

**OPEN MINUTES
OF THE FIRST REGULAR MEETING OF THE 57th SENATE
HELD TUESDAY JUNE 18, 2024 – 2:00 pm
LOUIS RIEL ROOM**

Present: David Docherty (Chair); Charles Adamu; Richard Adu (joined at 2:06pm); Bernadette Ardelli; Kofi Campbell; Kathryn Chachula; Matteo Di Muro; Alysha Farrell; Greg Gatien; Ariane Hanemaayer (Zoom); Kesha Haulder; Dominique Hétu; Chris Lagimodiere (non-voting, joined at 2:33pm); Scott Lamont; Christophe LeMoine; Michelle Magnusson; Christopher Malcolm (Zoom); Andrea McDaniel; Simon Pattison; Serena Petrella; Oluwatosin Salau; Curt Shoultz; Melanie Sucha (joined at 2:13pm); Kevan Sumner (Zoom; joined at 2:07pm); Jackie Tran; Katie Whelpton (joined at 2:06pm); Beth Wilson; Dion Wiseman; Britney McNamee (Recording Secretary).

Regrets: Chidimma Joy Chikezie; Mabel Dzigbordzi; Bryan Hill; Gregory Kennedy; Mary Jane McCallum; Doug Ramsey; Etsuko Yasui.

Absent: Grant Prairie; Linda Ross; Pamela Rutherford.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION 001.JUN24 Magnusson/Wiseman

THAT the Senate approve the Open Session agenda of the June 18, 2024, meeting as presented.

CARRIED

2. Welcome and Orientation

Dr. Docherty provided welcoming remarks, facilitated Senator introductions, and provided an orientation presentation outlining the bicameral governance of Brandon University, and the responsibilities of the Board and the Senate.

3. Closed Session

MOTION 002.JUN24 Shoultz/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 May 14, 2024

MOTION 006.JUN24 Magnusson/LeMoine

THAT the Senate approve the Open Session minutes of May 14, 2024, as amended.

CARRIED

5.2. Business Arising

5.3. Continuing Business

5.4. New Business

5.4.1. Elections

5.4.1.1. Election of the 2024-25 Senate Executive Committee

- One Senator from each faculty/school

Faculty of Arts

Senator Whelpton nominated Senator Ramsey to serve in this position.

ACCLAIMED

Faculty of Education

Senator Farrell nominated Senator Di Muro to serve in this position.

ACCLAIMED

Faculty of Health Studies

Senator Whelpton nominated Senator Chachula to serve in this position.

ACCLAIMED

Faculty of Music

Senator Gatien will inform the Faculty of Music of the opportunity to serve in this position.

DEFERRED

Faculty of Science

Senator LeMoine nominated Dion Wiseman to serve in this position.

ACCLAIMED

- One student Senator

Senator Adamu volunteered to serve in this position.

ACCLAIMED

5.4.1.2. Election of a Senate Representative to the Library & Archives Committee

Senator Pattison volunteered to serve in this position.

ACCLAIMED

5.4.1.3. Election of a Senate Representative to the Scholarships and Awards Committee

Senator Gatien volunteered to serve in this position.

ACCLAIMED

5.4.1.4. Election of a Student Senator to the Committee to Administer the Stanley Knowles Distinguished Visiting Professorship

Senator Adamu nominated Senator Haulder to serve in this position.

ACCLAIMED

5.4.1.5. Election of a research-active Senator to the Senate Research Committee

Senator Hanemaayer volunteered to serve in this position.

ACCLAIMED

5.4.1.6. Election of THREE Senators to the Indigenous Education Committee

Senator Ardelli volunteered to serve in this position.

Senator Adamu nominated Senator Haulder to serve in this position.

Senator Whelpton nominated Senator Magnusson to serve in this position.

ACCLAIMED

5.4.1.7. Election of a Senator to the Board of Governors (2-Year Term)

Senator Wiseman nominated Senator Hill to serve in this position.

ACCLAIMED

5.4.1.8. Election of TWO Student Representatives – BU Strategic Academic Planning Committee

Senator Adamu and Senator Chikezie volunteered to serve in these positions.

ACCLAIMED

5.4.2. Senate Ad-Hoc Committee to Review the Liberal Education Requirement (Sen. Campbell)

MOTION 007.JUN24 Campbell/Whelpton

THAT the Senate strike an ad-hoc committee to review the Liberal Education Requirement.

CARRIED

5.4.2.1. Membership of the Committee

The Ad-Hoc Committee to review the Liberal Education Requirement shall be composed of one representative from each Faculty/School, one dean, one student

representative from the Faculty of Arts, Faculty of Science, and Faculty of Education, and the University Registrar as Secretary of the committee.

5.4.2.2. Mandate of the Committee

The Committee will review the Liberal Education Requirement to assess its current relevance and make recommendations regarding its continuance/discontinuance, and if recommending continuance, recommend revisions to the current policy as required, including development of clear definition and rationale as well as concrete assessment criteria to determine courses that can meet the requirement.

5.4.2.3. Motion for when the Committee will report to Senate

The committee will report back to the Senate at the October 15th, 2024, Senate meeting.

5.4.3. Senate Ad-Hoc Committee for the Senate Awards for Excellence (Sen. Campbell)

MOTION 008.JUN24 Campbell/Pattison

THAT the Senate revive an ad-hoc committee for the Senate Awards for Excellence.

CARRIED

5.4.3.1. Membership of the Committee

The Ad-Hoc Committee for the Senate Awards for Excellence shall be composed of one representative from each Faculty/School, one student, and the University Registrar as Secretary of the committee.

Arts representative: Dominique Hétu
Education representative: Alysha Farrell, Matteo DiMuro TBE
Health Studies representative: TBE
Music representative: Greg Gatien
Science representative: Tammy McKenzie
Student representative: TBE

5.4.3.2. Mandate of the Committee

To review the eligibility criteria for the existing Senate Awards for Excellence in Teaching and Senate Awards for Excellent in Research and to recommend a new Senate Award for Excellence in Service. (MOTION 000.OCT22)

5.4.3.3. Motion for when the Committee will report to Senate

The committee will report back to the Senate at the October 15th, 2024, Senate meeting.

5.4.4. Undergraduate Studies Committee (Sen. Campbell)

5.4.4.1. Faculty of Health Studies

Nursing & Psychiatric Nursing

5.4.4.1.1. Nursing & Psychiatric Nursing Policy Revisions

MOTION 009.JUN24 Chachula/Hétu

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

- Course Material Retention Policy

CARRIED

Nursing

5.4.4.1.2. Nursing Course Revisions

MOTION 010.JUN24 Chachula/Shoultz

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

- 71:101 Critical Inquiry and Scholarly Writing for Professional Nursing Practice
- 71:285 Advanced Nursing Skills
- 71:286 Year 2 Consolidation

CARRIED

5.4.5. Graduate Studies Committee (Sen. Ardelli)

5.4.5.1. Faculty of Education – Master of Education

Graduate Education New Courses

MOTION 011.JUN24 Farrell/Gatien

THAT the Senate approve the following new courses, as proposed by the Master of Education, Faculty of Education:

- 04:711 Nature-Based Learning: Supporting Inclusion, Good Health & Human Development

CARRIED

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

5.4.6.1. New Awards

MOTION 012.JUN24 Gatien/LeMoine

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

- Watt Leadership & Basketball Scholarship-Bursary
- Ozhaawashko Giizhigoog Ojibwekwe (Blue Sky Woman) Bursary

CARRIED

5.4.6.2. Award Policies/Regulations

MOTION 013.JUN24 Gatién/Wilson

THAT the Senate approve the following regulation revisions, as submitted by the Scholarships & Awards Committee of Senate:

- Revisions to Music Student Entrance Scholarship Eligibility

CARRIED

5.4.7. University Examinations Policy Review Ad-Hoc Committee – Progress Update

Senator Magnusson, Chair of the University Examinations Policy Review Ad-Hoc Committee, provided the following update:

- The University Examinations Policy Review Committee has met three times since mid-February and has collected feedback on the policy from students and faculty. Senator Magnusson extended thanks to Genvieve Maltais-Lapointe for creating the surveys. Senator Magnusson and Senator McDaniel have thoroughly reviewed and organized the results of the surveys, and the feedback will be reviewed by the committee at their next meeting on July 5th. The committee will provide an update at the September 17th Senate meeting.

5.4.8. Registrar's Office

5.4.8.1.1. Retroactive Student Record Corrections

Senator McDaniel noted:

- The Registrar's Office made a retroactive record change to a 2024 Spring Graduate's degree. On the Final List of Spring 2024 Graduands approved by the Senate on May 14, 2024, Rachel Moyosoreoluwa Agboola's (212199) degree was listed as a Bachelor of Business Administration Second Degree, when it should have been listed as a Bachelor of Business Administration (Honours) Second Degree. This was due to an isolated error in the online records management system; a new degree parchment has been issued.

5.4.9. Presentation on Artificial Intelligence (Sen. Shoultz)

Senator Shoultz presented on Artificial Intelligence and recommended:

- Faculties discuss the appropriate uses of AI in their faculties and departments and outline clear expectations for students throughout the duration of courses.

5.4.10. BU CARES Annual Report 2023-2024

Senate received the BU CARES annual report for 2023-24 for information.

5.4.11. Reports

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

Senator Adamu reported on the following:

- BUSU attended Brandon Pride events and handed out stickers and other BUSU products to event attendees.
- BUSU now has garden plots, which was an idea from the BUSU VPE. They have so far planted tomatoes and onions, with the intent to provide harvested food to the BU food pantry.
- BUSU is currently planning Orientation events.

5.4.11.2. Board of Governors Representative

Senator Sumner reported on the following:

- The Board of Governors met Saturday, June 15th, and discussed the following:
 - The Board received reports on the Consent agenda from the Provost & Vice-President (Academic), the Vice-President (Administration & Finance), and Vice-President (Research & Graduate Studies). Reports were also received on the President's 2023-24 expenses and the final list of May graduands.
 - Reports were also received on the Consent agenda from Board representatives on committees, including the Board of Directors of the BU Foundations, Senate, BUSU, the Board of Trustees of the BU Retirement Plan, and the Board's Governance and Nominating Committee.
 - The President delivered a report to the Board covering Convocation, the plans for BU125, and a summary of the June 1st Admission and Registration reports.
 - The President, Vice-President (Administration & Finance), and the Director of Financial & Registration Services presented the 2024-25 budget, which was approved by the Board.
 - The Director of Financial & Registration Services then presented the audited financial statements, the annual Public Sector Compensation Disclosure, a report on compliance with the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program, which is required for American students to receive student loans from their home country, and a report on compliance with Specified Audit Procedures for 50/50 raffles. All of these reports were approved by the Board.
 - The Board received a report from the Vice-President (Administration & Finance) regarding proposed revisions to the Safety and Health Policy, which the Board approved.
 - The Board then filled a vacant Board representative position on the Brandon University Pension Trustees with the appointment of Quintin Pearce.
 - The Director of Financial & Registration Services presented the BU 2023-24 Retirement Plan Annual Report, which was received by the Board.

5.4.11.3. Members of Deans' Council (Dr. Docherty)

Faculty of Arts – Senator Kennedy was absent with regrets. S. Petrella reported on the following on Senator Kennedy's behalf:

- Dr. Kelly Saunders moderated last week's Pride in Politics Forum with MLAs Lisa Naylor and Logan Oxenham.
- Dr. Chris Schneider received the BU Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Community Service.

Faculty of Education – Senator Farrell reported on the following:

- Senator Farrell extended an open invitation to join the feast for the PENT Indigenous Education Program on Wednesday, June 19th at 1pm in the Music Bowl. The Faculty of Education will unveil the new PENT logo at the event.

Faculty of Science – Senator LeMoine reported on the following:

- There will be a presentation titled 'Artificial Intelligence in Science Classrooms: friend or foe?' on June 20th facilitated by Roberto Limongi (Psychology), Rashed Nekvi (Mathematics and Computer Science), and Curt

Shoultz (Director, CTLT). The presentation will provide a general introduction to the various types of AI tools and their potential uses.

School of Music – Senator Gatien reported on the following:

- Senator Gatien had no report.

Faculty of Health Studies – Senator Ross

- Senator Ross was absent.

Dean of Students – Senator Whelpton reported on the following:

- Student Services is currently planning for fall. Three international students will be attending BU through the National Student Exchange – two from the University of Kentucky, one from the University of Vermont. Five international students will be attending BU through the Emerging Leaders in the Americas Program.

CIO – Senator Sucha reported on the following:

- Jill Lougheed was successfully appointed to the role of Library Acquisitions Clerk effective July 3. Jill has over ten years experience in the John E. Robbins Library, starting as a Student Assistant and moving into progressively senior roles, most recently as Student Assistant Supervisor.
- The library helped celebrate honorary degree recipients, Phyllis Webstad, Weiming Zhao, and Elder Norman Fleury with a display of their publications and artistic works.
- The library has continued to host several events, including book launches by Haroon Siddiqui and Gerry Friesen, SERC Supportive Parenting Workshop and Children’s Craft and Storytime, art talk by Wendy Friesen whose exhibition, Guitars, is on display in the Curve Gallery, and Pride in Politics Forum with MLAs Lisa Naylor and Logan Oxenham.
- IT Services has continued to make improvement to campus Wi-Fi, implementing the BU Secure network for BU Students and Employees, which eliminates the need for Wi-Fi certificate installation on user devices, while maintaining a secure environment. Cybersecurity and safe computing continue to be a major area of focus.

University Registrar – Senator McDaniel reported on the following:

- Convocation ceremonies on May 30th and 31st were a great success, celebrating just over 550 students. Senator McDaniel extended thanks to all faculty and staff who supported the event and recognized students’ accomplishments.
- 2024-25 enrollment update:
 - Overall applications are down significantly, primarily due to decreases in international student applications resulting from BU’s implementation of a mandatory international student tuition deposit and IRCC’s significant changes to the federal study permit program.
 - Domestic student applications are up 9%; applications from Manitoba are up 10.8%; and applications from Brandon are up 12% over the same point last year.
 - International application reductions are primarily from Nigeria and Ghana, though those two countries continue to make up the majority of BU’s international application pool.
 - With the federal study permit application cap that was allocated to the provinces for distribution to individual institutions, Brandon University was given 664 Provincial Attestation Letters (PALs), of which BU has currently issued 50 to incoming international students; the provincial

government is looking to meet with institutions soon to discuss the PAL process and possible opportunities for redistribution of unused PALs.

- There is currently a small overall credit hour increase in registrations compared to the same point last year: increases for domestic non-Indigenous and Indigenous students alongside a significant decrease for international students.

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

C. Lagimodiere reported on the following:

- BU celebrated 69 Indigenous Students at the Our Journey Powwow at the Riverbank Discovery Centre on May 31. It is estimated that over 1000 people attended the event.
- S. Downey emailed the call for Indigenous Course Requirement proposals. C. Lagimodiere noted that even if a course was on the Indigenous Course Requirement List in 2023-24 or 2024-25, the course must go through the approval process for 2025-26 due to new evaluation requirements developed by the Indigenous Content Curricular Committee.
- The IESSC last met in May, and the committee has struggled throughout the year with attendance and actioning specific items. Changes may be coming forward.
- PENT will be hosting its summer feast tomorrow, June 19th outside the entrance of the School of Music. Everyone is invited to attend.
- Friday, June 21, is Indigenous Peoples Day. The BU Teachings House will be at the event at the Riverbank Discovery Centre, beginning at 10am.

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

Senator Ardelli reported on the following:

- The Senate Research Committee met on June 10th and will develop a Strategic Research Plan, as the current research plan expires in 2025.
- The Committee will first review the existing plan, and then reach out to stakeholders for feedback.
- In their 2024 budget, the Government of Canada has made critical investments to support research and research talent. In late March or early April, they sent announcements to grad students. The CGS-M awards are currently valued at \$17,500; the new value for these awards is \$27,000. One indigenous student was a recipient and received receiving an additional \$5,000.
- In their 2024 budget, the Government of Canada announced the creation of a new capstone research funding organization. Several consultations and organization reports will be coming forward in the months ahead.

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

Senator Campbell reported on the following:

- The Academic Planning Committee is reconstituted, and they will meet on Friday, June 21. Documents relevant to the consultation process will be put on the Provost Office webpage, including projections for employment, and government documents that provide information on enrollment. Progress updates will also be posted to the webpage.
- BU is currently working on an institutional strategy for managing the use of artificial intelligence. Senator Campbell encourages Senators and faculties to continue discussions about artificial intelligence within their departments and faculties/schools. Senator Campbell encourages those working on

artificial intelligence to reach out to Senator Shoultz, Director of the Centre for Teaching, Learning & Technology.

- The Academic Integrity Committee will begin its review of the Academic Integrity Policy in July, with particular attention to adding language around artificial intelligence.
- Through the BU/BUFA collective bargaining process, working groups were created to finish some items of work, including professional and professorial member staffing criteria. The professional members staffing criteria working group has developed a first draft of the criteria that has been sent out to the community. This important work will continue to move forward.

5.4.11.7. President (Dr. Docherty)

Dr. Docherty reported on the following:

- Dr. Docherty virtually attended the 2024 U SPORTS annual meeting as the Western Canadian representative from June 10th to 14th.
- BU celebrated donors at their annual BU Foundation Luncheon on May 20th.
- Dr. Docherty extended thanks to those who volunteered at and celebrated convocation.
- Dr. Docherty attended the Travellers Day parade but was unable to make it to the Pride parade due to the June Board of Governors' Meeting.
- BU is celebrating 125 years as a post-secondary institution this fall and will be hosting several events and speakers to celebrate in alignment with Homecoming. Dr. Docherty is hoping the outdoor classroom will become part of the celebration and planning conversation.
- BU is planning an alumni event in Calgary when BU's volleyball teams play. Dr. Docherty noted that there were more BU fans than anticipated at a game in Calgary last year.

6. Other Business

7. Correspondence

8. Adjournment @3:49pm