

**MINUTES
OF THE NINTH AND LAST REGULAR MEETING OF THE 53rd SENATE
HELD TUESDAY, May 18, 2021 @ 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; Dr. Reinhold Kramer; Dr. Breanna Lawrence; Ms. Katie Gross;
Mr. Scott Lamont; Ms. Stacey Lee; Dr. Lynn MacKay; Ms. Andrea McDaniel;
Ms. Nancy McPherson; Ms. Susan Medd; Dr. Serena Petrella;
Dr. Doug Ramsey; Dr. Steve Robinson; Dr. Linda Ross; Ms. Melanie Sucha;
Dr. Candy Skyhar; Dr. Gautam Srivastava; Ms. Olufunke Adeleye (BUSU);
Ms. Saira Atif (BUSU); Ms. Mila Milosevic (BUSU); Mr. Iyiola Sanya (BUSU);
Ms. Kathleen Sevid (BUSU);
Ms. Kim Fallis (Recording Secretary).

Regrets: Mr. Grant Prairie; Ms. Tami Rourke

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION 210.MAY21 Gross/Skyhar

THAT the agenda be approved as distributed.

CARRIED

2. Closed Session

MOTION 211.MAY21 Bach/Forbes

THAT the committee move into CLOSED session.

CARRIED

3. Open Session

3.1. Approval of Minutes of March 16, 2021 and May 20, 2021 (Special Meeting)

MOTION 217.MAY21 Gross/Ross

THAT the Open Session minutes of March 16 and May 20, 2021 be approved as distributed.

CARRIED

3.2. Continuing Business

3.3. New Business

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

3.3.1.1. Faculty of Science

Chemistry

3.3.1.1.1. Chemistry Course Deletions

MOTION 218.MAY21 Robinson/Ardelli

THAT Senate approve the following course deletion as submitted by the Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Science.

- 18:175 Physical Science

CARRIED

3.3.1.1.2. Chemistry Course Revisions

MOTION 219.MAY21 Robinson/Ardelli

THAT Senate approve the following course revisions as submitted by the Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Science.

- 18:090 Introduction to Chemistry
 - Addition of antirequisite
- 18:260 Classical Physical Chemistry: Thermodynamics and Kinetics
 - Change title to Classical Physical Chemistry: Thermodynamics and description change
- 18:270 Classical Physical Chemistry II: Electrochemistry and Kinetics
 - Change title to Classical Physical Chemistry: Electrochemistry and Kinetics and description change
- 18:360 Advanced Physical Chemistry: Quantum Mechanics and Spectroscopy
 - Change title to Quantum Chemistry and Spectroscopy, lab deletion, and description change

CARRIED

Geology

3.3.1.1.3. Geology Course Revisions

MOTION 220.MAY21 Robinson/Ardelli

THAT Senate approve the following course revisions as submitted by the Department of Geology, Faculty of Science.

- 42:160 Introduction to Earth Science
 - Change title to Physical Geology and description change
- 42:161 Historical Geology
 - Description change
- 42:162 Our Dynamic Earth
 - Description change
- 42:163 This Old Earth: A Trip Through Time
 - Description change

CARRIED

3.3.1.1.4. Geology Curriculum & Program Changes – Revised Honours Options

MOTION 221.MAY21 Robinson/Ardelli

THAT Senate approve revised calendar wording to the Geology 4 Year Honours options as attached.

CARRIED

3.3.1.1.5. Geology Curriculum & Program Changes – New Stream

MOTION 222.MAY21 Robinson/Ardelli

THAT Senate approve the new Geology major stream, Palaeontology and Stratigraphy, as submitted by the Department of Geology, Faculty of Science.

CARRIED

Mathematics & Computer Science (M&CS)

3.3.1.1.6. M&CS New Courses

MOTION 223.MAY21 Robinson/Ardelli

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

- 62:256 Discrete Structures and Programming I
- 62:257 Discrete Structures and Programming II
- 62:353 Operating Systems I
- 62:354 Operating Systems II
- 62:463 Software Engineering
- 62:464 Cybersecurity

CARRIED

3.3.1.1.7. M&CS Course Deletions

MOTION 224.MAY21 Robinson/Ardelli

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

- 62:206 Discrete Structures
- 62:306 Systems

CARRIED

3.3.1.1.8. M&CS Course Revisions

MOTION 225.MAY21 Robinson/Ardelli

THAT Senate approve prerequisite changes and deletion of the lab for the following courses as submitted by the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, Faculty of Science:

- 62:367 Computer Organization I
- 62:368 Graphical User Interfaces
- 62:371 Database Systems
- 62:377 Introduction to Game Programming

3.3.1.1.9. M&CS Course Revisions

MOTION 226.MAY21 Robinson/Ardelli

THAT Senate approve prerequisite changes for following courses as submitted by the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, Faculty of Science:

- 62:359 Advanced C++Programming
- 62:373 Design and Analysis of Algorithms
- 62:379 Data Mining
- 62:389 Artificial Intelligence
- 62:452 Analysis of Networks
- 62:456 Computational Methods in Graph Theory
- 62:473 Analysis of Algorithms
- 62:480 Computer Graphics
- 62:481 Digital Image Processing
- 62:485 Expert Systems

CARRIED

3.3.1.1.10. M&CS Course Revisions

MOTION 227.MAY21 Robinson/Ardelli

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

- 62:376 Data Communications and Networking
 - Change title to Computer Networks, prerequisite change, and description change
- 62:460 Comparative Programming and Languages
 - Change title to Concepts of Programming Languages, prerequisite change, and description change

CARRIED

3.3.1.1.11. M&CS Curriculum & Program Changes

MOTION 228.MAY21 Robinson/Ardelli

THAT Senate approve the following curriculum & program changes as submitted by the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, Faculty of Science:

- Summary of Computer Science Changes – 4-Year Honours Major Program
- Summary of Computer Science Changes – 4-Year Major Program

- Summary of Computer Science Changes – 3-Year Major Program

CARRIED

3.3.1.2. Faculty of Education

Bachelor of Education (BED) Courses & Programs

3.3.1.2.1. BED New Courses

MOTION 229.MAY21 Robinson/Duncan

THAT Senate approve the following new courses as submitted by the Curriculum and Pedagogy, Faculty of Education:

- 02:351 Explorations in Education I
- 02:451 Explorations in Education II

CARRIED

3.3.1.2.2. BED Course Deletions

MOTION 230.MAY21 Robinson/Duncan

THAT Senate approve the following course deletions as submitted by the Department of Curriculum and Pedagogy, Faculty of Education:

- 02:382 Education of Aboriginal/Metis Child
- 02:383 Strategies for Teaching Aboriginal/Metis Children
- 03:399 Seminar in Education I
- 03:499 Seminar in Education II

CARRIED

3.3.1.2.3. BED Course Revisions

MOTION 231.MAY21 Robinson/Duncan

THAT Senate approve the following course revisions as submitted by the Department of Curriculum & Pedagogy, Faculty of Education:

- 02:399 Seminar in Education I
 - Change title to Topics in Education I and description change
- 02:499 Seminar in Education II
 - Change title to Topics in Education II and description change

CARRIED

3.3.1.2.4. BED Course Revisions

MOTION 232.MAY21 Robinson/Duncan

THAT Senate approve replacement of the term “Aboriginal” with “Indigenous” in course titles and course descriptions as submitted by the

Department of Curriculum and Pedagogy, Faculty of Education.

CARRIED

3.3.1.3. Faculty of Health Studies

Psychiatric Nursing

3.3.1.3.1. Psychiatric Nursing Curriculum & Program Changes

MOTION 233.MAY21 Robinson/Ross

THAT Senate approve the revised admission process to the Bachelor of Science in Psychiatric Nursing as submitted by the Department of Psychiatric Nursing, Faculty of Health Studies.

CARRIED

3.3.1.4. School of Music

3.3.1.4.1. Music Curriculum & Program Changes

MOTION 234.MAY21 Robinson/Gatien

THAT Senate approve the following Concert Credit Policy for the 2020-2021 academic year: Students attending an approved student recital or concert will receive half a concert credit. For this year, students are permitted to submit no more than eight student concerts/recitals (4 concert credits) for credit towards their concert attendance requirements.

CARRIED

3.3.2. Graduate Studies Committee (Sen. Robinson)

3.3.2.1. Graduate Studies Policies

MOTION 235.MAY21 Robinson/Ross

THAT Senate approve the proposed revision to the Academic Performance Assessment Regulations for graduate programs as submitted by the Graduate Studies Committee.

Friendly amendment: Eberts/Ramsey

Specification that student must be involved in preparation of the annual progress report and that the program Chair/Coordinator is responsible for final approval: "Submission of an annual progress report signed by the student, the thesis supervisor, and program Chair/Coordinator, is mandatory..."

CARRIED

3.3.2.2. Faculty of Education – Master of Education

3.3.2.2.1. Graduate Education - Course Changes

MOTION 236.MAY21 Robinson/Duncan

THAT Senate approve replacement of the term “Aboriginal” with “Indigenous” in course titles and course descriptions as submitted by the Department of Curriculum and Pedagogy, Faculty of Education (Graduate Studies).

CARRIED

3.3.2.3. Faculty of Health Studies – Master of Psychiatric Nursing

3.3.2.3.1. Graduate Health Studies – Psychiatric Nursing – Curriculum & Program Changes

MOTION 237.MAY21 Robinson/Ross

THAT Senate approve the following policy revisions as submitted by the Department of Psychiatric Nursing, Faculty of Health Studies (Graduate Studies):

- Admission Policy
- Course Access for Students Who Have Not Been Admitted to the MPN Program Policy
- Special Student Status Policy
- Leave of Absence Policy
- Program Progression Policy
- Scholarly Activities Guideline
- Second Degree Policy
- Program Advisement Policy

CARRIED

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

3.3.3.1. New Awards

MOTION 238.MAY21 Gatien/Ross

THAT the Senate approve the following new awards:

- Campbell & Marjorie Connor Bursary
- Karen Opper Memorial Bursary
- Charles & Marion Wilson Memorial Scholarship-Bursary in Music
- Wawanesa Insurance Scholarship-Bursary in Business Administration
- Wawanesa Insurance Scholarship-Bursary in Accounting
- Dr. Henry Venema Philosophy of Religion Award

CARRIED

3.3.3.2. Award Revisions

MOTION 239.MAY21 Robinson/Ross

THAT the Senate approve the revised Terms of Reference for the Claren Turner Scholarship in Gender & Women Studies as presented.

CARRIED

3.3.4. Senate Meeting Dates for 2021 – 2022

MOTION 240.MAY21 Gross/Petrella

THAT the Senate meet on the following dates during the 2021-2022 Senate session:

- June 15, 2021
- September 14, 2021
- October 19, 2021
- November 23, 2021
- December 14, 2021
- January 18, 2022
- February 15, 2022
- March 15, 2022
- May 17, 2022

CARRIED

3.3.5. Business Arising

- Report from the Senate Ad-Hoc Committee on Manitoba's Skills, Talent and Knowledge Strategy paper.

Dr. Docherty thanked the committee for the report and recognized the short time that the committee had to file the report. He then turned to Senator Forbes, Chair of the ad-hoc committee, for a brief overview of the report. He noted that the committee met on two occasions and engaged in productive discussion regarding the paper. The resulting report includes recommendations on where BU could excel and where BU could improve.

Senators had a number of questions and comments regarding the report. They thanked the committee for their work, recognising the short time frame and the time of the year in which it was undertaken. One Senator indicated that it would be good to celebrate explicitly more of the stand-out programs offered at BU. The co-op program information could be expanded, and there was no reference to the Public History program that BU offers in tandem with ACC. One Senator mentioned that BU should explore more opportunities for articulation agreements with the two major colleges in Manitoba: Assiniboine Community College and Red River College.

Some Senators offered suggestions on how BU could use this report to its advantage. A copy should be sent to all of the local MLAs and a news release provided to the local papers. It was also suggested that the ad-hoc committee's report be shared with faculty councils for their input as well.

Dr. Docherty explained that this report will be shared with incoming Senators as well as the Board of Governors. It will also be discussed during a joint meeting of Senate and the Board. He plans to share it also with other University/College Presidents as well as Government officials.

MOTION 000.MAY21 Eberts/Petrella

THAT the report from the Senate Ad-hoc Committee on Manitoba's Skills, Talent and Knowledge Strategy paper be received by Senate.

CARRIED

- **Fall 2021 Planning**

Dr. Docherty shared a PowerPoint presentation titled *2021 – 22 An Academic Transition Year*.

During ensuing discussion, Senators raised questions and suggestions, including the following:

With the suggestion of holding classes with 25 or less students on campus, are there enough rooms to be able to accommodate these classes with our current timetable?

- Senator Kramer reported that Arts has looked at room capacity and estimates that 67 of 147 courses could be offered on campus at this time.

There is concern with the variants that are airborne. What kind of air filtration will be added?

How will the University handle contact tracing with the number of individuals who may be on campus? In other environments, such as public schools or restaurants, protocols are in place to make contact tracing feasible.

If a student is showing signs of COVID-19, can the instructor direct that student to leave the class/campus, get tested, and go into quarantine?

If many students are participating in online courses in a single open area and all are asking questions/engaging in discussion, the area may become loud.

How will the transition between classrooms and movement within buildings be handled?

What food services will be available to students, faculty, and staff?

Dr. Docherty offered several responses and additional comments to conclude the discussion:

Based on the number of students registered several years ago, it appears that one third to one half of classes could be accommodated in person in respect of current physical distancing requirements.

Michael McCormick has looked at the ventilation system of each building and has reported that all meet requirements for safety.

In the case of students having a combination of online and in-person classes, designated areas will be identified and equipped so that students attend online courses and be able to charge laptops, etc. while on campus.

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

Senator Adeleye reported on the following:

- BUSU attended the International virtual open house organized by the Office of International Activities on March 26th and 27th. She met with new students, was able to introduce the union to them, and also answered some FAQs.
- BUSU started and completed the hiring process for directors into council. Hiring was concluded in April, but they do not yet have a Vice-President Internal. The new directors who will sit on Senate include those from Arts, Science, Health Studies, and Music, in addition to the Vice-President External.
- She met with the President of the union on March 18, 2021 and April 20, 2021 for their monthly meeting, and they were able to have some in-depth discussions about students.
- BUSU spoke at the committee stage for Bill 33 to express concerns about its vague wording and about how much power it gives to the Minister to control tuition fees. The Minister stated there is a proposed amendment which will be communicated soon.
- The BU/BUSU Work-Study Committee met on April 13th and concluded deliberations on applications. Successful faculty recipients should be receiving notice shortly and students were advised to watch for research-assistant job postings as they begin advertising.
- BUSU dissolved the SUDS (Student Union Drinking Spot) board on March 14th, 2021 as it was non-functional and had only existed on paper for the last few years. Planning has begun to determine appropriate use for the funds from that account.
- The BUSU office space is being renovated to allow more student access when campus reopens fully. The renovations also include the addition of a student lounge that was approved by the KDC.
- BUSU continues to provide advice and support to numerous students with navigating BU application and appeal processes as well as general services.
- BUSU continues to provide advice to students regarding academic dishonesty complaints and navigating the appeal process.
- Different BUSU clubs have started some club activities online; they are hoping to have more club participation in the next academic year.

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

Senator Rourke was absent with regrets. Dr. Docherty reported the following:

The Board met last week, and it was a working session concentrating on the Strategic Plan.

3.3.8. Reports from the Members of Deans' Council

Faculty of Arts – Senator Kramer

- The faculty has hired two new faculty members in Native Studies and one in History.
- There have been 28 graduate students accepted to the Master of Rural Development and seven to the Graduate Diploma in Rural Development.

Faculty of Science – Senator Ardelli

- Congratulations to Ms. Taylor Goodon on receiving a 3M National Student Fellowship award. She is one of 10 national recipients.
- Congratulations to Dr. Mousumi Majumder on receiving \$1.2 million in support of a new Genotoxicology research laboratory.

Faculty of Education – Senator Duncan

- Students graduating from the Bachelor of Education program are accepting employment offers.
- The Faculty has completed the hiring process for two faculty positions.
- Congratulations to Dr. Michael Nantais on his retirement.

Faculty of Health Studies – Senator Ross

- No report at this time.

School of Music – Senator Gatien

- Two faculty searches are close to being wrapped up, while a search is underway for a one-year term in Jazz & Contemporary Popular Music, with preference to a rhythm section instrument.
- They are hopeful that a search for a continuing director of the Eckhardt-Gramatté Conservatory of Music is also getting close to its conclusion, having interviewed two outstanding applicants last week.
- An outstanding colleague and former Senator, Professor Michael Cain, will be retiring from Brandon University. Michael's teaching, research, and service were on the highest level – his contributions to the School of Music and the University are many and lasting. Mr. Gatien offered his strong thanks to Professor Cain and indicated that he will be greatly missed.
- School of Music graduating students are doing very well – Music Education students are accepting positions, several in Western Manitoba. Mr Gatien noted the specific achievement of a fellow Senator, Sophia Rivera, who has been accepted – with an impressive funding package – into the University of North Texas' euphonium studio, considered by many to be the finest graduate program of its kind in the world. This is an extraordinary accomplishment by an extraordinary student.
- The Lorne Watson Recital Hall, on the recommendation of James Ehnes, was included on a CBC feature entitled "50 Magical Venues" – an interactive exploration of great live music venues across the country.
- James Ehnes, the 30 time Juno nominee, 11 time Juno award-winning, 2 time Grammy award winning violinist – whose father was a pillar of the School of Music's faculty for decades – delivered a spectacular violin masterclass over zoom on April 18th.
- Dr. Sheelagh Chadwick's collaborative research project, exploring the impacts of the pandemic on Manitoban Music Educators, was picked up by the Winnipeg Free Press last Friday, CBC's newsfeed, and featured on a segment of the popular CBC national radio show "As It Happens".

Dean of Students – Senator Gross

- New Student Advising began May 17th. Thanks to the Academic Advisors and Student Success Officers.
- The University received a \$25,000 Bell Let's Talk Grant to work towards the CSA Standard on the Mental Health and well-being for post-secondary students.
- Student Services will be working with PMRHA in the next academic year to offer the nurse practitioner clinic and the Strive to Thrive program.
- Student Services worked with Probe Research to run an Early Leavers survey. Results will be shared.
- International prospective student open house was held March 27/28th. Thanks to the Office of International Activities.
- Student Services External Review was held March 30 and 31st.
- Doug Pople worked with IANE to host community career fair.
- Searches for a Counsellor Therapist, Academic Advisor, and Director for Recruitment and Retention have been completed.

CIO – Senator Sucha

- The Library continues operating with COVID-restrictions and reduced hours through summer term.
- The Library continues with its deselection and shifting work, with campus-wide consultation underway.
- The Senate Library Committee reviewed its by-laws and brought updates back to Secretary.
- The Collection Management Policy is with Library Council for review, then will be brought to Senate Library Committee.
- The Library supported the Diversity and Human Rights Office by preparing materials for Asian American Heritage Month.
- The Laptop Loan program transitioned from Student Services to IT Services; students do not need to show proof of financial need to borrow a laptop device.

University Registrar – Ms. McDaniel

- Virtual Convocation ceremonies (one per Faculty/School) will be released to the BU website on May 27 (exact time tbd)
- Course registration for 2021-22 is underway
 - Returning student registration opened on May 3, and new student registration opened May 17
 - The online registration system experienced many difficulties on May 3 due to the high number of students trying to access the system
 - The system challenges resolved after the first day, and students have been accessing courses relatively seamlessly since
 - Overall registration numbers are much lower than at this point in past years due to the delayed registration start dates
 - Comparing only returning student data, registrations are still down quite significantly, partially due to the delayed opening of registration but likely also partially due to students waiting to register until there is more clarity around fall term course delivery

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

Senator Robinson reported on the following:

- There are three factors that make successful co-op placements – faculty members' willingness to welcome students into their programs, students that take on the extra challenge of finding and winning co-op placements, and finally employers willing to take on co-op students. In the second year of the program, there was a 92% placement rate vs. the national average of 40%. This year, the number of students in the program has doubled, and there is a 78% placement rate with a national placement percentage of 59%.
- He attended a meeting with representatives from the government including representatives from Advanced Education to look at the expansion of nurse training programs in the province. The Government is looking at expanding the annual intake of 200 seats for LPN's, as well as 200 seats for RN's and RPN's together. This increase of students is to take place over two years beginning in 2021.

3.3.10. Report from the President (Dr. Docherty)

Dr. Docherty reported on the following:

- In the University Act (Section 14 (1) (f)), Senate membership includes a position for the "Director of the Educational Technology Unit or, if there is none, the person exercising comparable functions." It was determined that Mr. Curt Shoultz, Director of the Centre for Teaching, Learning & Technology, will be joining Senate in this position.
- Senator Ms. Mary Jane McCallum, the newly elected Chancellor of Brandon University, was on campus to take the oath of office and to record her address to the graduating students. She also attended the Board of Governors meeting. There has been great response from the University and greater community of Brandon on her selection.

4. Other Business

5. Correspondence

6. Adjournment

MOTION 242.MAY21 Bach/Sucha

THAT the Senate adjourn at 5:00 pm.

CARRIED