

SEVENTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE 58TH SENATE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2026 at 2:00 P.M.

LOUIS RIEL ROOM

Present: Charles Adamu; Nora Ahmad; Bernadette Ardelli; Danil Buzhor; Matteo DiMuro; Ravi Dwivedula; Alysha Farrell; Greg Gatien (acting for Kofi Campbell; acting Chair); JT Godin (acting for Leanne Zacharias); Dominique Hétu; Peter Hickey; Bryan Hill; Rebecca Jimoh; Gregory Kennedy (2:09); Chris LeMoine; Andrea McDaniel; Curt Shoultz; Melanie Sucha; Katie Whelpton; Pete Whittington; Dion Wiseman; Etsuko Yasui; Leanne Zacharias (acting for Greg Gatien).

Regrets: Christine Bovis-Crossen (Chair); Rick Baker; Kofi Campbell; Ariane Hanemaayer; Marsha Harris; Chris Lagimodiere; Katheryne Lumgair; Linda Ross.

Absent: Cory Dysart-Moody; Mary Jane McCallum; Grant Prairie; Michael Uwa-Moregha; Michelle Williams-Joel.

1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Sen. Gatien called the meeting to order, welcomed all Senators, and offered a Land Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda**MOTION 135.FEB26 Shoultz/Di Muro**

THAT the Senate approves the Open Session agenda of February 24th, 2026, as presented.

CARRIED**3. Closed Session****MOTION 136.FEB26 LeMoine/Godin**

THAT the Senate move into Closed Session.

CARRIED

4. Motion(s) Raised from Closed Session

4.1. Final list of the February 24, 2026, Graduates (Sen. McDaniel)

MOTION 139.FEB26 Adamu/Godin

THAT the Senate approves the final list of graduates of February 24, 2026,
AND
THAT the list be forwarded to the Board of Governors for *Information*.

CARRIED

5. Open Session

5.1. Approval of Minutes of January 13, 2026

MOTION 141.FEB26 Héту/Hill

THAT the Senate approves the Open Session minutes of January 13, 2026, 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. Library Committee

5.4.1.1. Election of Senate Representative (4-month term)

MOTION 142.FEB26

THAT the Senate elects the following representative to serve on the Library Committee of Senate for a 4-month term.

- Katie Whelpton

ACCLAMATION

5.4.2. Undergraduate Studies Committee (Sen. Gatién)

5.4.2.1. Faculty of Arts

Sociology

5.4.2.1.1. Sociology Program & Curriculum Changes

MOTION 143.FEB26 Kennedy/Hétu

THAT the Senate approves the following program & curriculum changes, as submitted by the Department of Sociology, Faculty of Arts:

- Crime and Community Stream Majors (Honours, 4-Year, and 3-Year)

CARRIED

5.4.2.2. Faculty of Health Studies

Nursing & Psychiatric Nursing

5.4.2.2.1. Nursing & Psychiatric Nursing Policy Revision

MOTION 144.FEB26 Ahmad/Shoultz

THAT the Senate approves the following policy changes, as submitted by the Departments of Nursing & Psychiatric Nursing, Faculty of Health Studies:

- Students Experiencing Difficulties in Clinical/Lab Practice

CARRIED

Discussion included the following:

- A member inquired where the Performance Improvement Plans (PIPs) are stored?
 - The PIPs are stored within the student's file in the Dean's office.
- Another member asked about the process of resolving a PIP, how this occurs, and if there are downstream impacts to the student's record.
 - Sen. Ahmad clarified that:

- The clinical practicum has a pass/fail grade, if a student does not pass clinical, they cannot move forward in their studies.
 - If a student is placed on a PIP and successfully completes it, the PIP is resolved.
 - If the PIP has not been completed, the student cannot choose to leave Brandon to do senior practicum.
- Another question was raised regarding assessing improvement – how does this occur if the student is on a PIP?
 - The student’s performance is assessed weekly by the instructor. After the third week, if there are continuing issues, and the student cannot achieve the appropriate tasks at that time, a PIP is created to help the student.
 - Once the noted issues are addressed by the student, the PIP is resolved.

Nursing

5.4.2.2.2. Nursing Course Revision

MOTION 145.FEB26 Ahmad/Shoultz

THAT the Senate approves the following course revision, retroactive to 2023/24, as submitted by the Department of Nursing, Faculty of Health Studies:

- 71:288 LPN to BN Clinical Practicum

CARRIED

A member inquired if this change meant that the students would have to take another credit to graduate.

- No, the students are over the credit hour requirement of the program.

5.4.2.3. Faculty of Science

Applied Disaster & Emergency Studies (ADES)

5.4.2.3.1. ADES Program & Curriculum Changes

MOTION 146.FEB26 LeMoine/Yasui

THAT the Senate approves following program & curriculum changes, as submitted by the Department of ADES, Faculty of Science:

AND

THAT the Program Proposal be forwarded to the Board of Governors for approval.

- 3-Year ADES Major B.SC. and BA Degree Program Proposal

CARRIED

5.4.2.4. Registrar's Office

5.4.2.4.1. Policy Revision Proposal

MOTION 147.FEB26 Whelpton/LeMoine

THAT the Senate approves the following policy revision proposal, as submitted by the Registrar's Office:

- Degree Conversion Expansion

CARRIED

5.4.3. Graduate Studies Committee (Sen. Ardelli)

5.4.3.1. Faculty of Health Studies – Graduate

5.4.3.1.1. MPN Policy Revisions

MOTION 148.FEB26 Ahmad/Shoultz

THAT the Senate approves of the following policy revisions, as submitted by the Faculty of Health Studies

- Academic Performance Policy

CARRIED

MOTION 148b.FEB26 Ahmad/Shoultz

THAT the Senate approves of the following policy revisions, as submitted by the Faculty of Health Studies

- Thesis Advisor and Committee Membership Policy

CARRIED AS AMENDED

A member inquired if all the criteria that are listed under the Thesis Advisor section must be met, or just some of them.

- A thesis advisor must meet all six criteria under the Thesis Advisor section to qualify for that role.

Senators discussed the wording in the Length of Term section and have made the following amendment:

AMENDMENT: After the student has successfully completed their Thesis Proposal Defense the Thesis Advisor, Internal Committee Member, and External Committee Member shall remain in those roles for the duration of the student's thesis completion, **renewing membership in the Faculty of Graduate Studies as required.**

5.4.3.2. School of Music – Graduate Program

5.4.3.2.1. Music Graduate Program Policy Changes

MOTION 149.FEB26 Zacharias/Godin

THAT the Senate approves the following policy changes, as submitted by the Music Graduate Program, School of Music:

- Voluntary Withdrawal Policy

CARRIED

NOTE: Sen Gatien passed the role of Chair to Sen. Ardelli to address the following sections: 5.4.4 and 5.4.5.1.

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

5.4.4.1. New Awards

MOTION 150.FEB26 Gatien/Whelpton

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

- Resilience Information Exchange Scholarship-Bursary
- Garry & Colleen Miller Bursary

CARRIED

5.4.4.2. Award Revisions

MOTION 151.FEB26 Gatien/Godin

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

- Chernoff Family Award
- Dean's Awards for Excellence in Education

CARRIED

5.4.5. Ad-Hoc Committee Reports

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

MOTION 152.FEB26 Gatien/Shoultz

THAT the Senate approve revisions to the following policies, as submitted by the Senate Awards for Excellence Review Committee:

- Senate Awards for Excellence in Research Policy; and
- Senate Awards for Excellence in Teaching Policy.

CARRIED

AND

MOTION 152b.FEB26 Gatien/Ahmad

THAT the Senate recommend to the Board of Governors, the creation of the following policies, as submitted by the Senate Awards for Excellence Review Committee:

- Senate Awards for Excellence in Teaching for Contract Academic Staff Policy; and
- Senate Awards for Excellence in Service Policy.

CARRIED

5.4.5.2. Artificial Intelligence Committee (Sen. Di Muro)

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

5.4.6. Individual Reports

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

5.4.6.2. Board of Governors Representative (Sen. Lumgair)

5.4.6.3. Members of Deans' Council

- Dean of the Faculty of Arts (Sen. Kennedy)
- Dean of the Faculty of Education (Sen. Farrell)
- Acting Dean of the Faculty of Health Studies (Sen. Ross)
- Acting Dean of the School of Music (Sen. Zacharias)
- Dean of the Faculty of Science (Sen. LeMoine)
- Dean of Students (Sen. Whelpton)
- Chief Information Officer (Sen. Sucha)
- University Registrar (Sen. McDaniel)

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

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

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

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

5.4.6.8. President (Pres. Bovis-Crossen)

6. Other Business

7. Correspondence

8. Adjournment 2:48 pm