

**OPEN MINUTES
FOR THE FOURTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE 57TH SENATE
HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2024 – 2:00 PM
LOUIS RIEL ROOM**

Present: David Docherty (Chair); Charles Adamu; Kathryn Chachula; Chidimma Joy Chikezie; Matteo Di Muro; Greg Gatien; Ariane Hanemaayer (joined at 2:14pm); Kesha Haulder; Dominique Héту; Peter Hickey; Bryan Hill (left at 3:36pm); Christophe LeMoine; Christopher Malcolm; Andrea McDaniel; Simon Pattison; Doug Ramsey; Linda Ross; Pamela Rutherford; Curt Shoultz; Melanie Sucha; Jackie Tran; Katie Whelpton (joined at 2:06pm); Beth Wilson; Etsuko Yasui; Leanne Zacharias; Britney McNamee (Recording Secretary). Guest: Deanna Smid.

Regrets: Bernadette Ardelli; Kofi Campbell; Gregory Kennedy; Michelle Magnusson; Dion Wiseman.

Absent: Richard Adu; Mabel Dzigbordzi; Alysha Farrell; Sunday Frangi; Chris Lagimodiere (non-voting); Mary Jane McCallum; Grant Prairie; Oluwatosin Salau.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION 058.NOV24 Héту/Shoultz

THAT the Senate approve the Open Session agenda of the November 19, 2024, meeting as distributed.

CARRIED

2. Closed Session

MOTION 059.NOV24 Pattison/Adamu

THAT the Senate move into Closed Session.

CARRIED

3. Motion(s) Raised from Closed Session

3.1. Registrar's Office

3.1.1. Retroactive October 15, 2024, Graduation Request: Marla Fontaine (930221) – Master of Music

MOTION Foo5.NOV24 Gatien/Héту

THAT the Senate approve that Marla Fontaine (930221) – Master of Music be retroactively graduated as of October 15, 2024, due to extenuating administrative issues, as submitted by the Registrar's Office.

CARRIED

4. Open Session

4.1. Approval of Minutes of October 15, 2024

MOTION o63.NOV24 Shoultz/Hill

THAT the Senate approve the Open Session minutes of October 15, 2024.

CARRIED

4.2. Business Arising

4.3. Continuing Business

4.4. New Business

4.4.1. Ad-Hoc Committee to Review the University Examinations Policy (D. Smid)

MOTION o64.NOV24 LeMoine/Shoultz

THAT the Senate approve revisions to the University Examinations Policy, as proposed by the Ad-Hoc Committee to Review the University Examinations Policy with the following amendments:

- Revise 5.a. Instructor Responsibility should state, “The instructor must inform their Dean/Director, the Registrar’s Office and students registered in the class of the alternate as soon as possible prior to the examination”.
- Revise the policy title to “University Testing & Examinations Policy”

CARRIED

To questions, D. Smid provided the following clarifications:

- The Ad-Hoc Committee to Review the University Examinations Policy did not find the language in Section 3. Scope of the Policy (which originally launched the request for a committee to review the policy) problematic. The Committee noted faculties would benefit from discussing what is practical for their assessments on a faculty level to ensure consistency.
- The Committee did not include disciplinary recommendations in the policy, as that is beyond the Committee’s scope.
- The submission of final examinations to the Registrar’s Office 48 hours prior to the exams is intended to read as 48 hours, rather than 48 business hours.

MOTION o65.NOV24 Adamu/Whelpton

THAT the Senate recommend to the senior administration of Brandon University creation of a centralized Test Centre, per the submission of the Ad-Hoc Committee to Review the University Examinations Policy.

CARRIED

K. Whelton noted Student Accessibility Services (SAS) is running out of space and resources to support the increasing demand for accommodated tests and examinations. A. McDaniel agreed, highlighting that more resources are needed to support deferred tests and exams currently accommodated in the limited SAS space. P. Rutherford stated a testing centre would allow faculties to accommodate deferred tests and exams, rather than pro-rating them.

President Docherty stated senior administration would benefit from being provided a detailed plan of what the testing centre would look like and that such a recommendation

would hold weight if a proposal for a testing centre were included within the academic plan. K. Whelpton stated SAS is prepared to provide information on the proposed testing centre.

B. Hill noted he will report on this to the Board of Governors at their meeting on November 23.

MOTION 066.NOV24 Adamu/Shoultz

THAT the Senate recommend to the senior administration of Brandon University creation of a Policy for Documentation, per the submission of the Ad-Hoc Committee to Review the University Examinations Policy.

CARRIED

4.4.2. Honorary Degrees Deferred to Spring 2025 Convocation (President Docherty)

- Tom Allen
- (Eva) Elin Rombo

4.4.3. Undergraduate Studies Committee (Sen. Campbell)

4.4.3.1. Faculty of Health Studies

4.4.3.1.1. Revisions to Faculty of Health Studies Admissions Process

MOTION 067.NOV24 Ross/Chachula

THAT the Senate approve the Revisions to Faculty of Health Studies Admission Process as recommended by the Faculty of Health Studies.

CARRIED
(3 abstentions)

Psychiatric Nursing

4.4.3.1.2. Psychiatric Nursing Policy Revisions

MOTION 068.NOV24 Ross/Chachula

THAT the Senate approve the following policy revisions, as proposed by the Department of Psychiatric Nursing, Faculty of Health Studies:

- Out-of-Province Senior Practicum Request Policy

CARRIED

4.4.3.2. Faculty of Science

Chemistry

4.4.3.2.1. Chemistry Course Deletions

MOTION 069.NOV24 LeMoine/Hill

THAT the Senate approve the following course deletions, as recommended by the Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Science:

- 18:387 Statistical and Thermal Physics
- 18:388 Quantum Mechanics I
- 18:452 Biological Inorganic Chemistry

CARRIED

4.4.3.2.2. Chemistry Course Revisions

MOTION 070.NOV24 LeMoine/Adamu

THAT the Senate approve the following course revisions, as recommended by the Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Science:

- 18:352 Nucleic Acids Biochemistry
- 18:363 Introductory Biochemistry
- 18:364 Inorganic Chemistry II: Coordination Chemistry
- 18:373 Intermediary Metabolism and Human Metabolic Disorders
- 18:456 Computational Chemistry
- 18:471 Natural Product Synthesis
- 18:474 Inorganic Chemistry III: Organometallic Chemistry
- 18:499 Research Topics in Chemistry

CARRIED

4.4.3.2.3. Chemistry Curriculum & Program Changes

MOTION 071.NOV24 LeMoine/Hill

THAT the Senate approve the Chemistry Calendar revisions, as proposed by the Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Science.

CARRIED

4.4.3.3. Registrar's Office

4.4.3.3.1. Undergraduate Policy/Regulation Revisions

MOTION 072.NOV24 Shoultz/Adamu

THAT the Senate approve the proposal for revision to the Re-Admission After Academic Withdrawal Policy as recommended by the Registrar's Office.

CARRIED

4.4.4. Scholarships & Awards Committee of Senate (Sen. Gatien)

4.4.4.1. Award Revisions

MOTION 073.NOV24 Gatien/LeMoine

THAT the Senate approve the following award revisions, as recommended by the Scholarships & Awards Committee of Senate:

- James Harvey Tolton Memorial Scholarship
- Shirley and Dalton Gadbois Memorial Scholarship in Psychology

CARRIED

4.4.5. Indigenous Curricular Content Committee (C. Lagimodiere)

4.4.5.1. Recommended Courses for the Indigenous Content Course Requirement

MOTION 074.NOV24 Gatien/Hanemaayer

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

- 64:67:251 Perspectives in Indigenous Music

CARRIED

4.4.6. Reports

4.4.6.1. Brandon University Students' Union (BUSU) President (Sen. Adamu)

No report submitted.

4.4.6.2. Board of Governors Representative (Sen. Frangi)

No report submitted.

4.4.6.3. Members of Deans' Council (President Docherty)

Senator Whelpton congratulated Senator Adamu for being recognized as the province's 2024 outstanding international student for universities by the Manitoba Council for International Education (MCIE).

Senator Whelpton provided the following update on the Student Services report:

- Following the incident at the University of Manitoba (UofM) on October 25, 2024, involving an intruder in student residence, the UofM was able to track the intruders attempt to access all external residence entrances with their security cameras, until the intruder forcefully entered the building. The intruder then proceeded to check all residence doors until they found one unlocked. Following these updates from the UofM, BU RA's have met in person with their designated students to remind them the importance of locking their doors. Senator Whelpton has met with Senator Hickey to show that if such an incident occurred at BU, there would be insufficient surveillance footage to monitor and report the event to the police. Senator Whelpton will be copied on the full report from UofM.

4.4.6.4. Associate Vice-President (Indigenous Initiatives) (C. Lagimodiere)

No report submitted.

4.4.6.5. Vice-President (Administration & Finance) (Sen. Hickey)

No report submitted.

4.4.6.6. Vice-President (Research & Graduate Studies) (Sen. Ardelli)

No report submitted.

4.4.6.7. Provost & Vice-President (Academic) (Sen. Campbell)

No report submitted.

4.4.6.8. President (President Docherty)

President Docherty provided the following updates:

- President Docherty attended the Universities Canada fall meeting in Ottawa on October 29 and 30, 2024, where they discussed the Deputy Minister champions. Following the meeting, President Docherty wrote to Universities Canada noting they have missed Manitoba postsecondary institutions in the Deputy Minister champions. President Docherty received a response this morning acknowledging they have missed Manitoba institutions.
- The President's Executive Council met at the end of October and decided to double security on campus – there will always be two security officers on campus.
- The security audit should be out by the time the security RFP for the next security provider is distributed. The audit will inform decisions regarding need for security officers and cameras.
- Several Senators noted concerns around campus safety and building security. Senators were encouraged to report all incidents to the Health and Safety Advisor, Al Trotz. A Senator recommended that administration send an email to faculty, staff and students informing them how to report incidents.
- The Senate noted many reports are missing. President Docherty noted he would take this concern to the Senate Executive Committee for discussion.

5. Other Business

MOTION Chikezie/Haulder

THAT the Senate recommend that Financial & Registration Services send an email to students at the beginning of the term about de-registration from courses due to non-payment.

CARRIED

6. Correspondence

7. Adjournment

MOTION 075.NOV24 Adamu/Hanemaayer

THAT the Senate adjourn at 3:55 pm.