

**OPEN MINUTES
OF THE EIGHTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE 55th SENATE
HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023 @ 2:00 PM
ROOM 045 HEALTH STUDIES**

Present: David Docherty (Chair); Edward Bach; Kathryn Chachula; Kofi Campbell; Heather Duncan; Alysha Farrell; Greg Gatien; Katie Gross; Scott Lamont; Breanna Lawrence; Christophe LeMoine; Rory Lucyshyn-Wright; Barbara MacKalski (Zoom); Michelle Magnusson (Zoom); Andrea McDaniel; Kurt Noll; Simon Pattison; Lisa Robson (Zoom); Linda Ross; Curt Shoultz; Balfour Spence; Emmanuel Owusu Ansah (BUSU)(Zoom); Chukwuanugo Okudo (BUSU) (Zoom); Similoluwa Omotoye (BUSU) (Zoom); Kim Fallis (Recording Secretary).

Regrets: Jan Marie Graham; Mary Jane McCallum; Eftihia Mihelakis; Grant Prairie; Melanie Sucha; Olufunke Adeleye (BUSU); Jeff Li (BUSU);

Guest: Leanne Barcellona, Director Recruitment and Retention

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION 125.MAR23 Bach/Pattison

THAT the Open Session agenda be approved as distributed.

CARRIED

2. Special Presentation

2.1. Domestic Recruitment Plan 2022-2023 (Leanne Barcellona)

Leanne Barcellona, Director, Recruitment and Retention gave a presentation on the work that the Recruitment Office is doing to increase the applications for domestic students. She thanked Kathleen Richards and Doug Pople for all the work and traveling that they have done regarding recruitment of domestic students.

3. Closed Session

MOTION 126.MAR23 Bach/Gross

THAT the Senate move into Closed Session.

CARRIED

4. Open Session

4.1. Approval of Minutes of February 14, 2023

MOTION 133.MAR23 Bach/Duncan

THAT the Open Session minutes of February 14, 2023, 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 Health Studies

Nursing & Psychiatric Nursing

4.4.1.1.1. Nursing Curriculum & Program Changes

MOTION 134.MAR23 Ross/Chachula

THAT the Senate approve the English language proficiency benchmarks in the Faculty of Health Studies Strategic Enrollment Management Plan to be updated to align with CRNM/CRPNM IELTS benchmarks that change the writing score to 6.5 (from 7.0) and listening score to 7.0 (from 7.5) as submitted by the Faculty of Health Studies.

CARRIED

4.4.2. Approval of Meeting dates for the 2023 – 2024 Senate

MOTION 135.MAR23 Gross/Farrell

THAT the Senate approve the following Senate meeting dates for the 2023 – 2024 year:

- June 13, 2023
- September 19, 2023
- October 17, 2023
- November 21, 2023
- December 19, 2023
- January 16, 2024
- February 13, 2024
- March 19, 2024
- May 14, 2024
- June 18, 2024 (first meeting of the 57th Senate)

CARRIED

4.4.3. Report from the Brandon University Students' Union (BUSU) President
(Sen. Olufunke Adeleye was absent with regrets)

Senator Chukwuanugo Okudo reported that BUSU has just finished their elections for the 2023-2024 year. Results will be released shortly.

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

Faculty of Arts – Senator Spence

- They are in the process of hiring new faculty and are hopeful that these individuals will be in place by May.
- Rural Development Institute has been partnering with Myera Group and received a commitment of approximately \$50,000. to create a position for an individual to help with writing grant proposals.
- The Mayoral group is engaged with several indigenous groups. BU and the Myera Group are in the early stages of a discussion regarding an engagement in Brazil

Faculty of Science – Senator LeMoine

- Chancellor McCallum attended two classes in Science on Feb. 28th and March 1st.
- The 2023 undergraduate student research awards (USRA) have been adjudicated, recognizing the excellence of students that will be doing research in Science this Summer.
- The Western Manitoba Science Fair on April 11th will include tours of the Brodie Building, Science Olympics, the STEMinist luncheon and Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) talks.

Faculty of Education – Senator Duncan

- The after degree students are now out on practicums, the integrated students as well as the master students are still on campus.
- They are in the process of filling two vacant positions.
- The After Degree external review has begun. The external reviewers and Bernadette Ardelli were on campus in February and the faculty are looking forward to receiving the report.

Faculty of Health Studies – Senator Ross

- A grand re-opening of the Winnipeg site for the BScPN (Bachelor of Science in Psychiatric Nursing) program was held on March 9, 2023, 2.30 – 4pm. The program now occupies the lower level and the 6th floor of the Rice Building at 491 Portage Avenue in Winnipeg.
- In 1998 we began to offer the first two years of the BScPN program by distance to Winnipeg. Students were required to relocate to Brandon for Years 3 and 4 of the program.
- In 2005 additional funding was received such that all four years of the program could be offered in Winnipeg. Additional faculty were hired, and in 2006, classes began in the newly renovated space in the lower level of the Rice Building.
- In 2022, expansionary funding was provided by the province such that the annual intake into the Psychiatric Nursing program at the Winnipeg site was increased from 40 to 60. It was this expansion of the Winnipeg site with new and renovated classrooms, lab space, office space, and dedicated student space, that we celebrated last Thursday (March 9, 2023).

School of Music – Senator Gatien

- March 24th there will be a Pro Series event featuring Didem Başar from Montreal.
- The Conservatory Director, Everett Hopfner is leaving and they will be beginning the search for a replacement.
- Diogo Peixoto da Silva has been hired as the Music Technology and Production Assistant. This will be a benefit to faculty and students having their work recorded, document and streamed.
- The Jazz Festival will be on Thursday to Saturday. There will be several concerts featuring many young musicians on Thursday and Friday night so please join us. He thanked the following who helped with the process, Sara Hall, Eric Platz, Wendy McCallum, Bobbi White, Marika Galea, Ken Gold, Terry McMaster, Aren Teerhuis, Cynthia Peyson Wahl (from Regina) Anna Penno. As well as several areas on campus from Food Services to Physical Plant.

- The School of Music Indigenous Education working group has been very busy. The working group continues to meet with students who identified as Indigenous and who attend or applied to the School of Music. The group will be focusing on barriers that students may have encountered while attending Brandon University. They have engaged with Susie McPherson-Derendy and Julia Stoneman Sinclair to help with the gathering of this information.

Dean of Students – Senator Gross

- The Al and Bee Wagner Indigenous Student Transition Program was given an Indigenous name by Knowledge Keeper Barb Blind on Monday, March 6th. Thanks to Deidre for organizing the event. The name is Ishkode Saakaykateh – meaning “The Fire is Lit”.
- IPC is sending out a monthly calendar to help inform the campus community.
- The Office of International Activities held a virtual Open House on February 24th. 120 prospective students from Africa, Asia, South America, USA and the Caribbean were in attendance.
- March is the month to finalize students interested in global exchanges. So far, BU has 21 students interested in coming for the Emerging Leaders of America Program (ELAP). The University has two students who have registered to go outbound for the National Student Exchange and 1 inbound.
- Declare Fairs will be held March 14th and 21st. Thanks to the Academic Advisors for organizing these events.
- I was the emcee for the Status of Women event. 24 students were honoured.

CIO – Senator Sucha (was absent with regrets, Senator Gross presented the report)

- The Library and IT Services are pleased to share that we are hosting Long Night Against Procrastination in partnership with Student Services and Indigenous People’s Centre on March 15. We thank Office of the President, Office of the Provost, Office of Finance and Admin, BUSU and Bailey’s, Campus Manitoba, Healthy Living Centre and Fusion Credit Union for their support in this event. We also offer welcome and thanks to St John Ambulance and Brandon Bear Clan for joining us in this event with therapy dog and Safewalk Services.
- The new BellMTS fibre installation is nearing completion. This new link replaces the MB Hydro fibre link from Brandon to Winnipeg following end of our 15-year agreement. This link is critical research infrastructure, allowing for continued, redundant connection from Brandon University to the national research network via Winnipeg.

University Registrar - Ms. McDaniel

- Admissions now has a full compliment of staff now with Brooklyn Hamm joining the team.

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

Senator Campbell reported on the following:

- Kim Grenier Mintenko has retired, and Carley McDougall will be the Interim Executive Director.
- A Director will be named once the Province has completed it’s review of Campus Manitoba.
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4.4.6. Report from the President (Sen. Docherty)

Senator Docherty reported on the following:

- He commented on the naming ceremony for the Al and Bea Wagner transition program and what a great ceremony it was. He also thanked Katie and her team for putting together a proposal to the same builders of the Al and Bea Wagner transition program, to be used to bring indigenous students from different communities to Brandon, so that they can spend time on campus and experience what it is like.
- He went into Winnipeg with the Mayor, President at Assiniboine Community College, and Police Chief, for the releasing of the budget.

5. Other Business

6. Correspondence

7. Adjournment

MOTION 136.MAR23 Shoultz/LaMoine

THAT the Senate adjourn at 3:00 pm.

CARRIED