



# The UNIVERSITY of WESTERN ONTARIO

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

May 18, 2007

The meeting was held at 1:30 p.m. in Room 1R40, Richard Ivey School of Business.

### SENATORS:

N. Abbas	T. Garrard	E. Paulson
D. Abelson	J. Harmer	J. Plug
M. Adamson	A. Hearn	C. Ross
M.A. Andrusyszyn	C. Herbert	S. Sdao
D. Barclay	T. Hewitt	A. Sells
I. Birrell	S. Kabene	D. Shrubsole
L. Bowman	R. Keirstead	S. Sims
M. Broadfoot	P. Klein	M. Steele
T. Carmichael	G. Knopf	C. Stephenson
J. Cole	G. Kulczycki	T. Stevenson
J. Corrigan	W. Lehmann	B. Timney
P. Davenport	H. Luckman	S. Usprich
B. Diemert	R. Macmillan	T. Vandervoort
P. Doyle	L. McKechnie	D. Wardlaw
C. Dunbar	W. McKercher	J. Weese
D. Dutrizac	M. Milde	B. Welling
N. Dyer-Witheford	B. Millman	M. Wilson
N. Ecclestone	D. Morrow	B. Wood
H. El Naggar	K. Okruhlik	P. Woodford
J. Etherington	M. Oliva	C. Yung
		X. Zou

Observers: K. Clark, L. Gribbon, D. Jameson, D. Jacques, G. Tigert, A. Weedon

By Invitation: M. Bartlett, D. Riddell, J. White

S.07-91

### MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of April 20, 2007, were approved with the inclusion of the following paragraph to S.07-88: Gazette Issue Published April 3, 2007 (*distributed at the meeting*):

Professor Coulter thanked the President and the Provost for their decision to take action on the matter of the Gazette "spooof" issue, indicated that the Women's Caucus and the UWOFA Board would be keeping a watching brief to ensure that the promises made by senior administration were honoured, and commended the Provost for understanding that the university culture would have to change.

S.07-92      **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

The President reported on the dentistry funding announcement and the Federal science and technology strategy. Overhead slides used to highlight his presentation are attached as **Appendix 1**.

**OPERATIONS/AGENDA COMMITTEE** [Exhibit I]

S.07-93      **Senate Membership**

S.07-93a     **Faculty Constituencies**

It was moved by T. Carmichael, seconded by D. Shrubsole,

That the Senate seat held by Jan Plug, elected representative for the Faculty of Arts and Humanities constituency, be declared vacant as a result of his resignation, and,

That Russell Poole (English) be elected to replace him (term July 1 to October 31, 2007).

CARRIED

S.07-93b     **Undergraduate Student Constituency**

It was moved by T. Carmichael, seconded by D. Shrubsole,

That the Senate seat held by Tom Stevenson, elected representative of the undergraduate At Large constituency, be declared vacant as a result of his resignation (he will continue to attend as an official observer as the new USC President), and,

That Philip McKenzie (Microbiology & Immunology IV) be elected to replace him (term from June 1 to October 31, 2007).

CARRIED

S.07-94      **Appointment of Vice-Chancellor for Trois-Pistoles French Immersion School's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convocation**

It was moved by T. Carmichael, seconded by D. Abelson,

That Dr. Michael Milde be authorized to perform the duties of Vice-Chancellor at Trois - Pistoles French Immersion School's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convocation to be held on Friday, August 10, 2007.

CARRIED

S.07-95      **Candidates for Theological Degrees -Huron University College Theological Convocation**

S.07-95a     **Master of Divinity**

On behalf of the Senate (S.96-125), the Provost approved the list of candidates who received the Master of Divinity degree at the 2007 Theological Convocation at Huron University College (May 10, 2007):

Andrea Lynn Brennan  
Murray George Budden

With Distinction

Andrew David Downs	With Distinction
F. Jean Doyle	With Distinction
Karine Alice Farmer	With Distinction
Christopher Michael Kelly	With Distinction
Brian Henry Laidler	
Patricia Margaret O'Neil	
Marrigje Cornelia Stewart	With Distinction
Jessica Leslie Worden	With Distinction

S.07-95b Master of Theological Studies

On behalf of the Senate (S.96-125), the Provost approved the list of candidates who received the Master of Theological Studies degree at the 2007 Theological Convocation at Huron University College (May10, 2007):

Michael Eldon DeKay	With Distinction
Barbara Jane Graham	With Distinction
Marjorie Arlene Reid	With Distinction

S.07-96 Autumn Convocation 2007 - Order of Ceremony

Senate received for information the following order of ceremony for Autumn Convocation 2007:

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18 - 3:30 P.M.**

Faculty of Graduate Studies\*  
Faculty of Education  
Faculty of Engineering  
Faculty of Health Sciences  
Faculty of Law  
Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry  
Don Wright Faculty of Music  
Richard Ivey School of Business

\* = students in programs hosted by the Don Wright Faculty of Music, Faculties of Education, Engineering, Health Sciences, and Law, the Richard Ivey School of Business and the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19 - 10:00 A.M.**

Faculty of Graduate Studies\*  
Faculty of Arts and Humanities  
Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry and Faculty of Science (BMSc)  
Faculty of Science  
Brescia University College  
Huron University College  
King's University College

\* = students in programs hosted by the Faculties of Arts and Humanities, and Science

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19 - 3:30 P.M.**

Faculty of Graduate Studies\*  
Faculty of Information and Media Studies  
Faculty of Social Science

\* = students in programs hosted by the Faculties of Information and Media Studies and Social Science

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE** [Exhibit II]

S.07-97 **Electoral Board for Chancellor**

C. Brown, T. Carmichael, J. Etherington, T. Garrard and M. Wilson were elected to the Electoral Board for Chancellor.

S.07-98 **Selection Committee for the Vice-Provost (Academic Planning, Policy & Faculty)**

J. Garland, K. Okruhlik and D. Shrubsole were elected to the Selection Committee for the Vice-Provost (Academic Planning, Policy & Faculty).

S.07-99 **Senate Committee on University Planning**

M-A. Andrusyszyn, M. Broadfoot (terms July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2010, and E. Paulson (term July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008) were elected to the Senate Committee on University Planning.

S.07-100 **University Research Board**

K. Baines and R. Puddephatt (terms July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2010) and K. Byers (term July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008) were elected to the University Research Board.

S.07-101 **University Council on Animal Care**

C. Iwasiw and T. Kennedy were elected to the University Council on Animal Care (terms to June 30, 2009).

S.07-102 **Distinguished University Professors Selection Committee**

J. McMullin and R. Patel were elected to the Distinguished University Professor Selection Committee (terms July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2009).

S.07-103 **Faculty Scholars Selection Committee**

M. Kellow and J. Rylett were elected to the Faculty Scholars Selection Committee (terms July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2009).

S.07-104 **McIntosh Gallery Committee**

J. Faflak was elected to the McIntosh Gallery Committee (term to May 2009).

S.07-105 **Senate Review Board Academic**

J. Doerksen (term July 1 - November 30, 2007), B. Mok (term June 11 - November 30, 2007) and S. Delorme (term June 1 - November 30, 2007) were elected to the Senate Review Board Academic.

S.07-106 **FIMS Faculty Council**

J. Etherington was re-elected to serve on the Council of the Faculty of Information and Media Studies (term June 30, 2009).

S.07-107 **Faculty of Health Sciences School of Kinesiology Advisory Committee on Sports and Recreation Services**

D. Abelson was elected to serve on the Advisory Committee on Sports and Recreation Services (term September 1, 2007 - August 31, 2009).

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC POLICY AND AWARDS** [Exhibit III]

S.07-108 **Brescia University College: Major in Food Management**

It was moved by M. Milde, seconded by M. Oliva,

That a Major in Food Management, detailed in Exhibit III, item 1, be introduced at Brescia University College for students enrolled in the [Hons] BSc (FN) modules, effective September 1, 2007.

CARRIED

S.07-109 **Faculty of Social Science: Major in Geographic Information Science**

It was moved by M. Milde, seconded by D. Shrubsole,

That a Major in Geographic Information Science, detailed in Exhibit III, item 2, be introduced in the Faculty of Social Science, effective September 1, 2007.

CARRIED

S.07-110 **Faculty of Social Science: Withdrawal of Geography Modules**

It was moved by M. Milde, seconded by D. Abelson,

That admission to the following modules be discontinued for new students, effective January 1, 2008, and that the modules be withdrawn, effective July 1, 2012, as detailed in Exhibit III, item 3.

- a) Honors Specialization in Environment, Resources and Development
- b) Minor in Society, Space and Change
- c) Minor in Geographic Information Science
- d) Minor in Physical Geography
- e) Minor in Urban Development
- f) Minor in Watershed Processes and Management

CARRIED

S.07-111 **New Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries**

SCAPA has approved on behalf of the Senate the Terms of Reference for the following new scholarships and awards, for recommendation to the Board of Governors through the Vice-Chancellor:

CSC 2004 Conference Travel Awards (Faculty of Graduate Studies, Chemistry)  
Ailbe C. Flynn LLB '97 Memorial Scholarship (Faculty of Law)  
Siemens Hearing Instruments Enriched Clinical Placement Bursary (Faculty of Graduate Studies, Communication Sciences and Disorders)  
Thomas B. Merner Continuing Awards (Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, Medicine)  
Marilyn (Pack) McClelland Award in Psychology (Faculty of Graduate Studies, Psychology)

Pierre L. Morrissette HBA Award in Entrepreneurship (Richard Ivey School of Business)

S.07-112 **Faculty of Education: Entrance Requirements for the Teaching Strategies for Religious Education in Roman Catholic Secondary Schools**

The entrance requirements for a second teachable in Teaching Strategies for Religious Education in Roman Catholic Secondary Schools have been revised from 3.0 courses to 5.0 courses, effective September 1, 2009, as detailed in Exhibit III, item 5.

S.07-113 **SUUPR Report: Defining a “Program”**

When Senate approved the creation of the Subcommittee on Undergraduate Program Review (SUUPR) as a standing Subcommittee of SCAPA in January 2007, it was with the understanding that one of SUUPR’s first tasks would be to define the term “undergraduate program” for Western. At its April 25, 2007 meeting, SUUPR approved the following definition of a Program, for the purposes of its future reviews.

**Definition of an Undergraduate Program**

A program is defined as a sequence of courses or other units of study offered by the University for the fulfillment of the requirements of a particular undergraduate degree. It is considered to be the comprehensive body of studies required to graduate with a particular designation within an academic discipline. These units of study include the Honors Specialization, Specialization, and Major modules in three-year or four-year undergraduate degrees, but also programs such as the BESC, BMus, LLB, and MD, among others. For UPRAC audit purposes, the quality of each undergraduate program and the learning environment of the students in the program must be explicitly addressed. Programs are not necessarily coterminous with academic organizational units. However, where practicable, programs grouped within a particular administrative unit (department, school, etc.) shall be reviewed together. Interdisciplinary, multidisciplinary or collaborative programs shall be reviewed in conjunction with the programs of one of the participating academic units.

The definition does not identify all of the degree programs that will be reviewed by SUUPR, but provides a general indication that degrees that include modules, e.g., BA, BSc, BMOS, BHSc, etc., and degrees that are structured as Programs (including professional programs), e.g., BESC, LLB, MD, DDS, BA (Honors Business Administration), etc., will be scheduled for reviews by SUUPR.

The definition will be linked in the Subcommittee’s Terms of Reference on the web to SUUPR’s first term of reference, namely:

To coordinate and assume responsibility for *undergraduate program* reviews of new undergraduate programs to be recommended to the Senate Committee on Academic Policy and Awards (SCAPA) and Senate, and existing undergraduate programs to be reviewed on behalf of SCAPA.

The schedule in its final form will be approved by SUUPR in June, following consultation with the Faculties. Once the schedule is finalized, it will be linked to SUUPR’s Terms of Reference for Existing Undergraduate Academic Programs after the following term of reference:

To ensure that existing academic programs are reviewed in the context of the Guidelines for Undergraduate Program Review according to a seven-year cycle of regular undergraduate program review for Constituent University and Affiliated University College undergraduate programs. (*Schedule*).

S.07-114 **DAP Report on Items Recently Received from Engineering, Health Sciences and Law**

S.07-114a **Faculty of Engineering: Policy on Undergraduate Students taking Graduate Courses**

Effective September 1, 2007, the Faculty of Engineering will require that students have a minimum 80% average to take graduate courses as detailed in Exhibit III, item 7a.

S.07-114b **Faculty of Health Sciences: Withdrawal of the Concurrent Program leading to a BA (Kinesiology) and an LLB; Introduction of the Combined Program Leading to an Honors Specialization in Kinesiology - BA and a Bachelor of Laws**

Effective September 1, 2008, in the Faculty of Law and Faculty of Health Sciences, (1) the name of the “Concurrent” degree program will be revised to “Combined,” (2) admission to the “combined” programs will be after three years of the Honors Specialization in Kinesiology-BA, (3) the calendar copy will be amended to reflect the adjusted curriculum to complement the change in date of entry, and (4) eligibility for the Dean’s Honor List will be revised, as detailed in Exhibit III, item 7b. (Current Calendar Copy is on Pages 99 and 120 of the 2007 Academic Calendar.)

S.07-115 **Faculty of Graduate Studies: Master’s Degree for Nursing Practitioners: Change in Implementation Date**

*[Exhibit distributed at the meeting]*

At its meeting on January 19, 2007 Senate approved a motion (S.07-10) that, pending approval by the Ontario Council on Graduate Studies (OCGS), a Master of Nursing (MN) with the specialization of Nurse Practitioner be introduced in the Faculty of Graduate Studies, effective September 1, 2007.

OCGS approval was obtained shortly after the January meeting and now the School of Nursing has requested that some of the eager applicants for this new Master's degree be admitted now, when it is feasible for them to take a summer course. With the support of the Faculties of Graduate Studies and Health Sciences and SCAPA, this change is being brought to Senate as an addendum to the SCAPA Report. Senate is being informed that the effective date for the introduction of this program will be moved from September to May, i.e., that the Master of Nursing (MN) with the specialization of Nurse Practitioner be introduced in the Faculty of Graduate Studies, effective May 1, 2007.

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY PLANNING** [Exhibit IV]

S.07-116 **Campus Master Plan**

*[Dr. T. Carmichael assumed the Chair]*

Senate voted to grant Dr. J. White speaking privileges relative to the presentation of the Campus Master Plan.

It was moved by B. Timney, seconded by M. Milde,

That the Senate approve and recommend approval of the Campus Master Plan to the Board of Governors through the Vice-Chancellor.

Dr. Jerry White provided an overview of the Campus Master Plan, including the consultation process, key issues – the effect of increased graduate enrollment, transportation and new construction – and master planning principles. Overhead slides used to highlight his presentation are found at:

[http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/senate/minutes/2007/m0705\\_campusmasterplan.pdf](http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/senate/minutes/2007/m0705_campusmasterplan.pdf)

Discussion:

In recent weeks there has been discussion about a proposal to raise the flood line from the 100-year to the 250-year level. The proposals in the Campus Master Plan are predicated on the 100-year level. Western will comply with whatever regulations are eventually settled on but reserves the right to seek exemptions where it is reasonable.

Responding to a query about the consultation process, Dr. White stated that two public meetings were held specifically targeting the community associations surrounding the campus. Those attending the meetings asked about protecting trees/biodiversity, the possibility of reducing the number of cars on campus and security, but overall, expressed support for the draft Campus Master Plan.

Asked if the Campus Master Plan Committee considered off-campus student housing issues in the downtown area, Dr. White said that Western is committed to reviewing rezoning issues for up to 300 metres outside of campus which is the area on which Western is consulted by the City of London. The University will oppose different kinds of rezoning that would lead to problems for the neighbours. Ms. Kulczycki added that the Mayor has formed a town/gown committee comprised for developers, neighbours, Fanshawe College and Western representatives, that will address issues associated with having a college and university exist in London from a by-law and development prospective. The representatives are in the process of being appointed to this committee. Ms. Grindrod will be Western's representative on the committee and would take concerns to this committee.

Responding to a concern about health and safety in the workplace in light of the Virginia Tech incident, Ms. Kulczycki reported that Mr. Austin, Director of Campus Police, has initiated a comprehensive review of safety on campus, particularly with respect to communications in emergency situations.

Addressing the issue of parking, Dr. White noted that there are approximately 6,000 spaces and at the peak hours on any given day 650 spaces remain empty. These spaces are located on the campus periphery but the possibility of implementing a shuttle service is under review. He added that a comprehensive study of pedestrian traffic and vehicular traffic will be conducted.

Asked if any thought has been given to reviving the Faculty Club, Dr. White stated that the matter should be considered by those involved in space planning. Dr. Davenport stated that the demise of faculty clubs across the country is the result of operating costs and low memberships. Universities must decide to subsidize their faculty club; or they terminate. At Western, all UWOFA faculty have a membership in the Grad Club.

The question was called and CARRIED.

S.07-117

**Waks Family Chair in Jewish History**

It was moved by S. Kabene, seconded by S. Sdao,

That the Waks Family Chair in Jewish History be created in the Department of History in the Faculty of Social Science.

**Waks Family Chair in Jewish History**

**Donor and Funding:** The creation of this Chair is made possible through a generous donation from Mr. Fred Waks, who is the parent of two current Western students and one alumna.

The donor will make an expendable gift of \$135,000 annually for five years with the first payment being made on or before December 31, 2008 and the final



payment being made on or before December 31, 2012.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2007

**Purpose:** The gift from Mr. Waks will support the establishment of the Waks Family Chair in Jewish History, in the Department of History in the Faculty of Social Science. This Chair will provide the University with the ability to recruit and/or retain a professor of international standing in the field of Jewish History, further strengthening the University's scholarship and teaching in this area.

The Chair will be valued at \$135,000 per year over a period of five years, after which time, the position will cease to exist.

The administration of the spending of resources will be the responsibility of the Dean of Social Science.

**Criteria:** Appointments to the Chair will be conducted in accordance with the relevant policies and procedures of the University. The appointment will be for a period of five years.

**Reporting:** The University, through the Faculty of Social Science, will from time to time report to Mr. Waks regarding the activities of the Chair.

CARRIED

S.07-118 **Faculty Fellowship in Jewish History Name Change to London Jewish Federation Fellowship in Jewish History**

It was moved by S. Kabene, seconded by S. Sdao,

That the name of the Faculty Fellowship in Jewish History be changed to the London Jewish Federation Fellowship in Jewish History.

CARRIED

**UNIVERSITY RESEARCH BOARD** [Exhibit V]

S.07-119 **2006-2007 Academic Development Fund New Research and Scholarly Initiative Award Major Grants Competition**

Senate received for information, the results of the 2006-2007 Academic Development Fund New Research and Scholarly Initiative Award Major Grants Competition detailed in Exhibit V, Appendix 1 (Successful Grants by Group) and Exhibit V, Appendix 2 (Successful Grants by Project).

S.07-120 **Military-Related Research**

Dr. Hewitt, Vice-President (Research & International Relations), informed Senate that Professor Nick Dyer-Witthford, Faculty of Information and Media Studies, had met with the University Research Board to discuss the ethics of conducting military research at universities. His presentation had touched on four points, noting specifically that: 1) military research conducted at universities raises special issues given that researchers have no control over how the products of their research are applied; 2) limitations on academic freedom already exist and in some cases additional limitations may be warranted; 3) it is possible for universities to establish practical means to review and approve

projects with military implications, with the participation of community members; and 4) review of military-related projects is appropriate and required given the points raised above. Professor Dyer-Witthford had proposed that the University Research Board consider establishing a research ethics review board specifically designed to assess and approve military and military-related projects.

In its deliberations on the matter, members of the Board found Professor Dyer-Witthford's presentation to be clear and thoughtful. The Board agreed that this constitutes an important matter, and that broad discussion on the merits of military and military research is both welcome and desirable in a university setting. Given the absence of national or other comprehensive guidelines for the conduct of university research with potential military applications, however, the Board thought that discussion of the establishment of an ethical review body on campus for the express purpose of assessing the impact of military and military-related research was premature. The Board recommended that: 1) any military and military-related research at Western be undertaken in an open context where the subject matter and objectives of the research are known; and 2) the Vice-President (Research & International Relations) undertake to raise awareness of issues associated with military and military-related research with his counterparts in Ontario and the G-13 group of universities.

In response, Professor Dyer-Witthford clarified the first summary point of his presentation remarking that military research raises special ethical issues because militaries are the only social institutions mandated to exercise deadly force. Given this fact it is important that there be ethical review of such projects, especially when the knowledge gained from such research might be used by governments and forces other than our own for purposes that might be viewed by the international community (including our own government) as unjustifiable or illegal.

He voiced concern about the Board's reluctance to institute a review process. He stated that there are a number of bodies applying international law that have existing standards that could be adapted to the University context.

Asked to clarify the Board first recommendation, Dr. Hewitt stated that the University will not conduct secret research. All research must be conducted with a view to publication.

Responding to questions about contracts with General Dynamics or other companies, Dr. Hewitt asked that he be contacted with questions as he can provide information about what partners Western has and who is involved in that research.

Dr. Hewitt stressed that he will be raising the issue with his counterparts in Ontario and the G-13 group of universities.

#### **HONORARY DEGREES COMMITTEE** [Exhibit VI]

##### S.07-121 **Honorary Degree Recipients - Trois- Pistoles French Immersion School**

The Honorary Degrees Committee of the Senate announced that Dr. David Suzuki ( DSc) and Dr. Jean-Pierre Proulx ( LLD) will be honored by conferment of degrees *honoris causa* at the Trois-Pistoles French Immersion School's 75th Anniversary Convocation to be held on Friday, August 10, 2007.

##### S.07-122 **ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNICATIONS** [Exhibit VII]

Announcements & Communications, detailed in Exhibit VII, were received for information.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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P. Davenport  
Chair

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I. Birrell  
Secretary

## President's Report to Senate

- Dentistry Funding Announcement
- Federal Science and Technology Strategy

Dr. Paul Davenport  
May 18, 2007

## Dentistry Funding Announcement

Minister Bentley made the announcement at Western with London area MPP's on May 14, 2007

- \$1.2 million in 2006 – 2007
- Rises to \$1.33 million in 2007 – 2008
- Supports essential Infrastructure
  - Advanced lab and treatment technology
  - Innovative web-based teaching tools
  - Expansion of clinical instruction

This is an investment which benefits London and Southwestern Ontario as there are 12 000 active patients who rely on Western's Dental Clinic for their oral health care.

## Federal Science and Technology Strategy

Prime Minister Stephen Harper released the national science and technology strategy on May 17, 2007

- New strategy is designed to reverse years of declining private sector investment in research and falling enrolment in university science and engineering programs.
- Mobilizing Science and Technology to Canada's Advantage:
  - Natural Resources
  - The Environment
  - Health
  - Information technology.
- The S&T strategy also pledges to sustain the country's commitment to basic research in all disciplines.
- Key issue: a central place for the humanities and social sciences in the federal government's research agenda, and in research on the four central themes.

## Federal Science and Technology Strategy

- Science, Technology and Innovation Council to guide government policy and benchmark Canada's performance.
- Government to expand and enhance Canada's knowledge advantage in three key areas:
  - Identify fields of research excellence where Canada can be a world leader while continuing to nurture the country's broad base of research strength;
  - developing new research talent
  - maximizing the effectiveness, efficiency and accountability of Canada's research efforts.