

**MINUTES  
OF THE SIXTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE 52nd SENATE  
HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2020 @ 2:00 P.M.  
LOUIS RIEL ROOM, MCMASTER CONCOURSE**

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**Present:** Dr. David Docherty (Chair); Dr. Bernadette Ardelli; Dr. Edward Bach;  
Dr. Heather Duncan; Ms. Katie Gross; Mr. Scott Lamont; Ms. Stacey Lee;  
Dr. Lynn MacKay; Ms. Andrea McDaniel; Ms. Susan Medd; Dr. John Moraros;  
Dr. Hamid Mumin; Dr. James Naylor; Dr. Doug Ramsey; Dr. Lisa Robson;  
Ms. Kim Ryan; Dr. Linda Ross; Mr. Rainer Schira; Dr. Candy Skyhar;  
Mr. Derrick Stewart; Mr. Olusola Akintola (BUSU);  
Ms. Kim Fallis (Recording Secretary)

**Regrets:** Mr. Greg Gatien; Dr. Christophe LeMoine; Mr. Jack Lindsay; Dr. Burcu Ntelioglou;  
Mr. Grant Prairie; Dr. Steve Robinson; Dr. Gautam Srivastava; Ms. Denise Henry (BUSU);  
Ms. Whitney Hodgins (BUSU); Ms. Brittany Rigby (BUSU);  
Ms. Rachel Shurvell (BUSU)

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**1. Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION 120.JAN20 Stewart/Skyhar**

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.  
Amendment: add 2.2 Academic Integrity in Health Studies

**CARRIED**

**2. Closed Session**

**MOTION 121.JAN20 Mumin/Ross**

THAT the committee move into CLOSED session.

**CARRIED**

**3. Open Session**

**3.1. Approval of Minutes of December 17, 2019 (Attached)**

**MOTION 124.JAN20 Mumin/Medd**

THAT the minutes of December 17, 2019 be approved as distributed.

**CARRIED**

**3.2 Business Arising**

**3.3 New Business**

**3.3.1 Senate Executive Committee (Dr. Docherty)**

**MOTION 125.JAN20 Robson/Ardelli**

THAT the Senate approve the revised Professor Emeritus/Emerita Policy as attached.

**TABLED**

**MOTION 126.JAN20 Robson/Ardelli**

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

**TABLED**

Members of the Senate raised questions about the proposed University Scholar Policy, particularly in relation to applying for research funds and the definition of “modest Library privileges”. Dr. Robinson was absent with regrets, and the Senate asked that the motions be tabled for clarification/minor revision.

**3.3.2 Strategic Planning Discussion (Dr. Docherty)**

Dr. Docherty broke the Senate into four smaller groups and asked them to review the current BU Vision/Mission Statement and to identify five core things that they think it is important for BU to retain and focus on as foundational values.

**Group Four**

1. Liberal education (with clear definition and maybe a new name)
  - a. Broad education preparing students to be ethical, critically engaged decision makers
  - b. Specific curricular considerations are only one piece of the puzzle; it’s a “way of doing education”
2. Inclusive community that is open to learning

**Group Three**

1. Diversity and inclusion, including reconciliation
2. Student growth and opportunity
3. Innovation and creativity
4. Engagement and collaboration across communities
5. Making good humans

**Group Two**

1. Excellence in teaching and research
2. Personalized educational experience
3. Community
4. Diversity and inclusion
5. Integrity

**Group One**

1. Students, staff, faculty, alumni
2. Community engagement
3. Recognize and celebrate cultural diversity
4. Excellence in teaching and research
5. Educational tradition of liberal education, creativity, and performance

**3.3.3 Report from the Brandon University Students’ Union (BUSU) President (Sen. Akintola)**

Senator Akintola reported on the following:

- From January 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>, BUSU held its Snowientation for students starting in January. They hosted a number of events including a meet and greet for the students, tours of the KDC Building, a trivia night, and a variety of students’ clubs were on display to showcase their activities.
- In partnership with the HLC, BUSU is hosting free fitness classes for all students, faculty, and staff for the month of January.

- Mental Health Week will be held at the end of January.
- BUSU is preparing for elections for the 2020-2021 year to be held in February.

### 3.3.4 Reports from Members of Deans' Council

#### Health Studies – Senator Moraros

- The review of the Psychiatric Nursing program by the Registered Psychiatric Nurses Association is ongoing.
- The department of Psychiatric Nursing has been working collaboratively as a unit during this process.
- The department of Nursing is continuing its work to receive national accreditation. The Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing Accreditation Association Schools of Nursing will be holding a webinar regarding the process of accreditation and how to proceed.

#### Student Services – Senator Gross

- Forty students attended the January Orientation on January 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Four students have arrived from Brazil and Jamaica as part of our agreement with the Emerging Leaders of the Americas Program (ELAP). Three students are here from the University of Puerto Rico as part of the National Student Exchange (NSE). Two BU students will participate in the NSE program next year.
- The Status of Women Review Committee will hold their "Honouring Exceptional Female Students" event on Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### Faculty of Science – Senator Ardelli

- The CBC's Nature of Things aired an episode, "Dinosaur Cold Case", on the mummified armoured dinosaur found in the Alberta oil sands; it featured a small appearance by Dr. David Greenwood on this dinosaur's last meal - <https://www.cbc.ca/natureofthings/episodes/dinosaur-cold-case>.
- On Sunday, January 26, 2020, the Faculty of Science, in collaboration with the Manitoba Health Care Providers Network (formerly the Office of Rural and Northern Health), will be hosting an Interview Preparation Workshop. This workshop is open to all residents and students who reside in rural and northern areas of Manitoba and focuses on interview skills relevant for health professional careers, particularly medicine.
- BU students have been performing better each year on the MCAT, with students now consistently scoring in the 99<sup>th</sup> percentile.
- BU students have expanding opportunities for pursuing medicine; this year, students have already had medical school interviews at University of Manitoba, McMaster, Toronto, Harvard, and Johns Hopkins, and more interviews may be offered by University of Calgary, Western, Queens and McGill in the coming weeks.
- Dr. Ardelli thanked those in the Faculty of Science who have contributed time and energy into building BU's pre-professional programs into what they are today.

#### Faculty of Arts – Senator Robson

- The Faculty of Arts continues to have a number of ongoing searches.
- The Brandon Public Library is holding an event on January 16<sup>th</sup>: Dr. Patty Douglas, "How a Digital Storytelling Project is Changing Minds about the Problem of Autism in Schools".
- Dr. Chris Haywood will give a presentation on Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> on sex clubs and their rapidly growing presence in the United Kingdom.
- Dr. Alison Marshall and Dr. Allison McCulloch will lead a forum on Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup> titled, "Riots, rights and ritual in the era of Xi Jinping: Understanding the Hong Kong protests".

**Faculty of Education – Senator Duncan**

- The Faculty of Education is beginning the process of hiring two Assistant Professors, one in Educational Psychology and Student Services and one in Curriculum and Pedagogy (Science Education).
- Education student numbers continue to show a healthy increase of over 7% compared to last year.
- The Strategic Research Plan 2020-2025 is in its final draft form, and it should come to Senate in February.

**University Library – Senator Schira**

- The library will be hosting two exhibits:
  - The current exhibit in the Tommy McLeod Curve Gallery is entitled, “Use your Brain”. It is a third-year psychiatric nursing student project (69:271 Psychiatric Nursing of Elderly Persons) led by Professor Sharran Mullins.
  - A Public History exhibition, organized by Dr. Rhonda Hinthner, will be in the Gathering Space starting Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 until Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. This will feature work of the Public History students.
- Long Night Against Procrastination is scheduled for Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> this term. More information will come out closer to the event.

**University Registrar – Ms. McDaniel**

- Ms. McDaniel had nothing to report at this time.

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

- Seth Friesen, captain of the men’s volleyball team, has been named a USports Academic Top 8, making him one of the top student-athletes in the entire country. In recognition, he will receive the Governors General’s Academic All-Canadian Commendation at Rideau Hall.
- The University has now received its mandate letter from the Provincial Government. The letter was sent to the Board Chair, so he will only be able to report on its specific contents after it has been shared with the Board of Governors at their January 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. He indicated that there were no surprises in the letter.
- There are plans for a joint meeting with members of Senate and the Board to take place in late February or early March.
- The University has received a large donation from alumna Daphne Wagner and her husband, David Green, to launch a new program this fall that will help Indigenous students make a successful transition to post-secondary life at Brandon University.

**4. Other Business**

**5. Correspondence**

**6. Adjournment**

**MOTION 127.Jan20 Skyhar/Stewart**

THAT the Senate adjourn at 4:07 pm.

**CARRIED**