

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

Present: David Docherty (Chair); Bernadette Ardelli; Edward Bach; Kofi Campbell; Heather Duncan; Greg Gatien; Katie Gross; Jane Karpa; Breanna Lawrence; Rory Lucyshyn-Wright; Michelle Magnusson, Mary Jane McCallum; Andrea McDaniel; Nancy McPherson; Eftihia Mihelakis; Kurt Noll; Simon Pattison; Linda Ross; Kim Ryan; Curt Shoultz; Balfour Spence; Melanie Sucha; Mila Baqueiro Milosevic (BUSU); Kim Fallis (Recording Secretary)

Regrets: Kathryn Chachula; Scott Forbes; Scott Lamont; Olufunke Adeleye (BUSU); Saira Atif (BUSU); Akech Mayuom-Deng (BUSU); Titilayo Omojowo (BUSU); Similoluwa Omotoye (BUSU); Iyiola Sanya (BUSU); Kathleen Servidad (BUSU)

Approval of Agenda

1. MOTION 154.MAR22 Gross/Pattison

THAT the agenda be approved as distributed.

CARRIED

2. Closed Session

MOTION 155.MAR22 Bach/Spence

THAT the committee move into CLOSED Session.

CARRIED

3. Raised Motions from Closed Session

MOTION 158.MAR22 Campbell/Shoultz

THAT the Senate approve Dr. Joe Stouffer, Faculty of Education, as recipient of the Senate Award for Excellence in Teaching (Tier II) for 2022.

CARRIED

MOTION 159.MAR22 Duncan/Shoultz

THAT the Senate approve Dr. Chris Schneider, Faculty of Arts, as recipient of the Senate Award for Excellence in Research (Tier I) for 2022.

CARRIED

4. Open Session

4.1. Approval of Minutes of February 15, 2022

MOTION 162.MAR22 Pattison/McPherson

THAT the Open Session minutes of February 15, 2022 be approved as distributed.

CARRIED

4.2. Business Arising

4.3. Continuing Business

4.4. New Business

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

4.4.1.1. Faculty of Education

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Education (BED) Integrated Program Courses & Programs

4.4.1.1.1. BED Curriculum & Program Revisions

MOTION 163.MAR22 Duncan/Lawrence

THAT the Senate approve the following calendar language revision, noted in red, to the Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Education Integrated program, as submitted by the Faculty of Education.

Once students have completed all credit hours towards the B.A. portion of the degree and the required 30 credit hours in Education as specified in section (Program Requirements Year 1 through Year 4), and have the minimum 2.50 GPA, **they will be enrolled into the 5th year of the Integrated Program.**

CARRIED

4.4.1.2. Faculty of Health Studies

Nursing & Psychiatric Nursing

4.4.1.2.1. Nursing & Psychiatric Nursing Policies

MOTION 164.MAR22 Ross/Ryan

THAT the Senate approve revision to the Bachelor of Nursing and Bachelor of Science in Psychiatric Nursing Leave of Absence policy as submitted by the Faculty of Health Studies.

CARRIED

MOTION 165.MAR22 Ross/Ryan

THAT the Senate approve revision to the Bachelor of Nursing and Bachelor of Science in Psychiatric Nursing Extended Leave of Absence policy and Remediation Process Checklist, as submitted by the Faculty of Health Studies.

CARRIED

Nursing

4.4.1.2.2. Nursing Policy

MOTION 166.MAR22 Ross/Ryan

THAT the Senate approve revision of the Bachelor of Nursing Math Competency for BN Students policy, as submitted by the Faculty of Health Studies.

CARRIED

4.4.2. Athletics Scholarships Committee of Senate (Sen. Gaten)

4.4.2.1. New Awards

MOTION 167.MAR22 Gatien/Bach

That the Senate approve the new award, the Pallister Men's Athletic Award, as presented.

CARRIED

4.4.2.2. Award Revisions

MOTION 168.MAR22 Gatien/Bach

THAT the Senate approve the revised terms of reference of the Pallister Women's Athletic Award as presented.

CARRIED

4.4.3. Senate Research Committee (attached) (Sen. Duncan)

4.4.3.1. Item Description

MOTION 169.MAR22 Duncan/Spence

THAT the Senate approve the Brandon University Off-Campus Activities Policy as attached.

CARRIED

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

BUSU elections are in process so there was no BUSU report.

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

Arts – Senator Spence

- The Department of Rural Development has completed its vetting process of new applications to the Master of Rural Development program. This year, they have had the highest number of applicants in a single year: 110 applications. Only 40 applicants will be accepted into the program.
- The Faculty of Graduate Studies Website is being updated to reflect the new program name, Master of Arts (Rural Development), which was approved recently by the Provincial Government.
- The University has also received approval from the Provincial Government for the name change of the French major and minor in the Department of Francophone Studies and Languages to "French and Francophone Studies".
- The Department of Visual Art will be holding their Thesis exhibits for graduating students on March 25th at the Sutherland Gallery.

Science – Senator Ardelli

- No Report

Education – Senator Duncan

- The new Research Officer has been hired and will be joining the department on May 1st.

- Education students are now undertaking their final practicums in the classroom. This will be the first true experience for many of these students working in the schools with students due to the pandemic.
- Education is in the process of recruiting for three sabbatical replacements.

Health Studies – Senator Ross

- The Bachelor of Nursing program has been granted five-year accreditation from CASN (Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing). The maximum duration for accreditation is seven years. CASN accreditation speaks to the quality of the program. Congratulations to the Nursing Department, and a special thank you to faculty member, Catherine Baxter, who did so much work in preparing the documentation for the CASN review process!

Music – Senator Gatien

- The School of Music is coming into the last month of in-person instruction at the Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium. Using this space was a valuable and positive experience for the staff and students. It was noted that the auditorium staff were very accommodating, and they now feel like part of the School.
- The Indigenous Education Sub-committee of Senate (IESS) working group is initiating a survey of current and former students who self-declared as Indigenous and who had applied to the School of Music but did not attend. The goal is to have conversations regarding barriers that may have been in place that contributed to their decision not to attend as well as to determine what the School did well and what could be improved.
- Faculty in the School are starting to see the deficits that students are facing from having had so much virtual instruction during the pandemic. Many of these students are experiencing their first opportunity to perform in front of a live audience. There will be discussion on how to better prepare students from grades 11/12 and first year university after they have experienced two years of virtual instruction.
- The School is planning an on-campus event for early May for senior students.
- The Brandon Chamber Players held another successful event last Saturday.
- The Winnipeg Jazz Orchestra held a concert on International Women's Day. This may have been the first time that an all female orchestra performed. This included the director, and five members of the band are affiliated with Brandon University.
- On April 4th, there will be a small ensemble showcase concert to be held at the Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium.
- There will be a clarinet festival held on campus on the weekend of March 19th and 20th. There will be a number of world class clarinetists attending.
- The annual E-Gré competition will be held in person on April 22-24, 2022.

Dean of Students – Senator Gross

- Many members of the unit are participating with Knowledge Keeper Suzie McPherson and Erica Brown in a 6-week Pulling Together cohort.
- Student Services has begun work on a new 5-year strategic plan.
- The BUSU Elections are being held March 14-15. The President and VPI positions are not being contested.
- The Dean was the emcee of the Status of Women Young Women of Distinction Awards. 15 students were honoured.
- The Dean facilitated the first of three workshops for the IPC team.
- There is currently a two-week, half-price application fee campaign being run for domestic and international applications.
- The Advisors are preparing for new student advising.
- Pi(e) Day was held in Residence. Derek Booth took one for the team!

CIO – Senator Sucha

- In partnership with the Public History Program, the Library is displaying *Looking to the Past: Brandon Labour History* in the Curve Gallery this Winter term.
- The Music Library will be hosting a St. Patrick's Day library scavenger hunt on March 17th and March 18th. Through this scavenger hunt, students will learn how to find various resources in the Music Library and can drop by to participate between 11am - 3pm. Themed colouring pages will also be available throughout the week as a de-stress activity. All students are welcome!
- In collaboration with the Office of Research Services, Library and IT Services are engaged in development of a Research Data Strategy, to help BU meet requirements of the Tri-Agency Research Data Management Policy. The cross-institutional committee for this work is chaired by Carmen Kazakoff-Lane.
- The search committee has been formed for an Indigenous Services Librarian and is working on the posting and rubric for this position.
- The Library will offer extended operating hours during the April exam period.

Registrar – Ms. McDaniel

- Applications received for next year are still a little lower than at the same point last year and quite a bit lower than at the same point in pre-pandemic cycles. For the past two weeks, the University has offered half-price applications (ending today), which seems to have increased the number of international applicants quite significantly, but applications from Manitoba are still quite a bit lower than at the same point in any of the past five years.
- Preparations for the University's first in-person Convocation ceremonies after two years of virtual celebrations are underway. One communication has been sent to the community, and more details will be sent in the weeks to come. Graduates of 2020 and 2021 will be invited to participate in-person this year; they will need to confirm attendance by a deadline to be determined shortly.

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

Senator Campbell reported on the following:

- The University received approval from the Provincial Government for the changes to the Arts programs that were approved by Senate in December.
- A call was sent out for membership to the new Anti-Racism Committee. Approximately 25 students, staff and faculty members showed interest in the committee, and they will begin meeting shortly.
- There are plans to form a Queer caucus and to re-establish the Sexual Assault Advisory group. This will help foster truly intersectional EDI work on campus as noted in the Strategic Plan.
- Kerry Murkin, Manager of Research Services, has submitted an application to the Canada Research Chair EDI stipend plan for \$45,000 to hire a consultant to help with creation of a campus-wide EDI plan.
- There has been some discussion around the need to a Senate Award for Excellence in Service given that there already exist Senate Awards for Excellence in Teaching and Research. More information will be coming forward at the next Senate meeting.

4.4.7. Report from the President (Dr. Docherty)

Dr. Docherty reported on the following:

- Dr. Docherty thanked the many individuals who took part in the Ukraine solidarity walk.
- The University budget has been forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee. It will be forwarded to the Finance Committee of the Board on Friday and then the Board of Governors on Saturday for final approval. A Town Hall meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 22nd. Anyone interested may attend by Zoom. It is a

balanced budget but student registration is a large part of the budget and with lower registrations this may change.

- Dr. Docherty, Dr. Campbell, and Scott Lamont attended a consultation meeting with the Provincial Government regarding tuition and student fees.
- One of BU's former students, Aidan Trembath, is now serving with the Manitoba Legislative Internship program. He has been offered \$17,000 to do his MA at the University of Victoria and \$18,000 at the University of Alberta.

5. Other Business

6. Correspondence

7. Adjournment

MOTION 170.MAR22 Campbell/Shoultz

THAT the Senate adjourn at 3:11 pm.

CARRIED