

**MINUTES
OF THE FIFTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE 53rd SENATE
HELD TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2020 @ 2:00 PM
BY ZOOM**

Present: Dr. David Docherty (Chair); Dr. Bernadette Ardelli; Dr. Edward Bach;
Dr. Heather Duncan; Dr. Derrek Eberts; Dr. Scott Forbes; Mr. Greg Gatien;
Dr. Jane Karpa; Ms. Katie Gross; Mr. Scott Lamont; Ms. Stacey Lee;
Dr. Lynn MacKay; Ms. Andrea McDaniel; Ms. Nancy McPherson;
Ms. Susan Medd; Dr. Serena Petrella; Mr. Grant Prairie; Dr. Doug Ramsey;
Dr. Lisa Robson; Dr. Steve Robinson; Dr. Linda Ross; Ms. Tami Rourke;
Ms. Melanie Sucha; Dr. Candy Skyhar; Dr. Gautam Srivastava;
Ms. Olufunke Adeleye (BUSU); Mr. James Maxon (BUSU); Ms. Sophia Rivera (BUSU);
Ms. Alexia Walters (BUSU);
Ms. Kim Fallis (Recording Secretary)

Regrets: Dr. Breanna Lawrence; Ms. Valentina Eigbiremonien (BUSU);
Mr. Max Kemp (BUSU); Ms. Christina Keshane (BUSU); Ms. Jennifer Omoregie (BUSU)

Dr. Robinson started the meeting as Chair as Dr. Docherty was experiencing technical difficulties.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION 093.Dec20 Skyhar/Petrella

THAT the agenda be approved as amended:

- 4.5.1.5.5 Music Curriculum & Program Changes – Under BMus/BEd (AD) and BMus (Specialist in School Music) Programs, first bullet point: change entry from “Revision to Music Theory Requirement” to “Revision of Music History Requirement”.

CARRIED

2. Closed Session

MOTION 094.Dec20 McPherson/Medd

THAT the committee move into CLOSED session.

CARRIED

3. Raised Motion(s) from Closed Session

No motions were raised from Closed Session at this meeting.

4. Open Session

4.1. Approval of Minutes of November 17, 2020

MOTION 097.DEC20 Eberts/Gross

THAT the minutes of November 17, 2020 be approved as amended:

- In the list of attendees present at the meeting on November 17, change “Ms. Jane Karpa” to “Dr. Jane Karpa”.
- 3 Motion(s) Raised from Closed Session – Add “Carried Unanimously” to the motion granting Dr. Meir Serfaty the Professor Emeritus designation.

CARRIED

4.2. Committee Elections

4.2.1. Academic Integrity Committee

- 4.2.1.1. One Faculty/School Dean elected by the Senate
One alternate Faculty/School Dean elected by the Senate

Senator Duncan, Dean of Education, volunteered to serve as the Dean.

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

Senator Gatien, Dean of Music, volunteered to serve as the alternate Dean.

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

4.2.2. Indigenous Education Committee of Senate

- 4.2.2.1. Three members of Senate, including a BUSU representative

Senator Rivera nominated Senator Maxon to serve as the BUSU representative, seconded by Senator Gross.

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

Senator Gatien volunteered to serve as a Senate representative.

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

Senator Rourke volunteered to serve as a Senate representative.

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

4.3. Business Arising

4.3.1. Special Motions Passed by Senate Executive on Behalf of Senate *for information*

The Senate received the summary of Special Motions passed by the Senate Executive on behalf of Senate for information.

4.4. Continuing Business

4.5. New Business

4.5.1. Curriculum & Academic Planning Committee

4.5.1.1. Faculty of Arts

Creative Arts

4.5.1.1.1. Creative Arts Creative Writing Stream – Curriculum & Program Changes

MOTION 098.DEC20 CAP Robson/Ramsey

THAT the Senate approve the removal of 68:452 Explorations in the Environment of Aboriginal Authors I and 68:453 Explorations in the Environment of Aboriginal Writers II from the Creative Writing Stream of the Creative Arts Major as submitted by the Faculty of Arts.

CARRIED

Gender & Women's Studies (G&WS)

4.5.1.1.2. G&WS New Course

MOTION 099.DEC20 CAP Robson/Petrella

THAT the Senate approve the following new course as submitted by the Gender & Women's Studies Program, Faculty of Arts:

- 36/90:371 Prison Abolition

CARRIED

History

4.5.1.1.3. History Course Deletions

MOTION 100.DEC20 CAP Robson/McPherson

THAT the Senate approve the following course deletion as submitted by the Department of History, Faculty of Arts:

- 54/36:372 Aspects of the History of Women and Gender

CARRIED

Justice Studies

4.5.1.1.4. Justice Studies Course Deletion

MOTION 101.DEC20 CAP Robson/Ramsey

THAT the Senate approve the following course deletion as submitted by the Justice Studies Program, Faculty of Arts:

- 56/90:363 Formal Organizations & Bureaucracies

CARRIED

Languages, Classical & Modern

4.5.1.1.5. Languages Course Deletions

MOTION 102.DEC20 CAP Robson/Petrella

THAT the Senate approve the following course deletions as submitted by the Department of Languages, Classical & Modern, Faculty of Arts:

- 58:GERM:151 Introductory German I
- 58:GERM:152 Introductory German II
- 58:GERM:251 Intermediate German I
- 58:GERM:252 Intermediate German II
- 58:ITAL:101 Introductory Italian
- 58:ITAL:250 Intermediate Italian I
- 58:ITAL:251 Intermediate Italian II
- 58:LING:176 Introduction to Linguistics I
- 58:LING:177 Introduction to Linguistics II
- 58:LING:178 Linguistics for Aboriginal Languages
- 58:LING:250 Phonetics
- 58:LING:260 Issues for Teaching Native Languages
- 58:LAT:130 Representative Latin Authors
- 58:LAT:230 Catullus, Horace and Pliny
- 58:LAT:330 Latin of the Golden Age

CARRIED

There was discussion regarding deletion of these courses. Senate members are concerned with the University not being able to continue to offer a variety of language courses given its liberal education tradition.

Philosophy

4.5.1.1.6. Philosophy Course Revisions

MOTION 103.DEC20 CAP Robson/Ramsey

THAT the Senate approve the cross listing of 70:265 Introduction to Political Philosophy with the Department of Political Science as submitted by the Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Arts.

CARRIED

Political Science

4.5.1.1.7. Political Science New Course

MOTION 104.DEC20 CAP Robson/Petrella

THAT the Senate approve the following new course as submitted by the Department of Political Science, Faculty of Arts:

- 78:373 Authoritarian Politics

CARRIED

4.5.1.1.8. Political Science Course Deletions

MOTION 105.DEC20 CAP Robson/Petrella

THAT the Senate approve the following course deletions as submitted by the Department of Political Science, Faculty of Arts:

- 78:262 Provincial Government
- 78:375 China in World Politics

CARRIED

4.5.1.1.9. Political Science Course Revisions

MOTION 106.DEC20 CAP Robson/Medd

THAT the Senate approve revision of the following courses as submitted by the Department of Political Science, Faculty of Arts:

- 78:361 Canadian Federalism – description
- 78:365 Canadian Constitutional Law – description

CARRIED

Sociology

4.5.1.1.10. Sociology New Course

MOTION 107.DEC20 CAP Robson/Petrella

THAT the Senate approve the following new course as submitted by the Department of Sociology, Faculty of Arts:

- 90/56:359 Crime, Law, and Media

CARRIED

Non-Departmental

4.5.1.1.11. Non-Departmental New Course

MOTION 108.DEC20 CAP Robson/Ramsey

THAT the Senate approve the following new course as submitted by the Interdisciplinary Studies Program, Faculty of Arts:

- 99:499 Interdisciplinary Studies Thesis

CARRIED

One Senator noted a relative lack of information in the description for this course and encouraged the Faculty of Arts to consider revising this to include more detail in future.

4.5.1.2. Faculty of Science

Biology

4.5.1.2.1. Biology Course Revision

MOTION 109.DEC20 CAP Ardelli/Eberts

THAT the Senate approve removal of the lab from the following course as submitted by the Department of Biology, Faculty of Science:

- 15:090 Introduction to Biology

CARRIED

4.5.1.2.2. Biology Course Revision

MOTION 110.DEC20 CAP Ardelli/Eberts

THAT the Senate approve the change of level for the following course change to 300 level as submitted by the Department of Biology, Faculty of Science:

- 15:293 Genetic Manipulations: Classical to GMO

CARRIED

Environmental Science

4.5.1.2.3. Environmental Science Course Deletion (Effective 2022-23)

MOTION 111.DEC20 CAP Ardelli/Eberts

THAT the Senate approve deletion of 31:476 Environmental Impact Assessment from Environmental Science while keeping the cross-listed version 38:476 Environmental Impact Assessment and changing the course's home department to Geography & Environment as submitted by the Department of Environmental Science, Faculty of Science,
AND

THAT this change become effective upon CampusNexus go live.

CARRIED

4.5.1.2.4. Environmental Science Curriculum & Program Changes

MOTION 112.DEC20 CAP Ardelli/Eberts

THAT the Senate approve the addition of a note regarding prerequisites next to 38:375 Hydrology within the 4-Year and Land and Water Stream (ACC 2+2 transfer) degree tables in the Undergraduate Calendar as submitted by the Department of Environmental Science, Faculty of Science.

CARRIED

Geography & Environment (G&E)

4.5.1.2.5. G&E Course Deletions (Effective 2022-23)

MOTION 113.DEC20 CAP Ardelli/Eberts

THAT the Senate approve, effective 2022-23 to coincide with CampusNexus go live, removal of the G&E cross listings for the following courses, leaving only the home department versions of these courses active, as submitted by the Department of Geography and Environment, Faculty of Science:

- 38/15:273 General Ecology
- 38/88:396 Seminar in Rural and Community Studies
- 38/88:463 Rural Tourism
- 38/88:464 Rural Resource Development
- 38/88:471 The Rural-Urban Fringe

CARRIED

4.5.1.2.6. G&E Program & Calendar Changes

MOTION 114.DEC20 CAP Ardelli/Eberts

THAT the Senate approve addition of the following two courses to the Environmental Studies Concentration 4-Year (Honours), 4-Year, and 4-Year ACC Environmental Technologies Diploma: Land & Water transfer program as submitted by the Department of Geography & Environment, Faculty of Science:

- 38:267 Sustainable Prairie Ecosystems
- 38:494 Limnology: The Science of Inland Waters

CARRIED

Mathematics & Computer Science (M&CS)

4.5.1.2.7. M&CS New Course

MOTION 115.DEC20 CAP Ardelli/McPherson

THAT the Senate approve the following new course as submitted by the Department of Mathematics & Computer Science, Faculty of Science:

- 62:454 Category Theory

CARRIED

4.5.1.2.8. M&CS Course Revisions

MOTION 116.DEC20 CAP Ardelli/Srivastava

THAT the Senate approve revision to the following course as submitted by the Department of Mathematics & Computer Science, Faculty of Science:

- 62:090 Basic Mathematics – prerequisite; description

CARRIED

4.5.1.2.9. M&CS Course Revisions

MOTION 117.DEC20 CAP Ardelli/Gatien

THAT the Senate approve revision to the following course as submitted by the Department of Mathematics & Computer Science, Faculty of Science:

- 62:091 Core Mathematics – description

CARRIED

Physics & Astronomy

4.5.1.2.10. Physics & Astronomy Course Deletion

MOTION 118.DEC20 CAP Ardelli/Eberts

THAT the Senate approve deletion of the following course as submitted by the Department of Physics & Astronomy, Faculty of Science:

- 74/18:174 Introductory Physical Science

CARRIED

4.5.1.3. Faculty of Education

Bachelor of Education (BED) Courses & Programs

4.5.1.3.1. BED Course Revisions

MOTION 119.DEC20 CAP Duncan/Rourke

THAT the Senate approve the following course revisions as submitted by the Department of Educational Psychology and Student Services, Faculty of Education:

- 04:321 Practicum in Early Childhood Education – P/F grading
- 04:352 Positive Behavioural Interventions and Supports for Children – add “Cannot be held with 04:257”
- 04/06:353 Evaluation and Assessment (EY-MY) – remove cross listing with 06:354; add “Cannot be held with 06:354”
- 04/06:354 Evaluation and Assessment (MY-SY) – remove cross listing; add “Cannot be held with 04:353 or 04:354”
- 06:241/01:361 The Professional Teacher – remove cross listing with 01:361; add “Cannot be held with 01:361 or 01:362”

CARRIED

MOTION 120.DEC20 CAP Duncan/Skyhar

THAT the Senate approve the following course revisions as submitted by the Department of Educational Psychology and Student Services, Faculty of Education:

- 04:399 Seminar in Education I – title to Topics in Educational Psychology I; description
- 04:499 Seminar in Education – title to Topics in Educational Psychology II; description

CARRIED

4.5.1.4. Faculty of Health Studies

Psychiatric Nursing

4.5.1.4.1. Psychiatric Nursing Course Deletion

MOTION 121.DEC20 CAP Ross/McPherson

THAT the Senate approve deletion of the following course as submitted by the Department Psychiatric Nursing, Faculty of Health Studies:

- 69:473 Contemporary Perspectives on Professional Health Issues

CARRIED

4.5.1.4.2. Psychiatric Nursing Course Revision

MOTION 122.DEC20 CAP Ross/Karpa

THAT the Senate approve revision of the following course as submitted by the Department Psychiatric Nursing, Faculty of Health Studies:

- 69:454 Leadership in Professional Practice – title to Transition to Professional Practice

CARRIED

4.5.1.4.3. Nursing Curriculum & Program Changes

MOTION 123.DEC20 CAP Ross/Karpa

THAT the Senate approve cessation of admission to the Bachelor of Science in Mental Health degree program effective Fall 2021

AND

THAT the student currently registered in the program be allowed to continue in the program until June 2026 as submitted by the Department Psychiatric Nursing, Faculty of Health Studies.

CARRIED

4.5.1.5. School of Music

4.5.1.5.1. Music Curriculum & Program Changes for 2020 – 2021 Only

MOTIONS 124.DEC20 CAP & 125.DEC20 CAP Gatten/Bach

THAT the Senate approve for the 2020-2021 academic year, a maximum of 10 concerts can be attended online. An exception will be made for students in fourth year who are intending to graduate and need more than 10 concerts to meet the requirement. Full-time applied instructors will set guidelines for online concert attendance for their students, determine whether the requirement has been satisfactorily met, and submit that information to the office. Sessional applied instructors will have the option of doing the above, or can opt to have the relevant Dept Chair assign and evaluate their students' online attendance.

AND

THAT the Senate approve that during the 2020-2021 academic year the number of professional credits for online workshops/lectures be limited to a maximum of two for students in years 2 and 3 of the BMus/AD education concurrent program.

CARRIED

4.5.1.5.2. Music New Courses

MOTION 126.DEC20 CAP Gatien/Bach

THAT the Senate approve the following new courses as submitted by the Department of Applied Music, School of Music:

- 65:352 Advanced Diction for Singers I
- 65:353 Advanced Diction for Singers II

CARRIED

4.5.1.5.3. Music Course Deletions

MOTION 127.DEC20 CAP Gatien/Bach

THAT the Senate approve deletion of the following courses as submitted by the School of Music:

- 06:365 Classroom Music Methods (MY)
- 06:396 Philosophy of Music Education
- 64:250 Music Research
- 65:223 String Literature II
- 65:250 Music Theatre in Concert
- 65:372 Perc Techn & Methods II
- 65:375 Brass Techn & Methods II
- 65:443 Music Theatre Production I
- 65:444 Music Theatre Production II
- 66:276 String Techniques and Methods I
- 66:277 String Techniques and Methods II
- 66:564 The Kodaly Concept Level I
- 66:565 The Kodaly Concept Level II

CARRIED

4.5.1.5.4. Music Course Revisions – Description Changes

MOTION 128.DEC20 CAP Gatien/Bach

THAT the Senate approve the following course revisions as submitted by the School of Music:

- 06:354 Evaluation and Assessment (Music Education) – remove cross listing; add “Cannot be held with 04:353 or 04:354”
- 65:335 Vocal Repertoire II – description

CARRIED

MOTION 129.DEC20 CAP Gatien/Bach

THAT the Senate approve the following course revisions as submitted by the School of Music:

- 65:227 Opera Workshop II – remove corequisite 65:250
- 65:267 Introduction to Jazz Improvisation I – prerequisite to “64/67:180, 64/67:183 and permission of instructor”
- 65:334 Vocal Repertoire I – prerequisite change to “65:203 Applied Major (Voice) or permission of instructor”
- 65:506 Applied Concentration (Music Education) – prerequisite to “65:406 or 65:407 with a B- or better grade”

CARRIED

4.5.1.5.5. Music Curriculum & Program Changes

MOTION 130.DEC20 CAP Gatien/Bach

THAT the Senate approve the attached revisions to the Bachelor of Music/Bachelor of Education (A.D.) Concurrent degree and Bachelor of Music (Specialist in School Music) program as submitted by the School of Music:

- Revision to Music History Requirement
- Removal of 64:332 Formal Functions in Tonal Music
- Addition of 3 Credit Hours of Music or Music Education Electives (64, 65, or 66 Prefix)

CARRIED

MOTION 131.DEC20 CAP Gatien/Bach

THAT the Senate approve the attached revisions to the Bachelor of Music Performance Major (All Instruments) as submitted by the School of Music:

- Revision to 20th Century Music History/Theory Requirement
- Revision to Music History Requirement Beyond First Year Survey

CARRIED

MOTION 132.DEC20 CAP Gatien/Bach

THAT the Senate approve the attached revision to the Bachelor of Music Performance (Voice) Major as submitted by the School of Music:

- Addition of New Course Requirements: 65:321 Pedagogy II (Voice), 65:3XX/3XX Advanced Diction I/II
- Removal of Existing Course Requirements: 65:250 Music Theatre in Concert, 65:443/444 Music Theatre Production I/II

CARRIED

MOTION 133.DEC20 CAP Gatien/Bach

THAT the Senate approve the attached revision to the Bachelor of Music Performance (Strings & Guitar) Major as submitted by the School of Music:

- Reduction of Free Electives Required (7.5 Credit Hours to 6 Credit Hours)

CARRIED

4.5.1.6. Registrar's Office

4.5.1.6.1. New Undergraduate Policies/Regulations

MOTION 134.DEC20 CAP Ross/Ramsey

THAT the Senate approve the important undergraduate academic dates for 2021 – 2023 as submitted by the Registrar's Office.

CARRIED

4.5.1.6.2. Undergraduate Policy/Regulation Revisions

MOTION 135.DEC20 CAP Gatien/McPherson

THAT the Senate approve the 4-letter subject identifiers & course types for undergraduate courses, effective at CampusNexus go live (anticipated Spring/Summer 2022), as attached and submitted by the Registrar's Office.

MOTION 136.DEC20 CAP Skyhar/Ross

THAT Senate remove section 2.3.3.3 Waiver of Transfer Courses from the 2021-22 Undergraduate Calendar.

CARRIED

4.5.1.7. Co-Operative Education Program

4.5.1.7.1. New Co-Operative Education Programs

MOTION 137.DEC20 CAP Robson/Gatien

THAT the Senate approve addition of the following departments/programs to the Co-Operative Education Program as submitted by the Faculty of Arts:

- Gender & Women's Studies Program
- Ishkabatens Waasa Gaa Inabateg Department of Visual Arts
- Department of Political Science

CARRIED

4.5.1.7.2. Co-Operative Education Program Revisions

MOTION 138.DEC20 CAP & 139.DEC20 CAP Robson/Petrella

THAT the Senate approve revision to the Co-Operative Education Program admission requirements for History as submitted by the Department of History, Faculty of Arts:

- Change from “54:250 or 54:351” to “6 credit hours of 100-level History”

AND

THAT the Senate approve the following changes to the Co-Operative Education Program as submitted by the Faculty of Science and Faculty of Arts:

- Remove the requirement for a student to submit a summary of employment history (resume/curriculum vitae) and cover letter as part of the Co-op application process
- Remove the requirement for a presentation as part of the Work Term Evaluation process and instead have an option for a presentation or a final work report.

CARRIED

4.5.2. Graduate Studies Committee (Sen. Robinson)

4.5.2.1. Faculty of Education – Master of Education

4.5.2.1.1. Graduate Education New Course

MOTION 140.DEC20 GS Duncan/Eberts

THAT the Senate approve the following new course as submitted by the Department of Education Leadership, Master of Education:

- 01:770 Issues and Trends in Leadership and Educational Administration

CARRIED

4.5.2.1.2. Graduate Education Course Revisions

MOTION 141.DEC20 GS & 142.DEC20 GS Duncan/Bach

THAT the Senate approve the following course revisions as submitted by the Master of Education:

- 02:790 Language and Literacy Education of Linguistically and Culturally Diverse Students – title to Language and Literacy Education of Linguistically Diverse Students
- 04:799 Graduate Research Seminar in Education – title to Topics in Educational Psychology
- 04:759 Reading and Research in Special Education – description
- 04:763 Practicum in Inclusive Education I – description
- 04:764 Practicum in Inclusive Education II – description
- 04:772 Practicum in Counselling I – description
- 04:782 Practicum in Counselling II – description

CARRIED

4.5.2.1.3. Graduate Education Curriculum & Program Revisions

**MOTION 143.DEC20 GS, 144.DEC20 GS, & 145.DEC20 GS
Duncan/Bach**

THAT the Senate approve following curriculum and program revisions as submitted by the Graduate Education Department, Faculty of Education:

- 5.1 Admission Requirements
- 5.1.1 Admission, Master of Education
- 5.2.1 Program Regulations
- 5.3.1 Specialization in Curriculum and Pedagogy
- 5.3.2 Specialization in Educational Administration
- 5.3.3 Specialization in Inclusive Education
- 5.3.4 Specialization in Guidance and Counselling
- 5.3.1 Specialization in Curriculum and Pedagogy Elective Table Changes
- 5.3.2 Specialization in Educational Administration Elective Table Changes

CARRIED

4.5.2.2. Registrar's Office

4.5.2.2.1. New Graduate Policies/Regulations

MOTION 146.DEC20 GS & 147.DEC20 GS Bach/Petrella

THAT the Senate approve revision to the Winter Holiday Break dates for 2020 – 2021 in the Graduate Calendar.

AND

THAT the Senate approve the important graduate academic dates for 2021 – 2023 as submitted by the Registrar's Office.

CARRIED

4.5.2.2.2. Graduate Policy/Regulation Revisions

MOTION 148.DEC20 GS Bach/Duncan

THAT the Senate approve the 4-letter subject identifiers & course types for graduate courses effective at CampusNexus go live (anticipated Spring/Summer 2022) as attached and submitted by the Registrar's Office.

CARRIED

Senator Robinson relinquished the chair to Dr. Docherty.

4.5.3. Scholarships, Bursaries, Medals, and Awards Committee of Senate (Sen. Gatien)

4.5.3.1. New Awards

MOTION 149.DEC20 SC Gatien/Bach

THAT the Senate approve the following new awards.

- The Wendy Menzies Award
- The William Henry Armstrong Memorial Scholarship

CARRIED

4.5.3.2. Award Revisions

MOTION 150.DEC20 SC & 151.DEC20 SC Gatien/Bach

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

- Brandon University International Undergraduate Student Scholarship
- The Pearce Bursary
- Dr. M. Venkat & Rao & Mrs. Premalatha Naidu Scholarship in Political Science – reversal back to original name: M.V. Naidu Scholarship in Political Science

CARRIED

4.5.3.3. Award Regulation Revision

MOTION 152.DEC20 SC Gatien/Bach

THAT the Senate approve the revised Award Value for Minimum Registration Requirements as follows:

Award Value	Minimum Fall Term Registration	Minimum Winter Term Registration	Minimum Session Registration Total
Under \$1000	3	3	6
\$1000 - \$2999	9	9	18
\$3000+	12	12	24

CARRIED

4.5.4. Brandon University Research Ethics Committee (BUREC)

4.5.4.1. Revised BUREC Policies and Procedures

MOTION 153.DEC20 BUREC Duncan/Karpa

THAT the Senate approve the revised Brandon University Research Ethics Committee (BUREC) Policies and Procedures as attached.

CARRIED

4.5.5. Indigenous Education Committee

4.5.5.1. Revision to Composition of the Brandon University Board of Governors

MOTION 154.DEC20 IEC Robinson/Gross

THAT Senate recommend to the President that he pursue changes to the BU Board of Governors composition such that one seat at least be designated reserved for an Indigenous member.

TABLED

4.5.5.2. Revision to Composition of the Brandon University Senate

MOTION 155.DEC20 IEC Robinson/Gross

THAT Senate recommend to the President that he pursue changes to the BU Senate composition such that one seat at least be designated reserved for an Indigenous member.

TABLED

Members of Senate did not receive these two motions until the day of the meeting; to grant more time to consider the proposals, the committee postponed addressing both motions until the January Senate meeting.

4.5.6. Report from the Brandon University Students' Union (BUSU) President
(Sen. Adeleye)

Senator Adeleye reported on the following:

- BUSU is working to build the trust of the students that was lost due to the election and court case that occurred during the summer.
- BUSU has rebranded its logo to focus on student representation, advocacy, events, services, and engagement.
- BUSU launched a new social media page called BUSU Connect in August to connect students to resources they need & assist in-coming and potential students to navigate these unprecedented times by answering questions and directing them to resources both in the university and community that would best serve them.
- BUSU advocated for a tuition decrease for students in September and although it was not approved, they were able to come to an understanding with the University.
- BUSU advocated for better health insurance since international students not currently in Canada had to still pay for health insurance. Discussions are continuing.
- The union had a successful fall orientation including a scavenger hunt event called The Amazing Race where students got prizes for participating and winning.
 - COVID 19 guidelines were followed.
- The union has held multiple events that have largely been well received with some more successful than others. Examples including the following:
 - Paint Night to help students relieve stress;
 - Trivia Game Night;
 - Halloween Food Drive to secure food for the food bank;
 - Netflix party where students could select from a list of movies and watch online with friends to help build community during these trying times.
- BUSU now has revamped its Food Bank services to better serve students subsequent to vandalism in October. They have set up an agreement with Student Services to extend service within that space. This is part of a food security initiative on campus to enable students to get food hampers in multiple places.
- BUSU foodbank will be up and running on November 19th as it was paused to re-strategize on how students can receive the items while following COVID 19 guidelines and still maintaining the edibility of the food during the upcoming winter.

- BUSU recently partnered with Places 4 Students to provide an online collection of numerous housing options for students.
- BUSU just finished its hiring process for directors and was able to fill many positions.
- BUSU continues to advocate for students during this pandemic both academically and otherwise.
- BUSU is planning its annual holiday supper scheduled for the 16th. Quite a few students have registered so they are very excited about having a virtual meeting.
- Planning has begun for Snowientation in January.

4.5.7. Report from the Board of Governors Representative (Sen. Rourke)

Senator Rourke had no report at this time.

4.5.8. Reports from the Members of Deans' Council

Arts – Senator Robson

Senator Robson reported on the following:

- The faculty members in Arts are looking forward to the holiday break as they have found this last term very challenging.
- Linda Tame, a Bachelor of Fine Arts student, has her final thesis presentation online, and it can be viewed virtually on the Glen P. Sutherland Gallery web site.
- A Master of Rural Development graduate, Adams Abdul Salam, has been elected to parliament in Ghana. He credits part of his success to his education at Brandon University in the Rural Development program.
- Dr. Chris Schneider, Department of Sociology, has been recognized with an international award from one of the world's largest academic publishers. He was the recipient of a 2020 Emerald Literati Outstanding Author Contribution Award.
- The Faculty of Arts has recently added an Anthropology course to the Winter 2021 schedule: Anthropology of Global Public Health. Students will study the COVID-19 pandemic while living through it. They will be looking at organizations, governments, and agencies working worldwide and also assessing and exploring these groups' efforts to deal with COVID and stop its spread.

Science – Senator Ardelli

Senator Ardelli reported on the following:

- Dr. Nancy Newall (Psychology) received \$8,420.00 from the University of Manitoba for their research project entitled "Improving the Social Inclusion of Vulnerable Older Adults in Winnipeg".
- Dr. Hamid Mumin (Geology) received \$9,300.00 from Hudbay Minerals Inc., Manitoba Business Unit for their research project entitled "Nature of Gold in the 1901 Deposit, Snow Lake, Manitoba".
- On 16 December 2020, there will be a very big announcement. One of the embargoed items will be revealed.
- Science is about to receive a very unique piece of equipment called the Anatomage Table. BU will be the 5th university in Canada to own one of these. The Anatomage Table is the most technologically advanced anatomy visualization system on the market in the world. It is described as a game changer in student learning.
- Dr. Ardelli serves as the NSERC Leader for Brandon University and has attended a few NSERC Leaders meetings over the past year. On December 2-4th, she attended the Joint Annual SSHRC-NSERC Leaders Meeting with 142 participants. Some session highlights include the following:

- PromoScience will be developing a campaign to deal with vaccine hesitancy around COVID and also promoting the importance of research to society;
- Women are much more affected by the pandemic – the road to achievement was not made easier because they are women;
- How to preserve a whole generation of researchers that could be lost due to hiring freezes, northern research impacted, lack of data collection, postdoctoral positions impacted – there is a cascading impact;
- What are the barriers that are pushing equity seeking groups out of research and how does the scholarly community protect those being most affected by the pandemic;
- After more than 20 years, they are finally raising the value of an NSERC USRA from \$4500 to \$6000 with a total value of around \$7500;
- There was an amazing session on anti-black racism and discrimination in research systems.

Education – Senator Duncan

Senator Duncan had no report at this time.

Health Studies – Senator Ross

Senator Ross reported on the following:

- She expressed her gratefulness for the ingenuity and tenacity of Health Studies students, faculty, and staff. Students have made it through the term and their clinical placements, staying on track for graduation.

Music – Senator Gatien

Senator Gatien reported on the following:

- The Alumni pro series was successful.
- The School is planning a virtual open house for prospective students in mid-January.
- Graduate students presented their research in a recent Out-of-Bounds Lecture. This was a highly successful, well attended event.
- The School has been busy with students recording auditions, recitals and juries, faculty recording/rehearsing concerts
 - There are many uplifting examples of the ingenuity, determination, and collegiality of students, staff, and faculty in navigating our first semester of pandemic teaching & learning.

Dean of Students – Senator Gross

Senator Gross reported on the following:

- Marsha Harris made and distributed 200 “Exam Kits” to residence students and students studying in the library.
- Katie has worked with the faculty from Gender and Women’s Studies to create a COVID-19 Relief Fund for their major and minor students.
- There are still 14 students enrolled in the Al and Bee Wagner Transition program. Deidre Gregory is doing a fantastic job.
- The Office of International Activities hosted two virtual open houses on December 5th and 6th for prospective students.
- The Recruitment and Retention team is busy planning Early Alert and Orientation for the winter term.
- Thanks to BUSU for re-engaging their food security program.

CIO – Senator Sucha

Senator Sucha reported on the following:

COVID Response:

- The Library is operating in limited capacity and as essential service in line with public health orders.

Strategic Work:

- Library & IT Services issued BU's response, in collaboration with Research Office and Associate VP Research, to NDRIO (New Digital Research Infrastructure Organization) calls for white papers and documentation to inform their response to addressing national needs.
- Network and Operations investigated and reported on wireless performance in residence; results show that performance has improved from past years, but there is room for additional improvement as well. This was brought forward to Ancillary Services, and the unit agreed on investment in network infrastructure improvements in support of academic work and connected lifestyles. We anticipate that this will be an expectation for students living on campus beyond the pandemic.
- The Shared Chief Information Security Officer, Gerrit Bos, is onboard – he is based in Winnipeg and will also support University of Winnipeg and Université de Saint-Boniface. He will commence cybersecurity assessment for each of the three institutions through January and February.
- Building off successful transition to virtual delivery for Orange Shirt Day, Library is collaborating with IPC and Organizational Learning in delivery of a new program: Speaking Our Truth Book Club. The activity will take place over a series of weeks and will be facilitated by a Knowledge Keeper. Registration numbers show positive interest.

Registrar – Ms. McDaniel

Ms. McDaniel reported on the following:

- The CampusNexus ERP implementation is ongoing
 - “Spin o” data import has been completed, and data validation will begin shortly; this is the first test data import of several that will help the project team configure the system appropriately for Brandon University's historical data and go-forward plans.
 - The project team is currently working very hard on individual course configuration, including prerequisites and course equivalencies.
- The deadline for students to request Pass/No Credit grade conversion for Fall 2020 courses is January 20, 2021.
 - Reminder that grade conversion is not appropriate for all students:
 - Health Studies has issued a letter to their students explaining how Pass/No Credit grading can and cannot apply to students in their programs;
 - Business and Economics are not permitting Pass grades to count as satisfying minimum specific grade requirements for prerequisite and graduation requirements;
 - Science departments are still discussing whether Pass grades will or will not satisfy minimum specific grade requirements;
 - Education has confirmed that Pass grades will satisfy teachable subject grade requirements.
- The first admission report for the 2021 admission cycle was issued December 1, and application numbers are down quite significantly relative to the same point last year; this is not unexpected given the current state of the ongoing pandemic and associated uncertainty.

- Domestic application numbers are relatively stable; international applicants account for all of the decline in applications received.
- It is anticipated that international numbers will pick up as the months continue and more is known about next year's programming at BU and the state of the pandemic in Canada.

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

Senator Robinson reported on the following:

- There are 49 students in the Co-Operative Education Program. Of these students, 29 are new and 20 are continuing. These students represent eleven different degree programs. There are eleven students in each of Computer Science and Psychology.
- The first Co-Op student is on track to graduate in May.

4.5.10. Report from the President

Dr. Docherty reported on the following:

- There will be a second joint meeting of the Board of Governors and Senate.
 - Feedback from the last meeting was positive.
- The call for Chancellor has now been sent out and the recommendation will be presented to Senate by the Senate Executive in February 2021.
- The two searches for the AVP People and Talent and the VP Academic & Provost are both moving forward.
 - One challenge faced by the committees is candidates removing their applications from consideration due to not wanting to move during the pandemic.
- Advancement's annual fund raising has been very successful with many donors designating funds to student emergency support.
- The University will be holding a baking exchange to help bring back some spirit within the BU faculty and staff community.
- He congratulated everyone on Senate on making it through the term.

5. Other Business

6. Correspondence

7. Adjournment

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THAT the Senate adjourn at 4:30 pm.

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