

**MINUTES  
OF THE THIRD REGULAR MEETING OF THE 52nd SENATE  
HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2019 @ 2:00 P.M.  
LOUIS RIEL ROOM, MCMASTER CONCOURSE**

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**Present:** Dr. Steve Robinson (Chair); Dr. Bernadette Ardelli; Dr. Heather Duncan;  
Mr. Greg Gatien; Dr. Jon-Tomas Godin; Ms. Katie Gross; Ms. Stacey Lee;  
Dr. Christophe LeMoine; Mr. Jack Lindsay; Dr. Lynn MacKay;  
Ms. Andrea McDaniel; Ms. Susan Medd; Dr. Lisa Robson; Ms. Kim Ryan;  
Dr. Linda Ross; Mr. Rainer Schira; Dr. Candy Skyhar; Dr. Gautam Srivastava;  
Mr. Olusola Akintola (BUSU); Ms. Denise Henry (BUSU); Ms. Whitney Hodgins (BUSU);  
Ms. Brittany Rigby (BUSU); Ms. Rachel Shurvell (BUSU);  
Ms. Kim Fallis (Recording Secretary)

**Regrets:** Dr. David Docherty; Mr. Scott Lamont; Dr. John Moraros; Dr. Hamid Mumin;  
Dr. James Naylor; Dr. Burcu Ntelioglou; Mr. Grant Prairie; Dr. Doug Ramsey;  
Mr. Derrick Stewart.

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**1. Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION 037.NOV19 Ryan/Godin**

THAT the agenda be approved as distributed.

**CARRIED**

**2. Closed Session**

**MOTION 038.NOV19 Hodgins/Lee**

THAT the committee move into CLOSED session.

**CARRIED**

**3. Open Session**

**3.1. Approval of Minutes of October 15, 2019**

**MOTION 043.NOV19**

THAT the minutes of October 15, 2019 be approved as amended.

**Amendment:** 5.8 Reports from Members of Deans' Council – Science (Senator Ardelli)  
Remove the reference to training session on October 15, 2019.

**CARRIED**

**4. Business Arising**

**5. New Business**

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

**MOTION 044.NOV19 CAP Ardelli/LeMoine**

THAT the Senate approve the calendar changes to the 4-Year Major (Honours), 4-Year Major  
and the 3-Year Major as submitted by the Department of Psychology in the Faculty of Science.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 045.NOV19 CAP Robson/Medd**

THAT the Senate approve the addition of co-operative education to the 4-Year Honours and 4-Year Majors as submitted by the Philosophy Department in the Faculty of Arts.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 046.NOV19 CAP Robson/Medd**

THAT the Senate approve the deletion of 30:453 Poetry and Prosody as submitted by the English Department in the Faculty of Arts.

AND

THAT the Senate approve the addition of the following courses to the Historical Breath list, as submitted by the English and Creative Writing Department in the Faculty of Arts:

- 30:333 Nineteenth-Century American Literature
- 30:365 Victorian Poetry
- 30:368 Poetry of the Romantic Period
- 30:451 Jane Austen
- 30:455 American Abolitionism

**MOTION 047.NOV19 CAP Robson/Schira**

THAT the Senate suspend admission into the Success1 program for one year beginning in the 2020-2021 year.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 048.NOV19 CAP Duncan/Ardelli**

THAT the Senate grant Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) transfer credit for:

- DP2 Army Operations Course (AIUH), 6 credit hours of Arts Unallocated, three credit hours at the 100 level and 3 credit hours at the 200 level
- Army Tactical Operation Course (ALAR), 3 credit hours Arts Unallocated at the 200 level

**CARRIED**

**5.2. Graduate Studies Committee of Senate (Sen. Robinson)**

**MOTION 049.NOV19 GS Gatien/Duncan**

THAT the Senate approve the description changes to the following courses as submitted by the School of Music, Master in Music Program.

- 63:613 Public Recital I (calendar description)
- 63:614 Public Recital II (calendar description)
- 63:615 Public Recital III (calendar description)
- 63:616 Concerto or Major Chamber Work (calendar description)
- 63:695 Thesis (calendar description)

**CARRIED**

**5.3. Scholarship, Bursaries, Medals, and Awards Committee of Senate (Sen. Gatien)**

**MOTION 050.NOV19 SC Gatien/LeMoine**

THAT Senate approve the following new Scholarships and Bursaries:

- The MBNA Canada Scholarship in Business Administration
- Mary & Bob '61 Indigenous Health Studies Transition Bursary
- Dr. Meir Serfaty and Bonnie Serfaty Talbot Scholarship
- The Brent Legg Scholarship in Music Theory or History
- The Georgina M. Legg Memorial Scholarship in Winds

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 051.NOV19 SC Gatien/Akintola**

THAT Senate approve the following revised Scholarships and Bursaries:

- G. F. MacDowell Scholarship in Sociology
- Dr. Al Bush Memorial Scholarship
- Master of Education Graduate Scholarship

**CARRIED**

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

Senator Hodgins reported on the following;

- On ~~February-October~~ 15<sup>th</sup>, BUSU held a Federal Election town hall in Harvest Hall. Six of the eight candidates were in attendance, and students were really engaged throughout.
- BUSU held their annual Halloween Food Drive on October 31<sup>st</sup>. There were 130 volunteers who together gathered 6,034 lbs. of food. The food will be divided between BUSU, ACCSU, and Samaritan House.

**5.5. Reports from Members of Deans' Council**

Arts – Senator Robson

- The office has been busy with the hiring of new staff and the tenure and promotions process.
- On November 20<sup>th</sup>, the Fine Arts students will be holding their ceramics sale.
- Senator Robson represented the Faculty of Arts at an event where two of our students received scholarships from the Business Council.
- The Arts Speaker Series continues with a presentation on Friday by Dr. Bruce Strang
- Dr. Chris Schneider will be presenting a Movember talk at 5:00 pm today.

Music – Senator Gatien

- There is a Pro series concert tonight, featuring Bryn Blackwood. Bryn is a brilliant young pianist and interpreter of new music who is this year's winner of the E-Gré competition. Brandon is the last stop on his national tour.
- Student ensembles will be performing their end-of-semester concerts, beginning with the Brandon University Big Band on Thursday night, at 7:30 in the Lorne.
- December 4 – Out of Bounds will feature research presentations from selected graduate students in the Performance and Literature program at 12:30 pm in Room 1-57 of the School of Music.

Science – Senator Ardelli

- On Saturday, November 9, a team of three Computer Science students (Richard Cranwell, Andrii Hrytsenko, and Noah Brown) competed in the ACM North Central North America Regional Programming Contest. They competed against nearly 300 teams from universities from eight US states and Manitoba. The competition was held simultaneously at more than 12 different sites, including the Manitoba site in Winnipeg. The BU team was coached by Ashraf Abdelbar and supervised by Gautam Srivastava.

- The Manitoba site included teams from the University of Manitoba, the University of Winnipeg, and one team from Brandon University. Our team finished in second place over the Winnipeg site, behind one UoM team and ahead of many UoM and UoW teams. This is a very impressive finish.
- Homecoming had a number of activities throughout Brodie. The biggest draw was the Let's Talk Science event: Interactive Map – Alumni Around the World. A big thanks to Craig Cesmystruk (technical details) and Grant Hamilton and Carla Eisler for making our dream a reality.
- Department of Biology, Honours Students Talks – November 27 from 2:00 – 5:00, Louis Riel Room.
- Master of Science (Environmental and Life Science) Talks – November 28 from 1:30 – 6:30, Brodie 4-47.

#### Education – Senator Duncan

- Students are back on campus from their practicums, and it is nice to have them back in the building.
- Senator Duncan has been working on the University Strategic research plan.
- She attended a conference in Halifax that was well attended.

#### Library – Senator Schira

- Long Night Against Procrastination will be held Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> until 3:00 am. This year, thanks to Nicholas Namespetra, the Dining Hall will also be open for students to study.
- The first movie night was held in the Music Library, with more to follow.
- An Alumni event was hosted in the Music Library as part of Homecoming.

#### Student Services – Senator Gross

- Student Services has partnered with BUSU, The Women's Resource Centre, and the Women's Collective to host the December 6<sup>th</sup> Vigil.
- Grade 12 Information Night was held on October 24, 2019. A large number of parents and potential students attended the event.
- The University has partnered with the PMRHA, and as of November 6<sup>th</sup>, a nurse practitioner has been on campus.

#### University Registrar – Ms. McDaniel

- Structural changes in Admissions Office have now been fully rolled out and the 2020 admissions cycle is underway; first admissions report will be available December 1.
- November 1 registration report showed a 2% decrease in registrations over November 1 last year; this is largely due to a smaller incoming class, and we will be watching the 2020 admission reports closely throughout the new cycle.
- University Examinations Policy comes into effect with December 2019 final exams; orientations for teaching faculty and exam-supporting staff are being held next week (with Zoom options available for those who cannot attend in person).

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

Senator Robinson reported on the following:

- Shortlisted candidates for the CIO position will be on campus over the next few months, and the committee is hopeful that there will be a decision in the new year.
- The short list for the Dean of Arts position is being finalized.
- Interviewing for a second Research Office employee will occur in the next few weeks.
- The Office of Research Services has received a large number of research proposals.
- As part of BU's Homecoming, the Research Office sponsored a public presentation highlighting research happening at BU.
- In his role of VP (Academic & Provost), Senator Robinson chairs the Co-Operative program. The number of students registering for placements has doubled over the first year, and the program is looking at a second intake for January.

- Recently, the three shortlisted ERP vendors were on campus demonstrating their products. The ERP Steering Committee will be making a proposal to the Board of Governors with hopes that an agreement may be signed in the new year.

**5.7. Report from the President (Dr. Docherty)**

Dr. Docherty was absent with regrets.

**6. Other Business**

**7. Correspondence**

**8. Adjournment**

**MOTION 052.NOV19 Lee/Ardelli**

THAT the Senate adjourn at 2:48 p.m.

**CARRIED**