

**OPEN MINUTES
OF THE FIFTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE 55th SENATE
HELD TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2022 @ 2:00 PM
ROOM 045 HEALTH STUDIES**

Present: David Docherty (Chair); Bernadette Ardelli; Edward Bach; Kofi Campbell; Kathryn Chachula; Heather Duncan; Alysha Farrell; Greg Gatien; Katie Gross; Breanna Lawrence; Rory Lucyshyn-Wright; Andrea McDaniel; Eftihia Mihelakis (Zoom); Simon Pattison; Grant Prairie (Zoom); Lisa Robson; Linda Ross; Curt Shoultz; Balfour Spence; Melanie Sucha; Olufunke Adeleye (BUSU); Emmanuel Ansah (BUSU); Jeff Li (BUSU); Chukwuanugo Okudo; Similoluwa Omotoye (BUSU) (Zoom); Kim Fallis (Recording Secretary)

Regrets: Jan Marie Graham; Scott Lamont; Barbara MacKalski; Michelle Magnusson; Mary Jane McCallum; Kurt Noll

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION 078.DEC22 Shoultz/Duncan

THAT the Open Session agenda be approved as distributed.

CARRIED

2. Closed Session

MOTION 079.DEC22 Duncan/Bach

THAT the Senate move into Closed Session.

CARRIED

3. Open Session

3.1. Approval of Minutes of November 15, 2022

MOTION 082.DEC22 Shoultz/Pattison

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

CARRIED

3.2. Business Arising

3.3. Continuing Business

3.4. New Business

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

3.4.1.1. Faculty of Arts

Francophone Studies and Languages

3.4.1.1.1. Francophone Studies and Languages Course Revisions

MOTION 083.DEC22 Spence/Robson

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

- 58:CMLS451 Politics of Language, Bilingualism, and Cross Cultural Exchange – to be cross listed with Department of Political Science and description change.

CARRIED

3.4.1.2. Faculty of Science

Chemistry

3.4.1.2.1. Chemistry Curriculum & Program Changes

MOTION 084.DEC22 Ardelli/Pattison

THAT the Senate approve the following courses be removed from the Chemistry major required course list to the Chemistry major elective pool, as submitted by the Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Science:

- 18:251 Introduction to Group Theory
- 18:281 Organic Spectroscopy

CARRIED

Mathematics & Computer Science (M&CS)

3.4.1.2.2. M&CS Curriculum & Program Changes

MOTION 085.DEC22 Ardelli/Pattison

THAT the Senate approve the following courses be moved from the Computer Science major required course list to the Computer Science major elective pool, as submitted by the Department of Mathematics & Computer Science, Faculty of Science:

- 62:354 Operating Systems II
- 62:371 Data Base Systems

CARRIED

Psychology

3.4.1.2.3. Psychology Course Revisions

MOTION 086.DEC22 Ardelli/Lucyshyn-Wright

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

- 82:250 Fundamentals of Psychological Research I – remove the laboratory
- 82:375 Counselling Psychology II – level change to 400, prerequisite and description change

CARRIED

3.4.1.2.4. Psychology Curriculum & Program Changes

MOTION 087.DEC22 Ardelli/Spence

THAT the Senate approve the following program revisions, as submitted by the Department of Psychology, Faculty of Science:

- Requirements for admission to 4-Year Honours program

CARRIED

3.4.1.3. Faculty of Education

Bachelor of Education (BED) Courses & Programs

3.4.1.3.1. BED Course Revisions

MOTION 088.DEC22 Duncan/Shoultz

THAT the Senate approve the following course revision, as submitted by the Department of Physical Education, Faculty of Education:

- 05:364 Motor Development

CARRIED

3.4.1.4. Registrar's Office

3.4.1.4.1. Undergraduate Policy/Regulation Revisions

MOTION 089.DEC22 Gross/Adeleye

THAT the Senate approve the revised English Language Proficiency Policy (Undergraduate), as submitted by the Registrar's Office.

CARRIED

MOTION 090DEC22 Gross/Shoultz

THAT the Senate approve the Undergraduate Academic Dates 2023-2025, as submitted by the Registrar's Office.

CARRIED

3.4.2. Graduate Studies Committee (Sen. Campbell)

3.4.2.1. Faculty of Education – Master of Education

3.4.2.1.1. Graduate Education New Courses

MOTION 091.DEC22 Duncan/Shoultz

THAT that Senate approve the following new course as submitted by the Master of Education, Faculty of Education:

- 07:755 Practicum in Community-Based Research

CARRIED

3.4.2.1.2. Graduate Education Course Deletions

MOTION 092.DEC22 Duncan/Farrell

THAT that Senate approve the following course deletions as submitted by the Master of Education, Faculty of Education:

- 01:763 Technological Applications in Educational Administration
- 01:766 Introduction to the Context of Rural Education

CARRIED

3.4.2.1.3. Graduate Education Course Revisions

MOTION 093.DEC22 Duncan/Shoultz

THAT that Senate approve the following new course as submitted by the Master of Education, Faculty of Education:

- Batch revision – change “Aboriginal” to “Indigenous” in course titles and descriptions
- 01:755 Administrative Leadership in Educational Institutions – change title to “Educational Leadership”
- 01:760 Organizational Development in Education – change title to “Educational Leadership”
- 04:705 Guidance and the Classroom Teacher – prerequisite change and add course as an elective to the Master of Education, Inclusive Education specialization.

CARRIED

3.4.2.1.4. Graduate Education Curriculum & Program Changes

MOTION 094.DEC22 Duncan/Shoultz

THAT that Senate approve the following calendar changes for 2023 – 2024, as submitted by the Master of Education, Faculty of Education

CARRIED

3.4.2.2. Faculty of Health Studies – Master of Psychiatric Nursing

3.4.2.2.1. Graduate Health Studies Policy Revision

MOTION 095.DEC22 Ross/Chachula

THAT that Senate approve the proposed changes to the thesis advising criteria, as submitted by the Master of Psychiatric Nursing, Faculty of Health Studies.

CARRIED

3.4.2.3. School of Music – Master of Music

3.4.2.3.1. Graduate Music Curriculum & Program Changes

MOTION 096.DEC22 Gatien/Bach

THAT that Senate approve the proposed Professional Enrichment Requirement as submitted by the Master of Music, School of Music.

CARRIED

3.4.2.4. Registrar's Office

3.4.2.4.1. Graduate Policy/Regulation Revisions

MOTION 097.DEC22 Gross/Duncan

THAT the Senate approve the revised English Language Proficiency Policy (Graduate), as submitted by the Registrar's Office.

CARRIED

MOTION 098.DEC22 Farrell/Bach

THAT the Senate approve the Graduate Academic Dates 2023-2025, as submitted by the Registrar's Office.

CARRIED

3.4.3. Brandon University Student Union (Sen. Adeleye)

3.4.3.1. Item Description

MOTION 101.DEC22

THAT the Senate approve that committee membership to all faculty-based academic appeals committee include a BUSU-appointed representative in addition to any other student representative stipulated by faculty policy. (Notably, Ad-hoc Appeals Committee on Unsafe Clinical Practice and debarment in the Faculty of Health Studies and the Professional Standards Committee in the Faculty of Education.)

Before putting this motion on the floor, the Committee had an extensive discussion, including the following points:

- What is the proposed role of the BUSU representative; is the intent that they serve as an advocate or support person?
 - Students are always encouraged to bring someone for support to any appeal meeting.
 - Senator Adeleye explained that many times the individual attending in support of a student may not know or understand the policy/procedures related to these kinds of committees.
- Would this change only effect committees under the purview of Senate?

It was decided that this motion would be added to the January 17, 2023 agenda of Senate.

It was also noted that the correct name of the Health Studies Committee is the Ad-Hoc Appeals Committee on Unsafe/Unprofessional Clinical/Laboratory Practice.

NOTICE OF MOTION

THAT the Senate approve the following revision to the Senate Bylaws – Student Appeals Committee sections D & E:

- One undergraduate student appointed by the BUSU Council;
- One graduate student appointed by the BUSU Council or, in the absence of a suitable graduate representative, an additional undergraduate student appointed by the BUSU Council.

This motion will be presented at the January 17, 2023 meeting of Senate.

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

3.4.4.1. Award Revisions

MOTION 102.DEC22 Gatien/Bach

THAT the Senate approve the revised Terms of Reference for the Henry F. Wiebe Graduate Award in Rural Community & Economic Development and the Henry F. Wiebe Undergraduate Award in Rural Community & Economic Development as presented.

CARRIED

3.4.5. Indigenous Education Committee

3.4.5.1. Proposed List of Undergraduate Indigenous Content Courses

MOTION 103.DEC22 Campbell/Ardelli

THAT the Senate approve the following courses to satisfy the Indigenous content course requirement that takes effect for students entering all undergraduate programs as of Fall 2023:

- 02:381 Teaching Indigenous Studies (Education)
- 64/67:251 Perspectives in Indigenous Music (Music/cross-listed with Arts)
- 68:151 Introduction to Native Studies I (Arts)
- 68:152 Introduction to Native Studies II (Arts)
- 69:256 Indigenous Health Connections (Health Studies)

CARRIED

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

Senator Adeleye reported on the following:

- BUSU Holiday Dinner will take place Dec 20th 5pm to 7pm at the Mingling area/Baileys Café. This year, the theme will be multicultural and highlight Christmas foods from other cultures from BU's international student body.
- BUSU has created a Black Students Director as part of the Board of Directors and the Black Students Alliance as a BUSU collective. This came after Black students communicated the need for a space for Black students on campus.
- BUSU had a joint meeting with the BU President's Executive Council, the University Registrar, and the Dean of Students on November 30th, 2022. There was good discussion regarding students and their needs, and a follow-up meeting is scheduled in January 2023.
- Monthly meetings with the University President continue.
- Bi-weekly meetings with the Dean of Students continue.
- Senator Adeleye attended the BU SAAG (Sexual Assault Advisory Group) first meeting on November 22nd, 2022.

- BUSU met with Minister Reyes to advocate for international students' healthcare, talk about BU students' tuition fees, and discuss immigration pathways for international students. The minister committed to meeting with BUSU in person for more robust conversations.
- The soft launch of the Café was held today, December 13, 2023, but the grand opening will be in January.

3.4.7. Report from the Board of Governors Representative (Senator Bach)

Senator Bach reported on the following:

- The Board of Governors met on Saturday, November 26th, in the Louis Riel Room. The meeting began with a wonderful Indigenous sculpture presentation by our colleague, Kevin McKenzie. Time permitting, Senator Bach would like the Senate to consider inviting Professor McKenzie to share that same presentation with Senate at a future meeting. Senator Bach found the presentation profoundly moving. K. McKenzie spoke of the inspirations for this remarkable work of art and referred to the sculpture as a dedication to Truth and Reconciliation. He felt the sculpture would serve as a kind of healing process, a place to gather for discussion. The sculpture would serve as a beacon to look forward, not backward, and at 24 feet and 5,000 pounds, it certainly draws one's eye. Chancellor McCallum indicated that, through this sculpture, Kevin McKenzie brought Indigenous knowledge to art.
- The Board approved the endowment earnings disbursement rate of 4.5% as recommended by the Brandon University Foundation.
- Quintin Pearce was elected to the Vice-President, Research and Graduate Studies Selection Committee.
- Kristal Bayes-McDonald was elected to the position of Secretary of the Board of Governors.
- Kevin Sumner was elected to the position of Treasurer of the Board of Governors.
- The Board of Governors approved the extension of Dr. Linda Ross's term as Acting Dean, Faculty of Health Studies, to June 2025.
- The Board approved the appointment of Dr. Christophe LeMoine as Acting Dean, Faculty of Science for a period of one year, beginning January 1, 2023 while Dr. Bernadette Ardelli is on leave.

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

Arts – Senator Spence

- The Faculty of Arts is about to begin interviews for the Director of Rural Development with the hope of having someone in place by January. The Rural Development Institute is an indispensable part of BU's community outreach and community engagement.
- Currently, there are 124 applications to the Master of Arts (Rural Development) with 90 percent international applicants.
- The vacant position in Visual Arts for an Art History instructor will be filled.

Science – Senator Ardelli

- On December 1st, Senator Ardelli attended the Citizens Science Building 100th Anniversary hosted by the Brandon University Students' Union.
- Dr. Al-Abdillah will begin a one-year position in Computer Science as of January 1st.
- Congratulations to Dr. Gautam Srivastava on receiving an award from the IEEE, which he will accept December 17th in Shanghai.
- On behalf of the Faculty of Science, Dr. Ardelli wished everyone peace and happiness for 2023.

Education – Senator Duncan

- The students are just finishing their practicums and will return to campus in January. Both the faculty and the students are happy to be back on campus this year.
- Cathryn Smith meets monthly with the international graduate students. Senator Duncan attended one of those meetings and was impressed by the way that these students have formed a community and are helping each other.
- Senator Duncan wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Health Studies – Senator Ross

- The Faculty of Health Studies received notice from the College of Registered Nurses of Manitoba (CRNM) that the Nursing program has been approved for an additional five years.
- They have hired for three positions to begin in January.

Music – Senator Gatien

- This past weekend, Senator Bach oversaw/hosted a concert competition. A young clarinet performer, Tara Hall, won the competition and will be playing with the university orchestra at some point in the winter term.
- They held an Out of Bounds Lecture that featured a presentation by Remy Renz, “A Literature Based Understanding of Musculoskeletal Playing-Based Disorders in Professional and Pre-Professional Musicians”.
- With the return to in-person routines, there were some learning curves. Several students have never had an in-person jury prior to this term. The students and faculty worked together to ensure that stressed out students were looked after.
- Jazz Festival planning is moving forward; the planning team has several musicians and teachers who are looking forward to attending and working with students. Their target of registering 80 ensembles for their first time hosting the event has been reached, and the School is now exploring options for addressing surplus interest.
- Sara Hall, voice professor, gave a workshop on posture and mindfulness developing techniques for musicians.
- Gretta Sayers gave a workshop for first- and second-year students on how to manage stresses around exam time – periodizing time, etc.; this was well received by students.
- On January 6th, Kerry DuWors will be performing a recital with her long-time collaborative partner.

Dean of Students – Senator Gross

- IPC welcomed its new Student Success Officer Rachel Robertson in mid-November. The IPC hosted its annual holiday potluck on December 8th. The ventilation work is complete.
- Office of International Activities ran its Destination BU contest and welcomed our IRCC representative for a visit to campus on November 24th. The Office will also welcome a new group of students through the Emerging Leaders of the Americas Program in January.
- Student Services sponsored food at the Law Information Session and the Iranian Conflict Information Session.
- Residence Banquet was held on December 2, 2022.

CIO – Senator Sucha

- Long Night Against Procrastination was a huge success. Approximately 350-400 students attended, which is comparable to 2019 numbers. Adjustments to the event schedule were well received; feedback has been positive and students have expressed to Library and IPC staff that they would welcome this event again.
- The Library is offering extended hours during the exam period.

- The Library will be conducting interviews for the Indigenous Services Librarian in January.
- ITS is negotiating a new contract with BellMTS for BU's primary link to the Research and Education Network connection in Winnipeg, as the previous 15-year agreement with MB Hydro expires in 2023. This is an important part of the University's network infrastructure, linking BU to the Manitoba National Research and Education Network partner, MRNet, who in turn links BU to the national network, CANARIE. In addition to providing network connectivity to post-secondary institutions, MRNet and CANARIE provide access to federal government funding and programs for cybersecurity services and research computing.

University Registrar – Ms. McDaniel

- The 2023-24 admission cycle is well underway:
 - Overall applications received to date are up 38% over the same point last year and the 2nd highest they have been since 2016.
 - 69% of applications received are from international applicants, which is a higher proportion than usual; historically, approximately 60% of applications received have been from international applicants.
 - Of international applications received, approximately 60% are from Nigeria and approximately 25% are from Ghana.
 - Applications from Indigenous applicants are lower than last year by 7%, so recruitment efforts will continue to focus on this.
- Exams and weather
 - Given the incoming snow and associated weather, an email has been sent to the campus community reminding everyone about the University Examinations policy and highlighting the following points:
 - Students are expected to attend exams and make appropriate provisions to accommodate for weather;
 - Exams are only formally cancelled or rescheduled in the event of University closure;
 - Students with extenuating circumstances must work with their instructors to request a deferred examination.

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

Senator Campbell reported on the following:

- The staffing plan process for BUFA is now complete and has been sent out to the Deans.
- Dr. Ardelli has completed her first term as Dean of Science, and he thanked her for the work that she has done. She will now be going on a one-year administrative leave.
- Senator Campbell received a question regarding the review of Follett prior to the end of their current contract. He indicated that the committee has not met as of yet and there are very few alternate options open to the University.

3.4.10. Report from the President (Sen. Docherty)

Senator Docherty reported on the following:

- He attended a meeting with the Post-Secondary Presidents Council and the Deputy Minister. The government is moving forward with consultation on tuition and fee policy.
- The Senate bylaws are reviewed every two years, with the next review scheduled to take place in the fall of 2023. Dr. Docherty began a discussion regarding General Faculty Council (GFC) and whether there should be changes to the group. Membership composition and the powers of the council require review. He requested that Senators think about what GFC was intended to be, what it should be, and prepare for further discussions.

4. Other Business

5. Correspondence

6. Adjournment

MOTION 103.DEC22 Bach/Shoultz

THAT the Senate adjourn at 3:32.

CARRIED