MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

September 24, 2013

The meeting was held at 1:00 p.m. in the North Meeting Room, Windermere Manor.

PRESENT: Mr. S. Coxford, Chair
Ms. I. Birrell, Secretary
Dr. C. Beynon
Dr. J. Capone
Dr. A. Chakma
Dr. J. Deakin
Mr. M. Dietrich
Ms. C. Down
Mr. J. English
Ms. L. Gainey
Ms. S. Grindrod
Mr. H. Hassan
Mr. P. Jenkins


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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

The President reported on the following:

- Dr. Paul Genest has been appointed by MTCU as Special Advisor: Strategic Mandate Agreements (Universities) to negotiate with the universities
- Research intensive universities in Ontario (U6) are preparing a joint response to the draft policy document from MTCU
- Homecoming 2013
- International Advisory Board second meeting

The report distributed with the agenda included the following topics: government update, leadership update, Strategic Plan renewal update and the President’s activities since the June Board meeting.

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UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGENDA [Appendix I]

It was moved by L. Gainey, seconded by C. Lassonde,

That the 11 items listed in Appendix I, Unanimous Consent Agenda, be approved and/or received for information by the Board of Governors by unanimous consent.

CARRIED
Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The open session minutes from the meeting of June 20, 2013 were approved as circulated.

REPORT OF THE SENIOR OPERATIONS COMMITTEE [Appendix II]

Information Items Reported by the Senior Operations Committee

The Report of the Senior Operations Committee, detailed in Appendix II, contained the following items that were received for information by unanimous consent:

- University Discipline Appeals Committee Membership Changes
- Board Election Schedule for 2014

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE [Appendix III]

Audited Financial Statements – The University of Western Ontario

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

That the Board of Governors approve the draft audited combined financial statements for the University for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2013 (see Appendix III, Annex 1, Tab 1).

Ms. Kulczycki provided a brief overview of the Audited Financial Statements:
- the portfolio earned over 12 percent
- changes have been made in the rules to allow recognition of unamortized costs of future benefits liabilities as well as recognizing market value of assets
- the Capital plan is on track

Responding to a member’s question regarding Western’s financial state, Ms. Kulczycki said that the administration takes a conservative approach given that a significant portion of Western’s revenue is generated from government grants and tuition fees. It is acknowledged that Western could perform better in terms of research revenue. Dr. Chakma noted that the financial statements provide a fiscal picture at a particular point in time – at this particular point in time the fiscal situation is very strong and flexible which in turn provides room to adapt if necessary. Mr. Zerebecki noted that two issues, a decrease in government revenue and an increase in the cost of future employee benefits, should be monitored going forward.

Financial Statements: Related Companies

The Board received for information the financial statements for the related companies and other organizations of The University of Western Ontario for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2013, detailed in Appendix III, Annex 1.

Information Items Reported by the Audit Committee

The Report of the Audit Committee, detailed in Appendix III, contained the following items that were received for information by unanimous consent:

- Health, Safety and Wellness Annual Report – 2012-13
REPORT OF THE FUND RAISING AND DONOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE [Appendix IV]

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Information Item Reported by the Fund Raising and Donor Relations Committee

The Report of the Fund Raising and Donor Relations Committee contained the following item that was received for information by unanimous consent:

- Quarterly Report on Fundraising

REPORT OF THE MCINTOSH GALLERY COMMITTEE [Appendix V]

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Annual Report of the McIntosh Gallery Committee – 2012-13

The annual report of the McIntosh Gallery Committee for 2012-13, detailed in Exhibit V, was received for information by unanimous consent.

ITEMS REFERRED BY SENATE [Appendix VI]

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Affiliation Agreement with Brescia, Huron and King’s University Colleges

It was moved by A. Chakma, seconded by J. White,

That the Board of Governors approve the Affiliation Agreement between The University of Western Ontario and Brescia, Huron and King’s University Colleges, contained in Appendix VI, Annex 1, with the effective date of June 10, 2013.

CARRIED

BG.13-98
Revision to MAPP 7.0 – Policy on Academic Integrity in Research Activities

It was moved by J. Knowles, seconded by L. Gainey,

That the Board of Governors approve the revised MAPP 7.0 – Policy on Academic Integrity in Research Activities detailed in Appendix VI, Annex 2.

CARRIED

Members were reminded that a new version of MAPP 7.0 – Policy on Academic Integrity in Research Activities was distributed following the September 20 Senate meeting as all reference to teaching was removed from the policy.

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Information Items Referred by Senate

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

- Report of the Honorary Degrees Committee
- Daryl T. Bean Professorship in Law and Women’s Studies – Extension
- Announcements
The meeting adjourned to the confidential session.

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S. Coxford           I. Birrell
Chair               Secretary