

**OPEN MINUTES  
OF THE FIRST REGULAR MEETING OF THE 54<sup>th</sup> SENATE  
HELD TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 2021 @ 2:00 PM  
BY ZOOM**

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Present: David Docherty (Chair); Bernadette Ardelli; Edward Bach;  
Kathryn Chachula; Heather Duncan; Cora Dupuis; Derrek Eberts;  
Scott Forbes; Greg Gatien; Jane Karpa; Reinhold Kramer;  
Breanna Lawrence; Katie Gross; Scott Lamont; Rory Lucyshyn-Wright;  
Andrea McDaniel; Nancy McPherson; Kurt Noll; Serena Petrella; Grant Prairie;  
Steve Robinson; Linda Ross; Tami Rourke; Curt Shoultz; Melanie Sucha;  
Olufunke Adeleye (BUSU); Akech Mayuom-Deng (BUSU); Iyiola Sanya (BUSU);  
Kathleen Servidad (BUSU);  
Kim Fallis (Recording Secretary)

Regrets: Simon Pattison; Saira Atif (BUSU); Mila Baqueiro Milosevic (BUSU)

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As this was the first meeting of the 54<sup>th</sup> Senate, introductions were conducted.

**1. Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION 001.JUN21 Bach/Rourke**

THAT the agenda be approved as distributed.

**CARRIED**

**2. Closed Session**

**MOTION 002.JUN21 Bach/Rourke**

THAT the committee move into CLOSED session.

**CARRIED**

**3. Open Session**

3.1. Approval of Open Session minutes of May 18, 2021

**MOTION 006JUN21 Gross/Shoultz**

THAT the Open Session minutes of May 18, 2021 be approved as distributed.

**CARRIED**

3.2. Appointment of Committees

3.2.1. Election of the 2021 – 2022 Senate Executive Committee  
(Requires a Senator from each faculty/school and a student Senator)

Arts – Senator Kurt Noll volunteered to be the Arts representative.

**ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION**

Science –The Dean of Science was absent with regrets, so the Science faculty Senators agreed to discuss the nomination with the Dean and then communicate the name of the representative to the Senate Office. The Senate Office subsequently received a nomination for Dr. Simon Pattison to serve as their representative.

**ELECTION TO BE COMPLETED AT SEPTEMBER SENATE**

Education – Senator Scott Forbes volunteered to be the Education representative.

**ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION**

Music – Senator Edward Bach volunteered to be the Music representative.

**ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION**

Health Studies – Senator Karpa volunteered to be the Health Studies representative.

**ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION**

Student Senator – Senator Olufunke Adeleye volunteered to be the BUSU Student representative.

**ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION**

3.2.2. Election of Senate Representative to the Library Committee

Senator Katie Gross volunteered to be the Senate representative to the Library Committee.

**ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION**

3.2.3. Election of a Senate Representative to the Scholarships Committee

Senator Edward Bach nominated Senator Greg Gatien to be the Senate representative to the Scholarships Committee.

**ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION**

3.2.4. Election of a Senate Representative to the International Activities Committee  
(According to the Bylaws, this representative is the Chair of the Committee)

This item was deferred to the September 16, 2021 meeting of Senate.

3.2.5. Election of a Student Senator to the Committee to Administer the Knowles Distinguished Visiting Professorship

Senator Bach nominated Senator Kathleen Servidad.

**ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION**

3.2.6. Election of a Senator to the Senate Research Committee

Senator Duncan nominated Senator Breanna Lawrence.

**ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION**

3.3. Business Arising

3.4. Continuing Business

3.5. New Business

3.5.1. Classroom Planning 2021-2022

- In general, classes with 25 or fewer registered students will be held in person, and classes over 25 will be held remotely, with some exceptions.
- Michael McCormick, Director of Physical Plant, is meeting with each Dean to determine what classrooms are available, how many students each can accommodate with social distancing rules, and what modifications may be required.
- A Senator inquired as to whether a document will be distributed to faculty outlining classroom protocols, including any prohibited classroom activities such as having students breakout into small groups. Since these are primarily administrative matters, it will be up to each faculty to determine appropriate parameters for their areas. Senator Gross noted that some concerns related to students not complying with established pandemic protocols are addressed in the Student Non-Academic Misconduct Policy.

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

3.5.2.1. Faculty of Education

Physical Education Studies

3.5.2.1.1. Physical Education Course Revisions

**MOTION 007.JUN21 Robinson/Forbes**

THAT the Senate approve the following title change as submitted by the Department of Physical Education, Faculty of Education:

- 05:327 Organization and Administration of Physical Education and Athletics II – change title to Sport Management

**CARRIED**

3.5.2.2. Faculty of Health Studies

Nursing

**MOTION 008.JUN21 Robinson/Karpa**

THAT the Senate approve the following program changes as submitted by the Department of Nursing, Faculty of Health Studies:

- Acceptance of courses from the Faculty of Education and School of Music at the 100 level or higher as Department of Nursing electives, effective 2022 – 2023 academic year.
- Acceptance of non-nursing courses that have been successfully completed within 10 years of admission to the Nursing program.
- Approval of a pass/fail final evaluation for all Nursing Practice Courses, effective September 2021

**CARRIED**

Psychiatric Nursing

**MOTION 009.JUN21 Robinson/Karpa**

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

- Change 69:255, 69:262; 69:265 and 69:346 to pass/fail grading, effective September 2021.

**CARRIED**

3.5.3. Graduate Studies Committee (Sen. Robinson)

3.5.3.1. Faculty of Education – Master of Education

3.5.3.1.1. Graduate Education New Courses

**MOTION 010.JUN21 Robinson/Duncan**

THAT the Senate approve the following new course as submitted by the Department of Graduate Education, Faculty of Education:

- 02:793 Graduate Explorations in Education

**CARRIED**

3.5.3.1.2. Graduate Education Course Deletions

**MOTION 011.JUN21 Robinson/Duncan**

- 02:779 Applying Technology in Distant Education

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

3.5.4.1. New Awards

**MOTION 012.JUN21 Gatien/Forbes**

THAT the Senate approve the Community Futures Westman Bursary as presented.

To be awarded, by departmental recommendation and on the basis of financial need, to a continuing student in the Bachelor of Business Administration or Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Business Administration, who demonstrates strong skills in leadership and innovation. This award may not be divided.

Award value: \$1000.00

**CARRIED**

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

Senator Adeleye reported on the following:

- BUSU continues to provide students advice on completing the admission and appeal process.
- They continue to advise and offer representation to students on Academic Integrity appeals.
- They will be providing students with printed information regarding their services, and copies will be posted in the BUSU lounge, in the residence buildings, and other places on campus where students gather.
- They are planning a COVID-19 Town Hall to educate students on the vaccines and encourage students to get them as soon as possible.
- They have begun working on Orientation for the fall.

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

Senator Rourke did not have a report. The next meeting of the Board will be on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

3.5.7. Reports from the Members of Deans' Council

Faculty of Arts – Senator Kramer

- Three faculty members from Arts (Ariane Hanemaayer, Patricia Harms, and Hejun Zhuang) will receive funding from SSHRC Insight Grants in an amount totaling more than \$275,000.
- Two Arts faculty members have recently left BU: Cathy Mattes from Visual Arts and Jim Forsythe from Drama (retirement).

Faculty of Science – Senator Ardelli

Senator Ardelli was absent with regrets.

Faculty of Education – Senator Duncan

- The Faculty has just completed the hiring process for four new instructors.
- Senator Duncan announced that Michael Nantais has retired, and Novell Thomas has left BU for a position at an institution in BC

Faculty of Health Studies – Senator Ross

Senator Ross had nothing to report at this time.

School of Music – Senator Gatien

- Music will be announcing a new faculty appointment in saxophone/Jazz and Contemporary Popular Music very soon as well as a new and continuing director of the Conservatory.
- They are close to completing a search for a composer and are excited by the applicants. They have just begun a promising search for a term appointment that will take over the workload vacated by Michael Cain, soon-to-be retired colleague and former Senator.
- The School of Music held a Zoom celebration for graduating students. Students, parents, and many others helped celebrate the graduates' successes.

#### Dean of Students – Senator Gross

Senator Gross was obligated to leave the Senate meeting early and was, therefore, unavailable to provide a report..

#### CIO – Senator Sucha

Senator Sucha was absent with regrets, so Senator Robinson presented her report.

- The Library continues with its deselection and shifting project through the summer, with campus-wide consultation completed per Senate Policy.
- The Collections Policy update was accepted by Library Council and will be brought forward to Senate Library Committee when it reconvenes.
- In keeping with Tri-Agency Research Data Management Policy, the Library will commence work to develop an institutional data management strategy for BU. As a first step in this work, a survey on the state of practices and awareness will be shared with the BU campus community in the near term.
- Library and ITS are continuing Fall planning. Some key changes to note are that the laptop loan program has shifted to ITS with no need for proof of financial need and Interlibrary Loan of physical items is being expedited and will be resuming by end of June.
- Shared CISO security assessment report has been submitted and recommendations will be shared with the VP (Academic) and VP (Administration & Finance) this month.
- Residence wifi improvements are underway this summer.
- Redeployed support from Ancillary is supporting the Archives with digitizing images, photographing artefacts, and inventorying collections to assist in future reference and access activities. This resource is supporting library shifting as well.

#### University Registrar – Ms. McDaniel

- Virtual Convocation is still available to view on the Convocation website. She extended thanks to everyone who was part of the graduation process.

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

Senator Robinson reported on the following:

- The Co-op program continues to be a success. Last year, due to COVID-19, many employers were not able to take on Co-op students. The rate for Co-op student placement across Canada was 34%, but BU had an impressive placement rate of 93%.
- This year, our placement is at 90% with 38 of 42 of the Co-op students having found employment.
- Office of Research Services – Peter Whittington has received an Alliance Grant in the amount of \$250,000 over 5 years.

#### 3.5.9. Report from the President (Dr. Docherty)

Dr. Docherty reported on the following:

- There are six new flag poles located in front of Clark Hall. On June 17<sup>th</sup>, there will be a flag raising ceremony where BU will raise the following flags: Pride flag for the month of June, Canadian flag, Manitoba flag, Treaty Two flag, Metis flag, and an All Nations flag.

- The report that was produced by the Senate Ad Hoc committee on the provincial Skills, Talent and Knowledge report will be presented at the next Board meeting. This report will also be the subject of discussion at the joint meeting of Senate and the Board in September.
- The Strategic Plan is going well. One consistently reappearing point of discussion is that BU is a great campus but we offer little gathering space for students. Individuals have also commented on how intimidating certain areas of the campus are. BU will be participating in the virtual presentation of Open Doors Brandon which will give BU the opportunity to share the great spaces that we have.

#### **4. Other Business**

#### **5. Correspondence**

- Emailed Letter from James V. Maiello, Ph.D.

Dr. Docherty introduced a letter that had been received via email, addressed to the Senate, from James V. Maiello, Ph.D., an individual in Winnipeg, who objected to Brandon University's granting of an Honorary Doctorate to Dr. Brent Roussin at the Spring 2021 Convocation.

#### **6. Adjournment**

##### **MOTION 012.JUN21 Petrella/Forbes**

THAT the Senate adjourn at 3:17 pm.

**CARRIED**