

**OPEN MINUTES
OF THE SEVENTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE 54th SENATE
HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2022 @ 2:00 PM
BY ZOOM**

Present: David Docherty (Chair); Bernadette Ardelli; Edward Bach;
Kathryn Chachula; Heather Duncan; Greg Gatien; Jane Karpa;
Katie Gross; Scott Lamont; Breanna Lawrence; Rory Lucyshyn-Wright;
Mary Jane McCallum; Andrea McDaniel; Nancy McPherson;
Eftihia Mihelakis; Kurt Noll; Simon Pattison; Linda Ross; Kim Ryan;
Curt Shoultz; Balfour Spence; Melanie Sucha;
Agnes Wittmann (designated replacement for Joe Funk);
Mila Baqueiro Milosevic (BUSU);
Kim Fallis (Recording Secretary)

Regrets: Kofi Campbell; Scott Forbes; Joe Funk; Olufunke Adeleye (BUSU);
Saira Atif (BUSU); Akech Mayuom-Deng (BUSU); Titilayo Omojowo (BUSU);
Similoluwa Omotoye (BUSU); Iyiola Sanya (BUSU); Kathleen Servidad (BUSU)

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION 140.FEB22 Gross/Shoultz

THAT the agenda be approved as distributed.

CARRIED

2. Closed Session

MOTION 141.FEB22 Ross/Ryan

THAT the committee move into CLOSED session.

CARRIED

3. Raised Motions from Closed Session

MOTION 144.FEB22 Gatien/Lamont

THAT Senate endorse the recommendation from the Senate Executive to grant William (Bill) Gordon and Heather Coulter Lifetime Achievement Awards to be presented at the Spring 2022 convocation.

CARRIED

MOTION 145.FEB22 Gatien/Gross

THAT the Senate approve revision of Brandon University's Honorary Degree Policy as presented.

CARRIED

MOTION 146.FEB22 Gross/Pattison

THAT Senate approve the Final List of February 15, 2022, graduands:
AND
THAT the list be forwarded to the Board of Governors *For Information*

CARRIED

4. Open Session

4.1. Approval of Minutes of January 18, 2022

MOTION 149.FEB22 Spence/Lucyshyn-Wright

THAT the Open Session minutes of January 18, 2022 be approved as distributed.

CARRIED

4.2. Business Arising

4.3. Continuing Business

4.3.1. Indigenous Education Senate-Sub Committee (IESSC) (Sen. Campbell)

4.3.1.1. Mandatory Indigenous Course Requirement

This motion was not voted on at the February 23, 2021 meeting and was back on the table for a vote at this meeting.

MOTION 175.FEB21 Sucha/Robinson

THAT the Senate approve that a minimum of 3 credit hours of Indigenous education is required for every undergraduate and graduate-degree at Brandon University. On the model of liberal education requirements.

AND

THAT students will choose from a list of approved courses.

MOTION 000.FEB22 Gatien/Duncan

THAT Motion 175.FEB21 be amended to exclude reference to graduate degrees such that the motion only applies to undergraduate degrees at Brandon University.

CARRIED

Amended wording for Motion 175.FEB21:

THAT the Senate approve that a minimum of 3 credit hour of Indigenous education is required for every undergraduate degree at Brandon University. On the model of liberal education requirements.

AND

THAT students will choose from a list of approved courses.

**CARRIED
as amended**

Senator Mihelakis requested that the committee, once established, contact each department directly when creating the list of undergraduate courses that may be used to meet this requirement.

4.4. New Business

4.4.1. Curriculum & Academic Planning Committee (Sen. Campbell)

4.4.1.1. Faculty of Arts

History

4.4.1.1.1. History - New Courses

MOTION 150.FEB22 Spence/Shoultz

THAT the Senate approve the following new course as submitted by the Department of History, Faculty of Arts.

- 54:269 (HIST 2028) The Historian's Craft

CARRIED

Native Studies

4.4.1.1.2. Native Studies - Course Revision

MOTION 151.FEB22 Spence/Mihelakis

THAT the Senate approve the following course revision as submitted by the Department of Native Studies, Faculty of Arts:

- 68:353 20th Century Rise of the Métis Nation

CARRIED

4.4.1.2. Faculty of Education

Bachelor of Education (BED) Courses & Programs

4.4.1.2.1. BED Curriculum & Program Revisions

MOTION 152.FEB22 Chachula/Shoultz

THAT the Senate approve that slots E10 and E11 (4:00 – 5:50 pm) replace current slots E08 and E09 in the Faculty of Education course scheduling slot sheet.

MOTION 000.FEB22 Duncan/Lawrence

THAT Motion 152.FEB22 be amended such that new slots E10 and E11 are added to the Faculty of Education course scheduling slot sheet and that original slots E08 and E09 remain.

CARRIED

Amended wording for Motion 152.FEB22:

THAT the Senate approve that two new slots, E10 and E11 (4:00 – 5:50 pm), be added to the Faculty of Education course scheduling slot sheet, leaving existing slots E08 and E09 in the schedule unrevised.

**CARRIED
as amended**

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

Senator Adeleye was absent with regrets so Senator Baqueiro Milosevic presented the report:

- The student lounge is now open in the Mingling Area giving the students an additional space to gather.

4.4.3. Reports from the Members of Deans' Council (Dr. Docherty will call on these individuals for reports)

Arts – Senator Spence

- No report at this time.

Science – Senator Ardelli

- No report at this time.

Education – Senator Duncan

- The Research Office is in the final stages of hiring an additional research officer.

Health Studies – Senator Ross

- No report at this time

Music – Senator Gatien

- Live music is starting again with a student concert at the Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba. The Brandon Chamber Players also hosted two events. This was very well received and there will be another event in March.
- The School of Music, recognizing the pedagogical importance of students' experience performing to a live audience, graduating students will be able to invite family and friends to their final graduation recital. Depending on capacity, this option may be available to third year students as well.
- Senator Bach will be interim Department Chair in the Performance program.
- Marika Galea is being offered a tenure track position and the Music faculty looks forward to her continuing employment.

Dean of Students – Senator Gross

- The committee has received nine student nominations for the Women of Distinction award. This event has not been in-person since 2020 and will be held virtually this year. The event will take place on March 8th over noon hour; please join us to honour these individuals who identify as women on the BU campus.
- Senator Gross is working with Communication to address commonly asked questions related to the partial return to in-person classes on campus and associated protocols.
- Cheryl Fleming and Erin Mills are working on a diversity web page in association with the Student Services web page. This will recognize diversity in our student body and in research.

CIO – Senator Sucha

- The Library and IT HelpDesk will resume regular services to students, faculty, and staff on February 28, maintaining all campus health protocols.
- ITS' self-phishing campaign demonstrated good employee awareness of phishing, with these metrics improving year-over-year. The campaign demonstrated gaps in student awareness of fraudulent electronic messaging, with detailed findings brought forward to Deans' Council and BUSU. These findings will influence ongoing awareness campaigns and plans for broader multi-factor authentication rollout to continue protecting the campus at both the end-user awareness and system levels.
- Library is working with BU's Diversity and Human Rights Advisor, creating a physical display to recognize Black History Month, and updating the virtual display of materials highlighting contributions of Black authors and researchers this month and beyond.

- The City of Brandon has commenced public engagement for the Brandon City Plan, sharing a historic image from the McKee Archives in its online website. www.brandon.ca/cityplan

Registrar - Ms. McDaniel

- The BU teams responsible for enrollment management are watching the 2022-23 admission reports closely as BU has not received as many applications as would be expected at this point in the admission cycle, and peak admission season is beginning.
 - Applications from local high school students are stable, but applications from domestic transfer and other “non-traditional” applicants are down, as are international applications.
 - The Recruitment and Admissions teams will be meeting to consider strategies to connect with the groups currently under-represented in the applicant pool.

4.4.4. Report from the Vice-President (Academic & Provost) (Sen. Campbell)

Senator Campbell was absent with regrets.

4.4.5. Report from the President (Dr. Docherty)

Dr. Docherty reported on the following:

- Dr. Campbell, Scott Lamont, Dr. Docherty, and other University executives were to meet with the government to discuss a revised tuition/fee policy, but this meeting has been postponed until early March.
- The University will continue with its current COVID-19 policies despite the upcoming changes to provincial regulations. As planned, courses of 25 or less will return to campus after the February study break.

5. Other Business

6. Correspondence

7. Adjournment

MOTION 153.FEB22 Gross/Bach

THAT the Senate adjourn at 3:30 pm.

CARRIED