

**MINUTES
OF THE THIRD REGULAR MEETING OF THE 52nd SENATE
HELD TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2019 @ 2:00 P.M.
LOUIS RIEL ROOM, MCMASTER CONCOURSE**

Present: Dr. David Docherty (Chair); Dr. Bernadette Ardelli; Mr. Greg Gatien;
Dr. Jon-Tomas Godin; Ms. Katie Gross; Mr. Scott Lamont; Ms. Stacey Lee;
Dr. Christophe LeMoine; Mr. Jack Lindsay; Dr. Lynn MacKay;
Ms. Andrea McDaniel; Ms. Susan Medd; Dr. Hamid Mumin; Dr. Burcu Ntelioglou;
Dr. Doug Ramsey; Dr. Lisa Robson; Dr. Steve Robinson; Dr. Linda Ross;
Dr. Candy Skyhar; Dr. Gautam Srivastava; Mr. Derrick Stewart;
Ms. Whitney Hodgins (BUSU); Ms. Brittany Rigby (BUSU);
Ms. Rachel Shurvell (BUSU);
Ms. Kim Fallis (Recording Secretary)

Regrets: Dr. Heather Duncan; Dr. John Moraros; Dr. James Naylor; Mr. Grant Prairie;
Ms. Kim Ryan; Mr. Rainer Schira; Mr. Olusola Akintola (BUSU);
Ms. Denise Henry (BUSU)

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION 022.OCT19 Godin/Ardelli

THAT the agenda be approved as distributed.

2. Closed Session

MOTION 023.OCT19 Ramsey/Lindsay

THAT the committee move into CLOSED session.

CARRIED

3. Open Session

3.1. Approval of Minutes of September 17, 2019 (Attached)

MOTION 026.OCT19 Lindsay/Ntelioglou

THAT the minutes of September 17, 2019 be approved as amended.

5.1 Student Literacy –

Senator Ntelioglou restated 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).

CARRIED

4. Business Arising

5. New Business

5.1. Final List of October 15, 2019 Graduands (Ms. McDaniel)

MOTION 027.OCT19 Gross/Hodgins

THAT Senate approve the Final List of October 15, 2019, graduands:

AND

THAT the list be forwarded to the Board of Governors *For Information*

CARRIED

5.2. Curriculum & Academic Planning Committee (Sen. Robinson)

MOTION 028.OCT19 CAP Robinson/MacKay

THAT Senate approve the revised 2019-2020 Important Dates for both the Undergraduate and Graduate calendars.

CARRIED

MOTION 029.OCT19 CAP Robinson/Medd

THAT Senate approve the 2020-2021 Important Dates for the Undergraduate Calendar as attached.

CARRIED

5.3. Graduate Studies Committee of Senate (Sen. Robinson)

MOTION 030.OCT19 GS Robinson/Godin

THAT Senate approve the 2020-2021 Important Dates for the Graduate Calendar as attached.

CARRIED

MOTION 031.OCT19 GS Robinson/Ntelioglou

THAT the Senate approve the following Course Revision Proposals as submitted by the Faculty of Education, Graduate Education Committee:

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| • 07:714 Educational Research Methods | Change title to “Introduction to Educational Research Methodologies” and description change |
| • 07:798 Selected Topics in Education | Change prerequisite and description |

CARRIED

MOTION 032.OCT19 GS Robinson/Stewart

THAT Senate approve the revised credit hours for 48:663 Science Seminar in the 2019-20 academic year as submitted by the Faculty of Science, Graduate Committee.

CARRIED

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

MOTION 033.OCT19 SS Gatien/Ardelli

THAT the Senate approve the Terms of Reference for the following new awards;

- Stewart Farnell Memorial Scholarship
- The Mom & Dad Bursary
- The Whidden Love of Learning Scholarship
- Senior Biology Scholarship

CARRIED

MOTION 034.OCT19 SS Gatien/Lamont

THAT the Senate approve the revised Terms of Reference for the following awards;

- Garth Davis Baker Geosciences Professional Development Scholarships
- Shirley and Dalton Gadbois Memorial Scholarship in Psychology
- Chemtrade Electrochem Inc. Scholarship in Environmental Science
- James Harvey Tolton Memorial Scholarship

CARRIED

5.5. Centre for Teaching, Learning, and Technology (CTLT) (Sen. Robinson)

MOTION 035.OCT CTLT Robinson/Robson

THAT the Senate rescind the Centre for Teaching, Learning, and Technology (CTLT) Terms of Reference (June 2013) and approve the Centre for Teaching, Learning, and Technology (CTLT) Advisory Team - Terms of Reference - May 2019.

CARRIED

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

On behalf of Senator Olusola Akintola, Senator Hodgins reported on the following:

- BUSU, ACCSA, and Smitten co-hosted the B-Queer Social with Raja & Delta Wirj. This was the first time there was a partnership between the three groups. It was a huge success with over 200 people in attendance.
- The annual Halloween Food Drive will take place on October 31 from 5:00-9:30 pm. This year, BUSU is incorporating their Paw Pass Partners to get the word out to the Brandon community. These businesses will be announcing the event through their social media; posters and donation bins will be located in their business, as well as creating teams to gather donations on the 31st. If any Senators wishes to make a donation towards the campus food bank, but are unable to come on Halloween night they can drop the donation off at the BUSU office during regular business hours.
- In November, Alexia Walters, Racialized Director, and Senator Hodgins will be representing BUSU in Toronto at the Canadian Federation of Students 38th Annual National General Meeting.

5.7. Report from the Board of Governors Representative (Sen. Mumin/Ross)

Senator Mumin reported on the following:

- Board discussion continued regarding the downtown project in closed session.
- Individuals were appointed to committees, including Mr. Shawn Chambers as Chair of the Board, Ms. Trudy Corbett as Vice-Chair of the Board, and Mr. Derrick Stewart as the Secretary of the Board as well as the Board representative to Senate.

- The Board endorsed the negotiated Collective Agreement between BUFA and the University. The agreement will cover the period of April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2023.

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

Arts – Senator Robson:

- There have been several new hires as well as searches in progress in the Faculty of Arts.
- The Brandon Sun will soon publish an article regarding Dr. Kiran Nazish. Dr. Nazish is this year's Stanley Knowles Distinguished visiting Professor.

Music – Senator Gatien:

- Senator Gatien reported on the passing of Dr. Alan Ehnes on October 2. Dr. Ehnes was a faculty member of the School of Music for 37 years and retired in 2010. Brandon University will be hosting a memorial in the Spring.
- There are two pro series events this week – Collectif9, a renowned chamber group from Montreal, will perform October 15 and Dr. Michael Cain and Senator Gatien will perform on Thursday, October 17 as part of Homecoming.
- On October 22, Dr. Sheila Scott will be presenting some of her research as part of the Out of Bounds lecture series.
- The School of Music held an Open House last week on Thursday & Friday. Despite the snowstorm, the event was well attended.
- Senator Gatien just returned from an annual meeting of the Association of Fine Arts Deans, which was a productive series of meetings, panels, and discussions.

Science – Senator Ardelli

- Members of the Faculty of Science are busy writing grant proposals. ~~There will be a training session on October 15.~~ (As amended at the November 19, 2019 meeting)
- Faculty members are also writing reference letters for students applying to medical schools. The deadline for these references is October 1.
- On Saturday, October 9, Homecoming will be celebrating 80 years of Science at Brandon University.

Student Services – Senator Gross

- Student Services is partnering with Prairie Mountain Regional Health Authority to have a Nurse Practitioner on campus on Wednesdays from 10:30 – 2 p.m. The nurse will be located in the basement of McMaster Hall.
- There were 468 students advised through the new student advising process.
- Student Services is partnering with Athletics to have a Learning Coach work with their Athletes. Thanks to Ms. Sheilagh Grills for training the student who will be facilitating the sessions.
- Residence conducted a six week survey.
- International students are now on MB Blue Cross. Direct billing to Blue Cross is available at the hospital and both Trinity and Western Medical Clinics.

Registrar's Office – Ms. McDaniel

- Overall registration numbers for this year are down about 2% compared to the same point last year. This is attributable largely to a smaller incoming class, which is a result of a very high increase in international student application numbers in the 2019 admission cycle (with typically low admission-registration conversion rates for international students) and the recent increase in international tuition.
- The 2020 admission cycle is already open, and the Admissions Office has begun to send offers of admissions to some of our keenest prospective students for next year. Admissions reporting for this new cycle will begin on December 1.

- There will be several office closures for periods of several hours each in the Registrar's Office and possibly the Admissions Office between the end of next week and the end of the last week in October so that staff can participate in on-site ERP vendor demonstrations.
- A restructuring of the administrative positions in the Admissions Office will take effect in mid-November upon the retirement of Shelly Old. The new structure will include one front-line Admissions Office Assistant and two Admissions Officers in addition to the Director of Admissions. The new structure should be largely invisible to faculty, with the primary noticeable difference being that transfer assessment requests may come regularly from two staff in the Admissions Office rather than just one.

ERP update – Senator Lamont

- Senator Lamont reported that the ERP Steering Committee has shortlisted three companies: Unit 4, Ellucian, and Campus Management. These groups will be on campus for two days each between October 23rd and 30th to give presentations to the University community. The steering committee will forward a report to the January Board of Governors' meeting indicating the recommended company and outlining the projected cost of the project.

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

Senator Robinson reported on the following:

- There are a number of completed external reviews currently in the Vice-President (Administration & Provost) office. These reviews need to be forwarded to CAP. In the next few months, CAP will be reviewing and revising the current external review policy.
- Five individuals have been short listed for the CIO position and they will be on campus for interviews over the next month.
- The Dean of Arts search committee will be short listing candidates and arranging interviews.
- As mentioned previously by the Dean of Science, it is grant-writing time. The Research Office has been very busy reviewing applications. The VP's Office is in the process of hiring for another individual in the Research Office.

5.10. Report from the President (Dr. Docherty)

Dr. Docherty reported on the following:

- He thanked those individuals who have responded to the weekly What If questions. The Strategic Planning Committee will take responses submitted into account in their deliberations.
- He was in Winnipeg for meetings and was able to attend the retirement event for Dr. Serfaty.
- He noted that the Board of Governors accepted the Collective Agreement between BUFA and the University. He thanked the individuals on both sides of the table for their time and commitment.
- He and Mr. Chris Lagimodiere, Director, IPC, attended a conference in Sault Sainte Marie dealing with truth and reconciliation. Dr. Docherty explained that a residential school is located on the campus. There were many emotional and moving presentations made by survivors.
- He encouraged Senators to attend Homecoming and noted the keynote speaker, Dr. Samantha Nutt, who will be presenting on Thursday evening.

6. Other Business

7. Correspondence

8. Adjournment

MOTION 036.OCT19 Hodgins/Medd

THAT the Senate adjourn at 3:01 pm.

CARRIED