

The UNIVERSITY of WESTERN ONTARIO



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

May 1, 2008

The meeting was held at 1:00 p.m. in Room 330 Stevenson-Lawson Building.

PRESENT: Ms. M. Noble, Chair
Ms. I. Birrell, Secretary

Mr. F. Angeletti
Mr. A. Awaysheh
Dr. D. Bentley
Mr. S. Coxford
Dr. P. Davenport
Mr. T. Gosnell
Ms. L. Gribbon
Ms. S. Grindrod
Dr. T. Hewitt
Mr. J. Knowles
Ms. G. Kulczycki
Mr. A. Labatt

Dr. F. Longstaffe
Ms. K. Meighen
Dr. L. Miller
Ms. J. Moss
Mr. J. Nash
Mr. M. Reid
Dr. S. Singh
Ms. J. Vanderheyden
Dr. J. White
Mr. R. Wong
Mr. K. Zerebecki

By Invitation: E. Austen, R. Campbell, R. Chelladurai, D. Riddell, R. Harris, S. Jarrett, D. Jones,
L. Logan.

BG.08-27 **Welcome to Board Member**

On behalf of the Board, the Chair welcomed Mr. Jim Knowles to his first Board meeting. Mr. Knowles' term began February 2008 and continues to December 2009 as he replaces Mr. Doug Alexander who recently resigned.

BG.08-28 **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

The President's Report consisted of the following items: First-Year Engineering Design Showcase, Campus Renewal Announcement, G13 Meeting with Minister Jim Prentice, Western's Performance in Ontario Research Funding, and activities of the President during the months of February, March and April. Overhead slides used to highlight his presentation are attached as [Appendix 1](#).

BG.08-29 **UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGENDA**

It was moved by F. Angeletti, seconded by M. Reid,

That the 21 items listed in Appendix 1, excluding item 10, Code of Student Conduct - Report on Misconduct and Sanctions, be approved and/or received for information by the Board of Governors by unanimous consent.

CARRIED

BG.08-30 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the public session of the meeting of January 24, 2008 were approved as circulated.

REPORT OF THE PROPERTY & FINANCE COMMITTEE [Appendix II]

BG.08-31 **Operating and Capital Budgets, Tuition and Fees**

It was moved by J. Moss, seconded by R. Wong,

That the Board of Governors approve the 2008-09 University Operating and Capital Budgets and the Program Specific Fees and Other Supplemental Fees for 2008-09.

Ms. G. Kulczycki presented a comprehensive overview of the budget documents. Slides used in her presentation are attached as Appendix 2. The presentation included the 2008-09 budgetary information comprising: the Operating and Capital Budgets 2008-09; Tuition and Fees 2008-09; Budgets for Student Fee-Funded Units, Ancillaries, Academic Support Units and Associated Companies and budget summaries for the same.

In answer to questions and comments it was noted that

- Western's budget process covers a four year horizon, which will see the reserve decline but still projected to be near the Board-mandated level of \$2.5 million at the end of the four-year planning period (2010-11). The Board policy requires that a market value of investments relative to obligations must be at a minimum level of 1.08% and at the end of March 2008 that level was 1.29 % - i.e., approximately \$50 million above the required minimum level. This year's one-time allocations amount to approximately \$20 million, which is significantly greater than in previous years.
- With respect to the increase in tuition fees and future tuition fee levels, Ms. Kulczycki noted that the increases in the 2008-2009 budget reflect the two-year commitment regarding tuition fee levels. The current framework takes Western to 2009-10, the third year of the four year plan. The assumption is that the tuition fee level will remain in the same range throughout the four year budget.
- Starting in 2006-07, 77% of all graduate student tuition revenue is directed to the Graduate Student Scholarship and Training Fund. A 4% increase in tuition fees is projected for planning purposes. Discussions about tuition fee levels are ongoing, but it is not known what tuition fee framework will be put in place by the government at the conclusion of the current commitment. Discussions continue regarding what can be done financially for graduate students in Categories I and II. Thesis-based program students generally receive direct support in various forms from the Faculty of Graduate Studies and departments.

Funds will be available for students in professional graduate programs, but will be allocated differently.

- Economic assumptions underlying the budget include the government grant allocations, the effect of a recession, investments (particularly equity funds), and costs associated with utilities. Future budget documents will include information on the basic economic assumptions underlying them to aid members in understanding the forecasts.

The question was called and CARRIED.

BG.08-32 **Student Fee Funded Units, Ancillaries, and Academic Support Units**

It was moved by K. Zerebecki, seconded by J. Vanderheyden,

That the Board of Governors approve the 2008-09 budgets for Student Fee Funded Units, Ancillaries, and Academic Support Units summarized in the report entitled "Student Fee Funded Units, Ancillaries, Academic Support Units, and Associated Companies".

CARRIED

BG.08-33 **Student Organization Fees 2008 -09**

It was moved by F. Angeletti, seconded by S. Grindrod,

That the organization fees for the University Students' Council for 2008-09 shown in Table 2 (full-time undergraduates) and Table 4 (part-time undergraduates) be approved, as requested by the USC.

That the organization fees for the Society of Graduate Students shown in Table 3 (full-time graduate students - three terms) and Table 4 (part-time graduate students), be approved as requested by SOGS.

That the organization fees for the Business PhD Association for 2008-09 shown in Table 3 be approved, as requested by the Business Ph.D. Association.

CARRIED

Dr. Davenport noted that the Gazette (whose fees were included in the USC fee proposal) remains committed in its endeavors to comply with their Journalistic Code of Ethics as noted in the documentation distributed in Appendix II, Annex 3-A. He congratulated this year's editorial staff for a job well done.

BG.08-34 **Annual Report and Recommendations of the Student Services Committee**

It was moved by J. Vanderheyden, seconded by L. Gribbon,

That the ancillary fees collected by the University be those detailed in Annex 4, Table 1, as recommended by the Student Services Committee.

Mr. Abudi asked about the sources of funding for an additional psychologist to be hired by Student Development Services. Ms. Kulczycki replied that Student Development Services is a student fee funded unit and funds are generated from the fees contributed by the students at Western. Recently, an agreement was reached whereby affiliate university college students, who had been using the

service without paying a fee, would contribute 30% of the fees this year, moving to 60% next year. This increase in fees has allowed the unit to hire an additional staff psychologist.

The question was called and CARRIED.

BG.08-35 **MAPP 1.45 - E-Mail Policy**

It was moved by T. Gosnell, seconded by K. Meighen,

That the E-Mail Policy, MAPP 1.45, contained in Annex 5, be approved effective May 1, 2008.

CARRIED

BG.08-36 **MAPP 1.46 - Safe Campus Community Policy**

It was moved by S. Grindrod, seconded by A. Awaysheh,

That the Safe Campus Community Policy, MAPP 1.46, contained in Annex 6, be approved effective May 1, 2008.

CARRIED

BG.08-37 **Information Items Reported by the Property & Finance Committee**

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

- Annual Report of the University Students Council on Activity within the University Community Centre
- Provost's *ad hoc* Committee on Classroom and Common Space
- C.G. Drake Professorship in Neurosurgery (Discontinuation)
- Quarterly Financial Report (Operating)
- Investment Committee Report
- Scholarships, Awards, Prizes

REPORT OF THE BY-LAWS COMMITTEE [Appendix III]

BG.08-38 **Amendments to Standing Committees Terms of Reference**

It was moved by F. Angeletti, seconded by M. Reid,

That the proposed amendments to the Terms of Reference of the Development and Fund Raising Committee, as contained in Appendix III, Annex 1, be approved.

That the proposed amendments to the Terms of Reference of the Property & Finance Committee, as contained in Appendix III, Annex 2, be approved.

That the proposed amendments to the Terms of Reference of the Senior Operations Committee, as contained in Appendix III, Annex 3, be approved.

CARRIED by Unanimous Consent.

BG.08-39 **Notice of Amendments to By-Law No. 1**

The Board received for information by unanimous consent the notice of amendments to By-Law No. 1, detailed in Appendix III, Annex 4.

REPORT OF THE SENIOR OPERATIONS COMMITTEE [Appendix IV]

BG.08-40 **Code of Student Conduct: Report on Misconduct and Sanctions**

The Code of Student Conduct, detailed in Appendix IV, Annex 1, was provided for information.

Mr. Abudi referred to the incidents occurring on September 30 and December 19 and whether the events occurred on or off campus. If they occurred off campus, he questioned why the University chose to pursue these cases. Dr. Harris responded that both incidents were off campus events. She stated that as an officer of the University and in her role in enacting the terms of the Code of Student Conduct she must ensure a safe environment for visitors, students and staff to work and study at Western. Off campus conduct is a concern when there is evidence that members of the community, particularly other students, are at risk as a result of student behaviour. The campus police will try to mediate a solution when inappropriate behaviour is involved that could result a long term negative impact for the students such as criminal charges.

Mr. Reid said that Dr. Harris has met with the USC regarding the importance of the Code as it relates to off campus cases and that the USC appreciates those efforts on her part.

Asked about the number of incidents per year, Dr. Davenport stated that the number has decreased due to Dr. Harris' leadership and the support of the USC.

BG.08-41 **Information Items Reported by the Senior Operations Committee**

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

- Senior Academic Administrative Appointments
- Board Membership: Alumni Constituency

REPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT & FUND RAISING COMMITTEE [Appendix V]

BG.08-42 **The Arthur Labatt Family School of Nursing**

It was moved by J. Moss, seconded by L. Miller,

That the Board of Governors approve the naming of the Arthur Labatt Family School of Nursing, effective May 1, 2008, and that all current official university documents be amended to reflect the naming.

CARRIED

BG.08-43 **Fund Raising Initiatives Status Report as of January 31, 2008**

The Board received for information by unanimous consent the Fund Raising Initiatives Status Report as of January 31, 2008, detailed in Appendix V, Annex 1.

ITEMS REFERRED BY SENATE [Appendix VI]

BG.08-44 **Creation of a School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies to replace the Faculty of Graduate Studies**

It was moved by F. Angeletti, seconded by J. Nash,

That the Board of Governors approve the creation of a School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies to replace the Faculty of Graduate Studies, effective July 1, 2008, as recommended by Senate.

CARRIED

BG.08-45 **Name Change for Department of Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine**

It was moved by F. Angeletti, seconded by M. Reid,

That the Board of Governors approve that, as recommended by Senate, the name of the Department of Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine in the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry be changed to the Department of Medical Imaging, and, upon approval, that current official University documents and policies be amended accordingly.

CARRIED by Unanimous Consent.

BG.08-46 **Information Items Reported by Senate**

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

- Arthur Labatt Family School of Nursing
- 2008-09 University Operating and Capital Budgets
- 2008 Honorary Degree Recipients
- Excellence in Teaching Award Winners for 2007-08
- Report on Recruitment and Retention of Faculty
- Report of the Academic Colleague
- Academic Administrative Appointments

The meeting adjourned to the confidential session.

M. Noble
Chair

I. Birrell
Secretary

President's Report to the Board of Governors

- First Year Engineering Design Showcase
- Campus Renewal Announcement
- G13 Meeting with Minister Jim Prentice
- Ontario Research Fund Performance

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First-Year Engineering Design Showcase

- April 8 – Great Hall
- Over 50 Student Projects
 - “Design and Construct an Environmentally Friendly Device or System”
- Long-term association of Western Engineering with Environmental Issues
 - from Wind Tunnel to Green Building
- Mayor Anne-Marie DeCicco-Best, Acting Dean George Knopf, Showcase Coordinator Paul Kurowski

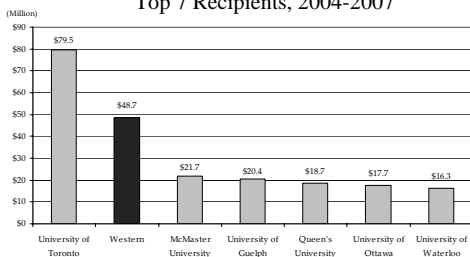
Campus Renewal Announcement

- Minister John Milloy announced \$19.5 million for facilities renewal at Western, joined by Ministers Chris Bentley, Deb Matthews, and MPP Khalil Ramal
- Earlier awards to Western: \$9 million for Physics & Astronomy Building, \$13 million for B&G Building, energy conservation and safety
- Part of \$200 million Provincial renewal funding

G13 Meeting with Minister Jim Prentice

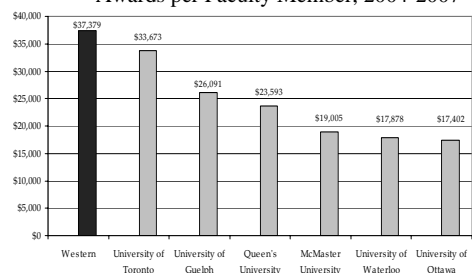
- Ottawa, April 25
- With DM Richard Dicerni and senior officials Paul Boothe, Iain Stewart, and Stephen Kelly
- Key issues for Industry Canada and the Universities:
 - Support for the Knowledge Economy and the Science and Technology Strategy
 - Fundamental research and advances in technology
 - Expansion of graduate studies
 - Institutional costs of research

Ontario Research Fund: Top 7 Recipients, 2004-2007



Infrastructure awards (excludes operating grants)

Ontario Research Fund: Awards per Faculty Member, 2004-2007



Infrastructure awards (excludes operating grants)