

**OPEN MINUTES
FOR THE EIGHTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE 57TH SENATE
HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2025 – 2:00 PM
LOUIS RIEL ROOM**

Present: David Docherty (Chair); Charles Adamu; Bernadette Ardelli; Kathryn Chachula; Matteo DiMuro; Alysha Farrell; Keshia Haulder; Dominique Hétu; Peter Hickey; Bryan Hill; Gregory Kennedy; Chris Lagimodiere (non-voting); Christophe LeMoine; Michelle Magnusson; Andrea McDaniel; Linda Ross; Curt Shoultz; Deanna Smid; Melanie Sucha; Katie Whelpton; Dion Wiseman; Etsuko Yasui; Leanne Zacharias.

Regrets: Kofi Campbell; Greg Gatien; Ariane Hanemaayer; Britney McNamee (Recording Secretary); Simon Pattison.

Absent: Richard Adu; Chidimma Joy Chikezie; Mabel Dzigbordzi; Sunday Frangi; Mary Jane McCallum; Christopher Malcolm; Grant Prairie; Oluwatosin Salau; Jackie Tran; Beth Wilson.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION 173.MAR25 Whelpton/Sucha

THAT the Senate approve the Open Session agenda of the March 18, 2025, meeting as distributed.

CARRIED

2. Closed Session

MOTION 174.MAR25 Smid/Kennedy

THAT the Senate move into Closed Session.

CARRIED

3. Motion(s) Raised from Closed Session

4. Open Session

4.1. Approval of Minutes of February 25, 2025

MOTION 182.MAR25 Whelpton/Smid

THAT the Senate approve the Open Session minutes of the February 25, 2025, meeting as presented.

CARRIED

4.2. Business Arising

4.3. Continuing Business

4.4. New Business

4.4.1. Undergraduate Studies Committee (Sen. Campbell)

4.4.1.1. Faculty of Arts

Business Administration

4.4.1.1.1. Business Administration Course Revisions (Sen. McDaniel)

MOTION 183.MAR25 Whelpton/Kennedy

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

- 16:436 Small Business Management I

CARRIED

4.4.2. Graduate Studies Committee (Sen. Ardelli)

4.4.2.1. Faculty of Health Studies – Master of Psychiatric Nursing

4.4.2.1.1. Master of Psychiatric Nursing New Policies

MOTION 184.MAR25 Farrell/Ross

THAT the Senate approve the following new policies, as proposed by the Master of Psychiatric Nursing, Faculty of Health Studies:

- Thesis Advisor and Committee Members Policy

CARRIED

4.4.3. Indigenous Curricular Content Committee (C. Lagimodiere)

4.4.3.1. Recommended Courses for the Indigenous Content Course Requirement (Clarification of Effective Calendar Year)

MOTION 185.MAR25 Whelpton/Magnusson

THAT the Senate approve the following courses for the Indigenous Content Course Requirement as submitted by the Indigenous Curricular Content Committee, taking effect in September 2025:

- 02:381 Teaching of Indigenous Studies

CARRIED

4.4.4. Approval of Meeting Dates for the 2025 – 2026 Senate (Sen. McDaniel)

MOTION 186.MAR25 Smid/Hétu

THAT the Senate approve the following Senate meeting dates for the 2025-2026 year:

- June 17, 2025
- September 16, 2025
- October 14, 2025

- November 18, 2025
- December 16, 2025
- January 13, 2026
- February 24, 2026
- March 17, 2026
- May 19, 2026
- June (first meeting of the 59th Senate)

CARRIED

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

4.4.5.1. New Awards

MOTION 187.MAR25 Magnusson/Chachula

THAT the Senate approve the following new award, as proposed by the Scholarships & Awards Committee:

- Gaye Sheardown '72, '86, '93 Excellence in Education Scholarship

CARRIED

4.4.6. Strike Ad-Hoc Committee to Review the External Review of Programs & Units Policy (Sen. Campbell)

MOTION 188.MAR25 Whelpton/LeMoine

THAT the Senate strike an ad-hoc committee to review the External Review of Programs & Units Policy with the following composition and report back date:

Committee Composition:

- Provost & Vice-President (Academic) who will serve as Chair
- Two members of Deans' Council, selected by Deans' Council:
 - One academic Dean
 - One of the Dean of Students or Chief Information Officer
- One faculty member from each Faculty/School, selected by each Faculty/School
- Two students, appointed by BUSU

Report back date: March Senate, 2026

CARRIED

- Several Senators indicated the importance of maintaining a critical role for Senate in the new policy with regard to determining significant changes to programs, including program cessation, etc.
- A Senator indicated that the University would benefit from creating a parallel review policy for administrative units (Finance, Registrar, Research, etc.) to ensure that the supporting services are functioning well; this policy would not be under the purview of Senate but should be considered by the appropriate governing body.

MOTION Foo7.MAR25 Ardelli/ Hétu

That the Senate recommend to the Board of Governors creation of an administrative unit review policy to periodically assess the level of functioning and offer constructive feedback to the administrative units that support the academic mission of the University.

CARRIED

4.4.7. Lifetime Achievement Award Revision – *For Discussion* (President Docherty)

President Docherty provided Notice of Motion that Senate will be asked in May to strike an ad-hoc committee to review and revise the Lifetime Achievement Award policy.

4.4.8. Student Appeals Committee Practice Principles & Considerations – *For Information*

The Senate received the Student Appeals Committee Practice Principles & Considerations document for information.

4.4.9. Posting Senate Open Session Materials

MOTION 189.MAR25 Shoultz/Smid

THAT the Senate post the Open Session Senate materials, excluding meeting minutes, to the Senate website the Thursday before the scheduled meetings, as proposed by the Senate Executive Committee.

CARRIED

A Senator requested that the packages be posted to the same web page where the approved minutes are posted to facilitate easy access.

4.4.10. Ad-Hoc Committee Updates

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

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

4.4.10.3. Non-Credit Certificate Policy Review Committee (Sen. Shoultz)

No report submitted.

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

4.4.11. Reports

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

Senator Adamu confirmed to Senate that the referendum regarding the bus pass passed; students are overwhelmingly in support of maintaining the subsidized bus pass as part of their student fees.

4.4.11.2. Board of Governors Representative (Sen. Frangi)

No report submitted.

4.4.11.3. Members of Deans' Council (President Docherty)

- Faculty of Arts (Sen. Kennedy)

- No report submitted.
- Faculty of Education (Sen. Farrell)
 - No report submitted.
- Faculty of Health Studies (Sen. Ross)
 - No report submitted.
- Faculty of Science (Sen. LeMoine)
 - No report submitted.
- School of Music (Sen. Gatien)
- Dean of Student (Sen. Whelpton)
- Chief Information Officer (Sen. Sucha)
 - No report submitted.
- University Registrar (Sen. McDaniel)

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

No report submitted.

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

No report submitted.

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

No report submitted.

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

No report submitted.

4.4.11.8. President (President. Docherty)

President Docherty updated the Senate that Whitney Hodgins, a BU student and Board of Governors member, Ron Helwer, a longtime BU Foundation President, Dough Carmichael, a former outstanding Bobcat, and Carolyn Gwyer, a BU alumna and longtime supporter of the BU Music programs, have also been granted the King Charles Coronation Medal.

5. Other Business

6. Correspondence

7. Adjournment @ 2:49pm