

**OPEN MINUTES  
FOURTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE 58TH SENATE  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2025 – 2:00 PM  
LOUIS RIEL ROOM**

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**Present:** Christine Bovis-Crossen (Chair); Charles Adamu (arrived at 2:10 pm); Nora Ahmad; Bernadette Ardelli; Rick Baker; Ravi Dwivedula; Alysha Farrell; Greg Gatien (acting for Kofi Campbell); JT Godin (acting for Leanne Zacharias); Marsha Harris; Peter Hickey; Bryan Hill; Gregory Kennedy; Katheryne Lumgair; Andrea McDaniel; Curt Shoultz; Melanie Sucha; Katie Whelpton; Pete Whittington; Michelle Williams Joel; Dion Wiseman; Etsuko Yasui.

**Regrets:** Ariane Hanemaayer; Matteo Di Muro; Dominique Héту; Chris Lagimodiere (non-voting); Christophe LeMoine; Christopher Malcolm; Linda Ross; Leanne Zacharias (acting for Greg Gatien).

**Absent:** Danil Buzhor; Cory Dysart-Moody; Rebecca Jimoh; Mary Jane McCallum; Grant Prairie; Michael Uwa-Omoregha.

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**1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement**

Pres. Bovis-Crossen called the meeting to order, welcomed all Senators, and offered a Land Acknowledgement.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION 056.NOV25 Shoultz/Godin**

THAT the Senate approves the Open Session agenda of November 18, 2025, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3. Closed Session**

**MOTION 056b.NOV25 Whelpton/LeMoine**

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 October 14, 2025

##### **MOTION 060.NOV25 Kennedy/Whittington**

THAT the Senate approves the Open Session minutes of October 14, 2025, as presented.

**CARRIED**

##### 5.2. Business Arising

There was no business arising.

##### 5.3. Continuing Business

There was no continuing business.

##### 5.4. New Business

##### 5.4.1. Undergraduate Studies Committee (Sen. Gatien)

##### 5.4.1.1. Faculty of Arts

##### **OMNIBUS MOTION Kennedy/Baker**

THAT the Senate approves motions 061 through 067.NOV25, as presented by the Faculty of Arts.

**CARRIED**

Discussion on this motion included the following:

- A Senator wondered whether there should be standardization of terminology throughout BU's programming so that either "stream" or "concentration" is used, but not both.
  - Pres. Bovis-Crossen recommended that the Undergraduate and Graduate Studies Committees review this matter and report back to Senate.
- A Senator wondered whether there should be standardization of presentation of curricula in the academic calendars so that programs with a "core curriculum" either do or do not repeat the core requirements in

each stream/concentration curriculum table (whereas both versions exist in the current calendars).

### Business Administration

#### 5.4.1.1.1. Business Curriculum & Program Revisions

##### **MOTION 061.NOV25**

THAT the Senate approves the following curriculum and program revisions, as submitted by the Department of Business Administration, Faculty of Arts:

- Naming of General Management Stream
- Creation of Business Analytics Stream
- Global Curriculum Revisions Including Standardized Core Requirements

### English, Drama & Creative Writing (ED&CW)

#### 5.4.1.1.2. ED&CW Curriculum & Program Revisions

##### **MOTION 062.NOV25**

THAT the Senate approves the following curriculum and program revisions, as submitted by the Department of English, Drama and Creative Writing, Faculty of Arts:

- English Honours and Combined Honours Major Curriculum Table Revision

### Francophone Studies & Languages (FS&L)

#### 5.4.1.1.3. FS&L Course Revisions

##### **MOTION 063.NOV25**

THAT the Senate approves the following course revisions, as submitted by the Department of Francophone Studies and Languages, Faculty of Arts:

- 58:FREN:201 Introduction to Francophone Intercultural Studies

#### 5.4.1.1.4. FS&L Curriculum & Program Revisions

##### **MOTION 064.NOV25**

THAT the Senate approves the following curriculum and program revisions, as submitted by the Department of Francophone Studies and Languages, Faculty of Arts:

- French Major Curriculum Table Revisions

#### Religion

##### 5.4.1.1.5. Religion New Courses

#### **MOTION 065.NOV25**

THAT the Senate approves the following new courses, as submitted by the Department of Religion, Faculty of Arts:

- 86/36:201 Religion and Marginalization

#### Sociology

##### 5.4.1.1.6. Sociology Course Revisions

#### **MOTION 066.NOV25**

THAT the Senate approves the following course revisions, as submitted by the Department of Sociology, Faculty of Arts:

- 90/36/56:302/68:305/CRIM 3007 Trans Perspectives in Criminology

#### Visual Art

##### 5.4.1.1.7. Visual Art Curriculum & Program Revisions

#### **MOTION 067.NOV25**

THAT the Senate approves the following curriculum and program revisions, as submitted by the Ishkaabatens Waasa Gaa Inaabateg Department of Visual Art, Faculty of Arts:

- Major Core Requirements Revision
- Drawing Minor Curriculum Revision

5.4.1.2. Faculty of Education

Bachelor of Education (BED) Courses & Programs

5.4.1.2.1. BED Course Revisions

**MOTION 068.NOV25 Gatien/Farrell**

THAT the Senate approves the following course revisions, as submitted by the Undergraduate Education Committee, Faculty of Education:

- 04:411 Supporting Students with Reading Difficulties and Reading Disability
- Batch Prerequisite Changes

**CARRIED**

5.4.1.3. Faculty of Health Studies

**OMNIBUS MOTION Gatien/Ahmad**

THAT Senate approves motions 069 through 070.NOV25, as presented by the Faculty of Health Studies.

**CARRIED**

Psychiatric Nursing

5.4.1.3.1. Psychiatric Nursing Course Revisions

**MOTION 069.NOV 25**

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

- 69:380 Interpersonal Abuse

Nursing & Psychiatric Nursing

5.4.1.3.2. Nursing & Psychiatric Nursing Course Revisions

**MOTION 070.NOV25**

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

- 69:151 and 71:155 Course Equivalency

5.4.1.4. School of Music

5.4.1.4.1. Music Education Course Revisions

**MOTION 071.NOV25 Gatien/Godin**

THAT the Senate approves the following course revisions, as submitted by the Joint Department of Music Education, School of Music:

- 66:378 Elementary Conducting and Score Study I

**CARRIED**

5.4.1.5. Faculty of Science

Geography & Environment (G&E)

5.4.1.5.1. G&E Course Revisions

**MOTION 072.NOV25 Gatien/LeMoine**

THAT the Senate approves the following course revisions, as submitted by the Department of Geography and Environment, Faculty of Science:

- 38:179 World Regional Geography
- 38:180 People and Places: An Introduction to Human Geography
- 38:250 Introduction to Weather and Climate
- 38:280 Economic Geography
- 38:282 Cultural Geography
- 38:291 Soils and Soil Conservation
- 38:292 Geography of Water Resources
- 38:294 Outdoor Recreation and Tourism
- 38:373 Biogeography and Wildlife Management
- 38:381 Urban Geography
- 38:399 Directed Studies in Geography
- 38:477 Seminar in Advanced Geomatics

- 38:492 Sustainable Natural Resource Management

**CARRIED**

5.4.1.6. Student Services

5.4.1.6.1. Student Services Curriculum & Program Revisions

**MOTION 073.NOV25 Gatien/Whelpton**

THAT the Senate approves the following curriculum and program revisions, as submitted by the Office of the Dean of Students:

- Removal of Success1 from Undergraduate Calendar

**CARRIED**

Discussion on this motion included the following:

- A Senator wondered whether a newer version of this program would be more inclusive of students in all programs at the University (since the version under discussion here included only students in Arts, Science, and Physical Education Studies).
  - The Dean of Students received this feedback for future consideration.
- A Senator wondered whether the Board of Governors had any discussion around funding of this program, etc. when it was first approved.
  - The Dean of Students explained that it was not funded specifically by the Board and there were issues with the program in addition to human resourcing that necessitate its closure and complete revision.

5.4.1.7. Registrar's Office

5.4.1.7.1. Registrar's Office Policy/Regulation Revisions

**MOTION 074.NOV25 Gatien/Whelpton**

THAT the Senate approves the following policy/regulation revisions as submitted by the Registrar's Office:

- Admissions Undergraduate Calendar Revisions

**CARRIED**

5.4.2. Graduate Studies Committee (Sen. Ardelli)

5.4.2.1. Faculty of Education – Master of Education

5.4.2.1.1. Graduate Education Policy Revisions

**MOTION 075.NOV25 Ardelli/Farrell**

THAT the Senate approves the following policy revisions, as submitted by the Graduate Education Committee, Faculty of Education:

- MED Thesis Protocol

**CARRIED**

5.4.2.2. Faculty of Science – Master of Environmental & Life Sciences

5.4.2.2.1. Graduate Science Course Revisions

**MOTION 076.NOV25 Ardelli/LeMoine**

THAT the Senate approves the following course revisions, as submitted by the Department of Geography and Environment, Faculty of Science:

- 38/42:677 Seminar in Advanced Geomatics
- 38:692 Sustainable Natural Resource Management

**CARRIED**

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

5.4.3.1. USC & GSC New Policies/Regulations

**MOTION 077.NOV25 Ardelli/LeMoine**

THAT the Senate approves the following new policies/regulations, as submitted by the Undergraduate Studies Committee and the Graduate Studies Committee:

- Creation of Faculty-Specific Non-Departmental Departments

**CARRIED**

5.4.3.2. USC & GSC Policy/Regulation Revisions

**MOTION 078.NOV25 Ardelli/Gatien**

THAT the Senate approves the following policy/regulation revisions, as submitted by the Undergraduate Studies Committee and the Graduate Studies Committee:

- GPA Description Calendar Revision

**CARRIED**

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

5.4.4.1. New Awards

**MOTION 079.NOV25 Gatien/Shoultz**

THAT the Senate approves the following new awards, as submitted by the Scholarships & Awards Committee of Senate:

- Patrick Healy Scholarships
- Class of '67 Scholarship-Bursary
- Hilton Stewart Bursary in Education

**CARRIED**

5.4.4.2. Award Revisions

**MOTION 080.NOV25 Gatien/Shoultz**

THAT the Senate approves the following award revisions, as submitted by the Scholarships & Awards Committee of Senate:

- Glenn D. Hockley Scholarship in Geology
- Helen Jones Scholarship-Bursary in Nursing
- Betty Mitchell Scholarship in Palliative Care Nursing

**CARRIED**

Pres. Bovis-Crossen thanked the donors for providing so generously in support of students. Sen. Gatien also thanked colleagues in Advancement who work diligently with donors.

#### 5.4.5. Senate Research Committee (SRC)

##### 5.4.5.1. SRC Policy/Regulation Revisions

#### **MOTION 081.NOV25 Ardelli/Adamu**

THAT the Senate approves the following policy/regulation revisions, as submitted by the Senate Research Committee:

- BUREC Terms of Reference
- BUREC Procedures
- Brandon University Policy on Research Involving Humans

**CARRIED**

Discussion on this motion included the following:

- Sen. Ardelli noted that RITHIM, an organization led by Research Manitoba, has ethics requirements that are heavily based on clinical research. Most of BU's research is more qualitative, and not all of the RITHIM provisions apply well. Sen. Ardelli is prepared to have a conversation with RITHIM regarding the unique nature of research at BU and the challenges created by the new provisions. RITHIM requires that all health research involving humans be reviewed and approved by The Committee for Harmonized Health Impact, Privacy, and Ethics Review (CHIPER). Brandon University has representation on CHIPER.
- A Senator wondered what will happen if a research project has been approved by the primary investigator's institution but there is a BU collaborator and BUREC does not approve the submission; how will this be communicated to the primary investigator, particularly if the primary investigator is not fluent in English?
  - Sen. Ardelli confirmed that the Office of Research & Graduate Studies would provide support for this communication.
- Sen. Ardelli clarified that a new faculty researcher coming from another institution would have to obtain a BUREC certificate to access grant funding.
- A Senator noted several typos and will send them to Sen. Ardelli for document updating after the meeting. Sen. Ardelli will report on the minor document revisions at the next Senate meeting.

#### 5.4.6. Ad-Hoc Committee Reports

##### 5.4.6.1. External Review of Programs & Units Policy Review Committee (Sen. Gatien)

Written report submitted to Senate.

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

Written report submitted to Senate.

Sen. LeMoine provided an update to share that the Graduate Studies Committee did not pass the proposed revision but sent the proposal back to programs for further review and feedback. Accordingly, the revised Grade Appeal Policy is likely to arrive back at Senate in January instead of December.

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

Written report submitted to Senate.

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

Written report submitted to Senate.

5.4.7. Individual Reports

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

No written report submitted to Senate.

5.4.7.1. Board of Governors Representative (Sen. Lumgair)

Written report submitted to Senate.

5.4.7.2. Members of Deans' Council

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

Written report submitted to Senate.

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

No written report submitted to Senate.

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

No written report submitted to Senate.

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

Written report submitted to Senate.

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

Written report submitted to Senate.

- Dean of Students (Sen. Whelpton)

Written report submitted to Senate.

- Chief Information Officer (Sen. Sucha)

Written report submitted to Senate.

- University Registrar (Sen. McDaniel)

Written report submitted to Senate.

A Senator questioned the international tuition deposit amounts cited in the report, and Sen. McDaniel acknowledged an error. The international tuition deposit amounts were revised for the 2026-27 admission intake and are now as follows: \$5000 for undergraduate students and \$2500 for graduate students.

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

No written report submitted to Senate.

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

No written report submitted to Senate.

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

No written report submitted to Senate.

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

No written report submitted to Senate.

Pres. Bovis-Crossen thanked Sen. Gatien for serving so well as Acting Provost & Vice-President (Academic) during the period of Sen. Campbell's absence.

5.4.7.7. President (Pres. Bovis-Crossen)

Written report submitted to Senate.

**6. Other Business**

There was no other business.

**7. Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

**8. Adjournment**

The Senate adjourned at 3:18 pm.