



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

September 27, 2016

The meeting was held at 1:00 p.m. in the Juniper Room, Ivey Spencer Leadership Centre.

PRESENT: Mr. H. Hassan, Chair
Ms. I. Birrell, Secretary

Dr. S. Armstrong
Dr. P. Bishop
Ms. W. Boye
Dr. J. Capone
Dr. A. Chakma
Ms. S. Chrominska
Ms. K. Cole
Dr. J. Deakin
Mr. K. Gibbons
Mr. J. Green
Mr. M. Helfand

Mr. P. Jenkins
Ms. C. Karakatsanis
Mr. J. Knowles
Mr. R. Konrad
Mr. M. Lerner
Dr. K. Mequanint
Ms. N. Noonan
Ms. C. Stephenson
Dr. J. Toswell
Mr. M. Wilson

By Invitation: L. Logan

BG.16-90 **Western's 2016 Board Retreat**

The Chair thanked the Board members for their participation and insightful questions at this year's retreat. Following a brief discussion about Blair Sheppard's presentation on disrupters, members agreed that Mr. Sheppard should be invited to give his presentation to Western's leadership group.

BG.16-91 **Welcome to New Board Members**

The Chair introduced and welcomed the new board members to their first meeting: Pamela Bishop, Matt Helfand, Catherine Karakatsanis, Kibret Mequanint, Nicolette Noonan, and Carol Stephenson.

BG.16-92 **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

The report of the President, distributed with the agenda, consisted of the following topics: welcoming Western's largest ever incoming class, provincial government update, federal government update, Western scholars named among Canada's Royal Society elite, Western undergraduates commended among the world's top student at the Annual Undergraduate Awards (UA), leadership update, and activities of the President since the June board meeting. He also reported on a celebration of the student exchange between Ontario universities and Baden-Württemberg University and informed the Board that the Ontario Government's Sector Initiatives Fund (SIF) announcement will be made on Friday, September 30, 2016.

BG.16-93 **UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGENDA** [Appendix I]

It was moved by M. Wilson, seconded by W. Boye,

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

CARRIED

BG.16-94 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The open session minutes of the meeting of June 23, 2016 were approved with the inclusion of the following revision:

- BG.16-79: C. Beynon was added to the list of those introducing the Draft Indigenous Strategic Plan (paragraph 2)

BG.16-94a **University Rapid Transit Working Group** [BG.16-68]

A member asked for an update on the expanded membership of the University Rapid Transit Working Group. L. Logan reported that this group will be renamed because its scope has expanded to include the campus master plan and the development of open space and landscape. The membership includes the presidents of the Society of Graduate Students and the University Students Council, three members of faculty, a representative from the London Health Sciences Centre, and members from Facilities Management and the Department of Equity & Human Rights Services.

REPORT OF THE PROPERTY & FINANCE COMMITTEE [Appendix II]

BG.16-95 **Revisions to Policy 2.15 – Approval of Capital Projects**

It was moved by S. Chrominska, seconded by J. Knowles,

That the revised MAPP 2.15, retitled as “*Approval of Capital Projects*,” attached hereto as Appendix III, Annex 1, be approved.

CARRIED

BG.16-96 **Information Items Reported by the Property & Finance Committee**

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

- The Stephen A. Jarislowsky Chair in Central Banking
- Investment Committee Report
- Quarterly Ratio Report on Non-Endowed Funds
- New Scholarships and Awards

REPORT OF THE SENIOR POLICY & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE [Appendix III]

BG.16-97 **Information Items Reported by the Senior Policy & Operations Committee**

The Report of the Senior Policy & Operations Committee, detailed in Appendix III, contained the following item that was received for information by unanimous consent:

- Committee Appointments

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE [Appendix IV]

BG.16-98 **Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended April 30, 2016**

It was moved by M. Wilson, seconded by R. Konrad,

That the Board of Governors approve the draft audited combined financial statements for the University for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2016 (Annex 1, Section 1).

CARRIED

BG.16-99 **Financial Statements – Related Companies**

The Financial Statements: Related Companies, detailed in Appendix IV, item 2, Annex 1, were provided for information.

BG.16-100 **Harassment and Discrimination Matters Annual Report**

The Board received for information the Harassment and Discrimination Matters Annual Report detailed in Appendix IV, Annex 2.

REPORT OF THE FUND RAISING AND DONOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE [Appendix V]

BG.16-101 **Fund Raising Activity Quarterly Report to July 31, 2016**

The Board received for information the Fund Raising Activity Quarterly Report to July 31, 2016, detailed in Appendix V, Annex 1.

ITEMS REFERRED BY SENATE [Appendix VI]

Department of Visual Arts – Deferral of the Department of Visual Arts' Name Change to the Department of Art History and Studio Art

It was moved by M. Wilson, seconded by W. Boye,

That the renaming of the Department of Visual Arts to the Department of Art History and Studio Art, intended to take effect on July 1, 2016, be deferred indefinitely.

CARRIED (By Unanimous Consent)

BG.16-102 **Information Items Referred by Senate**

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

- Institutional Quality Assurance Report
- Honorary Degree Recipients Autumn 2016
- Report of the Academic Colleague
- Announcements – Academic Administrative Appointments
- 2017 Convocation Dates
- University Convocation Ceremony in Hong Kong

OTHER BUSINESS

BG.16-103

Reunion Weekend/Homecoming Weekend

In light of the article contained in the Gazette that the USC is holding events this weekend, a member asked if Western is holding two homecomings this year. J. Deakin replied that the USC is holding events this weekend (Reunion Weekend) on campus to dissuade students from partying in the Broughdale area. The USC will again hold events at the London Agriplex on Saturday, October 22, which is Homecoming Day. Most of Western's alumni come to Homecoming to attend Faculty reunions and those are continuing as planned for the weekend of September 30. After consulting with others on and off campus, the decision was made to move Homecoming back to October 22 in response to what had occurred at an unsanctioned street party on Broughdale last year.

The meeting adjourned to the confidential session.

H. Hassan
Chair

I. Birrell
Secretary