

**OPEN SESSION MINUTES
FIRST REGULAR MEETING OF THE 56TH SENATE
Tuesday, June 13, 2023 – 2:00 pm
Room 045, Health Studies Building**

Present: David Docherty (Chair); Edward Bach (Zoom); Brody Burr; Kofi Campbell; Kathryn Chachula; Chidimma Joy Chikezie; Heather Duncan; Mabel Dzigbordzi; Alysha Farrell; Greg Gatien; Linden Haubrick (Zoom); Bryan Hill; Scott Lamont; Christophe LeMoine; Rory Lucyshyn-Wright; Michelle Magnusson; Barbara MacKalski; Eftihia Mihelakis (Zoom); Chukwuanugo Okudo; Doug Ramsey; Lisa Robson; Linda Ross; Curt Shoultz (Zoom); Melanie Sucha; Balfour Spence; Katie Whelpton

Regrets: Mary Jane McCallum; Grant Prairie; Taylor Holland

Absent: None

Guests: Chris Lagimodiere, Michelle Lam, Susie McPherson-Derendy

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION 001.JUN23 Whelpton/Sucha

THAT the Senate approve the Open Session agenda of the June 13, 2023 meeting as presented.

CARRIED

2. Welcome and Orientation

Dr. Docherty invited Senate members to introduce themselves and gave a brief presentation on the composition and role of the Senate at Brandon University.

3. Closed Session

MOTION 002.JUN23 Whelpton/Farrell

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 16, 2023

MOTION 005.JUN23 Magnusson/Okudo

THAT the Senate approve the Open Session minutes of the May 16, 2023 meeting as amended.

Amendment:

- Page 4 – Senator Gross (now Whelpton)’s title is “Dean of Students” rather than “Sean of Students”

CARRIED

5.2. Business Arising

5.3. Continuing Business

5.4. New Business

5.4.1. Elections

5.4.1.1. Election of the 2023-24 Senate Executive Committee

- One Senator from each faculty/school

Faculty of Arts

Senator Mihelakis volunteered to serve in this position.

ACCLAIMED

Faculty of Education

Senator Duncan nominated Senator Di Muro, provided he accepts the nomination.

ACCLAIMED, PENDING NOMINEE’S ACCEPTANCE
(Nominee accepted by email on June 14, 2023.)

Faculty of Health Studies

Senator Chachula volunteered to serve in this position.

ACCLAIMED

Faculty of Music

Senator Gatien nominated Senator Bach.

ACCLAIMED

Faculty of Science

Senator Hill volunteered to serve in this position.

ACCLAIMED

- One student Senator

Senator Okudo nominated Senator Burr.

ACCLAIMED

5.4.1.2. Election of a Senate Representative to the Library Committee

Senator Whelpton volunteered to serve in this position.

ACCLAIMED

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

Senator Gatien volunteered to serve in this position.

ACCLAIMED

5.4.1.4. Election of a Senate Representative to the International Activities Committee
(According to the Bylaws, this representative is the Chair of the Committee)

Senator Spence volunteered to serve in this position.

ACCLAIMED

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

Senator Okudo volunteered to serve in this position.

ACCLAIMED

5.4.1.6. Election of a Senator to the Senate Research Committee

Senator Lucyshyn-Wright volunteered to serve in this position.

ACCLAIMED

5.4.1.7. Election of ONE Senator to the Board of Governors (2-Year Term)

No Senators were nominated for this position. This election will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

5.4.1.8. Election of ONE Senator to the Ac-Hoc Committee on the Senate Awards for Excellence

Senator Farrell volunteered to serve on this committee.

ACCLAIMED

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

5.4.2.1. Faculty of Health Studies

Bachelor of Nursing (BN) and Bachelor of Science in Psychiatric Nursing (BScPN)

5.4.2.1.1. BN and BScPN Policy Revisions

- Senior Practicum Placement Policy (BN)

MOTION 006.JUN23 Ross/Chachula

THAT the Senate approve revision to the Senior Practicum Placement policy as attached and submitted by the Department of Nursing, Faculty of Health Studies.

CARRIED

- Degree Completion Time Policy (BN & BScPN)

MOTION 007.JUN23 Ross/Chachula

THAT the Senate approve revision to the Degree Completion Time policy as attached and submitted by the Departments of Nursing and Psychiatric Nursing, Faculty of Health Studies.

CARRIED

5.4.3. Faculty of Education

5.4.3.1. BU CARES Research Centre Name Change Proposal

MOTION 008.JUN23 Duncan/Farrell

THAT the Senate recommend to the Board of Governors the proposed name change for BU CARES from the Centre for Aboriginal and Rural Education Studies to the Centre for Applied Research and Education in Indigenous, Rural, and Remote Settings.

CARRIED

5.4.3.2. Proposed Tuition and Course Fee Waiver for Indigenous Education Students

MOTION 009.JUN23 Duncan/Shoultz

THAT Senate recommends to the Board of Governors that they waive tuition and course fees for Indigenous education students who are taking courses in which the content of those courses would have already been known had residential schooling and colonialism not happened. Specifically, this motion applies to two courses in the Faculty of Education: 02:231 Teaching of Indigenous Studies and 04:222 Nature-Based Learning.

CARRIED

5.4.4. Notices of Motion (Sen. Campbell)

5.4.4.1. New Senate Standing Sub-committee: Indigenous Curricular Content Committee

The Senate received Notice of Motion 010.JUN23 pertaining to creation of a new Senate standing sub-committee, the Indigenous Curricular Content Committee. This motion will be put forward for vote at the September Senate meeting.

5.4.4.2. Remove Brandon University Biosafety Committee from Senate Bylaws

The Senate received Notice of Motion 011.JUN23 pertaining to removal of the Biosafety Committee from the Senate Bylaws. This motion will be put forward for vote at the September Senate meeting.

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

5.4.5.1. New Awards

MOTION 012.JUN23 Gatien/LeMoine

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

- William John Friesen Memorial Scholarship in Science
- Homer Gill Memorial Bursary
- Pat Alvestad Memorial Graduate Scholarship
- Hero Bursary

CARRIED

5.4.5.2. Award Revisions

MOTION 013.JUN23 Gatien/LeMoine

THAT the Senate approve revision to the Terms of Reference for the following awards, as attached:

- Joy and Cam Finlay Scholarship in Environmental Science
- McNeill Memorial Scholarship
- Sally J. Wilde Memorial Scholarship

CARRIED

5.4.6. Centre for Teaching, Learning, and Technology

5.4.6.1. Proposed Terms of Reference Revision

MOTION 014.JUN23 Shoultz/Magnusson

THAT the attached revised Terms of Reference for the Center for Teaching, Learning and Technology be approved.

CARRIED

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

Senator Okudo reported on the following:

- BUSU held a lunch today for PENT students and their supporters.
- Several BUSU members participated in 2023 Convocation ceremonies at the beginning of the month.

5.4.8. Report from the Board of Governors Representative

There was no Board meeting since the last Senate meeting, so there was no report.

5.4.9. Reports from the Members of Deans' Council

Senator Ross, Acting Dean of Health Studies, had no report.

Senator Sucha, Chief Information Officer, reported on the following:

- Sarah Kienas has been hired as the Library Assistant, InterLibrary Loans
- The Library currently has two displays available for viewing:
 - 100 Years of Psychiatric Nursing in the Curve Gallery;
 - Challenged Books on the main floor, which includes new acquisitions representing the Library's sustained response with respect to recent intellectual freedom challenges and upholding BU's values of equity, diversity and inclusion.

Senator Whelpton, Dean of Students, reported on the following:

- Student Services has received \$1500 from an RBC community engagement fund to purchase more furniture for the IPC.

Senator Duncan, Dean of Education, reported on the following:

- She will be going to The Pas on Thursday for the community celebration of the Opaskwayak Cree Nation cohort whose students just graduated from the BA/BED (AD) Integrated program.
- She attended, with Senators Campbell and Sucha, the Duke of Edinburgh study conference where they engaged with young leaders from across the globe.

Senator LeMoine, Acting Dean of Science, reported on the following:

- Enviro Expo (organized by Pete Whittington, Alex Koiter, and the City of Brandon along with other partners) went very well, and the Faculty of Science hopes to welcome this event again next year

Senator Spence, Acting Dean of Arts, reported on the following:

- A busy hiring season in the Faculty of Arts continues.
 - An offer has been made for the tenure track position in Business
 - The Faculty had to re-advertise the Art History position, and a shortlist meeting has just occurred.
 - They are at the decision-making phase in the searches for a Director of the Rural Development Institute and an Economics faculty member.
 - The Native Studies position search was cancelled because the individual who would have left the position vacant has decided to continue at BU.
- A Reimagining Entrepreneurship conference is coming to campus.
- The Business department recently hosted a Manitoba high school case competition, at which Crocus Plains came out the clear winner.

Senator Gatien, Dean of Music, reported on the following:

- The School of Music is engaged in one ongoing recruitment for a Director of the Eckhardt-Grammaté Conservatory (to replace Everett Hopfner)

Andrea McDaniel, University Registrar, had no report.

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

Senator Campbell reported on the following:

- Both decanal searches (Arts and Education) are at the shortlist stage and candidates will be on campus shortly.
- At the Arts ceremony of Convocation on June 2, he noted that the academic procession was led by Chancellor McCallum followed by himself followed by Senator Spence (a Cree woman followed by two Black men of Caribbean descent), and he felt this was a strong testament to EDI work at Brandon University.

5.4.11. Report from the President (Dr. Docherty)

Dr. Docherty reported on the following:

- Convocation was very successful this year:
 - The addition of the eagle staff is meaningful.
 - Over 550 students received degrees.
 - There is unanimous agreement that four ceremonies is a good schedule that will almost certainly continue into the future.
 - He was encouraged by faculty members who participated in the Convocation celebrations whether on the platform or by engaging directly with students while they were getting ready in the Henry Champ Gym.
- The Manitoba government has a sitting member on Brandon University's Senate.
 - Two weeks ago, the Deputy Minister of Advanced Education was removed and no longer works with the province and the Assistant Deputy Minister was moved to Agriculture.
 - Jan Forster and Colleen Kachulak have moved into these positions, both of whom have experience with BU and the context of post-secondary education in Manitoba.

6. Other Business

7. Correspondence

8. Adjournment

MOTION 015.JUN23 MacKalski/LeMoine

THAT the Senate adjourn at 3:05 pm.

CARRIED