

**MINUTES
OF THE EIGHTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE 52nd SENATE
HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2020 @ 2:00 P.M.
ROOM 045, HEALTH STUDIES**

Present: Dr. David Docherty (Chair); Dr. Bernadette Ardelli; Dr. Edward Bach;
Dr. Heather Duncan; Mr. Greg Gatien; 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. John Moraros (Zoom); Dr. Hamid Mumin;
Dr. James Naylor; Dr. Burcu Ntelioglou (Zoom); Dr. Doug Ramsey;
Dr. Lisa Robson; Dr. Steve Robinson; Ms. Kim Ryan (Zoom); Dr. Linda Ross;
Mr. Rainer Schira (Zoom); Dr. Candy Skyhar; Dr. Gautam Srivastava (Zoom);
Mr. Derrick Stewart (Zoom); Ms. Brittany Rigby BUSU);
Ms. Kim Fallis (Recording Secretary)

Regrets: Mr. Grant Prairie; Mr. Olusola Akintola (BUSU); Ms. Denise Henry (BUSU);
Ms. Whitney Hodgins (BUSU); Ms. Rachel Shurvell (BUSU)

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION 138.MAR20 Naylor/Gross

THAT Senate approve the agenda as amended.

Addition: 3.3.3.5 COVID-19 Academic Impacts

CARRIED

2. Closed Session

MOTION 139.MAR20 Ross/Skyhar

THAT Senate move into CLOSED session.

CARRIED

3. Open Session

3.1. Approval of Minutes of February 25, 2020

MOTION 146.MAR20 Ross/Ardelli

THAT Senate approve the minutes of February 25, 2020 as distributed.

CARRIED

3.2. Business Arising

There was no business arising from the minutes of previous meetings.

3.3. New Business

3.3.1. Curriculum & Academic Planning Committee

3.3.1.1. Undergraduate English Language Proficiency Requirements

MOTION 147.MAR20 CAP Robinson/Robson

THAT Senate approve revision of the English Language Proficiency policy for all undergraduate programs at Brandon University as attached.

CARRIED

3.3.1.2. New Course Proposal – 12:366 Forensic Anthropology Field School

MOTION 148.MAR20 CAP Robson/Lindsay

THAT Senate approve the new course, 12:366 Forensic Anthropology Field School, as submitted by the Department of Anthropology, Faculty of Arts.

CARRIED

3.3.2. Senate Research Committee

3.3.2.1. Biohazard Warning Signage Requirement

MOTION 149.MAR20 SRC Duncan/LeMoine

THAT Senate approve that signage, as approved by the Brandon University Biosafety Committee, be required for all spaces (classroom, labs, etc.) at Brandon that house and/or use biohazards.

CARRIED

3.3.3. Senate Office

3.3.3.1. Bylaw Amendment Proposal – Chancellor Selection Timeline

MOTION 150.MAR20 SO Lamont/Skyhar

THAT the Senate Bylaws (Section IV.4 and Section IV.5) be revised to defer the vote for selection of a new Chancellor from the March meeting of Senate to the November meeting of Senate.

CARRIED

3.3.3.2. Senate Meeting Dates for 2020 – 2021

MOTION 151.MAR20 SO Medd/Mumin

THAT the Senate meet on the following dates during the 2020-2021 Senate session:

Tuesday, June 16, 2020
Tuesday, September 15, 2020
Tuesday, October 13, 2020
Tuesday, November 17, 2020

Tuesday, December 15, 2020
Tuesday, January 19, 2021
Tuesday, February 23, 2021
Tuesday, March 16, 2021
Tuesday, May 18, 2021

All Senate meetings begin at 2:00 pm.

3.3.3.3. Undergraduate Academic Dates Revision for 2020-2021

MOTION 152.MAR20 SO Gross/Ramsey

THAT Senate approve revision to the academic dates for the 2020-2021 Undergraduate Calendar as attached.

CARRIED

3.3.3.4. Graduate Academic Dates Revision for 2020-2021

MOTION 153.MAR20 SO Robson/Medd

THAT Senate approve revision to the academic dates for the 2020-2021 Graduate Calendar as attached.

CARRIED

3.3.3.5 COVID-19 Academic Impacts

MOTION 154.MAR20 Bach/Mumin

THAT Brandon University maintain the currently approved Winter 2020 term dates for all courses with the exception of those in the Faculty of Health Studies which may be extended by one week to Friday, April 10, 2020 due to regulatory requirements, if necessary,
AND

THAT Brandon University maintain the currently approved Winter 2020 final exam schedule.

CARRIED

MOTION 155.MAR20 Ross/Robson

THAT the Winter 2020 Voluntary Withdrawal (VW) deadline be extended to Friday, March 27, 2020.

CARRIED

MOTION 156.MAR20 Ramsey/Gatien

THAT the Brandon University Senate authorize the Senate Executive to make academic decisions on behalf of the Senate between March 17, 2020 and May 19, 2020 in relation to academic impacts resulting from the rapidly evolving COVID-19 situation.

CARRIED

MOTION 157.MAR20 LeMoine/Ramsey

THAT Brandon University suspend in-person course delivery and in-person examinations for the remainder of the Winter 2020 term.

CARRIED

Discussion on these motions included the following points:

- Should the term end date be extended by one week and then the exam period shortened by one week?
- Faculty will need to adjust assignments and expectations while maintaining the integrity of the course if the current term end date remains the same. This will be a challenge.
- Will students experience undue stress if the University does not extend the term by one week?
- By extending the term, many students may become displaced from their current residence.
- Students in accredited programs must meet certain standards in order to be licensed at the end of their studies.
- With the situation changing on an hourly basis, some academic decisions must be approved in a short turnaround. Due to the challenges of calling all members of Senate together to make these decisions, the Senate Executive should be given authority to make such decisions on behalf of the Senate.

In order to minimize the time that Senators were in close contact and in respect of social distancing, reports were suspended.

3.3.4. Report from the Board of Governors Representative

3.3.5. Report from the Brandon University Students' Union (BUSU) President

3.3.6. Reports from Members of Deans' Council

3.3.7. Report from the Vice-President (Academic & Provost)

3.3.8. Report from the President

3.4. Other Business

There was no other business for Senate.

3.5. Correspondence

There was no correspondence for Senate.

4. **Adjournment**

MOTION 158.MAR20 Robson/Bach

THAT Senate adjourn at 2:52 pm.

CARRIED