

**OPEN SESSION MINUTES
OF THE FIRST REGULAR MEETING OF THE 55th SENATE
TO BE HELD TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2022 @ 2:00 PM
BY ZOOM**

- Present:** David Docherty (Chair); Bernadette Ardelli; Edward Bach; Kofi Campbell; Heather Duncan (left at 3:48 pm); Greg Gatien; Jan Marie Graham; Breanna Lawrence; Katie Gross; Scott Lamont (joined at 3:19 pm); Rory Lucyshyn-Wright; Michelle Magnusson; Mary Jane McCallum; Andrea McDaniel; Eftihia Mihelakis; Kurt Noll; Grant Prairie (left at 3:00 pm); Lisa Robson; Linda Ross; Curt Shoultz; Balfour Spence; Melanie Sucha; Olufunke Adeleye (BUSU); Jeffrey Li (BUSU); Similoluwa Omotoye (BUSU); Kim Fallis (Recording Secretary).
- Regrets:** Kathryn Chachula; Simon Pattison; Jasmin Bashin (BUSU)
- Guests:** Nancy McPherson (Health Studies) and Stacey Lee (University Library)
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1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION 001.JUN22 Bach/Gross

THAT the Open Session agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

2. Welcome and Orientation

Dr. Docherty welcomed the new members of the Senate and presented a PowerPoint outlining the role of the Senate.

3. Closed Session

MOTION 002.JUN22 Noll/Spence

THAT the Senate move into Closed Session.

CARRIED

4. Motion(s) Raised from Closed Session

No motions were raised from Closed Session.

5. Open Session

5.1. Approval of Minutes of May 17, 2022

MOTION 006.JUN22 Gross/Duncan

THAT the Open Session minutes of May 17, 2022 be approved as attached.

CARRIED

5.2. Business Arising

5.3. Continuing Business

5.4. New Business

5.4.1. Elections

5.4.1.1. Election of the 2022 – 2023 Senate Executive Committee

- Faculty of Arts – Senator Noll nominated Senator Robson
- Faculty of Science – Senator Ardelli nominated Senator Pattison
- Faculty of Health Studies – Senator Ross nominated Senator Graham
- School of Music – Senator Gatien nominated Senator Bach
- Student Senator – Senator Omotoye nominated Senator Adeleye

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

There was no Faculty of Education representative elected at this time. That item will be added to the September 13, 2022 agenda.

5.4.1.2. Election of Senate Representative to the Library Committee

There was no one elected to this committee. This item will be added to the September 13, 2022 agenda.

5.4.1.3. Election of a Senate Representative to the Scholarships and Awards Committee

- Senator Bach nominated Senator Gatien

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

5.4.1.4. Election of a Senate Representative to the International Activities Committee

- Senator Spence agreed to be the Senate representative to this committee.

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

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

There was no one elected to this committee. This item will be added to the September 13, 2022 agenda.

5.4.1.6. Election of a Senator to the Senate Research Committee

- Senator Ardelli nominated Senator Lucyshyn-Wright.

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

5.4.1.7. Election of two Senators to the Board of Governors: one for a 1-year term and one for a 2-year term

- Senator Bach agreed to serve the 1-Year term.
- Senator Magnusson agreed to serve the 2-Year term.

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

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

5.4.2.1. Faculty of Health Studies

Nursing

5.4.2.1.1. Nursing Curriculum & Program Changes

MOTION 007.JUN22 Ross/Magnusson

THAT the Senate approve the Strategic Enrollment Management Plan for the Bachelor of Nursing program, as submitted by the Department of Nursing, Faculty of Health Studies.

CARRIED

Nursing & Psychiatric Nursing

5.4.2.1.2. Nursing & Psychiatric Nursing Policy Revisions

MOTION 008.JUN22 Ross/Duncan

THAT the Senate approve revision of the Students Experiencing Difficulties in Clinical/Lab Practice Policy, as submitted by the Departments of Nursing and Psychiatric Nursing, Faculty of Health Studies.

CARRIED

MOTION 009.JUN22 Ross/Duncan

THAT the Senate approve revision of the Unsafe/Unprofessional Clinical/Laboratory Practice Policy, as submitted by the Departments of Nursing and Psychiatric Nursing, Faculty of Health Studies.

CARRIED

5.4.3. Graduate Studies Committee (Sen. Campbell)

5.4.3.1. Faculty of Arts – Rural Development

5.4.3.1.1. Graduate Arts Course Deletions

MOTION 010.JUN22 Spence/Robson

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

- 88:561 Business Development
- 88:566 Rural Development and Social Indicators

CARRIED

5.4.3.1.2. Graduate Arts Course Revisions

MOTION 011.JUN22 Spence/Robson

THAT the Senate approve the following course revisions, as submitted by the Department of Rural Development, Faculty of Arts:

- 88:552 Sustainability in Rural Development
- 88:560 Economic Development
- 88:591 Research Methodology

CARRIED

5.4.4. Library Committee of Senate (Sen. Sucha)

5.4.4.1. Policy Revision & Rescission

MOTION 012.JUN22 Sucha/Campbell

THAT the Senate approve the Library Collections Policy, as attached, to supersede the Brandon University Senate Policies on Collection Development, Library Donations, and Library Weeding (Deselection)

AND

THAT the existing Collection Development Policy, Library Donations Policy, and Library Weeding Policy be rescinded.

CARRIED

5.4.5. Scholarships and Awards Committee of Senate (Sen. Gatien)

5.4.5.1. New Awards

MOTION 013.JUN22 Gatien/Shoultz

THAT the Senate approve the Terms of Reference for the following new awards as presented:

- HATCH Scholarship-Bursary
- Southern Chief's Organization Every Child Matters Scholarship

CARRIED

5.4.5.2. Award Revisions

MOTION 014.JUN22 Gatien/Bach

THAT the Senate approve revision of the Terms of Reference for the following awards as presented:

- Westman Communications Group Scholarship
- Bachelor of Nursing Gold Medal

CARRIED

5.4.5.3. Award Revisions Requiring Board of Governors Approval

MOTION 015.JUN22 Gatien/Duncan

THAT the Senate recommend that the Board of Governors approve revision of the Terms of Reference for the following award as presented:

- First Nations Teacher Education Scholarships

CARRIED

5.4.6. Athletic Awards Committee (Sen. Gatien)

5.4.6.1. New Awards

MOTION 016.JUN22 Gatien/Gross

THAT the Senate approve the Terms of Reference for the following new award as presented:

- Dr. Angus Juckes Scholarship-Bursary in Athletics

CARRIED

5.4.7. Senate Research Committee (Sen. Duncan)

5.4.7.1. Policy Revision

MOTION 017.JUN22 Duncan/Spence

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

CARRIED

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

Senator Adeleye reported on the following:

- BUSU will be attending the post-secondary accountability framework consultation on June 16th, 2022 to advocate for students against performance based funding. BUSU is also going to meet with the Canadian Federation of Students Manitoba to have a preparatory session for the consultation.
- BUSU print services is running and receiving orders for printing. Marketing is underway to members of the Brandon University community (employees and students) encouraging them to reach out to BUSU for print service.
- Monthly meetings with the President of the University still continue.
- Orientation planning for fall/winter has started.

5.4.9. Reports from the Members of Deans' Council

Arts – Senator Spence

- There are a number of searches ongoing in Business Administration as well as Sociology. It is the hope that individuals will be in place for September.

Science – Senator Ardelli

New faculty:

- Dr. Rashed Nekvi – tenure track position in Mathematics and Computer Science. Research is diverse and includes artificial intelligence, network security, IoT (internet of things) and smart systems, machine learning, and privacy assessment of IT systems (e.g., privacy and effectiveness assessment of contact tracing (CT) apps for COVID-19; Cyber security in Smart-home IoT environments)
- Dr. Zeshan Alam - one-year term position in Mathematics and Computer Science. Ph.D in Electrical Electronic Engineering and Cyber Systems; Completed a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Cambridge, UK on dealing with high dynamic range in computer vision applications and glare reduction in saturated images.

Student Success:

- Ms. Nidhi Utkarshbhai Patel (MSc in Environmental & Life Sciences) awarded:
 - The Winifred Goldring award from the Association for Women Geoscientists and the Paleontological Society, presented to an outstanding female student pursuing a career in paleontology.
 - A research grant for her thesis research project from the Canadian Association of Palynologists (1 of only 2 awarded in 2022)
 - From the Paleontological Society (USA), a Mid-America Paleontology Society (MAPS) Outstanding Student Research Award, given to the top three proposals each year.
- Results are coming in with our graduates; some have been accepted to medical school or graduate school.

Faculty Success

- Dr. Gautam Srivastava - named an ACM Distinguished Speaker. An individual familiar with this honour stated: “Brilliant! What a stellar performance. ACM and IEEE are both highly respected organizations---the ‘gold standards’ of Computer Science” (ACM - Association for Computing Machinery and IEEE - The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers). Research and speaking topics include: Fuzzy Systems, Industrial Informatics, Intelligent Transportation Systems, Internet Technology, Low-Resource Asian Languages. Dr. Srivastava has published 400 papers with over 7,000 citations.
- Dr. Mousumi Mujumder, CRC in Genotoxicology – received a three-year grant for \$75K from The Breast Cancer Society of Canada for "Development of RNA based blood test for breast cancer early detection.”
- Dr. Simon Pattison (Senator) – undertook an outreach activity at Riverheights School speaking to an audience of 51 Grade 4 students.....hands-on Geology Rocks!

Education – Senator Duncan

- Senator Duncan had no report at this time.

Music – Senator Gatien

- Senator Gatien had no report at this time.

Dean of Students – Senator Gross

- Student Services will be working with PENT and the IPC to recognize National Indigenous Peoples Day. They will be hosting a guest speaker Marlene Gallagher.
- There will be rides available for any students wishing to attend events at the Riverbank Discovery Center on June 21st.

- Is working on funding application adjudication criteria for students from the Ukraine who have been admitted to begin at BU in September.

Registrar – Ms. McDaniel

- Convocation 2022 was a very strong success.
 - Many people across campus went above and beyond and put a lot of heart and soul into welcoming graduates back to in-person ceremonies after two years of virtual celebrations.
 - Graduates from the Classes of 2020 and 2021 were invited to participate in Convocation this year if they wished to do so.
 - About 50-60 graduates from those classes took up this offer and had a very meaningful experience.
 - The Convocation planning team will be working with Deans and others to encourage a higher level of faculty member engagement and participation in Convocation for future years.
- Enrollment for 2022-23
 - BU has received a strong number of applications for next year and made a high number of admission offers relative to past years.
 - More new students have registered for courses at this point than at the same point in any of the last five years.
 - However, overall credit hours registered are lower than expected at this point, which means that more returning students than usual have not yet registered; the Registrar's Office and Student Services will be watching this closely over the next month to determine if targeted outreach is necessary.

Library – Senator Sucha

- In collaboration with the Research Data Strategy Committee, and Office of Research Services, Library and IT Services completed development of Research Data Strategy, to help BU meet requirements of the Tri-Agency Research Data Management Policy. This Strategy document will be made available on the BU website soon, and announced to campus.
- Indigenous Services Librarian Search Committee has continued planning this recruitment and consulted with the Indigenous Advisor to the President on job posting and assessment rubric. This role will be posted shortly.
- ITS continues to message vigilance with respect to cybersecurity and especially phishing attempts, and these communications are being positively received by student community to help support information literacy and safe computing. High volumes of phishing events across the higher ed sector do warrant additional protections for users; with this in mind ITS will roll out multi-factor authentication tools to all student and employee accounts in the Fall – and will continue our awareness building through the coming months.

Health Studies – Senator Ross

- She attended the pinning ceremony for the Psychiatric Nursing graduates and all but one student have secured positions.
- There are a number of searches ongoing in the department.

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

Senator Campbell reported on the following:

- The first round of position decisions that were made during the budget process have been communicated, and many searches are underway. He is now working on the second round of positions are being looked at.
- He attended his first Brandon University Convocation this year and found it very exciting and enjoyable.

5.4.11. Report from the President

Dr. Docherty reported on the following:

- His office is in the process of interviewing for the Manger of Executive and Board Operations.
- The September meeting of the Senate will be in person in the Louis Riel room.
- On June 20th, members from the President's Office as well as Senator Lamont and Khris Docherty will partake in the Corporate Tipi competition at the Discovery Center.
- He, Senator Lamont, and Senator Campbell, as well as other members from the post-secondary sector will be meeting with the government to discuss the proposed accountability framework.

6. Other Business

7. Correspondence

8. Adjournment

MOTION 018.JUN22 Bach/Lamont

THAT the Senate adjourn at 4:15 pm.

CARRIED