

**OPEN MINUTES
OF THE THIRD REGULAR MEETING OF THE 58TH SENATE
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2025 – 2:00 PM
LOUIS RIEL ROOM**

Present: Christine Bovis-Crossen (Chair); Charles Adamu; Bernadette Ardelli; Rick Baker; Matteo Di Muro; Ravi Dwivedula; Cory Dysart-Moody; Alysha Farrell; Marika Galea (acting for Leanne Zacharias); Marsha Harris; Dominique Hétu; Peter Hickey (arrived at 2:06); Bryan Hill; Rebecca Jimoh; Gregory Kennedy; Chris Lagimodiere (non-voting); Katheryne Lumgair; Christopher Malcolm; Andrea McDaniel; Linda Ross (arrived at 2:06); Curt Shoultz; Melanie Sucha; Pete Whittington; Michelle Williams Joel; Dion Wiseman; Etsuko Yasui; Leanne Zacharias (acting for Greg Gatien).

Regrets: Nora Ahmad, Danil Buzhor; Greg Gatien (acting for Kofi Campbell); Ariane Hanemaayer; Christophe LeMoine; Michael Uwa-Omoregha; Katie Whelpton.

Absent: Mary Jane McCallum; Grant Prairie.

President Bovis-Crossen shared a land acknowledgement and invited round table introductions.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION 032.OCT25 Kennedy/Shoultz

THAT the Senate approve the Open Session agenda of the October 14, 2025, meeting as distributed.

CARRIED

2. Motion to Move into Closed Session

MOTION 033.OCT25

THAT the Senate move into Closed Session.

CARRIED

3. Motion(s) Raised from Closed Session

MOTION 036.OCT25

THAT the Senate approve the granting of the designation “Professor Emeritus” to Prof. Austin Gulliver, Department of Physics and Astronomy, Faculty of Science
AND
THAT the approval be forwarded to the Board of Governors for information.

CARRIED

MOTION 037.OCT25

THAT the Senate approve the final list of graduands of October 15, 2025
AND
THAT the list be forwarded to the Board of Governors for information.

CARRIED

4. Welcome and Orientation

- Pres. Bovis-Crossen and Sen. McDaniel provided an overview of bicameral governance.
- Discussion included the following:
 - Recommendation that each of the representatives of professorial/professional groups have access to a communication channel that would allow them to share Senate information with their constituency; Sen. McDaniel will follow-up to explore options.
 - Recommendation that the Senate Office encourage all Faculty/Schools to have a Senate report as a standing item on their Faculty Council meeting agendas; Sen. McDaniel will notify all Faculty/School Offices.

5. Open Session

5.1. Approval of Minutes of September 16, 2025

MOTION 040.OCT25 Whittington/Wiseman

That the Senate approve the Open Session minutes of the September 16, 2025, meeting as presented.

CARRIED

5.2. Business Arising

5.3. Continuing Business

5.4. New Business

5.4.1. Elections

5.4.1.1. Appointments for the Dean of Music Search Committee (Pres. Bovis-Crossen)

- Two Faculty Senators, elected by Senate, who are not members of the Faculty/School concerned

Dominique Héту volunteered to serve on the search committee.

Bryan Hill volunteered to serve on the search committee.

ACCLAIMED

- One Student Senator elected by Senate, normally from the Faculty/School concerned.

Rebecca Jimoh volunteered to serve on the committee.

ACCLAIMED

5.4.1.2. Bylaws Revision Committee (Sen. McDaniel)

- Update on the Bylaws Revisions Committee Membership

Sen. McDaniel affirmed that three members of the Bylaws Revision Committee have been confirmed, but representatives from the Faculty of Education and Faculty of Health Studies are still outstanding. Senator Ross inquired as to what would happen if no representative comes forward from a Faculty. Sen. McDaniel confirmed the work would proceed without representation from that area, but that it is challenging to undertake this type of pan-institution work effectively without the full breadth of voices participating.

5.4.2. Undergraduate Studies Committee (Sen. Farrell)

Dr. Bovis-Crossen indicated that in the early winter, she would be interested in seeing the Senate explore introducing a consent agenda for standard items that may not require detailed discussion to ensure that Senators' efforts and talents are put to best use. She would like the Senate to have capacity to dig into larger academic matters that affect the University broadly. Items on a consent agenda are approved by consent without formal motions. With 24 hours notice/request, items can be moved

from the consent agenda to the regular agenda. Items can be moved from the consent agenda to the regular agenda by motion at the meeting.

Sen. McDaniel will source some examples of consent agendas from other universities to share with Senators as this discussion progresses.

One Senator indicated that it would be helpful to have access to some concrete criteria that would help members to determine whether an item can appear on the consent agenda or whether it must appear on the regular agenda.

5.4.2.1. Faculty of Arts

Business Administration

5.4.2.1.1 Business New Courses

MOTION 041.OCT25 Kennedy/Shoultz

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

- 16:303/MKTG 3010 Social Media Marketing
- 16:401/HRMO 4003 Human Resource Analytics for Decision Making

CARRIED

English, Drama & Creative Writing (ED&CW)

5.4.2.1.2 ED&CW Curriculum & Program Changes

MOTION 042.OCT25 Kennedy/Héту

THAT the Senate approve the following Curriculum and Program revisions, as submitted by the Department of English, Drama & Creative Writing, Faculty of Arts:

- Add 30/68:142 Indigenous Literature to Humanities List

CARRIED

Gender & Women's Studies (G&WS)

5.4.2.1.3 G&WS New Courses

MOTION 043.OCT25 Kennedy/Héту

THAT the Senate approve the following new courses, as proposed by the Department of Gender & Women's Studies, Faculty of Arts:

- 36:101/GWST 1002 Introduction to Gender and Women's Studies
- 36:301/90:301/GWST 3034 Feminist Research Methods and Ethics

CARRIED

5.4.2.1.4 G&WS Course Deletions

MOTION 044.OCT25 Kennedy/Hétu

THAT the Senate approve the following course deletions as proposed by the Department of Gender & Women's Studies, Faculty of Arts:

- 36:162 Making Sense of Gender
- 36:268 Understanding Feminism

CARRIED

Liberal Arts

5.4.2.1.5 Liberal Arts Curriculum & Program Changes

MOTION 045.OCT25 Kennedy/Shoultz

THAT the Senate approve the following Curriculum and Program revisions, as submitted by the Department of Liberal Arts, Faculty of Arts:

- Remove the 100 level requirements for the 3-year minor in discipline

CARRIED

Religion

5.4.2.1.6 Religion Course Deletions

MOTION 046.OCT25 Kennedy/Galea

THAT the Senate approve the following course deletions as proposed by the Department of Religion, Faculty of Arts:

- 86:GRK:102 Introduction to Hellenistic Greek
- 86:HEB:101 Introductory Hebrew

CARRIED

Sociology

5.4.2.1.7 Sociology New Courses

MOTION 047.OCT25 Kennedy/Hill

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

- 90:201/36:201/SOCI 2020 Sociological Perspectives on Gender Diversity
- 90:302/CRIM 3007 Trans Perspectives in Criminology

CARRIED

5.4.2.2. Faculty of Education

Bachelor of Education (BED) Courses & Programs

5.4.2.2.1 BED Curriculum & Program Revisions

MOTION 048.OCT25 Farrell/Kennedy

THAT the Senate approve the following Curriculum and Program revisions, as submitted by the Undergraduate Education Committee, Faculty of Education:

- Proposed Entrance Requirements

AND

THAT the proposed entrance requirement revisions take effect for the 2026-27 admission cycle.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

Amendment:

- Geography should be included under the Earth Sciences umbrella as well as the Social Sciences umbrella in the Senior Years teachable areas in the Undergraduate Calendar copy.

5.4.2.2.2 BED Policy Revisions

MOTION 049.OCT25 Farrell/Hétu

THAT the Senate approve the following policy revision, as submitted by the Undergraduate Education Committee, Faculty of Education:

- Professional Standards Committee Procedures

CARRIED

Discussion on the motion included the following:

- A Senator inquired regarding Section D.i – is a verbal warning sufficient in these cases? Sen. Farrell indicated that there are instances where a verbal discussion reveals that the situation is not what was first understood and a conversation is sufficient to resolve.
- A Senator inquired how the Professional Standards policy intersects with other institutional policies such as the Non-Academic Student Conduct Policy, the Discrimination and Harassment Prevention Policy, etc. Sen. Farrell confirmed that professional policies generally take precedence in cases where multiple policies could be invoked, though there are cases where multiple policies can be invoked for the same situation.

MOTION 049a.OCT25 Farrell/Hétu

THAT the Senate approve the following policy revision, as submitted by the Undergraduate Education Committee, Faculty of Education:

- Process for Removal from Practicum Policy

CARRIED

Discussion on the motion included the following:

- A Senator wondered whether there might need to be government oversight of either of these policies. Sen. Farrell indicated that this is not the case at present, but with the implementation of the recent Teacher's Registry, there may be need to reconsider this. There is not a current mechanism for the government to notify an educational institution if an affiliated individual has been entered onto the registry.

5.4.2.3. Faculty of Science

Mathematics & Computer Science (M&CS)

5.4.2.3.1 M&CS Course Revision

MOTION 050.OCT25 Wiseman/Shoultz

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

- 60:091 Core Mathematics

CARRIED

5.4.3. Graduate Studies Committee (Sen. Ardelli)

5.4.3.1. Faculty of Health Studies – Master of Psychiatric Nursing

5.4.3.1.1. Graduate Health Studies Policy Revisions

MOTION 051.OCT25 Ross/Farrell

THAT the Senate approve the following Curriculum and Program revisions, as submitted by Graduate Health Studies, Faculty of Health Studies:

- MPN Program Progression Policy

CARRIED

5.4.4. USC & GSC Joint Recommendations (Sen. Ardelli)

5.4.4.1. USC & GSC New Policies

MOTION 052.OCT25 Whittington/Kennedy

THAT the Senate approve the following Curriculum and Program revisions, as submitted by the Undergraduate Studies Committee and the Graduate Studies Committee:

- Authorized Leave Policy

CARRIED

Discussion on the motion included the following;

- Stoppage of payment for grants and possibility of researcher losing remaining funding if funded student stops in last year of external granting agency funding

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

5.4.5.1. Award Revisions

MOTION 053.OCT25 Shoultz/Adamu

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

- Shirley & Dalton Gadbois Memorial Scholarship in Psychology

- Bachelor of Education Scholarship-Bursary for Aboriginal Students
(proposed name: Bachelor of Education Bursary for Indigenous Students)
- Sobey's West End Brandon Bursary for Indigenous Students
(proposed name: Greg Gingras & Jeffrey Nakonechny Bursary for Indigenous Students)
- Sobey's West End Brandon Scholarship in Gender & Women's Studies
(proposed name: Greg Gingras & Jeffrey Nakonechny Scholarship in Gender & Women's Studies)

CARRIED

5.4.6. Ad-Hoc Committee Updates

- 5.4.6.1. Lifetime Achievement Award Policy Review Committee (Sen. Whittington)

MOTION 054.OCT25 Whittington/Adamu

THAT Senate approve the revised Lifetime Achievement Award Policy and associated Lifetime Achievement Award Nomination Form, as submitted by the Lifetime Achievement Award Policy Review Ad-Hoc Committee

AND

THAT Senate approve the revised Honorary Degree Policy ("Regulations Governing the Granting of Honorary Degrees at Brandon University"), as submitted by the Lifetime Achievement Award Policy Review Ad-Hoc Committee.

CARRIED

- 5.4.6.2. Non-Credit Certificate Policy Review Committee (Sen. Shultz)

MOTION 055.OCT25 Shultz/Kennedy

THAT Senate approve the Not for Credit Pilot Policy for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028, as presented by the Non-Credit Certificate Policy Review Ad-Hoc Committee.

CARRIED

Discussion on the motion included the following:

- The Chair wondered whether the badges completed under this policy would be transcribed and/or appear on the parchment? Sen. Shultz confirmed that these badges will not be transcribed or appear on the transcript under the pilot policy. The Chair encouraged Senators to think boldly on this and to consider how Brandon University can create differentiators for its graduates.
- It would be helpful for the pilot group to provide an update to Senate in a year to provide a mid-project touch-point.

The Senate received Notice of Motion regarding establishment of a Not for Credit Credentials Committee for the duration of the Not for Credit Policy pilot period.

5.4.6.3. Grade Appeal Policy Review Committee (Sen. LeMoine)

Written report provided to Senate.

5.4.6.4. External Review of Programs & Units Policy Review Committee (Sen. Campbell)

Written report provided to Senate.

5.4.6.5. Liberal Education Requirement Review Committee (Sen. Kennedy)

Written report provided to Senate.

5.4.6.6. Senate Awards for Excellence Review Committee (Sen. Gatien)

Written report provided to Senate.

5.4.7. Reports

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

Written report submitted to Senate.

5.4.7.2. Board of Governors Representative (Sen. Lumgair)

Written report submitted to Senate.

5.4.7.3. Members of Deans' Council

- Dean of the Faculty of Arts (Sen. Kennedy)

Written report provided to Senate.

- Dean of the Faculty of Education (Sen. Farrell)

Written report provided to Senate.

- Acting Dean of the Faculty of Health Studies (TBD)

As the position is currently vacant, no written report was provided.

- Acting Dean of the School of Music (Sen. Zacharias)

Written report provided to Senate.

Sen. Galea corrected that the Music Open House is actually being held on the 6th and 7th of November rather than 5th and 6th as indicated in the written report.

- Dean of the Faculty of Science (Sen. LeMoine)

Written report provided to Senate.

- Dean of Students (Sen. Whelpton)

Written report provided to Senate.

- Chief Information Officer (Sen. Sucha)

Written report provided to Senate.

- University Registrar (Sen. McDaniel)

Written report provided to Senate.

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

Written report provided to Senate.

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

Written report provided to Senate.

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

Written report provided to Senate.

5.4.7.7. Acting Provost & Vice-President (Academic) (Sen. Gatien)

Written report provided to Senate.

5.4.7.8. Acting President (Pres. Bovis-Crossen)

Written report provided to Senate.

6. Other Business

7. Correspondence

8. Adjournment

The Senate adjourned at 3:45 pm.