

**MINUTES
FOR THE EIGHTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE 51st SENATE
HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 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 Gatien; Dr. Jon-Tomas Godin;
Mr. Scott Lamont; Ms. Stacey Lee; Dr. Christophe LeMoine, Mr. Jack Lindsay;
Ms. Andrea McDaniel (by phone); Dr. James Naylor; Dr. Burcu Ntelioglou;
Dr. Linda Ross; Mr. Rainer Schira; Dr. Meir Serfaty; Dr. Gautam Srivastava;
Mr. Derrick Stewart; Dr. Demetres Tryphonopoulos; Mr. Justin Shannon (BUSU);
Ms. Emily Simon (BUSU);
Ms. Kim Fallis (Recording Secretary).

Regrets: Ms. Katie Gross; Mr. Michael Malazdrewicz; Dr. Hamid Mumin;
Mr. Grant Prairie; Ms. Kim Ryan; Mr. Manuel Colmenarez (BUSU);
Ms. Jada Grant (BUSU); Ms. Whitney Hodgins (BUSU); Ms. April Li (BUSU).

Prior to the start of the meeting Dr. Robinson recognized that it was the last meeting for the current BUSU representatives. He thanked Senator Simons and Shannon for their commitment to Senate.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION 140.MAR19 Simon/Care

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.
2.6 Closed Session – announcement.

CARRIED

2. Closed Session

MOTION 141.MAR19 Ardelli/Lee

THAT the committee move into CLOSED session.

CARRIED

3. Open Session

3.1. Approval of Minutes of February 19, 2019 (Attached)

MOTION 147.MAR19 Shannon/Naylor

THAT the minutes of February 19, 2019 be approved as distributed.

CARRIED

4. Business Arising

5. New Business

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

MOTION 148.MAR19 CAP Serfaty/Duncan

THAT Senate approve that the following courses be deleted as submitted by the Faculty of Education, Department of Physical Education:

- 05:165 Varsity Sports
- 05:171 Aquatics
- 05:173 Kayaking and Canoeing
- 05:179 Primary Education Gymnastics
- 05:182 Orienteering and Geocaching
- 05:187 Bowling

CARRIED

MOTION 149.MAR19 CAP Serfaty/Duncan

THAT Senate approve that the add/drop date for education courses be the Friday of the first week of classes for the AD program.

CARRIED

MOTION 150.MAR19 CAP Serfaty/Simon

THAT Senate approve the revised degree conversions as noted on the attached revised proposal.

CARRIED

5.2. Graduate Studies Committee (Sen. Serfaty)

MOTION 151.MAR19 GS Sertaty/Duncan

THAT Senate approve that the following courses be deleted as submitted by the Faculty of Education:

- 05:762 Trends and Teaching Early/Middle Years Physical Education I
- 05:763 Trends and Teaching Early/Middle Years Physical Education II
- 05:768 Developments in the Teaching Middle/Senior Years Physical Education I
- 05:769 Developments in the Teaching Middle/Senior Years Physical Education II

CARRIED

5.3. Indigenous Education Committee of Senate (Sen. Serfaty)

Senator Serfaty reviewed the report that was submitted to Senate as information regarding the work that the committee has been doing over the last year.

5.4. Senate Awards of Excellence Policies (discussion)

At the Senate Executive meeting there was a discussion regarding the fact that even though a call goes out campus wide asking for nominations, two of the last three recipients of the Senate Award for Excellence in Research were members of the Research Committee of Senate. It was suggested at the Senate Executive meeting that this item be brought forward in order for Senators to have a full discussion regarding the current policies for the Senate Award for Excellence in Research as well as the Excellence in Teaching.

A number of items were discussed;

- reduce the amount information needed for the committee to make a decision, possible just the nominators CV and recommendation letters;
- review the difference between Tier I and Tier 2 II awards;
- what was the rational for selecting November 1st as the date for call for nominations

- include an incentive to the individuals who are awarded the awards such as a grant, or teaching release;

The committee agreed that the selected committee should review both policies to ensure consistency in the two policies. The review committee will consult with members of the Senate Research Committee. Meeting to begin in September with an end date of October.

MOTION Gatien/LeMoine

THAT Senate strike an ad-hoc committee to review the Senate Excellence in Research and Senate Excellence in Teaching policies.

AND

THAT the committee consist of a minimum of five members, one from the Centre for Teaching, Learning, and Technology steering committee, one member from the Research Committee of Senate and three Senators.

CARRIED

The following Senators were nominated to the review committee;
Senator Schira nominated Senator Lee

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

Senator Serfaty nominated Senator LaMoine

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

Senator Lamont nominated Senator Gatien

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

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

Senator Stewart reported on the following:

- The BOG meeting was held on March 16, 2019
- The Board received a presentation of preliminary assessment and conceptual design recommendations relating to the John R. Brodie Science Centre from Damien Fenez & Lindsay Oster of Prairie Architects. In addition, the Board heard from Dr. Bernadette Ardelli, Dean of Science, and engaged in a preliminary discussion about the report, the concepts, and the condition of the building. The Board will engage in further discussions relating to next steps at its upcoming meeting in May.
- The Board established a new by-law, By-Law No. 1, which establishes the general by-laws relating to the operation of the Board. The establishment of this by-law was driven by the Governance and Nominating Committee and various resources and best practices were considered and incorporated. In addition, the Board reviewed and revised two policies, the Travel and Business Expense Policy and the Discrimination and Harassment Prevention Policy. There was one minor change to the Travel and Business Expense Policy which now requires that all Presidential expenses be approved by the Chair of the Board. This recommendation emerged through the governance audit which was conducted by the Office of the Auditor General.
- Finally, the Board established the selection committee for the Chief Information Officer and appointed Ms Tami Rourke as their representative. The search is being aided by the executive search firm Perrett Laver and is in its early stages.

5.6. Report from the Brandon University Students' Union (BUSU) President (Sen. Shannon)

Senator Shannon reported on the following:

- Since the last meeting of Senate, the Brandon University Students' Union has concluded their annual general election. Ballots were distributed and returned by email, with 383 students

submitting a ballot. The newly elected Executive for BUSU consists of Olusala Akintola as President, Whitney Hodgins as Vice-President Internal, and Xiaonuan April Li as Vice-President External. The new executive, as well as newly elected members of the BUSU Council will assume their duties as of May 1, 2019.

- There was also a referendum question included in this year's election, to raise the WUSC levy which is used to support the WUSC Student Refugee Program to \$15 . The referendum was initiated through petition by the WUSC student group at BU. The referendum was passed with 228 students voting 'YES' and 155 students voting 'NO'. As per the BUSU bylaws, because the referendum saw more than 10% of union members participating, the result is considered binding.

5.7. Reports from Members of Deans' Council

Faculty of Arts – Senator Tryphonopoulos

- The Faculty of Arts is currently seeking four tenure track positions.

Faculty of Science – Senator Ardelli

- Prairie University Biology Symposium 2019: Janell Vachon, graduate student in the Master of Science (Environmental and Life Science – MELS) won 1st place with her poster.
- The Rural Manitoba Health Mentorship Program (RMHMP) is a partnership between MB Healthcare Providers Network and various rural Manitoba hospitals. This program was established to enable students to learn about the clinical and non-clinical aspects of the health care system in rural Manitoba. Establish about 10 years ago. Very competitive internships. Brandon University students have never received one of these internships; this year two of our students in Science have been successful: Ms. Chantel Lim (Honours Biology) and Mr. Hunter Goodon (Honours Biology).
- Western Manitoba Science Fair – HLC on April 9, 2019; this is the 50th Anniversary of the Science Fair.
- City of Brandon EnviroExpo: June 4, 2019; Mayor of Brandon University Manitoba Chemistry Symposium – “Bench, Biosphere and Beyond; May 3 – 4, 2019

Faculty of Education – Senator Duncan

- The Faculty of Education is currently searching to a term replacement; Senator Beeman will be going on sabbatical starting in June, as well as an Acting Director for BU CARES.
- There are currently 101 new application for admissions to the Master of Education program.

Faculty of Health Studies – Senator Care

- Senators are invited to attend the March 20th Health Studies Seminar Series at noon in HS 045. The presenter is Stacey Lee, Librarian. Stacey's presentation is entitled: **Measuring Personal Research Impact: Bibliometrics**

School of Music – Senator Gatién

- Caroline Ehman has accepted a probationary appointment in Musicology. Dr. Ehman is a highly accomplished scholar who will be leaving her tenure track appointment at the University of Louisville – a highly regarded program – and joining us at BU this summer.
- The Jeremy Dutcher concert, as part of the pro series, was an overwhelming success. The Lorne Watson Recital Hall was full there were many people present for whom this was their first time at a pro series concert. Receiving a long and warm standing ovation, Mr. Dutcher's brilliant and original music went on to be recognized with the awarding of a JUNO last

weekend. Jeremy's two-part acceptance speech at the JUNO's speaks eloquently about reconciliation.

- The Clarinet festival took place two weekends ago and featured Jose Franch-Ballester in a concert on March 9, 2019. Franch-Ballester is one of the great wind players of our time, who recently relocated to Vancouver. Thanks to Dr. Cathy Wood, Chair of the Applied Department, for her work in organizing this event.
- Brandon Jazz Festival was a success. The Big Band performed magnificently, under the direction of Michael Cain. The band was joined by special guest, Rich Brown – an amazing bass player out of Toronto – and, on the last set, were joined by Order of Canada member Phil Dwyer, JUNO nominee Alexis Baro, and the famous Cuban pianist Chuchito Valdes (son of Chucho).
- The New Music Festival has begun. Tonight we can all hear Meg Masaki, Ken Steen (composer) and Gene Gort (visual artist) in the Lorne Watson Recital Hall at 7:30 pm; tomorrow night, the Brandon University New Music Ensemble will perform alongside the Brandon University Brass Ensembles.

Dean of Students – Senator Gross

Was absent with regrets.

Acting University Librarian – Senator Schira

- Senator Lee will give a presentation entitled **Measuring Personal Research Impact: Bibliometrics** as part of the Faculty of Health Studies Seminar Series, Wednesday, March 20, 2018 @12:00 p.m. - 1:00 Health Studies Building, Room 045
- Long Night Against Procrastination will take place Wednesday, March 20 – 7pm-3:00am
- As part of the library new budget allocation model implementation I am giving presentation to all faculty councils. I have already presented to Health Studies, Music and Arts. I will be presenting to Science on March 20 and Education on April 5. There is also a town hall, open to all, Tuesday March 26 @12:40-1:30 in the Convergys lab in the library.

University Registrar – Ms. McDaniel

- We are well into the 2019 admissions cycle and approaching the April 1 application deadline for international students.
 - We see a 26% increase in applications over same point last year and 29% increase in numbers of admissions offers made.
 - Overall, we have made almost the same number of admission offers to Science programs as we have to Arts programs.
 - All of the increase in overall application numbers is coming from international applicants, with 63% of our international applications coming from Nigeria.
 - We will need to see how this plays out with the new international tuition structure over the next few years.
- The search for a new Director of Admissions & Awards is still underway. The posting just closed, and the committee will meet to review applications at the end of this week.
- Reminder: the Voluntary Withdrawal (VW) deadline for Winter term courses is this Friday, March 22.
- Convocation planning is well underway. Some changes are planned in addition to the split into three ceremonies with the goal of providing greater opportunity for faculty participation and engagement. More details will be made available in the coming weeks.

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

Senator Serfaty had no report to Senate at this time

5.9. Report from the President (Dr. Robinson)

Dr. Robinson reported on the following:

- He noted that he appreciated Senators taking the opportunity to debate items like the Senate Award Policies at Senate
- He was in Winnipeg on March 7, 2019 for the release of the Provincial budget. He reported that the University developed the 2019-2020 budget based on a 0% increase from the Government to the operating grant. However, the government has reduced the operating grant by 1%.
- The ERP process has moved on from the need assessment portion of the process to the reimagining and redesigning porting. These ongoing meetings with the consultants have resulted in a number of areas of campus being closed for periods of time. The process is going well and individuals are discovering that the changes that are being discussed will have a positive effect on how the University does things now.
- On March 11, 2019, he attended an event sponsored by the Winnipeg Alumni Chapter and held the Nonsuch Brewing Company. The Nonsuch Brewing Company created the beer that was part of the BU 50th anniversary celebrations. A portion of the proceeds from the sales of the beer were donated to the University Foundation.
- The BUilt in Brandon brand has been launched. The new branding is to recognize the continued collaboration between the university and the Brandon community. The book store currently has a number of items reflecting the new brand.
- There will be a celebration on Thursday, March 21, 2019 in the HLC to celebrate the BU Men's Volleyball team silver medal that they recently won at nationals.
- The University has received proposals from the proponents regarding the Downtown development project. An advisory committee consisting of members from the Board of Governors as well as community representation will be struck to review the proposals.

6. Other Business

7. Correspondence

8. Adjournment

MOTION 152.MAR19 Godin/Simon

THAT the Senate adjourn at 3:56 pm

CARRIED