

**OPEN SESSION MINUTES
FOR THE THIRD REGULAR MEETING OF THE 56th SENATE
Tuesday, October 17, 2023 – 2:00 pm
Room 045, Health Studies Building**

Present: David Docherty (Chair); Edward Bach; Brody Burr; Kathryn Chachula; Matteo Di Muro; Alysha Farrell; Greg Gatiem; Linden Haubrick; Taylor Holland; Chris Lagimodiere (non-voting) (arrived at 2:08); Christophe LeMoine; Rory Lucyshyn-Wright; Michelle Magnusson; Andrea McDaniel; Chukwuanugo Okudo; Doug Ramsey; Lisa Robson; Linda Ross (left at 2:49); Curt Shoultz; Balfour Spence; Melanie Sucha; Jens Watt; Katie Whelpton (arrived at 2:05); Beth Wilson; Britney McNamee (Recording Secretary).

Regrets: Kofi Campbell; Bryan Hill; Mary Jane McCallum.

Absent: Chidimma Joy Chikezie; Mabel Dzigbordzi; David Huberdeau-Reid; Scott Lamont; Eftihia Mihelakis; Grant Prairie.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION 030.OCT23 Magnusson/Ross

THAT the Senate approve the Open Session agenda of the October 17, 2023, meeting as presented.

CARRIED

2. Closed Session

MOTION 031.OCT23 LeMoine/Shoultz

THAT the Senate move into Closed Session.

CARRIED

3. Motion(s) Raised from Closed Session

THAT MOTION 034.OCT23 (Final List of October 17, 2023, Graduands) be moved to the Open Session.

MOTION 034.01OCT23 Whelpton/Holland

THAT the Senate approve the final list of graduands of October 17, 2023

AND

THAT the list be forwarded to the Board of Governors *For Information*

CARRIED

4. Open Session

4.1. Approval of Minutes of September 19, 2023

MOTION 036.OCT23 Shoultz/Ramsey

THAT the Senate approve the Open Session minutes of the September 19, 2023, meeting as amended.

CARRIED

4.2. Business Arising

4.2.1. Election of one BUSU representative to the Indigenous Education Committee (IESSC)

Senator Jens Watt volunteered to serve on this committee.

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

4.3. Continuing Business

4.4. New Business

4.4.1. Curriculum & Academic Planning Committee

4.4.1.1. Faculty of Arts

Business Administration

4.4.1.1.1. Business New Courses

MOTION 037.OCT23 Spence/Magnusson

THAT the Senate approve the following new courses as proposed by the Department of Business Administration, Faculty of Arts:

- 16:345/BUSI 3007 Occupational Health and Safety

CARRIED

4.4.1.1.2. Business Course Deletions

MOTION 038.OCT23 Spence/Magnusson

THAT the Senate approve the following course deletions as submitted by the Department of Business Administration, Faculty of Arts:

- 16:170 Introduction to Information Technology

CARRIED

4.4.1.1.3. Business Course Revisions

MOTION 039.OCT23 Spence/Robson

THAT the Senate approve the following course revisions as submitted by the Department of Business Administration, Faculty of Arts:

- 16:253 Intermediate Accounting – Assets
- 16:283 Human Resource Management
- 16:292 Management

- 16:355 Auditing
- 16:366 Advertising Principles
- 16:374 Business Marketing Management
- 16:395 Business Policy
- 16:492 Business Negotiations: Theory and Practice
- 16:493 Alternative Dispute Resolution: Theory and Practice

CARRIED

Canadian Studies

4.4.1.1.4. Canadian Studies Curriculum & Program Changes

MOTION 040.OCT23 Spence/Robson

THAT the Senate approve the following curriculum and program changes as submitted by the Department of Canadian Studies, Faculty of Arts:

- Revision to Francophone Studies & Languages courses in Major course list

CARRIED

English, Drama & Creative Writing (ED&CW)

4.4.1.1.5. ED&CW New Courses

MOTION 041.OCT23 Spence/Robson

THAT the Senate approve the following new courses as submitted by the Department of English, Drama & Creative Writing, Faculty of Arts:

- 30:101/AWCM 1007 Empowered Writing
- 30:201/ENGL 2017 Children's Literature

There was concern that these courses would not sufficiently replace the deleted course 30:090 Composition if 30:090 was a pre-requisite for other courses. However, course 30:090 Composition was not a pre-requisite, and thus the two added courses are sufficient to replace 30:090.

CARRIED

4.4.1.1.6. ED&CW Course Deletions

MOTION 042.OCT23 Spence/Robson

THAT the Senate approve the following course deletions as submitted by the Department of English, Drama & Creative Writing, Faculty of Arts:

- 30:090 AWCM Composition
- 30:151 AWCM University Writing
- 30:152 AWCM Critical Reading and Writing
- 30:153 AWCM University Writing for the Sciences
- 30:154 AWCM Journalism I: Introduction to Print Media
- 30:155 AWCM Journalism II: Introduction to Electronic Media

- 30:266 ENGL World Literature in Translation
- 30:369 ENGL English Canadian Poetry

There were concerns about deleting course 30:153 University Writing for the Sciences and if the newly added courses such as 30:101/AWCM 1007 Empowered Writing would sufficiently replace its content. However, it was noted that 30:153 was taught by sessional instructors, rather than Faculty members, leading to high variability in content. 30:101/AWCM 1007 Empowered Writing is intended to be a general writing course, not intended for specific faculties. The faculties are encouraged to create Faculty-specific writing courses since they are more knowledgeable about the writing-development needs of their students.

CARRIED

Political Science

4.4.1.1.7. Political Science Course Deletions

MOTION 043.OCT23 Spence/Robson

THAT the Senate approve the following course deletions as submitted by the Department of Political Science, Faculty of Arts:

- 78:263 Municipal Government
- 78:376 Russian Politics

CARRIED

4.4.1.1.8. Political Science Course Revisions

MOTION 044.OCT23 Spence/Whelpton

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

- 78.260 Canadian Politics
- 78.352 Women in Politics
- 78.357 Provincial Politics
- 78.372 European Politics
- 78.392 Democracy and Democratization

CARRIED

4.4.1.2. Faculty of Health Studies

Nursing

4.4.1.2.1. Nursing New Courses

MOTION 045.OCT23 Ross/Chachula

THAT the Senate approve the following new courses as submitted by the Department of Nursing, Faculty of Health Studies:

- 71:101/NURS 1005 Critical Inquiry and Scholarly Writing for Professional Nursing Practice

Senator Chachula noted this course would be taught by a Department of Nursing member in the 2024-25 academic year, and this course will have to be added to the curriculum.

CARRIED

4.4.1.2.2. Nursing Course Revisions

MOTION 046.OCT23 Ross/Chachula

THAT the Senate approve the following course revisions as submitted by the Department of Nursing, Faculty of Health Studies:

- 71:288 LPN to BN Clinical Practicum
- 71:361 Community Health

CARRIED

Nursing & Psychiatric Nursing

4.4.1.2.3. Nursing & Psychiatric Nursing New Policies

MOTION 047.OCT23 Ross/Chachula

THAT the Senate approve the following new policies as submitted by the Department of Nursing and Department of Psychiatric Nursing, Faculty of Health Studies, and the policy be effective immediately:

- Interruption to Program Progression

One Senator expressed concern about who would be adjudicating students' fitness to return to practice. Senators from the Faculty of Health Studies affirmed that physician confirmation of fitness to return would be required and that access to this medical documentation would be restricted to those who needed to know within the Faculty and stored in compliance with PHIA.

CARRIED

4.4.2. Graduate Studies Committee

4.4.2.1. Faculty of Health Studies – Master of Psychiatric Nursing

4.4.2.1.1. Master of Psychiatric Nursing Policy Revisions

MOTION 048.OCT23 Ross/Chachula

THAT the Senate approve the following policy revisions as submitted by the Master of Psychiatric Nursing program, Faculty of Health Studies:

- Academic Performance Policy

CARRIED

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

Senator Okudo reported on the following:

- BUSU recently met with BU admin to discuss campus safety and how to tackle food insecurity.
- On October 17th, BUSU held free STI testing for students, including prizes.

4.4.4. Report from the Board of Governors Representative (Sen. Bach)

Senator Bach reported on the following:

- The Board of Governors met on Saturday, September 23 wherein they approved the following:
 - The audited financial statements for Brandon University for the year ended March 31, 2023.
 - The Auditor's report regarding the university's compliance with the Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Authority of Manitoba Specified Audit Procedures for 50/50 Raffles for the year ended March 31, 2023. This is a requirement for the Athletics Department to hold 50/50 raffles.
 - The 2024-25 budget estimates.
 - To borrow 5 million dollars by way of promissory note from the Province of Manitoba to support deferred maintenance capital needs of the university.
 - The borrowing resolution, which may be used from time-to-time to meet the university's short-term cash requirements and is required by the CIBC.
 - The 2024 meeting schedule.
 - The appointment of various members to the committees that report to the Board of Governors.

4.4.5. Reports from the Members of Deans' Council (Dr. Docherty)

Faculty of Arts – Senator Spence

- The Philosophy Department co-hosted a workshop in Winnipeg on Epistemic Reparations, and Mary-Jane McCallum was one of the panellists. The Faculty of Arts supported 10 students to attend this event, which is important for their professional development, and supports the university's mandate of Indigenization.
- The Faculty of Arts speaker series started two weeks ago.
- The Faculty of Arts welcomed a new cohort of graduate students with a party.
- There is ongoing debate about historical abstracts in Brandon University's Library holdings.

Faculty of Science – Senator LeMoine

- October 11th was the grand opening of the Brandon University Breast Cancer Cell & Molecular Research Laboratory (BCCMRL) of Dr. Mousumi Majumder. Various officials and visitors from University of Manitoba, Cancer Care Manitoba, as well as Mayor Fawcett and Glen Simard (MLA) were in attendance for this great celebration.
- The Science Seminar series is now full tilt for this term. Those who cannot attend in person in Brodie building Room 4-47, Fridays at 2:30pm are invited to join online on Zoom or catch the recorded seminar on the YouTube channel.

Faculty of Education – Senator Farrell

- The Valley of the Birdtail: Lunch and Learn Book Club on September 28 was a success.
- The Faculty of Education welcomes Shawna Philpott as the new Director of Field Experience.

School of Music – Senator Gatien

- The BU Symphonic Band of roughly 60 students returned from a short tour where they played for and worked with students in Morris, Steinbach, Portage, Dryden and Kenora.
- Andrew Balfour, a great Cree composer, sound engineer, conductor, music educator, and former School of Music student, is likely going to be in residence for November 20th to 26th.
- The School of Music will be proceeding with its regular enrollment management plan, holding open houses on October 26th and 27th.
- On November 3, the School of Music is hosting the New Orford String Quartet.
- On November 9, the School of Music is hosting the Huu Bac Quintet, world music infused jazz featuring our own Eric Platz.
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Faculty of Health Studies – Senator Ross

- No report.

Dean of Students – Senator Whelpton

- Student Services is looking forward to having Eileen Moody start as the Indigenous Student Success Officer. The position has been vacant for 1.5 years, and it will be important to re-engage more intentionally with Indigenous communities for recruitment, etc.
- The new Director of the Indigenous Peoples' Centre, Julia Stoneman, will be starting on October 23, 2023, and will now be reporting to the Associate Vice-President, Indigenous Initiatives, Chris Lagimodiere.
- Senator Whelpton extended thanks to everyone who participated in Indigenous People's Week and expressed gratitude for the partnership with the Evans Theatre which hosted the movie.
- The Thanksgiving dinner hosted by Harvest Hall was appreciated on Monday, where students enjoyed the turkey dinner and tried pumpkin pie.
- Senator Whelpton recently met with RAs and Food Services with the aim of promote more West African dishes based on request.
- Many students are feeling the effects of the ongoing war in Israel. While BU does not have any Israeli students, there are many students with family ties in the region. The Office of the Dean of Students has sent out a message of support. They continue to monitor students' mental health.
- The week after Thanksgiving is a strong home-sick week for students; they had the opportunity to see family, the days are getting shorter, and schoolwork is increasing. Student Services are offering support to students through this time.
- It is Academic Integrity week. Joan Garbutt recently held a workshop, and will be holding another one in November, pointing out supports on Moodle. Senator Whelpton continues to work with BUSU to identify gaps in student resources on Moodle and are looking for ways to promote the information and make it resonate with students.

CIO – Senator Sucha

- Library and IT Services usage remains very high this term. As reported in September, they are seeing record numbers of devices logging onto the network, and record levels of data traffic, as they have been surpassing 1000 library gate counts per day (which wasn't seen since pre-pandemic), and the volume of library reference requests has doubled compared with September 2022.
- The library is proud to continue partnership with Gender and Women's Studies, cohosting Dr. Robert Mizzi's lecture "Queer Flourishing: Why 2SLGBTQ+ Inclusion in School Libraries Matters" on Thursday October 26 at 4:30 pm in the Library Gathering Space.

- October is Cybersecurity Awareness month, and ITS will be issuing regular communications, and will conduct the annual self-phishing program as part of monitoring vulnerabilities and promoting greater awareness. Self-phishing is never intended to embarrass or shame – they are like “fire drills” to practice spotting threats. They have found that these exercises are especially important for first-year students; data shows they are more vulnerable to such attacks, and it may be due to less familiarity with professional communication styles and formats being impersonated. The cybersecurity awareness building has been very effective for us – when faced with a real, and very convincing, phishing attack on October 1, very few users responded to the attacker, and no users were identified to have provided passwords. Many users reported the phish. Additional tools, such as MFA, and additional security monitoring through our provider MRNet, are also in place now to prevent account compromise should a password be breached. Many tools, including student and employee awareness, work in tandem to maintain a safe computing environment, and we are always seeking to build and improve on our strategy.

University Registrar – Senator McDaniel

- The official Senate membership is dictated by legislation in the Brandon University Act and cannot be revised without opening the entire Act. However, on the Senate agendas moving forward, the new Associate Vice-President, Indigenous Initiatives, Chris Lagimodiere, will be recognized as a non-voting member of Senate.

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

Senator Campbell was absent with regrets.

4.4.7. Report from the President (Dr. Docherty)

Senator Docherty reported on the following:

- The Provincial Election results are out, and the Cabinet will be sworn into office tomorrow, October 18, 2023. There have been no changes in ministerial staff, however, that could be forthcoming.
- Senator Docherty wrote a piece in the paper that appeared on Saturday which discussed the capacity of the NDP to govern versus their ability to oppose. For example, the NDP in Alberta in 2015 had no capacity to govern. They had 4 caucus members, and they decided to double that to 8. They ended up winning 54 seats, with only 8 people to carry out the work. The Alberta NDP gave institutions guaranteed funding and froze tuition prices, which was beneficial for the Education sector. Manitoba has a caucus of 19 and they have a greater capacity to move quickly from opposing to governing. Wab Kinew said he would move his cabinet in early.
- Wab Kinew has indicated support for Medical School in Brandon.
- Reminded Senate that this is a Bylaw-revision year.
- Briefly discussed differences in approach between Quebec, which has doubled tuition rates for out-of-province domestic students, and universities in Nova Scotia that welcome students from out of province to attend. The financial benefit of hosting students is far greater than hosting short-term tourists.

5. Other Business

6. Correspondence

7. Adjournment

MOTION 049.OCT23 Spence/Shoultz

THAT the Senate adjourn at 3:13 pm.

CARRIED