

**OPEN MINUTES  
OF THE SIXTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE 55th SENATE  
HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023, @ 2:00 PM  
ROOM 045 HEALTH STUDIES**

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Present: Kofi Campbell, (Chair); Edward Bach; Kathryn Chachula;  
Heather Duncan; Alysha Farrell; Jan Marie Graham;  
Katie Gross; Scott Lamont; Breanna Lawrence; Christophe LeMoine;  
Rory Lucyshyn-Wright; Barbara MacKalski (Zoom); Michelle Magnusson;  
Mary Jane McCallum (Zoom); Andrea McDaniel; Eftihia Mihelakis;  
Kurt Noll; Simon Pattison; Lisa Robson; Linda Ross; Curt Shoultz;  
Melanie Sucha; Emmanuel Owusu Ansah (BUSU); Chukwuanugo Okudo;  
Similoluwa Omotoye (BUSU);  
Kim Fallis (Recording Secretary).

Regrets: David Docherty; Greg Gatién; Grant Prairie; Balfour Spence;  
Olufunke Adeleye (BUSU); Jeff Li (BUSU)

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**1. Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION 104.JAN23 Shultz/Robson**

THAT the Open Session agenda be approved as amended.

Amendment: 3.4.6 President's Report will be replaced with Indigenous Knowledge (Senator McCallum)

**CARRIED**

**2. Closed Session**

**MOTION 105.JAN23 Lawrence/Gross**

THAT the Senate move into Closed Session.

**CARRIED**

**3. Open Session**

**3.1. Approval of Minutes of December 13, 2022**

**MOTION 109.JAN23 Duncan/Omotoye**

THAT the Open Session minutes of December 13, 2022, be approved as amended.

Amendment: 3.4.8 Report from Senator Gatién: concert competition winner was Tanner Hall, not Tara Hall.

**CARRIED**

**3.2. Business Arising**

### 3.3. Continuing Business

#### 3.3.1. Brandon University Student Union (Sen. Adeleye)

##### 3.3.1.1. Student Representation on Student Appeals Committee (Bylaw Change Proposal) – from December 13, 2022, meeting

#### **MOTION 110.JAN23 Omotoye/Mihelakis**

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.

**CARRIED**

### 3.4. New Business

#### 3.4.1. Senate Research Committee (Sen. Duncan)

- Election of two student representatives to the committee for the 2022/2023 academic year:

#### **MOTION 111.JAN23 Duncan/Owusu Ansah**

THAT the Senate approve the nomination of the following student representatives to the Senate Research Committee:

- Courtney Geer – Graduate student
- Jainil Patel – Undergraduate student

**CARRIED**

#### 3.4.2. Scholarships and Awards Committee of Senate (Sen. Gatien)

##### 3.4.2.1. Award Revisions

#### **MOTION 112.Jan23 Graham/Duncan**

THAT the Senate approve the revised name for the School of Music Bursary Fund as presented.

#### Original Award Name and Terms of Reference:

School of Music Bursary Fund

Awarded to School of Music students upon recommendation of the School of Music Scholarship Committee.

Number of Awards: Various

Award Value: Varies

#### New Award Name with Track Changes:

School of Music Award Fund

#### Clean/Final Version:

School of Music Award Fund

Terms of Reference: No change

Award number and Award value: No change

**CARRIED**

3.4.3. Report from the Brandon University Students' Union (BUSU) President  
(Sen. Senator Omotoye on behalf of Senator Adeleye who was absent with regrets)

Senator Omotoye reported on the following:

- Bailey's Grand Opening: the grand opening of the café was held last Friday January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023. There was a great turn out of students and staff. Dr. Docherty attended in person to cut the ribbon with executive members of BUSU. Everyone is encouraged to visit the café.
- A meeting with Minister Reyes, Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Immigration, will be happening today in the BUSU Board Room. BUSU will continue to advocate for international students' healthcare, talk about tuition fees, as well as discuss immigration pathways for international students and how to keep them in Manitoba.
- Holiday Dinner: the holiday dinner, held on December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at the café and mingling area in the KDC building and with a theme of multiculturalism and diversity, was a success. There was various food from different countries, and people were happy to try out the different dishes.
- Snowientation: orientation for January's new students ended on Thursday January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023. BUSU council members tabled in the mingling area informing students about resources available to them on campus provided by the university as well as the students' union. CFS was available as well.

3.4.4. Reports from the Members of Deans' Council

Faculty of Arts – Senator Spence

- Senator Spence was absent with regrets.

Faculty of Science – Senator LeMoine

- The Faculty of Science is helping coordinate Mock Multiple Mini Interviews in collaboration with the Rural Interest Group of medical students from University of Manitoba. BU will be hosting the organizers on campus, with the mock interviews occurring virtually on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. This program is open to all students but is primarily targeting students interested in medical school, physiotherapy, dentistry, occupational therapy, etc.
- Mr. Larry Maguire (MP Brandon-Souris) will make an informal visit to the Geology department on Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> as part of his involvement as Vice-chair of a Geosciences-focused Federal Standing Committee.

Faculty of Education – Senator Duncan

- Some staff/faculty members from Education have been dealing with the loss of family members as well as car accidents. Other staff/faculty members have stepped up to help to ensure that classes and administrative activities are continuing.
- Education will be hosting a career fair in the following week. There will be representatives from several Manitoba and a few Saskatchewan School Divisions.
  - At this event, some divisions conduct interview with students and some students may secure employment.

School of Music – Senator Gatien was absent with regrets but forwarded the following report to the Senate Office

- The Winter term began, on January 6<sup>th</sup>, with a brilliant duo recital performed by Professor Kerry DuWors and her longstanding musical partner, Futaba Niekawa.

- On January 11<sup>th</sup>, the School of Music, in partnership with the Brandon Chamber Players, welcomed dozens of regional music students into the building for a morning of inspiring workshops with School of Music faculty members.
- This Saturday, the Brandon University Student Music Educators Association is hosting its annual Da Capo conference, providing professional development for themselves and colleagues across the province and beyond. School of Music alumnus, Kevin Doell, is the keynote speaker. Other presenters include former BUSMEA members Janelle Wilts, Erin Dodds, Amber Dyrda, Shelby Nohr, and Carl Emmanuel, as well as School of Music faculty members, Ken Gold and Wendy Zander McCallum.
- One of BU's newer Music colleagues, Professor Ken Gold, will be leading two of his jazz ensembles through an evening of great music on January 25<sup>th</sup>. His 'Supersax' and 'Afro Cuban' bands will be performing in the Lorne Watson Recital Hall beginning at 7:30.
- On January 26<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Leanne Zacharias will be leading students from the BU New Music Ensemble and from the Chamber Music class in a concert as part of the Virtuosi Millenium Library Skywalk series in Winnipeg. This performance will take place at noon at the Millenium Library.
- Planning for the inaugural Brandon University Jazz Festival (March 16-18) is going very well. BU's student ensembles are sounding great, the festival is now essentially fully booked (over 80 ensembles from across the region are now registered), and contracts are being issued to a stellar group of jazz musicians and educators. Tickets for the evening concerts (March 16 and 17) are now on sale, and the School will be introducing and promoting the guests very soon.
- Next month, the School will be thrilled to welcome back an alumna – world renowned singer, Elin Rombo. Elin – travelling from her home in Sweden – will be in residence for a week, providing workshops, masterclasses, lessons, and a recital alongside BU's very own Sharon Rogers. The recital, part of the pro series, will be on Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### Faculty of Health Studies – Senator Ross

- Faculty Positions:
  - Laura Van Mulligen and Krista Callahan, formerly IAs in the Dept. of Nursing, commenced their new positions at the rank of Asst. Professor at the beginning of January 2023.
  - Health Studies welcomed four new Instructional Associates in January 2023:
    - In the Department of Nursing:
      - Karla Kauk: 0.5 IA position (replacement for Laura Van Mulligen)
      - Leanne Eros: 1.0 IA position (replacement for Krista Callahan)
      - Abbie O'Neill: 1.0 IA position (replacement for Baillee Thomaschewski)
    - In the Department of Psychiatric Nursing:
      - Chloe LaBella: 1.0 IA position at the Winnipeg site. (This is one of the new expansionary positions.)

#### Dean of Students – Senator Gross

- January orientation was held on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. There were many international students in attendance.
- The academic advisors have been busy due to the add/drop date of January 18<sup>th</sup>.
- On January 25<sup>th</sup> there will be the first Career Fair on campus in three years. Doug Pople has 26 employers attending.
- The emergency fund process has been streamlined so that there is one application for students to fill out. Many of the previous barriers have been removed from the requirements. The committee will still recognize donor wishes regarding specific requests.

- There is now an on call, ad hoc emergency committee that is available to help students at any time of the day or night.

CIO – Senator Sucha

- Library and IT Services have been compiling usage statistics to compare Fall 2021 and Fall 2022 activity levels following the return to in-person learning. Further details will be shared with the campus community, with special highlights on cybersecurity and interlibrary loan activities.
  - Visits to the Library – Main and Music combined – increased 143% - compared to the previous Fall semester.
  - Loans and Renewals increased 35%
  - Correspondingly, there is decreased usage of online services. Library holds requests decreased 19%, and the number of Virtual Reference interactions decreased 62%.
  - IT also experienced a 22% decrease in requests to IT HelpDesk and User Services between the Fall 2021 and Fall 2022 semesters; this is likely attributed to the shift away from online teaching and learning. IT is doing a deeper investigation into the backlog of tickets, noting that there seems to be a greater number of requests related to AV needs and hybrid events.
  - There was an increase in interlibrary loan requests this term; requests from BU users for material from other institutions were up 87% and requests from other institutions for BU materials were up 70% compared with Fall 2021. This is mainly attributed to increase in research activity post-pandemic and the relaunch of library services worldwide. Numbers reflect a small increase relative to pre-pandemic levels; the interlibrary loan team is continuing to review this increase to understand potential linkages to research activity on campus. It is believed that an increase in knowledge synthesis projects, such as systematic reviews and scoping reviews, will drive greater demand for specialized materials.
- As a research highlight from the area, Stacey Lee was approved for a BURC SSHRC grant for her project with Jonathan Allan as co-investigator, “Many were unaware of what the others were up to”: a scoping review of popular romance literature.
  - Abstract: Popular romance studies is a relatively young, interdisciplinary field that suffers from a lack of knowledge about the true extent of its scholarship and the range of perspectives and methodologies that have been used to analyze the genre. This research project is intended to fill this gap by using the scoping review methodology typically applied in the health sciences to identify and chart (according to a preset data extraction tool) all of the indexed scholarly literature that analyzes popular romance.
  - The BURC SSHRC grant awarded will be used to hire a research assistant whose role will be to perform citation chasing – an important step in knowledge synthesis methodologies that is often neglected – and that posting is up on the BU Employment Opportunities site now if anyone knows of a student that might be interested in gaining experience working on a knowledge synthesis project.

Senators asked Senator Sucha questions regarding Interlibrary Loans.

University Registrar – Senator McDaniel

- As mentioned previously, there has been an enrolment decrease this academic year, which is most pronounced for the domestic, non-Indigenous student population.

- The Office of Recruitment & Retention has a number of initiatives planned for the next several months to target this population as well as Indigenous students in the region.
- International student enrolment is relatively stable compared to last year (and there has been a significant increase in first-time international students).
- The 2023-24 admission cycle is well underway, and December 1 numbers showed strong application activity. More current information will be available by the February meeting.
  - The first attempt to recruit a new Admissions Office Assistant was not successful, so the position has been reposted. Several Registrar's Office staff members have been very gracious in offering time to assist in the Admissions Office until the position is filled. The Registrar appreciates everyone's patience as there will be some delay in service until the office is fully staffed.

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

Senator Campbell reported on the following:

- He and Dr. Docherty met with the potential external consultants, and they are in the process of hiring one of them to lead the Dean of Arts and Dean of Education search processes.
  - Once the consultant is in place, the committees for these searches will begin meeting.
- The search committee for the Vice-President Research has begun meeting.
- A Senator asked about the status of the bookstore review. Senator Duncan reported that the committee has been meeting.

#### 3.4.6. Indigenous Knowledge

Senator McCallum reported on the following:

- She is aware of the strong Indigenous component in the work that the university is doing.
- The Board of Governors agreed that she can bring in speakers from different institutions to explain what Indigenous knowledge is.
- She is asking Senate for their support to bringing these same speakers to its meetings and that they be received with an open mind as to what Indigenous knowledge is and how it has contributed to research and education in Canada and has never been acknowledged.
- She explained what extracted knowledge is – individuals do the research but do not recognize the contribution received from the Indigenous people.
- Brandon University has a reputation of not doing extracted research; rather BU researchers want to promote equality in the knowledge of the Indigenous peoples.

### 4. Other Business

### 5. Correspondence

### 6. Adjournment

#### **MOTION 113.JAN23 Mihelakis/Graham**

THAT the Senate adjourn at 3:06.

**CARRIED**