The UNIVERSITY of WESTERN ONTARIO

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

September 29, 2005

The meeting was held at 1:30 p.m. in the East Room of the London Club

PRESENT: Mr. D. McDougall, Chair
Ms. I. Birrell, Secretary

Mr. S. Adams
Mr. C. Colvin
Mr. T. Brown
Ms. H. Connell
Dr. P. Davenport
Ms. G. Dybenko
Mr. T. Garrard
Ms. L. Gribbon
Ms. S. Grindrod
Dr. T. Hewitt
Ms. R. Ivey
Ms. G. Kulczycki
Dr. F. Longstaffe
Dr. K. McQuillan
Mr. J. Nash
Ms. M. Noble
Dr. S. Singh
Mr. E. Stewart
Mr. H. Vander Laan
Dr. A. Weedon
Mr. B. Whitmore

BG.05-110 REMARKS OF THE BOARD CHAIR

On behalf of the Board, the Chair welcomed to the meeting Ms. Birrell, Western’s new University Secretary, Dr. Longstaffe, in his capacity as Provost, and Ms. Grindrod, representing the administrative staff, and thanked Mr. Stewart, Mr. Whitmore and Dr. Weedon, whose terms on the Board end November 14, 2005, for their time and contributions to the work of the Board.

The Chair also thanked the organizers of the Board retreat for their efforts in orchestrating the event.

BG.05-111 REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Dr. Davenport reported on the Class of 2009, the Strategic Planning Task Force, current provincial government issues and his activities during the month of September. Further details about these items are contained in his report distributed with the agenda.
Prior to considering the Unanimous Consent Agenda, the Board accepted as friendly amendments the following revisions (shown in italics):

Report of the Property & Finance Committee - Appendix II
2. Graduate Student Fees: Health and Dental Premiums  

ACTION

Report of the Senior Operations Committee - Appendix IV
ADD: Annual Report of the Senior Operations Committee  INFORMATION

It was moved by S. Adams, seconded by G. Dybenko,

That the 26 items listed in Appendix I, including the minutes of the public session of the meeting of June 28, 2005, be approved and/or received for information by the Board of Governors by unanimous consent.

CARRIED

**REPORT OF THE PROPERTY & FINANCE COMMITTEE** [Appendix II]

**BG.05-113 Graduate Student Fees: Health and Dental Premiums**

It was moved by S. Adams, seconded by G. Dybenko,

That the Graduate Student fees for Health Plan and Dental Plan be revised effective to September 1, 2005, as detailed in Appendix II, item 1.

CARRIED by unanimous consent

**BG.05-114 Mount St. Joseph Zoning**

Ms. Kulczycki reported that the property at Mount St. Joseph was recently sold and the principal use will be to house a nursing home. Remaining space will be leased for other operations. Subsequent to the sale of the property, Western had raised concerns about the zoning of the property. After meetings with all parties concerned, agreement was reached (including approval by London City Council) that the property be re-zoned as Community Facility designation.

**BG.05-115 Information Items from the Property & Finance Committee**

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

- Feasibility Study - Support Services Building
- Appointment of Consulting Team for Athletic Field House
- Report on Endowments
- Research Funded Purchases Greater than $1 million
- Quarterly Financial Report (Operating Budget)(to July 31, 2005)
- Quarterly Ratio Report on Non-Endowed Funds
- Report of the Investment Committee
- Scholarships, Bursaries, Awards, Prizes
REPORT OF THE BY-LAWS COMMITTEE [Appendix V]

BG.05-115 Development & Fundraising Committee

It was moved by S. Adams, seconded by G. Dybenko,

That the composition of the Development & Fund Raising Committee be amended as shown in Appendix III, item 1, to permit the Presidents of Foundation Western and the Alumni Association and the Chair of the Ivey Development Committee to name designate alternate members in their place.

CARRIED by unanimous consent.

REPORT OF THE SENIOR OPERATIONS COMMITTEE [Appendix IV]

BG.05-116 President’s Priorities for 2005-2006

It was moved by J. Nash, seconded by H. Vander Laan,

That the Board of Governors approve the President’s Priorities for 2005-2006 as shown in Appendix IV, Annex 1.

CARRIED

BG.05-117 Information Items from the Senior Operations Committee

The Report of the Senior Operations Committee contained the following information items that were approved or received by unanimous consent:

• Associate Vice-President (Research) - Dr. Gerald M. Kidder
• Appointments to Boards and Committees
• Board and Senior Operations Committee Meeting Schedule for 2007
• Annual Report on Activities of the Senior Operations Committee, July 2004 - June 2005

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE [Appendix V]

BG.05-118 Audited Financial Statements: The University of Western Ontario

It was moved by R. Ivey, seconded by H. Connell,

That the Board of Governors approve the audited financial statements for the University for the fiscal year ended April 20, 2005, detailed in Appendix V, Annex 1, Tab 1.

Mr. Nash asked for an update on the financial situation of the Richard Ivey School of Business. Dr. Longstaffe stated that each of the four segments of the Ivey enterprise all came in on budget or generated a small surplus in the last year, through cost cutting and good management of their resources.

The question was called and CARRIED.
BG.05-119  **UWO Retirement Income Funds Program**

It was moved by R. Ivey, seconded by M. Noble,

That the Board of Governors approve the audited financial statements for the UWO Retirement Income Funds Program for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004 (Appendix V, Annex 1, Tab 14).

CARRIED

BG.05-120  **Information Items from the Audit Committee**

The Report of the Audit Committee contained the following information items that were approved or received by unanimous consent:

- Financial Statements for Related Companies and Other Organizations
- Reappointment of Auditors

**REPORT OF THE MCINTOSH GALLERY COMMITTEE** [Appendix VI]

BG.05-121  **Information Items from the McIntosh Gallery Committee**

The Report of the McIntosh Gallery Committee contained the following information items that were approved or received by unanimous consent:

- Size and Value of the University Art Collection
- McIntosh Estate
- Budget for 2005 - 2006
- Appointment of New Chair
- Report of the Director

**ITEMS REFERRED BY SENATE** [Appendix VII]

BG.05-122  **Appointment Procedures for Senior Academic and Administrative Officers of the University**

It was moved by S. Adams, seconded by G. Dybenko,

That the Appointment Procedures for Senior Academic and Administrative Officers of the University be amended by the deletion of Section Q - Associate Vice-President (Information Technology).

CARRIED by unanimous consent

BG.05-123  **Information Items Reported by the Senate**

Appendix VII - Items Referred by the Senate - contained the following information items that were received by unanimous consent:

- Honorary Degree Recipients - Autumn Convocation 2005
- Academic Administrative Appointments
ANNUAL REPORTS

BG.05-124  Annual Report on Faculty Recruitment

Dr. Weedon provided an overview of the Annual Report on Faculty Recruitment, detailed in Appendix VIII, including data on Probationary and Tenured Faculty, Probationary and Tenured Women Faculty, New Tenured & Probationary Faculty by Gender, Part-time Faculty Appointments, Limited Term Appointments and recruitment activities.

BG.05-125  SELECTED CLIPPINGS [Appendix IX]

The Board received for information selected media clippings about the University, detailed in Appendix IX.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

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D. McDougall I. Birrell
Chair Secretary