



The UNIVERSITY of WESTERN ONTARIO

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

November 23, 2006

The meeting was held at 1:30 p.m. in Room 330 Stevenson-Lawson Building.

PRESENT: Ms. H. Connell, Chair
Ms. L.E. Cline, Associate Secretary

Dr. D. Bentley
Ms. L. Burke
Mr. S. Coxford
Dr. P. Davenport
Mr. T. Garrard
Mr. T. Gosnell
Ms. L. Gribbon
Ms. S. Grindrod
Dr. T. Hewitt
Mr. H. Kelly
Ms. G. Kulczycki

Dr. F. Longstaffe
Ms. K. Meighen
Dr. L. Miller
Ms. M. Noble
Mr. G. Raymer
Mr. M. Reid
Dr. S. Singh
Mr. H. Vander Laan
Dr. J. White
Mr. R. Yamada
Mr. K. Zerebecki

BG.06-127 **Welcome to Board Members**

The Chair welcomed S. Grindrod, L. Miller, J. Nash, and M. Reid, to the Board in the constituencies shown in Appendix IV. She also congratulated T. Gosnell on his reappointment to City Council and the Board of Governors.

BG.06-128 **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

The President reported on university surveys, particularly the Globe & Mail University Report Card and Maclean's, Awards to Western Faculty, Western Heads East, Graduate Funding Announcement and Graduate Open House and Fall Preview Day. Activities of the President during the months of October and November were included in the Report distributed with the agenda. Overhead slides used to highlight his presentation are attached as [Appendix 1](#).

BG.06-129 **REPORT OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING TASK FORCE** [Appendix 1]

It was moved by L. Gribbon, seconded by S. Singh,

That the Report of the Strategic Planning Task Force - *Engaging the Future*, with amendments as shown in Appendix 1, be approved by the Board of Governors.

The President provided an overview of the report of the Task Force. He thanked the members of the Task Force for all of their very hard work in completing the report. Discussions of the draft report

in various fora had engendered discussion at a high level and had resulted in some amendments, which were circulated to members with the report. He believed the report provided achievable goals, centred on the university's core responsibilities: building and enhancing the undergraduate and graduate student experience and building the research enterprise.

Members congratulated the President and the Task Force on a job well done. Discussion focussed on two main issues: how to measure progress towards the strategic goals delineated in the plan and how to better integrate university and city planning.

With respect to the former, it was noted that it would be helpful to see reflected in the university's annual budget and longer-range budget planning the impacts of implementation of the plan. The Provost noted that deans have been asked to demonstrate in their budget proposals how those proposals support the strategic goals of the university.

In regard to planning with the city, it was noted that much has happened in recent years to build on the relationship with surrounding neighbourhoods and support common goals such as appropriate designation of land. Also worthy of note are the university's efforts through organizations like the London Economic Development Council, to promote economic development in the region. A member suggested that the city is at a crossroads, with too many young people leaving the area. A prosperous and growing London is vital to the university and it is important that the university and the city continue to work together on this. A member remarked that economics is only one factor in population retention. Transportation, education, cultural opportunities are all quality of life factors that will attract and retain citizens. He suggested that while interaction with the city has been good, there needs to be a more comprehensive plan for interaction going forward.

The vote was taken on the motion. The motion was CARRIED.

[Sec. Note: Overhead slides used to highlight his presentation are attached as [Appendix 2.](#)]

BG.06-130 **UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGENDA** [Appendix II]

It was moved by S. Grindrod, seconded by R. Yamada,

That the 8 items listed in Appendix II be approved and/or received for information by the Board of Governors by unanimous consent.

CARRIED

BG.06-131 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of September 26, 2006 (open session) were approved as circulated.

BG.06-132 **REPORT OF THE PROPERTY & FINANCE COMMITTEE** [Appendix III]

The Report of the Property & Finance Committee contained the following items that were received for information by unanimous consent:

- Faculty Fellowship in Jewish History
- Awards of Contracts
- Report on Endowments
- Scholarships/Awards/Bursaries/Prizes

BG.06-133 **REPORT OF THE SENIOR OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** [Appendix IV]

The Report of the Senior Operations Committee contained the following item that was received for information by unanimous consent:

- New and Reappointed Board Members

ITEMS REFERRED BY SENATE [Appendix V]

BG.06-134 **University Research Board - Annual Report on the Strategic Research Plan**

Dr. Hewitt gave an overview of the Annual Report on the Strategic Research Plan. Overhead slides used to highlight his presentation were issued with the agenda and can be found at the following website: <http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/board/minutes/2006/r0611urb.pdf>

BG.06-135 **Information Items Reported by Senate**

Appendix V, Items Referred by Senate, contained the following items that were received for information by unanimous consent:

- Report of the Academic Colleague on the 282nd Meeting of the Council of Ontario Universities
- Academic Administrative Appointments

H. Connell
Chair

L.E. Cline
Associate Secretary

President's Report to the Board

- University Surveys
 - Globe & Mail University Report Card
 - Macleans
- Awards to Western Faculty
 - Early Researcher Awards
 - Polanyi Prizes
- Western Heads East
- Graduate Funding Announcement
- Graduate Open House and Fall Preview Day

Dr. Paul Davenport
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Globe & Mail: University Report Card

Category	Grade	Rank
Quality of Education	A	Tied - First
Academic Reputation	A+	Tied - First
Quality of Student Services	A-	First
Quality of Teaching	A-	First
Variety of Courses	A-	First
Class Sizes	B	Tied - Third
Libraries	A+	First
Student-Faculty Interaction	B+	Tied - First
Most Satisfied Students	A	First
Financial Assistance	B-	First
Quality of Career Preparation	B+	Tied - First
Food Services	B	First
Fitness and Sports Facilities	B	Tied - Sixth
Student Residences	A-	First
Extracurricular Activities	A	First

Maclean's University Issue

	Student Service Ranking		
	2005	2006	Change
Manitoba	13	4	9
Ottawa	3	5	-2
McMaster	4	6	-2
Western	7	7	0
Queen's	5	9	-4
Toronto	2	10	-8
Calgary	14	11	3
Montreal	8	12	-4
UBC	1	13	-12
Alberta	10	14	-4
Dalhousie	11	15	-4

Early Researcher Awards

Announcement November 7, 2006

- John Wilkinson, Parliamentary Assistant to Minister of Research and Innovation, Hon. Dalton McGuinty
- 13 Early-Career Western Faculty selected out of 49 in Province
- \$51 million over 5 years for Investment in Research

2006 Polanyi Prizes

Total of 4 or 5 annually to new PhDs in Physics, Chemistry, Medicine, Literature and Economics

- Elizabeth Gillies – Chemistry
- Peter Andrew Cadieux – Microbiology and Immunology

Last year, Western won 2 of 4: Jason Haslam (English) and Paul Rogogna (Chemistry)

Western Heads East

- 2006 Scotiabank-Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada Award of Excellence in Internationalization
- Teaching rural communities in Tanzania to make probiotic yogurt – inhibits HIV/AIDS
- Lead by Bob Gough (Housing), Gregor Reid (Lawson Health Research Institute) and Sharateh Hekmat (Brescia University College) – faculty and student participation
- Celebrations in Ottawa and at Western

Graduate Funding Announcement

November 9 – EK3, London

- Minister Chris Bentley announced growth of 815 graduate students at Western, 2002-03 to 2007-08
- Deb Matthews, London North Centre
- Khalil Ramal, London-Fanshawe
- EK3 founded by Western graduate student alumni – digital media and network technology leader in North America

Graduate Open House

November 4

- Over 500 prospective students and their families
- Exploring Programs and Career opportunities
- Thanks to organizers in Faculty of Graduate Studies and SOGS and faculty, staff and student volunteers

2006 Fall Preview Day

November 18

- 6354 guests – an increase of 600 from 2005
- Dr. Davenport welcomed students and families at all first-entry faculties
- mini-lectures, demonstrations, displays, student panels, faculty tours and drop-in centers
- bus and walking tours of campus
- residence tours and meals
- 22 support units participated
- approximately 974 volunteers (126 faculty, 293 staff, 555 students)

2006 Fall Preview Day

Faculty/Support Units	Students	Staff	Faculty
Arts and Humanities	55	4	40
Engineering	40	6	12
FIMS	11	4	3
Health Sciences	63	11	15
Music	11	3	3
Social Science	52	15	33
Science	70	11	15
Second-Entry Schools	10	8	5
Registrarial Services	105	30	
Hospitality Services		122	
Housing	138	11	
Other ancillaries		68	
Total	555	293	129

Engaging the Future

Western's Draft Strategic Plan

Board of Governors
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Strategic Planning Task Force

Paul Davenport, Chair
Fred Longstaffe, Provost & Vice-President (Academic)
Board: Helen Connell, Halldan Kelly, John Nash, Michele Noble
Senate: Sandy Clark, Elan Paulson, Samantha Brennan, Chris Ellis,
Brock Fenton, Joyce Garnett, Julie McMullin
UWOFA: Michael Bartlett
Unity Group: David Empey
Alumni Association: Jim Etherington
Affiliated University Colleges: Theresa Topic
University Student's Council: Shane Gonsalves
SOGS: Patti Dalton
Named by the President: John Doerksen,
Peggy Wakabayashi

1. Setting Directions

- Mission: "Western provides the best student experience among Canada's research intensive universities"
 - within and beyond the classroom
- Graduate student experience:
 - Academic, professional and personal growth
- Building the Research University

- 2. Enhancing the Undergraduate Student Experience
- 3. The Graduate Student Experience and Graduate Expansion
- 4. Building the Research-Intensive University
- 5. Internationalization
- 6. Faculty Recruitment and Retention

- 7. Commitments to Staff and a Supportive Workplace
- 8. Alumni Engagement
- 9. Institutional Advancement
- 10. Our Campus, Neighbourhood, and Community
- 11. A Planning Process Designed to Promote Change
- 12. Public Investment and Accountability