The meeting was held at 1:30 p.m. in Room 56, University Community Centre.

SENATORS: 70

J. Aitken Schermer  A. Hrymak  B. Paxton
M.A. Andrusyszyn  C. Jones  M. Rothstein
I. Birrell  J. Knowles  P. St. Pierre
P. Bishop  G. Kulczycki  M. Salvadori
L. Brown  J. Lamarche  V. Schwean
J. Capone  B. Leipert  I. Scott
T. Carmichael  A. Leschied  R. Sookraj
A. Chakma  J. Malkin  V. Staroverov
C.L. Chambers  S. McDonald Aziz  C. Steeves
M. Clapton  C. McGarvey  B. Steinbock
K. Cole  K. Mequanint  M. Strong
D. Coward  R. Mercer  N. Sussman
L. Crich  M. Milde  T. Sutherland
M. Crossan  J.-F. Millaire  G. Tigert
J. Cuciurean  L. Miller  B. Timney
K. Danylchuk  D. Mok  J. Toswell
J. Deakin  K. Moser  T. Townshend
C. Dean  A. Nelson  A. Watson
G. Dekaban  D. Neufeld  J. Weese
J. Eberhard  T. Newson  G. Westwood
J. Faflak  V. Nolte  C. Wilkins
C. Farber  C. O’Connor  P. Woodford
J. Hatch  C. Olivier
B. Hovius  P.P. Pare


MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of September 19, 2014, were approved as circulated.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

October 17, 2014

The President’s report consisted of the following items: U15 meeting with the Russell Group in England, recent faculty accolades and the President’s annual priorities. In response to questions about the research clusters and funds for research, the Provost noted that one proposal – having to do with musculoskeletal research – had been approved. A full public announcement was pending. The remaining funds would continue to be earmarked for support of research excellence. Overhead slides used to highlight his report are attached as Appendix 1.
President’s Priorities for 2014-15

Senate received for information the President’s Priorities for 2014-15, detailed in the exhibit distributed with the agenda.

In answer to a question about revenue diversification, the President noted that revenue diversification could mean many things; building a significant endowment and seeking funding from government beyond MTCU (such as through the FedDev program) were two examples.

Noting the reference in the priorities to “engaging the community,” a member asked what, if anything, the university was doing with respect to the current municipal election. The President responded that the university did not have any direct involvement but, clearly, was watching the campaign with interest and hopeful that a good relationship would develop with the new council. There was a specific request that would be put to the council with respect to additional land for the Research Parks on the AMP site. M. Helfand, President of the USC, reported that the USC had been running a very intensive campaign to get the student vote out, including holding a very well subscribed advanced poll at the UCC.

REPORT OF THE OPERATIONS/AGENDA COMMITTEE [Exhibit I]

S.14-179

Revisions to the Senate Election Procedures

It was moved by J. Weese, seconded by T. Sutherland,

That effective immediately the Senate Election Procedures be revised as shown in Exhibit I, Appendix 1.

CARRIED

S.14-180

Candidates for Degrees and Diplomas – Autumn Convocation 2014

On behalf of the Senate the Provost approves the list of Candidates for Degrees and Diplomas upon the recommendation of the Registrar [S.96-124]. The list of Candidates approved by the Provost will be appended to the Official Minutes of the October 17, 2014 meeting of Senate.

REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC POLICY AND AWARDS [Exhibit II]

S.14-181

Faculty of Health Sciences, Arthur Labatt School of Nursing; Revision to the Compressed Time-frame BScN Program

It was moved by J. Deakin, seconded by T. Sutherland,

That effective September 1, 2014, the description of the Compressed Time-frame BScN program be revised as shown in Exhibit II, item 1.

CARRIED
S.14-182 School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, Faculty of Education, Ph.D. in Educational Studies Program: Discontinuing the field “Educational Psychology/Special Education” and introducing the field “School and Applied Child Psychology”

It was moved by J. Deakin, seconded by P. Bishop,

That, the field “Educational Psychology/Special Education” in the Ph.D. in Educational Studies program be discontinued and a new field “School and Applied Child Psychology” be introduced effective September 1, 2015.

CARRIED

S.14-183 King’s University College: Revision to the Social Justice and Peace Studies program’s description

It was moved by J. Deakin, seconded by V. Nolte,

That effective September 1, 2015, the description of the Social Justice and Peace Studies program be revised as shown in Exhibit II, Appendix 1.

CARRIED

S.14-184 Policy Revision: Course Load

It was moved by J. Deakin, seconded by M.A. Andrusyszyn,

That effective September 1, 2014 the policy on “Course Load” be revised as shown in Exhibit II Appendix 2.

CARRIED

S.14-185 Undergraduate Sessional Dates for 2016

It was moved by J. Deakin, seconded by T. Carmichael,

That the 2016 Undergraduate Sessional dates be approved for 2016 as outlined in Exhibit II, Appendix 3.

CARRIED

S.14-186 Report of the Quality Assurance Audit of Western University


S.14-187 New Scholarships and Awards

SCAPA has approved on behalf of the Senate, for recommendation to the Board of Governors through the President & Vice-Chancellor, the Terms of Reference for the new scholarships and awards as set out in Exhibit II, Appendix 4.
REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY PLANNING [Exhibit III]

S.14-188

CanWest Global Fellowship in Media – Name Change

It was moved by J. Deakin, seconded by T. Carmichael,

That the existing CanWest Global Fellowship in Media established in 2005 at the Faculty of Information and Media Studies be renamed The Asper Fellowship in Media and adhere to the terms already established.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

A. Chakma
Chair

I. Birrell
Secretary
Recent faculty accolades

Congratulations to...

• M.J. Kidnie, English and Writing Studies
  Named among 2013-14 OCUFA Teaching Award recipients

• Gordon McBean, Geography
  Assumed role of President, International Council for Science

• Clark Leith, Economics
  Awarded Botswana's Presidential Order of Meritorious Service

International Undergraduate Awards

Congratulations to...

Milani Sivapragasam, Medical Sciences
Rowan Morris, Literature

Rachel Bath, Philosophy and Women's Studies
Lauren Ouellette, Classical Studies

Noren Khamis, Literature
Taylor Rodrigues, Philosophy and Theology

Jennifer Komorowski, Literature
Jamie Rooney, Literature

Myles Maillet, Psychology
Shawn Therien, Law

Surer Mohamed, International Relations and Politics
Mei Wen, Medical Sciences