

NINTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE 58TH SENATE

TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2026 at 2:00 P.M.

LOUIS RIEL ROOM

Present: Nora Ahmad; Bernadette Ardelli; Matteo DiMuro; Ravi Dwivedula; Alysha Farrell; Greg Gatien (acting for Kofi Campbell; acting Chair); Marsha Harris; Dominique Hétu; Peter Hickey; Bryan Hill; Gregory Kennedy; Chris Lagimodiere; Chris LeMoine; Caden Pedlow; Linda Ross; Gretta Sayers; Oluwatosin Salau; Melanie Sucha; Vivian Ngozi Uwadi; Katie Whelpton; Leanne Zacharias (acting for Greg Gatien).

Guest: Y. Laflamme

Regrets: Naomi Imisioluwa Agboola; Rick Baker; Christine Bovis-Crossen; Ravi Dwivedula; Kofi Campbell; Favour Imooje; Samuel Kayode; Andrea McDaniel; Serena Petrella; Curt Shoultz; Emmanuella Williams-Joel.

Absent: Mary Jane McCallum; Grant Prairie.

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 001.JUN26 Ross/Zacharias**

THAT the Senate approves the Open Session agenda of June 16, 2026, as presented.

CARRIED

3. Closed Session**MOTION 002.JUN26 Kennedy/Hétu**

THAT the Senate move into Closed Session.

CARRIED

4. Motion(s) Raised from Closed Session

MOTION 005.JUN26 Farrell/Hétu

THAT the Senate confers upon Dr. Heather Duncan the title of Professor Emerita, as recommended by the Faculty of Education.

CARRIED

5. Open Session

5.1. Approval of Minutes of May 19, 2026

MOTION 008.JUN26 Ross/Ahmad

THAT the Senate approves the Open Session minutes of May 19, 2026, as presented.

CARRIED

5.2. Elections

5.2.1. Senate Executive Representatives

- Five faculty Senators, one from each Faculty/School;
 - Sen. Gretta Sayers was acclaimed to serve as the Faculty of Music representative on the Senate Executive Committee.
 - Sen. Matteo Di Muro was acclaimed to serve as the Faculty of Education representative on the Senate Executive Committee.
 - Sen. B. Hill was acclaimed to serve as the Faculty of Science representative on the Senate Executive Committee.
 - Sen. N. Ahmad was acclaimed to serve as the Faculty of Health Studies representative on the Senate Executive Committee.

ACCLAIMED

An election to elect Ravi Dwivedula, Rick Baker, Dominique Hétu, or Serena Petrella to serve as the Faculty of Arts representative on the Senate Executive Committee was tabled to September.

- One student Senator

Sen. Tosin volunteered to serve as the student Senator representative on the Senate Executive Committee.

ACCLAIMED

5.2.2. Senate Representative to the Board of Governors

Sen. Bryan Hill volunteered to serve as the Senate Representative to the Board of Governors for one year.

ACCLAIMED

5.3. Business Arising

There was no business arising.

5.4. Continuing Business

There was no continuing business.

5.5. New Business

5.5.1. Strategic Academic Planning Committee

MOTION 009.JUN26 LeMoine/Kennedy

THAT the Senate approves the 2026 Strategic Academic Plan as presented by the Strategic Academic Planning Committee.

CARRIED

Discussion on this motion included the following:

- Unit-specific plans will follow at a later date.
- The priorities included in the plan are listed in chronological order and not to be considered hierarchical.
- Discussion also took place about reporting mechanisms, term the plan will be effective for, and managing enrolment targets outlined in the plan.

5.5.2. Undergraduate Studies Committee (Sen. Gatien)

5.5.2.1. Faculty of Arts

English, Drama & Creative Writing (ED&CW)

5.5.2.1.1. ED&CW New Courses

MOTION 010.JUN26 Kennedy/Hétu

THAT the Senate approves the following new course, as submitted by the Department of English, Drama and Creative Writing, Faculty of Arts:

- 30:301/ENGL 3032 The Year Was...The Literature of a Year

CARRIED

5.5.2.2. Faculty of Education

5.5.2.2.1. Departmental Name Change

MOTION 011.JUN26 Farrell/DiMuro

THAT the Senate recommends to the Board of Governors the departmental name change from Department of Native Studies to Department of Turtle Island Studies, as submitted by the Faculty of Education with support from the Faculty of Arts.

CARRIED

Undergraduate Education Committee

5.5.2.2.2. Important Date Revisions

MOTION 012.JUN26 Farrell/DiMuro

THAT the Senate approves the following revision to the 2026-27 undergraduate important dates, as submitted by the Undergraduate Education Committee, Faculty of Education:

- 2026-27 Fall Term Important Dates

CARRIED

5.5.2.2.3. Policy Revisions

MOTION 013.JUN26 Farrell/Zacharias

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

- Criminal Records and Child Abuse Registry Check Policy and Associated Undergraduate Calendar Revisions

CARRIED

5.5.2.3. Faculty of Health Studies

Departments of Nursing & Psychiatric Nursing

5.5.2.3.1. Policy Deletions

MOTION 014.JUN26 Ross/Ahmad

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

- Practicum Placements Policy

CARRIED

5.5.2.4. Faculty of Science

ADES

5.5.2.4.1. ADES Course Revisions

MOTION 015.JUN26 LeMoine/Hill

THAT the Senate approves the following course revisions, as submitted by the Department of Applied Disaster and Emergency Studies, Faculty of Science:

- 40:251 Hazards: Causes and Physical Dynamics
- 40:253 Hazards Risk Assessment

CARRIED

5.5.3. Scholarships & Awards Committee

5.5.3.1. New Awards

MOTION 016.JUN26 Gatien/LeMoine

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

- Donna (McPhail) Agnew '52 Graduate Scholarship
- Sharon Young Psychiatric Nursing Scholarship

5.5.4. Ad-Hoc Committee Reports

5.5.4.1. Artificial Intelligence Committee (Sen. Di Muro)

Written report submitted.

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

Written report submitted.

5.5.5. Individual Reports

5.5.5.1. Brandon University Students' Union (BUSU) President (Sen. Salau)

No written report was submitted.

5.5.5.2. Board of Governors Representative (Sen. Lumgair)

No written report was submitted.

5.5.5.3. Members of Deans' Council

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

No written report was submitted.

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

Written report submitted.

- Acting Dean of the Faculty of Health Studies (Sen. Ross)

Written report submitted.

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

Written report submitted.

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

No written report was submitted.

- Dean of Students (Sen. Whelpton)

Written report submitted.

- Chief Information Officer (Sen. Sucha)

Written report submitted.

- University Registrar (Sen. McDaniel)

Written report submitted.

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

No written report was submitted.

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

No written report was submitted.

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

No written report was submitted.

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

No written report was submitted.

5.5.5.8. President (Pres. Bovis-Crossen)

Written report submitted.

6. Other Business

There was no other business.

7. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

8. Adjournment at 2:48 pm