those who are interested.

- With respect to substantive matters, the following motions were passed:
 - Renaming of the Master of Education in Special Education to the Master of Education in Inclusive Education as recommended by Senate; this will be forwarded to the Provincial Government for final approval.
 - Renaming of the Department of Geography to the Department of Geography and Environment.
 - The Board has undertaken a review of all its policies and is updating or, where appropriate, eliminating, the various policies.
 1. Rescinding of the Athletics Budget Policy – This was a policy of the Board that, on the advice of the President’s Administrative Council, was revised to be an administrative policy which will be administered by the Vice-President (Academic & Provost).
 2. Revision to the Safety and Health Policy – This policy was reviewed by the Workplace Safety and Health Committee, and the Manager of Board and Executive Operation. The final revisions were approved by PAC.

5.5. Report from the Brandon University Students’ Union (BUSU) President (Sen. Shannon)

Senator Shannon reported on the following:

- On January 16, 2019, alongside members of the Winnipeg chapter of the Alumni Association, students from BUSU were at the Winnipeg campus for a new term orientation event. The event included giving away Subway sandwiches, BU merchandise, and our regular promotional materials. That same day, Senator Shannon and a delegation from the Canadian Federation of Students met with the Honorable Kelvin Goertzen, Minister of Education and Training.
- BUSU has encouraged students to attend the information sessions organized by BU administration regarding the ERP process as well as the CampusWorks workshops.
- From January 28, 2019 to February 1, 2019, BUSU held their Mental Health Week, a series of events to raise student awareness about mental health that support self-care. They also informed students about available mental health resources on campus and the Brandon community. BUSU thanks Student Services for all their work on Bell Let’s Talk day, which was Wednesday, January 30, 2019.
- On February 12, 2019, the Canadian Federation of Students were at BU for a town hall event, which took place in the KDC Mingling Area. The event focused on rising tuition rates and the declining affordability of post-secondary education.
- BUSU is currently in the midst of their annual election for Executive and Board of Directors members. The final nomination period closed Friday, February 15, 2019, and voting will take place electronically from February 28, 2019 to March 1, 2019. In addition to voting for BUSU representatives, student Senate representatives, the Quill and KDC Board members, there is also a referendum question to raise the WUSC Levy from \$11.47 per student to \$15.00 per student. The WUSC levy fully supports one or two student refugees to attend Brandon University.

5.6. Reports from Members of Deans’ Council (Dr. Robinson will call on these individuals for reports)

Faculty of Arts – Senator Tryphonopoulos

- Absent with regrets

Faculty of Science – Senator Ardelli

- Dr. Steve Crawford, University of Guelph, will be on campus from March 10 to March 13, 2019. He will be speaking on the following two topics: Contributions of Indigenous, Local and Science knowledge systems toward understanding of White Shark (*Carcharodon carcharias*)

mating in Aotearoa/New Zealand, and the Battle for Hill C-69: Canada's Duty to Consult Indigenous Nations' Knowledge Systems in Federal Environmental Assessments.

Faculty of Education – Senator Duncan

- Education recently held a career fair. Approximately twenty-six groups attended, and they encouraged our graduates to consider teaching in their communities upon graduation. Rural communities are having a difficult time in recruiting teachers.
- BU Cares and the Brandon School Division released a report on Sexually Exploited Youth.

Faculty of Health Studies – Senator Care

- Currently, there are 117 4th year Health Studies students engaged in their Senior Practicum at various health care agencies in the province.
- They are recruiting two tenure-track positions in the Faculty of Health Studies. The deadline for applications is February 22, 2019.

School of Music – Senator Gatien

- The School of Music spent the last 10 days interviewing four outstanding Musicologists, and they are hopefully in the final stages of the search for a probationary appointment in the Music Research Department.
- A student chamber orchestra and choir, co-led by Dr. Dagenais and Dr. Zacharias, is about to embark on a short tour of our region, performing at five or six schools and a few First Nations in the next three days.
- This year's Brandon Jazz Festival will not only feature the Brandon University Big Band – who will be joined by Rich Brown, one of Canada's top bass players – but will also include workshops by Michael Cain and Matt Steckler, as well as a performance by the School of Music's jazz faculty.
- James Ehnes won two Grammy awards two weekends ago.
- School of Music alum and WSO principal cellist Yuri Hooker will be performing one week from tonight as part of the Pro Series (along with pianist extraordinaire Laura Loewen).
- Polaris prize winning singer and composer, Jeremy Dutcher, will be in our community, delivering workshops and performing a concert as part of our Pro Series.

Dean of Students – Senator Gross

- The Indigenous Peoples' Centre hosted several events to highlight Indigenous Awareness Week from February 11-14, 2019.
- Motive8 was held on Wednesday, January 23, 2019.
- Returning residence applications are up from this time last year.

Acting University Librarian – Senator Schira

- The Long Night Against Procrastination will be held on March 20, 2019 from 7 pm – 3 am

University Registrar – Ms. McDaniel

- Admission application numbers continue to rise year over year. We are seeing significantly higher international application numbers again this year, though the effect of the new international tuition structure likely will not be felt until the next admission cycle.
- CampusWorks will be back on campus next week to undertake four days of intensive process reimagine and redesign (PRR) work on admissions and recruitment processes. Staff from the Admissions Office and the Recruitment/Retention Office will be participating as well as faculty and staff from other areas who are involved with recruitment and admissions (International Activities, Music, Health Studies, Education, Conservatory, etc.). This will allow us to create new processes for the future that harmonize and integrate a number of related and/or duplicated pieces that currently operate in relative isolation.
- Scholarships & Awards Clerk recruitment process almost complete; we hope to be able to make a public announcement within the next few days.

- Maternity leave term position (Admissions) recruitment process and Director of Admissions & Awards recruitment process are both underway with shortlisting this week and interviews starting the first week of March.

5.7. Report from the Vice-President (Academic & Provost) (Sen. Serfaty)

Senator Serfaty was absent with regrets.

5.8. Report from the President (Dr. Robinson)

Dr. Robinson reported on the following:

- The Dean of Health Studies search is well underway. Recently, four candidates were on campus to give a presentation and attend meet-and-greets.
- Now that members of the search committee have been identified, the Dean of Arts search can begin.
- Representatives from CampusWorks were at BU last week to conduct workshops and meetings with individual units regarding the ERP process. The positive support and participation shown by the campus community during these activities will help the ERP project as it continues. CampusWorks will be back on campus in February and March to lead areas in reimagining and redesigning their work processes. They will assist us in changing our way of thinking, understanding the limitations of our current system, and becoming familiar with what may be possible with a new system.
- The public talk by Niigaan Sinclair, *Forgetting to Dream: Reconciliation in Reverse*, has been rescheduled for February 25, 2019 at 6 p.m. at the Glen P. Sutherland Gallery of Art.

6. Other Business

Senator Lamont reported on the current search to hire a Chief Information Officer (CIO). The CIO position requires an individual with knowledge of IT, data collection, and university libraries. This is a very unique request, and not many individuals in Canada meet these qualifications. A consultant has been hired to help with this search.

7. Correspondence

8. Adjournment

MOTION 139.FEB19 Gatien/Duncan

THAT the Senate adjourn at 3:22 pm.

CARRIED