Minutes of a meeting of Senate held on the above date at 1:30 p.m. in the Senate Chamber, Room E3-262 Engineering and Information Technology Complex

Members Present
Dr. D. Barnard, Chair
Dr. C. Adams
Prof. A. Alessi-Severini
Prof. C. Anderson
Prof. J. Anderson
Dean J. Beddoes
Ms. L. Best
Dean J. Black-Branch
Dr. J. Blatz
Prof. P. Blunden
Prof. T. Bone
Very Rev. R. Bozyk
Dean D. Brown
Prof. F. Burczynski
Prof. N. Cicek
Prof. G. Clark
Prof. S. Clark
Dr. C. Cook
Prof. R. Currie
Ms. C. Dika
Prof. M. Domaratzki
Dean N. Dyck
Prof. J. Frank
Prof. M. Gabbert
Mr. T. Gibbes
Dean N. Halden
Prof. J. Hare
Prof. G. Hicks
Mr. B. Hill
Prof. D. Ireland
Prof. T. Ivanco
Dr. D. Jayas
Ms. H. Jenkins
Ms. L. Johnson
Dean E. Jurkowski
Mr. G. Kasbia
Mr. J. Kearsey
Prof. W. Kinsner
Prof. R. Koop
Ms. N. Lam
Prof. L. Landrum
Prof. S. McClement
Mr. J. McNicholl
Ms. K. Macalinao
Prof. K. Main
Dean D. Mandzuk
Prof. B. Mark
Prof. C. Miller
Ms. J. Minarik
Dr. T. Mondor
Prof. D. Oliver
Prof. S. Olson
Prof. J. Paliwal
Prof. S. Passmore
Ms. J. Peters
Mr. D. Pinkerton
Mr. E. Podaima
Ms. M. Pozdirca
Prof. S. Prentice
Mr. J. Price
Dean L. Raman-Wilms
Prof. A. Raouf
Prof. T. Reeve
Dr. J. Ristock
Ms. G. Romund
Prof. C. Schmidt
Ms. L. Schnarr
Prof. A. Schultz
Prof. A. Schwann
Mr. M. Shaw
Acting Dean L. Simard
Prof. M. Smith
Mr. G. Sobie
Prof. J. Sorensen
Prof. R. Souleymanov
Mr. E. Tahmasebian
Dean J. Taylor
Ms. E. Thomas
Prof. G. Tranmer
Prof. C. Trott
Prof. J. van Lierop
Prof. D. Walker
Dean M. Yellow Bird
Ms. L. Zapshala-Kelln
Mr. J. Leclerc,
University Secretary
Dr. S. Coyston,
Recording Secretary
Dean. M. Scanlon
Dr. D. Stewart

Assessors Present
Mr. J. Adams
Ms. S. Cameron
Dr. D. Hiebert-Murphy
Prof. R. Lastra
Mr. N. Marnoch
Mr. C. Neumann
Prof. G. Smith
Ms. S. Tombindo
Dr. M. Torchia
Prof. D. Watt

Regrets
Mr. J. Asaminew
Prof. R. Biuxcontri
Ms. S. Bonner-Proulx
Prof. O. Botar
Rectrice S. Bouffard
Ms. T. Brenan
Ms. R. Calotes
Mr. M. Colley
Prof. T. Chen
Prof. M. Czubryt
Prof. S. Dhingra
Dr. J. Doering
Mr. S. Dorge
Mr. M. Garrett
Dr. G. Glavin
Prof. E. Haque
Prof. J. Honeyford
Dean G. Jacoby
Dean A. Kelekis-Cholakis
Ms. M.-L. Lê
Prof. K. MacKendrick
Chancellor A. Mahon
Ms. N. Nagra
Prof. K. Nixon
Ms. S. Penner
Dean B. Postl
Prof. M. Rastegar

Absent
Prof. B. Albensi
Dean S. Baum
Mr. K. Bhamra
Prof. N. Boorberg
Ms. K. Casalla
Ms. S. Deibert
Ms. K. Flattery
Prof. D. Gardner
Mr. J. Moon
Ms. L. O’Hara
Prof. J. Peeler
Prof. B. Rice
Mr. J. Sanderson
Prof. M. Tamlik
Mr. E. Teklemariam
Prof. G. Thompson
Dean R. Urbanowski
Ms. B. Usick

Also Present
Ms. M. Abas
Ms. C. Christie
Mr. A. Decebal-Cuza
Prof. M. Edwards
Ms. S. Foster
Ms. P. Gareau
Prof. B. Hann
Ms. S. Utsunomiya
Ms. M. Watson
Ms. M. Yoshida
The Chair informed Senate that the Speaker of the Senate Executive Committee was Professor Mark Gabbert, Faculty of Arts.

I  CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES, DIPLOMAS AND CERTIFICATES – FEBRUARY 2020

A complete list of candidates, provided by the Registrar, was available at the front table for perusal by Senators.

Professor Gabbert MOVED, on behalf of the Senate Executive Committee, THAT the list of graduands provided to the University Secretary by the Registrar be approved, subject to the right of Deans and Directors to initiate late changes with the Registrar up to February 7, 2020.

    CARRIED

II  MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED SESSION

1. Report of the Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees
   [January 17, 2020]

   In keeping with past practice, the minutes of this agenda item are not included in the circulated minutes but appear in the original minutes, which are available for inspection by members of Senate.

III MATTERS RECOMMENDED FOR CONCURRENCE WITHOUT DEBATE - none

IV MATTERS FORWARDED FOR INFORMATION

1. Report of the Senate Committee on Awards
   [December 17, 2019]

2. Annual Report of the University Discipline Committee

3. Annual Report of Student Accessibility Services, 2018/2019

   Ms. Christie referred Senators to the Annual Report of Student Accessibility Services, 2018/2019, which was provided for information. She noted that the number of students who had registered with a mental health disability had increased over the previous year.

4. Proposed Undergraduate Admission Targets, 2020/2021

5. Request to Extend Suspension of Admissions to Bachelor of Human Ecology in Family Social Sciences and Bachelor of Human Ecology in Family Social Sciences, After-Degree
   (for consultation)

   The Chair reminded Senate, that, under the Admission Targets policy, it is the President who approves changes to, or the introduction of, enrolment limits following consultation with the dean or director and with Senate and the Board of
Governors, subject to the provisions of the provincial Programs of Study Regulation. He asked if there were any questions or comments concerning a request to extend the suspension of admissions to the Bachelor of Human Ecology in Family Social Sciences, including the After-Degree.

Senate did not raise any concerns regarding the request.

6. **Reports on Research Contract Funds Received**

   a) **January 1, 2019 to June 30, 2019**

   b) **July 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019**

Professor Sorenson asked if Senate could be provided with more information on a University contract for $2.2 million from the Western Economic Development Fund for a project to, “promote industry-academia alignment in support of economic development in Manitoba.”

Dr. Jayas said the contract related to the Horizon Manitoba project, which had three components, including to enhance, at all postsecondary institutions in the province: (i) the experience of learning opportunities for students in all faculties, (ii) collaborative opportunities between industry and postsecondary institutions, and (iii) the experience of learning opportunities for Indigenous students. The broader project focussed on enhancing experience and relationships with industry partners.

7. **Item Approved by the Board of Governors Executive Committee [December 10, 2019]**

V **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

President Barnard said he had been privileged to attend an event in Nairobi, Kenya, the previous week, to mark the fortieth anniversary of a research collaboration between the University and that country, on public-health related issues. He informed Senate that, at the end of those meetings, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, Dr. Frank Plummer, who had also been in attendance, had passed away. For many years, Dr. Plummer had lead the Manitoba/Kenya research collaboration, which had made significant scientific and humanitarian contributions in the area of public-health.

President Barnard reminded Senators that Dr. Robin DiAngelo would give the Robert and Elizabeth Knight Distinguished Visiting Lecture, titled “White fragility: Why it’s so hard for white people to talk about racism,” on February 6th. The topic was important for all members of the University community. President Barnard thanked the organizers of the lecture.

VI **QUESTION PERIOD**

Senators are reminded that questions shall normally be submitted in writing to the University Secretary no later than 10:00 a.m. on the Friday preceding the meeting.

No questions were received.
VII CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF JANUARY 8, 2020

Dean Jurkowski MOVED, seconded by Professor Kinsner, THAT the minutes of the Senate meeting held on January 8, 2020 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

VIII BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Draft Statement from Senate on the Importance of Higher Education (for discussion)

President Barnard recalled that, at the November 2019 Senate meeting, Professor Prentice had raised a question, on behalf of the Faculty of Arts Senators, that included a request that Senate Executive prepare a statement on the importance of higher education that defends the integrity of academic programs and the value of inquiry-based teaching and research. The request followed recent changes to the Manitoba cabinet, including the transfer of responsibility for the higher education portfolio to the Minister of Economic Development and Training. President Barnard said the draft statement from Senate included with the agenda had been prepared principally by Professor Prentice. He invited discussion of the document or suggestions for changes.

Professor Prentice said it was important to consider the statement in the context of what was Senate’s purview and mandate in a system of bicameral governance, which was to defend the University’s academic mission. Also, the request to develop a statement had been made prior to the province issuing its formal mandate letter to the University. There would be other fora in which the University would respond to that document.

Professor Prentice invited feedback on the draft Senate statement, which she and President Barnard would use to make improvements to the document, with a view to return with a formal statement for the March Senate agenda. The value of the statement would be symbolic, primarily, but the symbolism would be important and would, perhaps, be cited in future documents and work at the University. Professor Prentice said the statement would be timely, and she was proud to be part of a Senate that wanted to affirm that the University was a public good with a broad mandate that must be valued and respected.

On behalf of the student Senators, Ms. Minarik thanked those who had advocated for the development of a Senate statement on the importance of higher education. She identified several strengths of the draft statement, including that it indicated that the University was a complex institution that did more than train students for today’s labour market; clarified that the University’s mandate was to create, preserve, communicate, and apply knowledge; and stated that all assessment of University’s contributions to the social and economic life of the province must recognize its broad mandate and inclusive mission. Ms. Minarik said that, at a recent discussion at Student Senate Caucus, the consensus was that the statement failed to capture the weight of students’ concerns that the province did not value research carried out in some disciplines. She cited her own discipline of philosophy as an example. She recognized that it
was not always possible to speak out but raised a concern that these disciplines, which were suffering in the current political climate, would increasingly suffer with the newly implemented structures.

Referring to the province’ mandate letter for postsecondary institutions, which states that universities should cease programs that lack value in a modern context, Ms. Minarik wondered what this would mean for universities and for her own education which, despite how the province might value it economically, had been invaluable to her. Ms. Minarik said young researchers were concerned that the province was redefining the goal of postsecondary education in a way that favoured industry over knowledge and that this shift would either prevent them from following their dreams of pursuing academic research in their home province or it would greatly undervalue that pursuit.

Professor Prentice said she would be pleased to meet with representatives of the Graduate Students’ Association to discuss revisions to bring back to Senate.

Professor Blunden said he did not disagree with anything in the draft Senate statement. He agreed there was a push in many quarters toward a very utilitarian view of higher education. Referring to the penultimate sentence in the last paragraph, he suggested that the phrase that the institution, “…does much more than simply train students for today’s labour market…” was provocative. A preferable approach might be to acknowledge that the University had a role in preparing students for careers but also had a role beyond that to teach students to write, to think critically about, analyse, and synthesize information.

President Barnard invited Senators to contact Professor Prentice outside of the meeting with any additional feedback they might have on the draft Senate statement.

President Barnard thanked Professor Prentice for her work on drafting the Senate statement.

IX REPORTS OF THE SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE PLANNING AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

1. **Report of the Senate Executive Committee**

   Professor Gabbert said Senate Executive met on January 22, 2020. The comments of the committee accompany the reports on which they were made.

2. **Report of the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee**

   Professor Watt said the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee had met on January 27, 2020, to discuss a report from the Faculty of Graduate Studies concerning a proposal for a Master of Supply Chain Management and a proposal from the Faculty of Science for a Bachelor of Science (Major) in Data Science.
REPORTS OF OTHER COMMITTEES OF SENATE, FACULTY AND SCHOOL COUNCILS

1. Report of the Senate Committee on Academic Dress
   RE: Stole for Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Medical Physiology and Pathophysiology

   Dean Taylor said the Senate Committee on Academic Dress had met on January 13th, to consider a proposal from the Department of Physiology and Pathophysiology, Max Rady College of Medicine, to create a silver stole, with two half-inch royal blue strips in a V pattern, for the Post-baccalaureate Diploma in Medical Physiology and Pathophysiology. The Max Rady College Council had endorsed the design at its meeting on November 18, 2019.

   Dean Taylor MOVED, on behalf of the committee, THAT Senate approve the Report of the Senate Committee on Academic Dress concerning a stole for the Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Medical Physiology and Pathophysiology, which is silver in colour with two half inch royal blue strips in a V pattern.

   CARRIED

2. Report of the Senate Committee on Rules and Procedures
   RE: Revisions to Desautels Faculty of Music Council Bylaw

   Dean Taylor said the Senate Committee on Rules and Procedures (SCRP) had met on June 19, 2019 and January 8, 2020 to consider proposed revisions to the Desautels Faculty of Music Council Bylaw. The Faculty was proposing several amendments to the membership and meeting rules of the Faculty Council. The SCRP had requested that the Faculty provide clarifications with respect to some of the changes. Items identified had been addressed by the Faculty and were reflected in the proposal included with the Senate agenda.

   Dean Taylor MOVED, on behalf of the committee, THAT Senate approve the Report of the Senate Committee on Rules and Procedures concerning revisions to the Desautels Faculty of Music Council Bylaw, effective upon approval.

   Dean Jurkowski said that, in advance of the meeting, he had received some questions and comments from student Senators on a number of the proposed revisions to the Desautels Faculty of Music Council Bylaw. Due to the nature and content of those, he wanted to have an opportunity to have a discussion with the Faculty of Music Council.

   Dean Jurkowski MOVED, seconded by Professor Gabbert, that the Report of the Senate Committee on Rules and Procedures concerning revisions to the Desautels Faculty of Music Council Bylaw be referred back to the Faculty for further discussion.

   CARRIED
3. **Report of the Senate Committee on Nominations**

Professor Edwards said the Senate Committee on Nominations (SCN) had met on January 17th, to consider nominations to a number of Senate committees. The committee’s recommendations for nominees were contained in the Report of the SCN, dated January 27, 2020.

There were no further nominations.

*Professor Edwards MOVED, on behalf of the committee, THAT Senate approve the Report of the Senate Committee on Nominations [dated January 27, 2020].*  
**CARRIED**

XI **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS** - none

XII **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

These minutes, pages 1 to 7, together with the agenda, pages 1 to 196, comprise the minutes of the meeting of Senate held on February 5, 2020.