

NINTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE 58TH SENATE

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026 at 2:00 P.M.

LOUIS RIEL ROOM

- Present:** Christine Bovis-Crossen (Chair); Naomi Imisioluwa Agboola; Nora Ahmad; Bernadette Ardelli; Matteo DiMuro; Alysha Farrell; Greg Gatien (acting for Kofi Campbell); JT Godin (acting for Leanne Zacharias); Marsha Harris; Peter Hickey; Bryan Hill; Favour Imooje; Samuel Kayode; Gregory Kennedy; Chris LeMoine; Katheryne Lumgair; Andrea McDaniel; Caden Pedlow; Linda Ross; Oluwatosin Salau; Melanie Sucha; Vivian Ngozi Uwadi; Katie Whelpton; Emmanuella Williams-Joel; Etsuko Yasui; Leanne Zacharias (acting for Greg Gatien).
- Regrets:** Kofi Campbell; Ariane Hanemaayer; Dominique Hétu; Chris Lagimodiere; Curt Shoultz; Pete Whittington; Dion Wiseman.
- Absent:** Rick Baker; Ravi Dwivedula; Mary Jane McCallum; Grant Prairie
- Guests:** Genevieve Maltais Lapointe (present from 2:00 – 3:15 pm as technical support)
Lesley D'Souza (present on Zoom for Open Session Provost & Vice-President (Academic) search consultation);
Yvette Laflamme (present on Zoom for Closed Session finance/budget presentation)
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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.

Given that the student Senator positions have rolled over, Pres. Bovis-Crossen facilitated introductions.

2. Approval of Agenda**MOTION 168.MAY26 Zacharias/Ardelli**

THAT the Senate approves the Open Session agenda of May 19, 2026, as amended.

CARRIED

Amendment:

Provost Consultation agenda item moved from Open Session to Closed Session.

3. Closed Session

MOTION 169.MAY26 Zacharias/Godin

THAT the Senate move into Closed Session.

CARRIED

4. Motion(s) Raised from Closed Session

4.1. Final list of May 28 & 29, 2026, Graduates (Sen. McDaniel)

MOTION 172.MAY26 Whelpton/Lumgair

THAT the Senate approves the final list of May 28 & 29, 2026, Graduands,
AND

THAT the list be forwarded to the Board of Governors for *Information*.

5. Open Session

5.1. Approval of Minutes of March 17, 2026

MOTION 175.MAY26 Whelpton/Kennedy

THAT the Senate approves the Open Session minutes of March 17, 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. Board of Governors – Recent Motions

5.4.1.1. For Information: Policy Supersession

MOTION 176.MAY26 Hill/LeMoine

THAT the following Senate policy be rescinded, as submitted by the President's Office:

- Research Centres, Institutes, and Groups Policy and Procedures

MOTION F009.MAY26 Godin/DiMuro

THAT Motion 176.MAY26 be tabled until such time as further discussion has occurred regarding how both the Board and Senate can work to govern Research Centres and Institutes from a policy perspective.

CARRIED

7 in favour; 6 opposed; several abstentions

Pres. Bovis-Cnossen indicated that the correct home for a Research Centres & Institutes policy is the Board of Governors given commitments related to finances and physical space. The Board of Governors has recently approved a new Research Centres, Institutes, and Groups Policy and Procedures that effectively supersedes the Senate policy.

Discussion on this motion included the following:

- Bicameral governance is shared, and the Research Centres & Institutes policy includes many elements that are clearly academic in nature; there may need to be a Senate policy that lives in partnership with the Board policy.
- While there was consultation on the revised policy that was recently passed by the Board, it occurred some time ago and not in relation to the policy changing governing bodies.
- Pres. Bovis-Cnossen reminded Senators that the intervention of an employee group in relation to an academic policy, unless it directly affects conditions of employment, would not be appropriate; Senate is the appropriate governing body to adjudicate academic policies.

5.4.2. Senate Executive Updates (Sen. McDaniel)

5.4.2.1. Convocation 2026 Order of Proceedings – *for information only*

MOTION 177.MAY26 Whelpton/Hill

THAT the Senate receive the Order of Proceedings for Convocation 2026 for information.

CARRIED

5.4.2.2. Convocation 2026 Valedictorians – *for information only*

MOTION 178.MAY26 LeMoine/Hill

THAT the Senate receive the list of valedictorians for Convocation 2026, for information.

CARRIED

5.4.3. Undergraduate Studies Committee (Sen. Gatien)

5.4.3.1. Faculty of Health Studies

Psychiatric Nursing

5.4.3.1.1. Psychiatric Nursing Policy Revision

MOTION 179.MAY26 Ross/Ahmad

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

- B.Sc.P.N Math Competency Policy

CARRIED

5.4.3.2. Faculty of Science

Applied Disaster and Emergency Studies (ADES)

5.4.3.2.1. ADES New Courses

OMNIBUS MOTION LeMoine/Ross

THAT the Senate approves the motions associated with agenda items 5.4.3.2.1 through 5.4.3.2.3, as presented by the Department of Applied Disaster and Emergency Studies (ADES), Faculty of Science

CARRIED

MOTION 180.MAY26

THAT the Senate approves the following new courses, as submitted by the Department of ADES, Faculty of Science:

- 40:330/ADES 3011 – Application of Research Practice in ADES

5.4.3.2.2. ADES Course Deletions

MOTION 181.MAY26

THAT the Senate approves the following course deletions, as submitted by the Department of ADES, Faculty of Science:

- 40:470 – Applied Topics: Proposal Preparation

5.4.3.2.3. ADES Course Revisions

MOTION 182.MAY26

THAT the Senate approves the following revisions, as submitted by the Department of ADES, Faculty of Science:

- 40:456 – Field Studies in ADES
- 40:471 – Applied Topics in ADES
- 40:498 – Honours Thesis

5.4.3.2.4. ADES Curriculum & Program Changes

MOTION 183.MAY26 LeMoine/Farrell

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

- Certificate in Disaster Risk Management Proposal
- Undergraduate Calendar Revisions

CARRIED

Chemistry

OMNIBUS MOTION LeMoine/Hill

THAT the Senate approves the motions associated with agenda items 5.4.3.2.5 through 5.4.3.2.7, as submitted by the Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Science.

CARRIED

5.4.3.2.5. Chemistry New Courses

MOTION 184.MAY26

THAT the Senate approves the following new courses, as submitted by the Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Science:

- 18:314/CHEM3012 – Advanced Organic Chemistry
- 18.440/CHEM 4010 – Natural Product Synthesis
- 18.441/CHEM 4011 – Advanced Synthesis Laboratory

5.4.3.2.6. Chemistry Course Deletions

MOTION 185.MAY26

THAT the Senate approves the following course deletions, as submitted by the Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Science:

- 18:361 – Advanced Organic Chemistry
- 18:471 – Natural Products Synthesis

5.4.3.2.7. Chemistry Curriculum & Program Revisions

MOTION 186.MAY26

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

- Undergraduate Calendar Revisions

Geology

5.4.3.2.8. Geology Policy Revisions

MOTION 187.MAY26 LeMoine/Hill

THAT the Senate approves the following policy revision, as submitted by the Department of Geology, Faculty of Science:

- Articulation Agreement UCN-BU

CARRIED

5.4.4. Graduate Studies Committee (Sen. Ardelli)

5.4.4.1. Faculty of Education – Master of Education

5.4.4.1.1. M.Ed. Policy Revisions

MOTION 188.MAY26 Farrell/Sucha

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

- Criminal Records Check and Child Abuse Registry Check Policy

CARRIED AS AMENDED

Amendment:

The policy will be updated to require both a Child and Adult Abuse Registry Check (not just a Child Abuse Registry Check) in addition to the other stated checks.

5.4.4.1.2. Registrar's Office & Library (M. Sucha)

MOTION 189.MAY26 Sucha/Zacharias

THAT the Senate approves new Graduate Calendar language, as submitted by Sen. Sucha and Sen. McDaniel, Library & Archives and Registrar's Office:

- Mandatory Thesis Submission

CARRIED

5.4.5. Ad-Hoc Committee Reports

5.4.5.1. Artificial Intelligence Committee (Sen. Di Muro)

5.4.5.2. External Review of Programs & Units Policy Review Committee (Sen. Gaten)

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

There was no other business.

7. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

Pres. Bovis-Crossen thanked the student Senators whose terms had completed for their effective engagement and also Megan Wady, who has moved on from Brandon University, for her excellent work.

8. Adjournment at 4:10 pm