

**OPEN MINUTES
OF THE THIRD REGULAR MEETING OF THE 57TH SENATE
HELD TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2024 – 2:00 PM
LOUIS RIEL ROOM**

Present: David Docherty (Chair); Charles Adamu; Richard Adu; Bernadette Ardelli; Kofi Campbell; Kathryn Chachula; Chidimma Joy Chikezie; Matteo Di Muro; Sunday Frangi; Ariane Hanemaayer; Kesha Haulder; Dominique Hétu; Peter Hickey; Bryan Hill; Gregory Kennedy; Christophe LeMoine; Andrea McDaniel; Doug Ramsey; Pamela Rutherford; Oluwatosin Salau; Curt Shoultz; Melanie Sucha; Jackie Tran; Katie Whelpton; Dion Wiseman; Etsuko Yasui; Leanne Zacharias; Britney McNamee (Recording Secretary).

Regrets: Alysha Farrell; Christopher Malcolm; Michelle Magnusson; Mary Jane McCallum; Simon Pattison; Linda Ross; Beth Wilson.

Absent: Mabel Dzighbordzi; Greg Gatien; Chris Lagimodiere (non-voting); Grant Prairie.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION 029.OCT24 Kennedy/Whelpton

THAT the Senate approve the Open Session agenda of the October 15, 2024, meeting as amended.

CARRIED

4.4.10. University Examinations Policy Committee was deferred to the November 19, 2024, Senate meeting.

2. Closed Session

MOTION 030.OCT24 Shoultz/Campbell

THAT the Senate move into Closed Session.

CARRIED

3. Motion(s) Raised from Closed Session

MOTION 033.OCT24 Adamu/Chikezie

THAT the Senate approve the final list of graduands of October 15, 2024,
AND
THAT the list be forwarded to the Board of Governors *For Information*.

CARRIED

4. Open Session

4.1. Approval of Minutes of September 17, 2024

MOTION 036.OCT24 Hétu/Wiseman

THAT the Senate approve the Open Session minutes of September 17, 2024.

CARRIED

4.2. Business Arising

4.3. Continuing Business

4.4. New Business

4.4.1. Appointments for the Dean of Health Studies Search Committee (Sen. Campbell)

- 2 Faculty Senators, elected by Senate, who are not members from the Faculty of Health Studies
- 1 Student Senator, elected by Senate, normally from the Faculty of Health Studies

Senator Hanemaayer volunteered to serve as a faculty senator on the Dean of Health Studies Search Committee.

ACCLAIMED

Senator Zacharias volunteered to serve as a faculty senator on the Dean of Health Studies Search Committee.

ACCLAIMED

Senator Chikezie volunteered to serve as a student senator on the Dean of Health Studies Search Committee.

ACCLAIMED

President Docherty passed the Chair to Senator Campbell and left the meeting room.

4.4.2. Appointments for the Presidential Search Committee

- 5 continuing or tenured faculty members, normally representing a minimum of four faculties/schools, appointed by Senate
- 1 student member of Senate, elected by and from Senate

MOTION Kennedy/LeMoine

THAT the Senate elect the following members to the Presidential Search Committee:

- Ravikiran Dwivedula (Arts)
- Candy Jones (Education)
- Jackie Kirk (Education)
- Paul Alexandre (Science)
- Cora Dupuis (non-faculty)
- Keshha Haulder (Student representative)

CARRIED

(13 in favour, 11 opposed)

The Senate Office received five complete applications by the posted deadline for the open call for five volunteers to serve on the Presidential Search Committee. The names of those five volunteers were distributed for consideration. Members of the Senate proposed extending the call for volunteers in hopes that a member of the Faculty of Health Studies

would volunteer for the committee. However, the motion to approve Senate-elected members for the Presidential Search Committee as distributed was carried.

Senator Haulder was elected by secret ballot to serve as the student member of the Presidential Search Committee.

MOTION 002.OCT24 Kennedy/LeMoine

THAT the ballots be destroyed.

CARRIED

President Docherty returned to the meeting, and Senator Campbell passed the Chair back to him.

4.4.3. Undergraduate Studies Committee (Sen. Campbell)

4.4.3.1. Faculty of Arts

For Information

MOTION 037.OCT24 Kennedy/Chachula

THAT the Senate receive, for information, the following policies, as proposed by the Faculty of Arts:

- Arts Policy 2.1. Professional Development Allowance Pool
- Arts Policy 2.2. Faculty Evaluations
- Arts Policy 2.2. Annex Evaluation Rubric

CARRIED

By consensus, the Senate agreed items *For Information* should be included in reports moving forward.

English, Drama & Creative Writing (ED&CW)

4.4.3.1.1. ED&CW Course Revisions

MOTION 038.OCT24 Kennedy/Hétu

THAT the Senate approve the following course revisions, as submitted by the Department of English, Drama & Creative Writing, Faculty of Arts:

- 30:339/ENGL 2019 Shakespeare I

CARRIED

4.4.3.1.2. ED&CW Curriculum & Program Changes

MOTION 039.OCT24 Kennedy/Hétu

THAT the Senate approve the following curriculum and program changes as proposed by the Department of English, Drama & Creative Writing, Faculty of Arts:

- Proposed Calendar & Program Revisions to take effect in 2025-26

CARRIED

4.4.3.1.3. ED&CW New Policies

MOTION 040.OCT24 Kennedy/Hétu

THAT the Senate approve the following new policy, as proposed by the Department of English, Drama & Creative Writing, Faculty of Arts:

- Policy on Artificial Intelligence (AI)

CARRIED

MOTION 041.OCT24 Kennedy/Chachula

THAT the Senate approve the following new policy, as proposed by the Department of English, Drama & Creative Writing, Faculty of Arts:

- Policy on Course Requirements

WITHDRAWN

Senators raised the following concerns and recommendations regarding the Policy on Course Requirements:

- The policy appears to infringe on instructor academic freedom.
- Senators recommended revising lines 1.a. and 1.f. from prescriptive/requirement statements to recommendations.
- The language in 1.a. is unclear; Senators suggested revising it to state “instructors will normally require their students to write three essays”.
- It is currently unclear in 1.f. what the Chair of the department will be looking for in the review of course outlines.

Sociology

4.4.3.1.4. Sociology Curriculum & Program Changes

MOTION 042.OCT24 Kennedy/Hétu

THAT the Senate approve the following curriculum and program changes, as proposed by the Department of Sociology, Faculty of Arts:

- Elimination of Cultural Diversity and Equity Stream and Changes to Honours and 4-year Bachelor Degrees in Sociology and Crime and Community

CARRIED
(1 opposed)

Senator McDaniel noted the content revisions of the Sociology calendar section will be made, but the proposed formatting revisions will be adjusted to maintain consistency with other tables in the calendar.

Senator Kennedy informed the Senate that there are currently no students specializing in the Cultural Diversity and Equity Stream.

4.4.3.2. Faculty of Science

4.4.3.2.1. Faculty of Science New Policies

MOTION 043.OCT24 LeMoine/Hill

THAT the Senate approve the following new policies as proposed by the Faculty of Science:

- Course Material Retention Policy

CARRIED

Chemistry

4.4.3.2.2. Chemistry New Policies

MOTION 044.OCT24 LeMoine/Kennedy

THAT the Senate approve the following new policies as proposed by the Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Science:

- Chemistry Lab Exemption Policy

CARRIED

MOTION 045.OCT24 LeMoine/Hill

THAT the Senate approve the following new policies as proposed by the Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Science:

- Chemistry Laboratory Attendance and Competency Policy

CARRIED
(1 opposed)

MOTION 046.OCT24 LeMoine/Hill

THAT the Senate approve the following new policies as proposed by the Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Science:

- Chemistry Laboratory Safety Policy

CARRIED

4.4.4. Graduate Studies Committee (Sen. Ardelli)

4.4.4.1. Faculty of Arts

4.4.4.1.1. Policy and Procedures on Course Outlines

MOTION 047.OCT24 Kennedy/LeMoine

THAT the Senate approve the following new policies as proposed by the Faculty of Arts:

- Policy and Procedures on Course Outlines

CARRIED

Senator Kennedy noted the policy includes a bi-annual review, during which the faculty could revise the language around or add links to resources for accommodations and academic integrity.

4.4.4.2. Faculty of Education – Master of Education

4.4.4.2.1. Graduate Education New Courses

MOTION 048.OCT24 DiMuro/Shoultz

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

- 03:701/ECPD 7037 Conceptualizations of Science and Mathematics Education

CARRIED

4.4.4.2.2. Graduate Education Course Revisions

MOTION 049.OCT24 DiMuro/Hétu

THAT the Senate approve the following course revisions as proposed by the Master of Education, Faculty of Education:

- 04:770 Intercultural Counselling

CARRIED

4.4.4.3. Registrar's Office

4.4.4.3.1. English Language Proficiency Policy Proposal

MOTION 050.OCT24 Shoultz/Whelpton

THAT the Senate approve the following policy revisions as submitted by the Registrar's Office:

- English Language Proficiency Policy Proposal

CARRIED

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

4.4.5.1. Revisions to Student Scholarship Eligibility

MOTION 051.OCT25 Whelpton/Chachula

THAT the Senate approve the revisions to Student Scholarship Eligibility as submitted by the Scholarship & Awards Committee of Senate.

CARRIED

(2 opposed, 1 abstention)

4.4.6. Indigenous Curricular Content Committee Composition (Sen. Campbell)

MOTION 052.OCT24 Campbell/Kennedy

THAT the Senate revise the membership composition of the Indigenous Curricular Content Committee, proposed by Kofi Campbell, Provost & Vice-President (Academic) as amended.

CARRIED

The Senate revised the proposed membership to state “based on an open call” in lines g. and h.

Several Senators raised concerns with the Indigenous Curricular Content Committee’s course approval process as the approval process is rigorous. Faculty members have noted they have had courses approved conditionally to meet the ICC requirement but are not able to move forward because the conditions are above the usual standards required for courses. The current approval process for the ICC requirement may be creating a barrier and may cross a line on academic freedom.

Senator Campbell stated he will relay the feedback to the committee.

CARRIED

4.4.7. Ad-Hoc Committee to Review the Liberal Education Requirement (Sen. Kennedy)

Senator Kennedy spoke to the briefing note provided by the Ad-Hoc Committee to Review the Liberal Education Requirement. The briefing note outlines the committee’s intent to maintain a liberal education requirement but revise the requirement to be more flexible. A Senator proposed including courses beyond 100- and 200-level courses. Senator Kennedy stated he would relay the feedback to the committee and recommended consulting departments to determine which courses should be included in the requirement.

4.4.8. Ad-Hoc Committee to Review the Non-Credit Certificate Policy (Sen. McDaniel)

Senator McDaniel reported that the committee was recently re-constituted, and the committee will begin its work shortly.

4.4.9. Ad-Hoc Committee to Review the Senate Awards for Excellence (Sen. McDaniel)

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4.4.10. Ad- Hoc Committee to Review the University Examinations Policy (Sen. Magnusson)

MOTION 053.OCT24

THAT the Senate approve the following policy revisions as submitted by the Ad-Hoc Committee to review the University Examinations Policy:

- University Examinations Policy

DEFERRED

MOTION 054.OCT24

THAT the Senate recommend to the senior administration of Brandon University creation of a centralized Test Centre, per the submission of the Ad-Hoc Committee to Review the University Examinations Policy.

DEFERRED

MOTION 055.OCT24

THAT the Senate recommend to the senior administration of Brandon University creation of a Policy for Documentation, per the submission of the Ad-Hoc Committee to Review the University Examinations Policy.

DEFERRED

4.4.11. Review of the Grade Appeal Policy (President Docherty)

President Docherty spoke to the item and explained the Grade Appeal Policy does not specify that the dean should consult with the department chair, does not ensure the person re-grading has expertise in the relevant field, does not specify the course outline or grading scheme should be considered, and the policy conflicts with the form.

MOTION Foo3.OCT24 Hill/Rutherford

THAT the Senate strike an ad-hoc committee to review the Grade Appeal Policy.

CARRIED

A Senator noted the Grade Appeal Policy also does not include a timeline for the dean to respond to students.

The Senate decided the ad-hoc committee to review the Grade Appeal Policy will be composed of one member of each faculty/school elected by faculty council, one dean, two student representatives, and the University Registrar and Dean of Students as resources.

The membership of the committee was identified as follows:

Dean: Chris LeMoine

Student representatives: Chidimma Joy Chikezie, Charles Adamu

Resources: Andrea McDaniel (University Registrar), Katie Whelpton (Dean of Students)

The committee will report to the Senate on January 14, 2025.

4.4.12. General Faculty Council (President Docherty)

MOTION 056.OCT24 Hanemaayer/Hill

THAT the Senate recommend to the Board of Governors that the unredacted report resulting from the audit of the ERP project be made publicly available, as recommended by the General Faculty Council on September 24, 2024.

CARRIED

The Senate recommends that the motion be presented at the November 23, 2024, Board of Governors meeting.

4.4.13. Reports

- 4.4.13.1. Brandon University Students' Union (BUSU) President (Sen. Adamu)
- 4.4.13.2. Board of Governors Representative (Sen. Frangi)
- 4.4.13.3. Members of Deans' Council (President Docherty)

Based on discussion and concerns about the reduction in international student enrollment, the Senate passed the following motion:

MOTION 004.OCT24 Kennedy/Hanemaayer

THAT the Senate recommend that the Board of Governors review the mandatory requirements for international tuition deposits be reviewed in Spring 2027.

CARRIED

- 4.4.13.4. Associate Vice-President (Indigenous Initiatives) (C. Lagimodiere)
- 4.4.13.5. Vice-President (Administration & Finance) (Sen. Hickey)
- 4.4.13.6. Vice-President (Research & Graduate Studies) (Sen. Ardelli)
- 4.4.13.7. Provost & Vice-President (Academic) (Sen. Campbell)
- 4.4.13.8. President (President Docherty)

5. Other Business

Senator Shoultz informed the Senate that he has been working with IT Services, Senator DiMuro and Senator Sucha on a survey on teaching technology. Senator Shoultz encouraged Senators to participate in the survey once published.

6. Correspondence

7. Adjournment

MOTION 057.OCT24 Hétu/Wiseman

THAT the Senate adjourn at 4:05pm.

CARRIED