

**OPEN MINUTES
OF THE NINTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE 55th SENATE
HELD TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023 @ 2:00 PM
ROOM 045 HEALTH STUDIES**

Present: David Docherty (Chair); Kathryn Chachula; Heather Duncan;
Alysha Farrell; Jan Marie Graham; Katie Gross; Scott Lamont;
Rory Lucyshyn-Wright; Barbara MacKalski; Michelle Magnusson;
Andrea McDaniel; Kurt Noll; Lisa Robson; Linda Ross; Curt Shoultz;
Melanie Sucha; Chukwuanugo Okudo (BUSU); Joy Chikezie (BUSU);
Kim Fallis (Recording Secretary)

Regrets: Edward Bach; Kofi Campbell; Greg Gatien; Breanna Lawrence; Christophe LeMoine;
Mary Jane McCallum; Eftihia Mihelakis; Simon Pattison; Grant Prairie; Balfour Spence

Guest: Michelle Lam (BU CARES), Chris Lagimodiere, Indigenous Advisor to the President;
Susie McPherson-Derendy, Knowledge Keeper

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION 137.MAY23 Duncan/Graham

THAT the Open Session agenda be approved as distributed.

CARRIED

2. Closed Session

MOTION 138.MAY23 Okudo/MacKalski

THAT the Senate move into Closed Session.

CARRIED

3. Open Session

3.1. Approval of Minutes of March 14, 2023

MOTION 144.MAY23 Anugo/Gross

THAT the Open Session minutes of March 14, 2023, be approved as amended.

- Amendment: Faculty of Arts – Senator Spence report bullet 3 should read “...The Myera Group is engaged ...”
- A Senator noted that “Indigenous” should always be capitalized.

CARRIED

3.2. Business Arising

3.3. Continuing Business

3.4. New Business

3.4.1. BU CARES Annual Report *for information*

Michelle Lam was in attendance to answer any questions Senators had.

3.4.2. Convocation Information

- Convocation Order of Proceedings *for information.*
- Faculty Approved Recommendations for Valedictorians *for information.*

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

3.4.3.1. Faculty of Science

Environmental Science

3.4.3.1.1. Environmental Science Curriculum & Program Changes

MOTION 145.May23 Lucyshyn-Wright/Magnusson

THAT the Senate approve the Co-op exemptions as noted in the attached memo, submitted by the Environmental Science program, Faculty of Science.

CARRIED

MOTION 146.MAY23 Lucyshyn-Wright/Graham

THAT the Senate approve the undergraduate calendar changes to section 5.5.2.2 as noted in the attached memo, submitted by the Environmental Science program, Faculty of Science.

CARRIED

Mathematics & Computer Science (M&CS)

3.4.3.1.2. M&CS Course Revisions

MOTION 147.MAY23 Lucyshyn-Wright/Chikezie

THAT the Senate approve the pre-requisite changes to the following courses as submitted by the Department of Mathematics & Computer Science:

- 62:354 Operating Systems II
- 62:367 Computer Organization I

CARRIED

3.4.3.2. Faculty of Health Studies

Nursing & Psychiatric Nursing

3.4.3.2.1. Nursing & Psychiatric Nursing Policy Revision

MOTION 148.MAY23 Ross/Chachula

THAT the Senate approve the revisions to the Health Studies policy on Unsafe/Unprofessional Clinical Practice as submitted by the Bachelor of

Nursing and Bachelor of Science in Psychiatric Nursing departments, Faculty of Health Studies.

CARRIED

3.4.3.3. Registrar's Office

3.4.3.3.1. Department and Faculty Policy Review

MOTION 149.MAY23

THAT the Senate approve the recommendation that all departments and faculties must review existing department/faculty-specific academic regulations and policies to identify those that have not been approved by the curriculum committees and Senate and bring them through the formal academic approval processes;

AND

THAT moving forward, all department/faculty-specific academic regulations and policies must flow through the normal academic approval processes, culminating with approval by Senate.

Note: Ms. McDaniel requested that this item be deferred until after the Graduate Studies Committee of Senate has also discussed this matter.

3.4.4. Scholarships and Awards Committee of Senate (Ms. McDaniel)

3.4.4.1. New Awards

MOTION 150.MAY23 Magnusson/Graham

THAT the Senate approve the following new Scholarships:

- Minnedosa Nurses Union Award for Nursing Students
- Bower Family Award
- Bev Morton/Wayne Arthur Award
- Teachers' Legacy Scholarship-Bursary

CARRIED

3.4.4.2. Award Revisions

MOTION 151.MAY23 Gross/Chachula

THAT the Senate approve the following revised Scholarships:

- Gender & Women's Studies Bursary for 2SLGBTQIA+ Students
- Darwin Chase Memorial Award in Political Issues
- Don & Glenora Slimmon Scholarship in Peace Studies
- Noreen Wilkie Memorial Award in Political Science

CARRIED

3.4.5. Report from the Brandon University Students' Union (BUSU) President
(Sen. Chukwuanugo Okudo)

Senator Okudo reported on the following:

- BUSU worked with Student Services to offer the May 10, 2023 Open House

3.4.6. Report from the Board of Governors Representative (Michelle Magnusson)

Senator Magnusson reported on the following:

- The Board of Governors meeting was held on May 13, 2023
- There was a presentation from Chris Lagimodiere on the work of the Indigenous Education Senate Sub-Committee (IESSC)
- Several motions were approved including the following:
 - Allocation of unrestricted endowment funds for Scholarship & Research Funds for 2023-2024 (BURC, Entrance Scholarships)
 - Revisions to the Tripartite Agreement (BOG, Foundation, Alumni) as part of policy review process
 - Revisions to the Collective Bargaining Protocol Policy
 - Rescinding of the Downtown Development Advisory Group Policy
 - Applications for sabbatical leaves

3.4.7. Reports from the Members of Deans' Council

Arts – Senator Spence

- Senator Spence was absent with regrets.

Science – Senator LeMoine

- Senator LeMoine was absent with regrets.

Education – Senator Duncan

- They are hiring a sabbatical term in the Education Psychology department and an Assistant Professor for the Student Services department.
- There are 95 PENT students on campus.
- At a recent PENT advisory meeting it was decided that the program name will be changed to the Indigenous Teachers Education program; however they will continue to refer to the program as PENT.

Health Studies – Senator Ross

- Report not captured for minutes, with apologies from the Senate Office.

Sean of Students – Senator Gross

- There was an Open House event held on May 10, 2023 that was very successful.
- There have been 204 advising appointments for students in the BA, BSc, and BPES; this is up from last year at this time.
- There will be a number of Pre-Orientation events: July 5th and August 23rd will be in person, and there will be virtual events on July 6th and August 24th.
- Angie Currie and Heather Teeple are working on getting everything ready for Mini U.
- Susie McPherson-Derendy led an event on May 5th honoring the day to recognize Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

CIO – Senator Sucha

- Invited Senators to celebrate that Marian Ramage and Rainer Schira's research contributions were acknowledged in Barry Corenblum and Phillip Goernert's paper

“Directed forgetting of emotionally toned items and mental health: a meta-analytic review”, published in the journal “Memory”, vol 31, issue 5, in April 2023. Sylvia Henry was also acknowledged. Increase in knowledge synthesis research requires greater collaboration between academic units, and it is great to see this collaboration acknowledged.

- The Library is piloting Work Late Wednesdays, with late opening on Wednesday evenings until 9:00 pm, to support students, faculty and community studying and working on campus this summer. This pilot will run until completion of PENT. On May 10, extended time was used for participation in the BU Open House.
- Upgrades to outdoor wifi were completed last year enabling campus users to work from outdoor spaces.
- The installation of the new BellMTS link was completed, which replaces BU’s primary link to the Research and Education Network via Winnipeg. This will provide greater reliability and reduced cost on a key piece of the institution’s network infrastructure.
- Recent discussion of a call to remove books with gender identity, sexuality, and queer content from Brandon School Division libraries continues to generate concern in the Library Unit and elsewhere on campus. As shared with Deans’ Council, libraries elsewhere in Manitoba and other provinces have seen an increase in challenges to collections and programming in recent months. These challenges are coordinated and repeated, and responses must be coordinated and sustained. The Library will continue activities in coming weeks and months to highlight commitments to intellectual freedom, as well as equity, diversity and inclusion in the University community and beyond.

Registrar – Ms McDaniel

- The Convocation team is working hard to organise Convocation for June 1st and 2nd; all faculty are invited to attend and support their graduating students, and the organizing team is still looking for volunteers to assist at the ceremonies.
- The Academic Governance Assistant position (replacement of Kim Fallis’ Administrative Assistant to the Senate position) is now posted with a closing date of May 24; it is likely the position will be empty for some time before a successful candidate is in place, so patience during the transition is appreciated.

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

Senator Campbell was absent with regrets.

3.4.9. Report from the President (Sen. Docherty)

Senator Docherty reported on the following:

- He and Jonathan Allen served customers at McDonald’s on McHappy Day.
- He traveled to Toronto to attend Universities Canada meetings. While at the conference, he met with many presidents from other regional universities. They discussed the challenges facing regional universities, and they plan to meet again in February. They also are looking at sharing job descriptions to uncover commonalities and differences.
- The University received support from the Board of Governors for its stand on the recent discussion at the Brandon School Board meeting regarding the banning of books. The University’s response was “Don’t”.
- Dana Flynn Davis will be moving to Halifax with her family so a search for her replacement will be happening shortly.
- The searches for Associate Vice Presidents of Research and Indigenous Initiatives are underway.

- Dr. Docherty noted that this is Kim Fallis' last Senate meeting after more than 35 years at Brandon University. He thanked her for her work with the Senate and the University and wished her well in retirement.

4. Other Business

5. Correspondence

6. Adjournment

MOTION 152.MAY23 Okudo/Chikezie

THAT the Senate adjourn at 3:15 pm.