

**MINUTES
OF THE SEVENTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE 52nd SENATE
HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2020 @ 2:00 P.M.
LOUIS RIEL ROOM, MCMASTER CONCOURSE**

Present: Dr. David Docherty (Chair); Dr. Bernadette Ardelli; Dr. Edward Bach;
Mr. Greg Gatien; Mr. Scott Lamont; Ms. Stacey Lee; Dr. Christophe LeMoine;
Mr. Jack Lindsay; Dr. Lynn MacKay; Ms. Andrea McDaniel; Dr. Hamid Mumin;
Dr. James Naylor; Dr. Doug Ramsey; Dr. Lisa Robson; Dr. Steve Robinson;
Ms. Kim Ryan; Dr. Linda Ross; Mr. Rainer Schira; Dr. Candy Skyhar;
Dr. Gautam Srivastava

Regrets: Dr. Heather Duncan; Ms. Kim Fallis; Ms. Katie Gross; Ms. Susan Medd; Dr. John Moraros;
Dr. Burcu Ntelioglou; Mr. Grant Prairie; Mr. Derrick Stewart; Mr. Olusola Akintola (BUSU);
Ms. Denise Henry (BUSU); Ms. Whitney Hodgins (BUSU); Ms. Brittany Rigby BUSU;
Ms. Rachel Shurvell (BUSU)

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION 128.FEB20 Robson/Ardelli

THAT the agenda be approved as distributed.

CARRIED

2. Closed Session

MOTION 129.FEB20 Lindsay/Lee

THAT the committee move into CLOSED session.

CARRIED

The following motion was moved from Closed Session to Open Session:

MOTION 131.FEB20 SO Ramsey/Ross

THAT Senate approved the extension of Mr. Michael Decter's Appointment as Chancellor of Brandon University to April 30, 2021

AND

THAT Senate proceed with a new Chancellor search for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2021.

CARRIED

3. Open Session

3.1. Approval of Minutes of January 14, 2020

MOTION 134.FEB20 Naylor/Ramsey

THAT the minutes of January 14, 2020 be approved as distributed.

CARRIED

3.2 Business Arising

3.2.1 Senate Executive Committee

MOTION 135.FEB20 SE Robinson/Ardelli

THAT the Senate approve the revised Senate policy on Professor Emeritus/Emerita as attached and amended.

Friendly amendment: Add “normally” to beginning of second bullet point under Nomination heading.

CARRIED

MOTION 136.FEB20 SE Robinson/Mumin

THAT the Senate approve the proposed revision to the Senior Scholar Policy, including name change to University Scholar policy as attached.

CARRIED

3.3 New Business

3.3.1 Final List of February 25, 2020 Graduands

MOTION 137.FEB20 SO Lee/Skyhar

THAT Senate approve the Final List of February 25, 2020 graduands:

AND

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

CARRIED

3.3.2 Student Services External Review

- One person from outside the unit/program appointed by Senate

Senator Robson nominated Ms. Cora Dupuis. Seconded by Senator Mumin.

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

3.3.3 Curriculum & Academic Planning Committee

MOTION 138.FEB20 CAP Robinson/Ryan

THAT the Senate recommends that the Board of Governors approve the Bachelor of Education Degree Program (Technical/Vocational Teachers)

AND

THAT the Board of Governors forward the proposal to the Provincial Government for approval.

CARRIED

Discussion on this motion included the following points:

- Curriculum implementation might be challenging for students in this cohort who are interested in Science teachable subject areas given that very few Science courses are offered in the evening or Spring/Summer. However, Spring/Summer PENT course offerings may be used to support this cohort.

- Questions were raised regarding how the Arts/Science teachable courses would be selected and scheduled. Some concern was expressed about the feasibility of offering the program on a cost recovery/net neutral basis.
- The possibility of offering Science courses with sessional instruction always depends on the availability of qualified instructors.
- Questions were raised regarding the minimum cohort size required to meet the “as needed” criterion for offering the program.

3.3.4 Strategic Research Committee

MOTION 139.FEB20 SR Schira/Robinson

THAT the Senate approve the Brandon University Strategic Research Plan as attached
AND

THAT a review of the plan take place with a review report to be submitted to Senate within 12 months.

CARRIED

Discussion on this motion included the following points:

- In order to gain maximum benefit, the University should undertake a full review of the entire research unit at Brandon University, including all related policies and procedures.
- Several Senators emphasized the importance of the University investing in a full-time VP Research position. Others expressed concern that the University’s chances of finding resources to hire a full-time VP Research are very small, and the University might do better to emphasize alternate ways of maximizing research activity and impact.
- Concern was expressed that the plan might disadvantage those who only need small amounts of BURC seed money to accomplish their research and who have no need to apply to the Tri-Council or large funding agencies.
- Some concern was expressed about the way open access resources are addressed in the document, and discussion continued regarding the future of research publishing in an open access environment.
- The Environment, Climate & Natural Resources research theme’s description emphasizes Indigenous knowledges and ways of knowing very heavily, which may be disproportionate to/misrepresentative of much of the work undertaken by the Faculty of Science in this area. Discussion ensued regarding whether content related to Indigenous perspectives and approaches would be better formulated as a separate section earlier in the document that applies to all subsequent material in the plan.
- Concern was expressed regarding the lack of concrete metrics included in the action plan section of the document.

3.3.5 Report from the Board of Governors Representative

Senator Mumin reported that there has been no Board of Governors meeting since the last Senate.

3.3.6 Report from the Brandon University Students’ Union (BUSU) President

No BUSU representatives were present to provide a report.

3.3.7 Reports from Members of Deans' Council

Faculty of Arts – Senator Robson

- Dr. Ravi Dwivedula has been hired into a tenure track position in Business Administration (Human Resources).
- Two students who participate in the Beading Babes Indigenous beading group presented on their group at a recent symposium in Winnipeg; they are the only University group of its kind in Canada.
- The Department of Visual & Aboriginal Arts is bringing in two notable speakers
- Dr. Ariane Hanemaayer (Sociology) recently held a launch for her new book at Cambridge University; Dr. Eftihia Mihelakis (Languages/Gender & Women's Studies) interviewed Dr. Hanemaayer as part of the launch.
- Jim Forsythe and the drama students are presenting several showings of Four Short Shots this weekend

School of Music – Senator Gatien

- This year, the School presented its first Indigenous New Music Festival (concerts, workshops, master classes, presentations, etc.). The event was well-attended and had a significant impact on students, staff, and faculty.
- Tonight, the School is hosting *Les voix humaines*, and this weekend, it will be hosting the 10th annual Clarinet Festival
- On Tuesday and Wednesday, the School will be hosting two performances by Corey Hamm (piano).
- Jazz Festival 2020 will be held March 18-19, and for the first time in many years, the BU Big Band will be featuring a female instrumentalist.

Faculty of Science – Senator Ardelli

- The Faculty recently hosted several notable seminars:
 - January 17: environmental activist, Ken Wu, of the Endangered Ecosystems Alliance and world-renowned conservation biologist, Dr. Reed Noss
 - February 14: Brandon University Alumnus, Christopher Sarkonak, who was selected by CERN to participate in the International High School Teacher Program
- Several undergraduate students received 1st place in the poster competition at the Manitoba Soil Science Society conference in Winnipeg.
- On February 12, Mr. Terry Duguid, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Economic Development and Official Languages (Western Economic Diversification Canada), announced an investment of \$335,000 to assist BU with upgrades to the micro-analytical facility.
- On April 7, BU will be hosting the Western Manitoba Science Fair, including the STEMinst convention for women in Grades 7-9.

Library – Senator Schira

- Senator Schira had no report.

Registrar's Office – Ms. McDaniel

- The February 1 admissions report shows a 15% decrease in numbers of applications received compared to the same point last year. Application numbers from Manitoba show the greatest decrease. Admission offers are down only 9%, so a higher proportion of those applying are completing their files and being admitted.

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

Senator Robinson reported on the following:

- The Dean of Arts search continues. The fourth candidate's interviews were delayed due to a temporary travel restriction, but the candidate's presentation and interview will occur by distance tomorrow.
- Co-op is stabilizing and growing well:
 - Last year, 10 students secured spring/summer work placements; this year, 16 students have already secured spring/summer work placements, and several more students are still in the job search phase
 - Many have secured jobs within Manitoba and one in Chalk River, ON.
 - BU has nominated one of our Co-op students for the Co-operative Education and Work Integrated Learning Student of the Year national award.
 - March is national Work Integrated Learning Month.
 - Cora Dupuis is scheduled to present to many first year Arts & Science classes
 - A new proposal will be coming to Senate that would allow students who are not in the full Co-op program to participate in individual formal work terms.

3.3.9 Report from the President (Dr. Docherty)

Dr. Docherty reported on the following:

- He was at a recent Chamber of Commerce lunch and presented on our Co-op program.
 - Two local businesses approached Cora Dupuis afterwards expressing interest in participating in the program.
- He went to Ottawa to support Seth Friesen who was receiving the Academic All-Canadian Commendation from the Governor General's office.
- He met with the presidents of SSHRC and NSERC.
 - The President of SSHRC has expressed interest in coming to Brandon to host sessions for any SSHRC-interested faculty.
 - The President of NSERC has plans to come to Winnipeg; Dr. Docherty will work to invite him to BU's campus as well.
- He spent an hour with the ADM of Western Diversification yesterday; they seem to be interested in having a greater presence outside of Winnipeg.
- The provincial government's institutional mandate letters are now posted online; they are very general, and the province has provided no clarification/detailed direction.
- Budget Town Hall presentations will begin shortly.
- Strategic Planning discussion papers will be drafted and distributed to the community for feedback in the near future.
- A joint Senate and Board of Governors meeting will be held March 23, 2020.
- The Vice-President (Academic & Provost) search committee is being established.
 - As soon as Deans' Council identifies the two participating Deans, BUFA will elect its representatives.

4. Other Business

5. Correspondence

6. Adjournment

MOTION 139.FEB20 LeMoine/Mumin

THAT the Senate adjourn at 3:55pm.

CARRIED