



The UNIVERSITY of WESTERN ONTARIO

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

September 30, 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. J. Berge
Mr. J. Bitove
Mr. S. Coxford
Dr. P. Davenport
Dr. T. Hewitt
Ms. G. Kulczycki
Dr. F. Longstaffe
Ms. K. Meighen
Dr. L. Miller

Ms. J. Moss
Mr. J. Nash
Mr. M. Reid
Dr. S. Singh
Ms. J. Vanderheyden
Mr. H. Vander Laan
Dr. J. White
Mr. R. Wong
Mr. K. Zerebecki

By Invitation: H. Connell, L. Koza, L. Logan, C. Scott, C. Stinson

BG.08-93 **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

The President's report consisted of the following items: beginning of the new school year, O-Week and neighbourhood relations, Lunar Science Institute (NASA), new MRI Equipment for Robarts, the COU Annual meeting and activities of the President since the June 24th Board meeting. Overhead slides used to highlight his presentation are attached as [Appendix 1](#).

BG.08-94 **UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGENDA** [Appendix I]
[A revised Unanimous Consent Agenda, was distributed at the meeting.]

It was moved by K. Zerebecki, seconded by F. Angeletti,

That the 17 items listed in Appendix I (Revised) be approved and/or received for information by the Board of Governors by unanimous consent.

CARRIED

BG.08-95 **Minutes from the Previous Meeting**

The minutes from the open session of the meeting of June 24, 2008 were approved as circulated.

BG.08-96 **Affiliate University Colleges' Emergency Preparedness**

Ms. Kulczycki reported that Western continues to work with the Affiliate University Colleges to develop procedures regarding the provision of emergency services. Western has signed agreements to provide fire safety, fire monitoring and emergency services to each Affiliate. King's and Brescia's facilities were reviewed using "crime prevention through environmental design" to assist in the provision of advice as to the measures required to make their buildings safer. Staff at the Affiliates have received basic emergency management training. Each Affiliate is setting up an emergency operations control group which parallels Western's. Western also provides Emergency Response Team coverage for the Affiliates which includes campus police, fire safety and emergency management as well as communications and public affairs.

PROPERTY & FINANCE COMMITTEE [Appendix II]

BG.08-97 **Transition to Long-Range Space Plan 2**

BG.08-97a **Approval of Submission to MTCU**

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

That the Board of Governors approve that the projects listed in The Transition to Long-Range Space Plan 2 (which are to be submitted to the MTCU as part of the province's infrastructure program) be supported in principle, on the understanding that the usual approval stages will apply to any individual project ultimately recommended to proceed, in accordance with the Board's policies, practices and procedures for approval of capital projects

Ms. Kulczycki stated that the projects listed in The Transition to Long-Range Space Plan 2, detailed in Appendix II, Annex 1, is Western's submission to the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities' (MTCU) request for proposals with respect to the new government infrastructure funding program, i.e., the \$60 billion for infrastructure and renewal. Final decisions on funded projects will be made by the Ministry and announcements on funding might be included in the spring 2009 provincial budget. Further details are contained in Appendix II, Annex 1 distributed with the agenda.

The question was called and CARRIED.

BG.08-97b **Siting of Potential Ivey Building**

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

That the Board of Governors approve in principle that, should a new Ivey Building be constructed, it be sited on the University's land on the west side of Western Road, south of the Springett Parking Lot.

Ms. Kulczycki provided an overview of the siting of a potential Ivey Building detailed in Appendix II, item 1b. She noted that a significant amount of money must be raised by Ivey in order to have the building come to fruition; fixing on a location will allow Ivey to focus its fundraising efforts.

The current playing fields on the site could be relocated on a site on Westminster Hall lands or behind the existing TD Waterhouse Stadium.

The question was called and CARRIED.

BG.08-98 **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:

- Bill Bell Chair in Petroleum Geology

- Benjamin Franklin Parr Fellowship
- Quarterly Financial Report (Operating)
- Scholarships/Awards/Prizes

SENIOR OPERATIONS COMMITTEE [Appendix III]

[A revised Report of the Senior Operations Committee was distributed at the meeting.]

BG.08-99 **MAPP 3.8 - Employee Assistance Policy**

It was moved by K. Zerebecki, seconded by F. Angeletti,

That the Board of Governors ratify the amendments to MAPP 3.8 - Employee Assistance Program (EAP) as outlined in Appendix III, Annex 1.

CARRIED by Unanimous Consent

BG.08-100 **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:

- Annual Report of the Senior Operations Committee
- Location of Board and Committee Meetings
- Board Meeting Schedule, 2008 - 2010
- Graduate Student Representative on the Board of Governors and the Property & Finance Committee

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE [Appendix IV]

BG.08-101 **Audited Financial Statements - The University of Western Ontario**

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

That the Board of Governors approve the combined audited financial statements for The University for the fiscal year ended April 20, 2008, detailed in Appendix IV, Annex 1, Tab 1.

Ms. Kulczycki noted that the audit went well with no comments and no concerns. This was in large part due to Lynn Logan, Carter Scott and their staff and she thanked them for their efforts.

In answer to questions, Ms. Kulczycki explained that the changes in excess of revenues over expenses from the prior year are primarily due to a decrease in investment returns of \$22.1 million, an increase in salaries and benefits of \$48.0 million, an increase in operating costs of \$16.0 million (resulting largely from the integration of Robarts Research Institute) and an increase in interest expense of \$5.4 million resulting from the issuance of Western's debenture in May 2007. The salary differential is partly accounted for by the integration of Robarts Research Institute, but also reflects the early allocation of funding for faculty hires in response to "Reaching Higher", and recently-approved collective agreements.

The question was called and CARRIED.

BG.08-102 **Financial Statements: Related Companies and Other Organizations**

Financial Statements for related companies and other organizations of The University of Western Ontario for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2008, detailed in Annex 1, were received for information.

BG.08-103 **Update on Non-Bank Asset-Backed Commercial Paper**

The Board received for information an update on Asset-Backed Commercial Paper Market detailed in Appendix IV, item 3.

MCINTOSH GALLERY COMMITTEE [Appendix V]

BG.08-104 **Information Items Reported by the McIntosh Gallery Committee**

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

- Size and Value of the University Art Collection
- McIntosh Estate
- Budget for 2008 -09
- Report of the Director

BG.08-105 **REPORT OF THE JOINT PENSION BOARDS** [Appendix VI]

Ms. Koza provided an overview of the report of the Academic and Administrative Staff Pension Boards detailed in Appendix VI. Overhead slides used to highlight her presentation are attached as [Appendix 2](#). The report covered the calendar year January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007 and provided an overview of the plans, reviewed changes made to the plan in 2007, described the projects underway at the end of the year and analyzed the impact of significant market events on the Western Retirement Plans.

DEVELOPMENT & FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

BG.08-106 **Campaign Plan 2007 - 2014**

Ms. H. Connell and Ms. C. Stinson gave a presentation on the Campaign Plan 2007 - 2014 including the planning process, context for fundraising, and Western's Campaign, including goals and campaign communications. Overhead slides used to highlight the presentation are contained in [Appendix 3](#).

Responding to a question about the current economic crisis, Ms. Stinson explained that donors will be asked to consider the needs of the University and to consider pledging a gift now but paying later. Many gift contributions are staggered over a number of years.

ITEMS REFERRED BY SENATE

BG.08-107 **Affiliation Agreement: UWO, King's University College and St. Peter's Seminary**

It was moved by J. White, seconded by K. Meighen,

That the Board of Governors approve the revisions to the Affiliation Agreement for The University of Western Ontario and King's University College and St. Peter's Seminary, as outlined in Appendix VIII, Annex 1.

CARRIED

BG.08-108 **Vice-Provost's Annual Report on Faculty Recruitment and Retention**

The Vice-Provost's Annual Report on Faculty Recruitment and Retention, detailed in Appendix VIII, Annex 2, was received for information. (Website: <http://www.uwo.ca/pvp/facultyrelations>)

Discussion included hiring of women faculty, implications resulting from the removal of mandatory

retirement, and implications associated with increasing graduate student enrolment.

BG.08-109 **Information Items Report by Senate**

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

- Honorary Degrees - Autumn Convocation 2008
- Amendments to Appointment Procedures for Senior Academic and Administrative Officers of the University
- Academic Administrative Appointments

M. Noble
Chair

I. Birrell
Secretary