

**MINUTES
OF THE SECOND REGULAR MEETING OF THE 52nd SENATE
HELD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2019 @ 2:00 P.M.
LOUIS RIEL ROOM, MCMASTER CONCOURSE**

Present: Dr. Steve Robinson (Chair); Dr. Bernadette Ardelli; Dr. Heather Duncan;
Mr. Greg Gaten; Dr. Jon-Tomas Godin; Ms. Katie Gross; Mr. Scott Lamont;
Ms. Stacey Lee; Mr. Jack Lindsay; Dr. Lynn MacKay; Ms. Andrea McDaniel;
Ms. Susan Medd; Dr. John Moraros; Dr. Hamid Mumin; Dr. James Naylor;
Dr. Burcu Ntelioglou; Dr. Doug Ramsey; Dr. Lisa Robson; Ms. Kim Ryan;
Dr. Linda Ross; Mr. Rainer Schira; Dr. Candy Skyhar; Dr. Gautam Srivastava;
Mr. Derrick Stewart; Mr. Olusola Akintola (BUSU); Ms. Whitney Hodgins (BUSU);
Ms. Brittany Rigby (BUSU); Ms. Rachel Shurvell (BUSU);
Ms. Kim Fallis (Recording Secretary).

Regrets: Dr. David Docherty; Mr. Grant Prairie; Dr. Christophe LeMoine;
Ms. Denise Henry (BUSU)

As a number of Senators were absent with regrets from the first meeting of the 52nd Senate, introductions were conducted again.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION 013.SEP19 Hodgins/Lindsay

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.
Addition of 5.1 Student Literacy (discussion)

CARRIED

2. Closed Session

MOTION 014.SEP19 Srivastava/Stewart

THAT the committee move into CLOSED session.

CARRIED

3. Open Session

3.1. Approval of Minutes of June 18, 2019 (Attached)

MOTION 017.SEP19 Mumin/Hodgins

THAT the minutes of June 18, 2019 be approved as distributed.

CARRIED

3.2 Appointments of Committees

3.2.1 Election of two Senators for the Indigenous Education Subcommittee of Senate
Of the two Senators, one must be a Student Senator

Senator Gaten volunteered to be a member of this committee.

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

Senator Srivastava nominated Senator Hodgins, seconded by Senator Duncan.

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

3.2.2 Election of Education representative to Senate Executive

Senator Ntelioglou nominated Senator Skyhar, seconded by Senator Duncan.

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

4. **Business Arising**

5. **New Business**

5.1 Student Literacy –Senator Mumin

Senator Mumin raised concerns regarding the level of English writing and research proficiency of students coming out of high school and to BU. Several Senators confirmed that faculty, in general, find that many students coming to university directly from high school struggle with both English and Math proficiency. The Senate discussed whether there is any action the University can take to assist high schools in providing more comprehensive training in these areas. Dr. Robinson pointed out that the Provincial Government is in the process of reviewing the K-12 school system. ~~Dr. Ntelioglou indicated that she has taken part in an online group that is looking at and suggesting changes to the K-12 curriculum.~~ Senator Ntelioglou clarified her statement from the September 17, 2019 meeting: *In order to better address current literacy challenges at the K-12 level, the English Language Arts curriculum has been in the process of revision. The latest version of the ELA Curriculum Document has just been uploaded to the provincial government website and can be accessed at <https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/cur/ela/index.html>. There is also an online platform for all educators to join a discussion and collaborative reflection regarding the curriculum document, which can be accessed through MAPLE (Manitoba Professional Learning Environment). All educators (K-12 and beyond) can register for this discussion group. The MAPLE site allows educators to provide feedback to Manitoba Ed and also receive updates about any revisions and can be accessed at [The ELA Place](#) (October 2019).*

Dr. Robson indicated that the English Department has repeatedly requested a full time faculty member dedicated to English writing proficiency, and this request has not been filled due to financial restraints. The University Writing courses are mainly taught by sessional instructors. Dr. Moraros indicated that all Nursing graduates must write the English proficiency tests that international students write prior to being admitted to University, and some domestic students are failing the tests.

5.1. **Curriculum & Academic Planning Committee (Sen. Robinson)**

MOTION 018.SEPT19 Schira/Medd

THAT the Senate approve the following course changes as submitted by the Faculty of Health Studies, Department of Nursing.

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| • 69:153 Fundamentals of Psychiatric Nursing Practice II | Description change |
| • 69:251 Principles of Health Assessment | Description change |
| • 69:252 Psychopharmacology | Description change |
| • 69:253 Fundamentals of Psychiatric Nursing Practice III | Description change |
| • 69:261 Principles of Individual Counselling | Description change |
| • 69:262 Medical Nursing for Psychiatric Nurses | Description change |

CARRIED

MOTION 019.SEPT19 Robson/Godin

THAT the Senate approve the following two new courses as submitted by the Faculty of Arts, Department of Religion.

- 86/54:220 Asian Civilizations to 1368 New course
- 86/54:221 Asian Civilizations from 1368 to Present New course

CARRIED

5.2. Bylaw Review – revised see page 12

MOTION 020.SEPT19 Naylor/Duncan

THAT Senate approve the additional revision to the Senate Bylaws for 2019 as submitted by the Senate Bylaw Committee.

CARRIED

5.3. Report from the Brandon University Students' Union (BUSU) President (Sen. Akintola)

Senator Akintola reported on the following:

- The student union held interviews to fill vacant Directors' positions. There are a few still being advertised.
- They held Council orientation and their first Council meeting on August 12, 2019.
- Ms. Whitney Hodgins, Vice-President Internal, will be BUSU's representative on the Strategic Plan Advisory Committee.
- They met with members from Assiniboine Community College Student Association (ACCSA) to confirm the existing partnerships for the Paw-Pass for students.
- In July, members of BUSU attended the Canadian Federation of Students meetings in Winnipeg. Some of the items discussed included the health plan for International Students and the upcoming Provincial and Federal elections.
- BUSU is currently working with ACCSA on a joint social in September.
- They worked with members from Student Services on Orientation.

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

Senator Mumin reported on the following:

- The June 22, 2019 and the September 28, 2019 meetings of the Board were/will be held in CLOSED session so that members can discuss the downtown project.

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

Education – Senator Duncan

- Registration in Education is up by 10% over the last four years.

Music – Senator Gatien

- Out-of-bounds Lecture series began this afternoon with a wonderful lecture-recital by Dr. Samuel Torjman Thomas and his colleagues Jeremy Brown from Brooklyn and our own Eric Platz. This series is curated by School of Music faculty members Jon-Tomas Godin, Sheelagh Chadwick, Caroline Ehman, and Gretta Sayers.
- Relatedly, Dr. Torjman Thomas will – for the first time in human history – also be the opening act of this Pro Series – tonight at 7:30 pm. All Senators are cordially invited – he is a wonderful performer who will be playing music that is rooted in Spanish classical music (through the Sephardic traditions/ Andalusian music), Moroccan/ west-African music, and Jewish music.

- Everett Hopfner has accepted a one-year term appointment as the Interim Director of the Eckhardt-Gramatté Conservatory. He is a wonderful piano teacher, has done significant work as a member of our sessional faculty, and is an excellent collaborative pianist.

Health Studies – Senator Moraros

- Senator Moraros thanked all of the Deans for their support as he begins his new position.
- The School of Nursing is pursuing national accreditation. This will be a year-long process.
- Enrollment is down in Psychiatric Nursing due to the curriculum change. He thanked Senator Akintola for his support to the incoming Health Studies students.
- Health Studies will be celebrating its 20th anniversary.
- The Department of Nursing was granted membership to the Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing (CASN)

Arts – Senator Robson

- New hires: Kevin McKenzie, tenure-track, Visual & Aboriginal Art; Steve Asselin, one-year term, English & Creative Writing; and Mostafa Torabi, one-year term, Business Administration
- Searches in process: Eighth month term in Sociology starting October 1; one-year term in Native Studies starting January 1, 2020; and 2.5-year term in Philosophy starting January 1, 2020
- This year's Stanley Knowles Distinguished Visiting Professor, Kiran Nazish, is now here and anxious to contribute as much as she can at BU. She is here for 8 months.
- The Northern Great Plains History Conference and Western Canadian Studies Conference (jointly) will take place at the Victorian Inn, September 25-28.
- The Faculty of Arts Speaker Series is underway again this year; two Arts faculty members have started the Brandon University at the Public Library speaker series.

Science – Senator Ardelli

Faculty News:

- Appointment to NSERC Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship Selection Committee
- Appointed by the Canada Research Coordinating Committee (CRCC) to the multidisciplinary review panel for the New Frontiers in Research Fund (NFRF) – Exploration Competition
- Number of grants that cannot yet be announced as there is a publication ban in effect until the Federal Election is over. There is close to \$1 million in funding.

Student news:

- MSc. Environmental & Life Sciences Master of Science - four students successfully defended their thesis.
- A student has been invited by NSERC Canada to participate in their National Indigenous Ambassadors Program, which sends Indigenous post-secondary students to communities across the country to mentor Indigenous youth and encourage them to study STEM.
- The Office of Rural and Northern Health – now called Manitoba HealthCare Providers Network, has been running the Rural Manitoba Health Mentorship Program for many years. For the first time, Brandon University had three students (only 8 positions available) selected and two of these students have been appointed as the Student Coordinator for Rural Manitoba Health Mentorship. To quote Benjamin Parker, "With Great Power Comes Great Responsibility," and these two students have been given a great responsibility. Recruitment to these positions is evidence of demonstrated leadership abilities, professionalism,

communication and teamwork skills, and commitment to ethical principles, rules and procedures.

Library – Senator Schira

- Welcome to BU's new Music Librarian, Laura Jacyna. Laura received her Master of Information Science from McGill University in 2019. She also has a Master of Music in Violoncello performance from the Frost School of Music, University of Miami. The library now has a librarian to liaise with the School of Music to help with information literacy, reference and collection development.
- New library budget allocation process
 - a. One-time cost – such as books, scores, etc.
 - i. 20% of the acquisitions budget
 - ii. Faculty members are invited to submit orders either
 - 1. Directly to Angela Revet
 - 2. Or to one's faculty collection development committee (Health Studies and Music)
 - iii. Funds are not divided to department level
 - iv. Please feel free to send orders anytime
 - b. Ongoing cost - journals, databases, subscription-based resources, etc.
 - i. 80% of the budget
 - ii. The library is going to evaluate these resources in consultation with faculty members
 - iii. Requests for new resources can be made through a webform
<https://brandonu.libwizard.com/f/SubscriptionRequest>
 - iv. Ordering anything new requires reallocation of funds from elsewhere in the budget.

Student Services – Senator Gross

- There are currently 302 students in residence.
- Completed this year's Orientation on September 16, 2019.
- Seven students are here as part of the Emerging Leader of Americas program. OIA is still looking for winter/fall clothes for students. Three students will be arriving from the University of Puerto Rico this January through the National Student Exchange program.
- There are two new staff members in Student Services- Aaron McKay, Student Success Officer and Karen Skinner, Learning Skills Specialist.
- 21 students have volunteered for the Peer Wellness Program.
- Student Service sponsored workshops have started.
- Students are contacting Student Services regarding homesickness and anxiety.
- Joan Garbutt successfully defended her Doctor of Education thesis last week

Registrar – Ms. McDaniel

- We have seen significant year-over-year increases in enrolment for the past five years, and that trend is now slowing. Overall enrolment is currently down a little bit over the same point in past years. This is primarily due to a smaller incoming class than past years. While we received a very high number of international applications, few of those students have actually been able to attend, and the number of domestic applications received was lower than in past years.
- The Fall term course add/drop deadline is tomorrow (September 18).
- Course, curriculum, and academic regulation changes that are intended to take effect in 2020-21 must be passed through Senate in December at the latest. It is important to start working on these asap as there are multiple approval channels prior to proposals reaching Senate (Faculty councils, CAP/GSC, etc.).
- With the retirement of Shelly Old this coming November, there will be a reconfiguration of positions in the Admissions Office. In addition to the Director of Admissions & Awards, there will be one Admissions Office Assistant who will serve as the main front-line support and information person for all Admissions-related inquiries, and there will be two

Admissions Officers who will be responsible for evaluating admission applications, making admission decisions, and processing transfer credit.

5.6. Report from the Vice-President (Academic & Provost) (Sen. Robinson)

Senator Robinson reported on the following;

- He is Chairing the search for the Dean of Arts and the CIO; a short list for both positions should be completed soon.
- He announced that Ms. Cora Dupuis has been hired to replace Kelley Mitton as the Coordinator of the Co-Operative Program.
- The CTLT hosted a Teaching Enhancement Conference last month with over a 100 participants.
- The CTLT will continue to offer Take 22 sessions.
- The Indigenous Education Committee of Senate has been working over the summer and a reports should be coming to Senate shortly.
- Research services will be hiring a second person.
- ERP Steering Committee update: Senator Lamont reported that tenders have been sent out to software suppliers. The steering committee will be compiling the vendor responses and the short-listed vendors will be coming on campus to make presentations in October. Recommendations will be forwarded to the Board of Governors for their January 18, 2020 meeting for approval. If the University moves forward with the ERP, many parts of the new program(s) will be implemented within 24 months.

5.7. Report from the President (Dr. Docherty) – Absent with regrets; no report.

6. Other Business

7. Correspondence

8. Adjournment

MOTION 021.SEPT19 Hodgins/MacKay

THAT the Senate adjourn at 3:20 pm.

CARRIED