

**OPEN MINUTES  
FOR THE FIFTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE 56<sup>th</sup> SENATE  
Tuesday, December 19, 2023 – 2:00 pm  
Room 045 Health Studies Building**

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Present: David Docherty (Chair); Edward Bach (Zoom); Brody Burr (left at 3:00pm); Kathryn Chachula; Chidimma Joy Chikezie; Matteo Di Muro; Alysha Farrell; Bryan Hill; Taylor Holland; Christophe LeMoine; Rory Lucyshyn-Wright; Michelle Magnusson (Zoom); Mary Jane McCallum (Zoom, joined following Closed Session); Andrea McDaniel; Chukwuanugo Okudo; Doug Ramsey; Lisa Robson; Linda Ross (left at 3:14pm); Balfour Spence; Katie Whelpton (Zoom); Beth Wilson; Britney McNamee (Recording Secretary).

Regrets: Kofi Campbell; Greg Gatien; Linden Haubrick; David Huberdeau-Reid; Pamela Rutherford; Curt Shoultz; Melanie Sucha.

Absent: Mabel Dzigbordzi; Chris Lagimodiere; Scott Lamont; Eftihia Mihelakis; Grant Prairie; Jens Watt.

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**1. Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION 086.DEC23 Ross/Okudo**

THAT the Senate approve the Open Session agenda of the December 19, 2023, meeting as presented.

**CARRIED**

**2. Closed Session**

**MOTION 087.DEC23 LeMoine/Spence**

THAT the Senate move into Closed Session.

**CARRIED**

**3. Motion(s) Raised from Closed Session**

The following motions and secret vote results were raised from Closed Session:

**MOTION 090.DEC23 Robson/Spence**

THAT the Senate recommends that Senator Mary Jane McCallum begin a second three-year term as Chancellor effective May 1, 2024.

**CARRIED**

**List of Approved Honorary Degree Recipients for Spring 2024 Convocation**

- Tom Allen
- Yvonne Boyer
- Elder Norman Fleury
- (Eva) Elin Rombo
- Phyllis Webstad

- Weiming Zhao

#### 4. Open Session

##### 4.1. Approval of Minutes of November 21, 2023

###### **MOTION 098.DEC23 Okudo/Burr**

THAT the Senate approve the Open Session minutes of the November 21, 2023, meeting as presented.

**CARRIED**

##### 4.2. Business Arising

##### 4.3. Continuing Business

###### 4.3.1. Senate Ad-Hoc Committee to Review University Examinations Policy

###### **MOTION Foo1.DEC23 Chachula/Whelpton**

THAT the Senate approve the following membership for the Senate Ad-Hoc Committee to Review the University Examinations Policy:

Faculty of Arts: Deanna Smid  
Faculty of Science: Pamela Rutherford  
Faculty of Health Studies: Nadine Smith  
Faculty of Education: Jill Morris  
School of Music: Greg Gatien  
Two Student Senators: Chidimma Joy Chikezie, Chukwuanugo Okudo  
Student Accessibility Services: Michelle Magnusson  
Registrar: Andrea McDaniel (support, non-voting)

**CARRIED**

###### **MOTION Foo2.DEC23 Ross/Whelpton**

THAT the Senate Ad-Hoc Committee to Review the University Examinations Policy submit its recommendations to the Senate Office for presentation at the May 2024 Senate meeting.

**CARRIED**

##### 4.4. New Business

###### 4.4.1. Curriculum & Academic Planning Committee

###### 4.4.1.1. Faculty of Arts

###### Economics

###### 4.4.1.1.1. Economics New Courses

###### **MOTION 099.DEC23 Spence/Ramsey**

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

- 22:201/ECON 2016 Quantitative Methods in Economics

**CARRIED**

English, Drama & Creative Writing (ED&CW)

4.4.1.1.2. ED&CW Course Deletions

**MOTION 100.DEC23 Spence/Robson**

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

- 30:253 Minority Voices

**CARRIED**

History

4.4.1.1.3. History Curriculum & Program Changes

**MOTION 101.DEC23 Spence/Robson**

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

- Public History Minor and Public History Certificate

**CARRIED**

Liberal Arts

4.4.1.1.4. Liberal Arts Curriculum & Program Changes

**MOTION 102.DEC23 Spence/Robson**

THAT the Senate approve the following curriculum and program changes as submitted by the Department of Geography and Environment, Faculty of Science:

- Liberal Arts Distributed Major Calendar Revisions

**CARRIED**

Political Science

4.4.1.1.5. Political Science Course Revisions

**MOTION 103.DEC23 Spence/Robson**

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

- 78:365 Canadian Constitutional Law

**CARRIED**

Religion

4.4.1.1.6. Religion New Courses

**MOTION 104.DEC23 Spence/Chachula**

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

- 86:201/RELG 2023 Drug-Induced Spirituality

**CARRIED**

Visual Art

4.4.1.1.7. Visual Art New Courses

**MOTION 105.DEC23 Spence/Robson**

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

- 32:301/VAVC 3003 Indigenous Curatorial Practice

**CARRIED**

4.4.1.2. Faculty of Education

Faculty of Education Calendar & Policy Revisions

4.4.1.2.1. Faculty of Education Calendar Revisions

**MOTION 106.DEC23 Farrell/Di Muro**

THAT the Senate approve the following calendar revisions as proposed by the Faculty of Education:

- Changing of wording in BU calendar around disability

**CARRIED**

4.4.1.2.2. Faculty of Education Policy Revisions

**MOTION 107.DEC23 Farrell/Di Muro**

THAT the Senate approve the following policy revisions as proposed by the Faculty of Education:

- Professional Standards Policy (Undergraduate Program)

**CARRIED**

Senator Magnusson noted that this policy does not include a duty to accommodate. Senator Farrell noted that she will provide feedback to the

Undergraduate Education Committee with a request to propose a future revision that would address this.

Physical Education Studies

4.4.1.2.3. Physical Education Course Revisions

**MOTION 108.DEC23 Farrell/Di Muro**

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

- 05:454 Introduction to Applied Biomechanics

**CARRIED**

4.4.1.3. Faculty of Health Studies

Nursing & Psychiatric Nursing

4.4.1.3.1. Nursing & Psychiatric Nursing Course Revisions

**MOTION 109.DEC23 Ross/Chachula**

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

- Clinical Practicum Requirements

**CARRIED**

Nursing

4.4.1.3.2. Nursing Course Revisions

**MOTION 110.DEC23 Ross/Chachula**

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

- 71:287 Foundations for Transition from LPN to BN
- 71:367 Indigenous Health and Wellbeing

**CARRIED**

A Senator inquired about how meaningful engagement with course materials can be assessed in a pass/fail course, and a member of the faculty indicated that assessment would be undertaken similarly to assessment in clinical practicum courses where there are measurable rubrics for engagement and accomplishment that must be reached in order to pass the course without having to assign a specific numeric grade. Another Senator asked whether there was a maximum number of pass/fail courses that can be included in the

professionally regulated curriculum; a Senator from the Faculty confirmed that the program is in compliance even with this course being graded pass/fail.

Psychiatric Nursing

4.4.1.3.3. Psychiatric Nursing Course Deletions

**MOTION 111.DEC23 Ross/Chachula**

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

- 69:154 Fundamentals of Psychiatric Nursing

**CARRIED**

4.4.1.3.4. Psychiatric Nursing Curriculum & Program Changes

**MOTION 112.DEC23 Ross/Chachula**

THAT the Senate approve the following curriculum and program changes as submitted by the Department of Psychiatric Nursing, Faculty of Health Studies:

- 2024-25 Undergraduate Calendar Revisions

**CARRIED**

4.4.1.4. School of Music

4.4.1.4.1. Music Course Revisions

**MOTION 113.DEC23 Bach/LeMoine**

THAT the Senate approve the following course revisions as submitted by the Department of Music Research, School of Music:

- 64:251 Perspectives in Indigenous Music

**CARRIED**

4.4.1.5. Faculty of Science

Mathematics & Computer Science (M&CS)

4.4.1.5.1. M&CS Course Revisions

**MOTION 114.DEC23 LeMoine/Lucyshyn-Wright**

THAT the Senate approve the following course revisions as submitted by the Department of Mathematics & Computer Science, Faculty of Science:

- 62:264 Digital Computer Fundamentals

**CARRIED**

Psychology

4.4.1.5.2. Psychology Curriculum & Program Changes

**MOTION 115.DEC23 LeMoine/Hill**

THAT the Senate approve the following curriculum and program changes as submitted by the Department of Psychology, Faculty of Science:

- Psychology Minor Revisions

**CARRIED**

4.4.1.6.Registrar's Office

4.4.1.6.1. Academic Dates

**MOTION 116.DEC23 LeMoine/Hill**

THAT the Senate approve the following academic dates as submitted by the Registrar's Office with the friendly amendment that the Thursday following the Monday course schedule will occur the week of Thanksgiving, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024:

- 2024-25 and 2025-26 Undergraduate Important Dates

**CARRIED**

Senators expressed concerns with hosting three days following the Monday course schedule in the last week of the Fall 2024 term. Senators proposed scheduling one of the Monday makeup days earlier in the term the week of Thanksgiving. Senators also discussed: whether the makeup credit hours could be scheduled by slots, rather than full days; removing three credit hour courses from Mondays; rescheduling the Fall break to occur earlier in the term; hosting contact hour makeup for slots 08 and 15 on Fridays; creating a committee to revisit course schedules; hosting a fall break from Tuesday to Friday; hosting the makeup credit hours on weekends virtually; and allotting more time between the last day of classes and the beginning of exams. Senate decided to friendly amend the proposed 2024-25 and 2025-26 Undergraduate Important Dates to schedule the Thursday following the Monday course schedule to occur the week of Thanksgiving, on October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

4.4.1.7.Student Services

4.4.1.7.1. Student Services Calendar Revisions

**MOTION 117.DEC23 Whelpton/Magnusson**

THAT the Senate approve the following calendar revisions as submitted by Student Services:

- Remove Section 3.9.2. Mandatory Advising

**CARRIED**

4.4.2. Graduate Studies Committee (Sen. Campbell)

4.4.2.1. Faculty of Arts – Rural Development

4.4.2.1.1. Graduate Arts New Courses

**MOTION 118.DEC23 Ramsey/Spence**

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

- 88:501/RDEV 5023 African Development

**CARRIED**

4.4.2.2. Faculty of Education – Master of Education

4.4.2.2.1. Graduate Education Course Revisions

**MOTION 119.DEC23 Farrell/LeMoine**

THAT the Senate approve the following course revisions as submitted by the Department of Educational Psychology and Student Services:

- 04:772 Practicum in Counselling I
- 04:782 Practicum in Counselling II

**CARRIED**

4.4.2.2.2. Graduate Education Calendar & Policy Revisions

**MOTION 120-1.DEC23 Farrell/LeMoine**

THAT the Senate approve the following calendar and policy revisions as submitted by the Faculty of Education:

- Change of wording in BU calendar around disability

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 120-2.DEC23 Farrell/Di Muro**

THAT the Senate approve the following calendar and policy revisions as submitted by the Faculty of Education:

- Thesis Protocol

**CARRIED**

4.4.2.3. Faculty of Health Studies – Master of Psychiatric Nursing

4.4.2.3.1. Graduate Health Studies Curriculum & Program Changes

**MOTION 121.DEC23 Chachula/Hill**

THAT the Senate approve the following curriculum and program changes as submitted by the Department of Psychiatric Nursing, Faculty of Nursing:

- Deletion of Section 7.1.2. Special Admission in Calendar

**CARRIED**

Senator Chachula noted that deleting Section 7.1.2. will allow the Faculty of Nursing to focus on graduating more part-time students currently enrolled in the program.

#### 4.4.2.4. Faculty of Science – Master of Science (Environmental & Life Sciences)

##### 4.4.2.4.1. Graduate Science Course Revisions

###### **MOTION 122/123.DEC23 LeMoine/Hill**

THAT the Senate approve the following course revisions as submitted by the Master of Science (Environmental & Life Sciences), Faculty of Science:

- 48:663 Science Seminar Series
- 48:798 Thesis

**CARRIED**

##### 4.4.2.4.2. Graduate Science Calendar & Policy Revisions

###### **MOTION 122/123.DEC23 LeMoine/Hill**

THAT the Senate approve the following curriculum and program revisions as submitted by the Master of Science (Environmental & Life Sciences), Faculty of Science:

- MELS Program Plan Revisions

**CARRIED**

#### 4.4.2.5. Registrar's Office

##### 4.4.2.5.1. Academic Dates

###### **MOTION 124.DEC23 LeMoine/Chikezie**

THAT the Senate approve the following academic dates as submitted by the Registrar's Office with the friendly amendment that the Thursday following the Monday course schedule will occur the week of Thanksgiving, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024:

- 2024-25 and 2025-26 Graduate Important Dates

**CARRIED**

#### 4.4.3. Scholarships & Awards Committee of Senate

##### 4.4.3.1. New Awards

**MOTION 125.DEC23 LeMoine/Whelpton**

THAT the Senate approve the following new awards as submitted by the Scholarships & Awards Committee:

- Patricia Fraser Scholarship-Bursary in Science
- North Shore Scholarship-Bursary
- Doug & Marg Grandle Athletic Award
- Sobey's West End Brandon Scholarship in Gender & Women's Studies
- Sobey's West End Brandon Bursary for Indigenous Students
- Mondetta Award

**CARRIED**

4.4.3.2. Award Revisions

**MOTION 126.DEC23 Okudo/Spence**

THAT the Senate approve the following award revisions as submitted by the Scholarships & Awards Committee:

- Medieval Studies Scholarship in English

AND THAT the Senate recommend to the Board of Governors the following award revisions as submitted by the Scholarships & Awards Committee:

- Brandon University International Undergraduate Student Scholarship

**CARRIED**

4.4.4. Senate Research Committee

4.4.4.1. Proposed Policy Revisions

**MOTION 127-1.DEC23 Lucyshyn-Wright/LeMoine**

THAT the Senate approve the following policy revisions proposed by the Senate Research Committee:

- Brandon University Research Centres and Institutes Policy and Procedures

Senator Ramsey noted that the Brandon University Institutes were not consulted or informed of the Brandon University Research Centres and Institutes Policy and Procedures. Senator Ramsey also noted a need for a policy language documenting that the institutes will meet. The directors for the institutes have met and agreed to meet with the Senate Research Committee in the new year to discuss this policy.

**TABLED**

**MOTION 127-2.DEC 23 Lucyshyn-Wright/LeMoine**

THAT the Senate approve the following policy revisions proposed by the Senate Research Committee:

- Research Policies Omnibus Motion

**CARRIED**

#### 4.4.5. Indigenous Curricular Content Committee

##### 4.4.5.1. Recommended Courses for the Indigenous Content Course Requirement

#### **MOTION 128.DEC23 LeMoine/Spence**

THAT the Senate approve the following courses for the Indigenous Content Course Requirement list as submitted by the Indigenous Curricular Content Committee:

- 16:201/BUSI 2007 Indigenous Business
- 32/68:261 Canadian Indigenous Art
- 71:367 Indigenous Health and Wellbeing

**CARRIED**

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

Senator Okudo reported on the following:

- BUSU supported the Long Night Against Procrastination on November 23<sup>rd</sup> where they hosted rock painting, and recently celebrated the end of term with students by giving out student swag.

#### 4.4.7. Report from the Board of Governors Representative (Sen. Huberdeau-Reid)

As Senator Huberdeau-Reid was absent with regrets, Senator Bach reported on the following:

- The Board of Governors met on Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, where motions were carried to approve the following:
  - The endowment earnings distribution rate of 4.5%, as recommended by the Brandon University Foundation.
  - Revisions to By-Law 11 – Committees of the Board of Governors.
  - Revisions to By-Law 10 General By-laws of the Board of Governors.
  - Rescind By-Law 6 – Borrowing By-Law Resolution.
  - Revisions to the Appointment Procedures Policy.
  - Appointments to fill vacancies on Board Committees.
  - Extension of Acting Dean of Science, Dr. Christophe LeMoine, for the period of January 1, 2024, to June 30, 2024.

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

Faculty of Arts – Senator Spence

- The Department of Rural Development in partnership with the Rural Development Institute (RDI) and the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Ghana, have received \$450,000 in funding from Global Affairs Canada. The project is titled “Leadership Training for Sustainable Rural Development: A Transformative Learning Experience.” Out of 26 applicants, the BU-KNUST submission was the winner. It is a five-year funding which will allow top Ghanaian students to come to BU to pursue a MA in Rural Development with

all costs funded. BU is represented by Dr. Wilder Robles (PI), Dr. Wayne Kelly (Co-PI), Dr. Emma Varley (Co-IP), and Dr. Lili de Jardine (Co-PI).

Faculty of Education – Senator Farrell

- 3 searches are ending in the Department of Educational Psychology and Student Services and offers of employment will be made in the near future.
- The Education Society planned and held a series of events at the Long Night Against Procrastination on November 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- The Knowledge Mobilization Suite recently launched. Senator Farrell encouraged Senators to utilize the space if it is useful for them to disseminate knowledge.

Faculty of Science – Senator LeMoine

- Senator LeMoine would like to wish all colleagues and faculties a good holiday season.

School of Music – Senator Gatien

- Senator Gatien was absent with regrets.

Faculty of Health Studies – Senator Ross

- No report.

Dean of Students – Senator Whelpton

- No report.

CIO – Senator Sucha

- Senator Sucha was absent with regrets. Senator McDaniel spoke to the following report provided by Senator Sucha:
  - The library held Long Night Against Procrastination on November 22, serving over 400 students. The library appreciates the ongoing collaboration from the IPC, Student Services, and BUSU in holding this event, as well as support from the offices of the President, the Provost, VP Finance and Admin, Faculty of Health Studies, Faculty of Science, Campus Manitoba, Healthy Living Centre, and the BU Alumni Association. Senator Sucha noted the library is very proud to have community partners engaged in the event, including the Brandon Bear Clan, the Beading Babes, and Western Manitoba Regional Library who completed public library cards signup for BU students.
  - In ongoing partnership with Gender and Women's Studies, the Library hosted Michael V. Smith's poetry reading "Queers Like Me" on November 29. The GWS Speaker Series events continue to be popular and well-attended by BU students, employees, and the community at-large.
  - The library is now offering extended hours during the exam period, and Laura Jacyna offered a study hall event on December 15 in the Music Library.
  - The Library, Archives and ITS Team are proud of a busy Fall term with many engaging campus events and activities, and they would like to wish their colleagues and students a happy holiday season.

University Registrar – Senator McDaniel

- Senator McDaniel is happy to report that all vacancies within the Registrar's Office have been filled. Melissa Ballard has started as the Scholarship & Awards Office Clerk, and Jennifer Dauphinais has started as the Admissions Office Assistant taking over for Brooklyn Hamm while she is on maternity leave.

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

Senator Campbell was absent with regrets.

4.4.10. Report from the President (Dr. Docherty)

Senator Docherty reported on the following:

- Dr. Docherty expressed an end-of-term thank you to all Senators and emphasized the value of their work as Senators and Committee members to Brandon University. Dr. Docherty also expressed great appreciation for the Senate Executive Committee and their extensive conversations that support the Senate.
- Dr. Docherty congratulated Chancellor Mary Jane McCallum on her re-appointment for a second three-year term, commencing in May 2024.
- Several units and employees have been moving physical office spaces this week to accommodate the Vice-President (Research and Graduate Studies), the Associate Vice-President (Indigenous Initiatives), and associated team members.

**5. Other Business**

**6. Correspondence**

**7. Adjournment**

**MOTION 129.DEC23 LeMoine/Holland**

That the Senate adjourn at 4:22pm

**CARRIED**