MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

October 19, 2012

The meeting was held at 1:30 p.m. in Room 1R40, HBA Building

SENATORS:

J. Aitken Schermer
I. Ajiferuke
B. Barkley
C. Beynon
I. Birrell
C. Brown
S. Camiletti
J. Capone
A. Chakma
K. Coughlin
A. Damji
J. Deakin
J. Dickey
J. Doerksen
J. Etherington
K. Foullong
G. Gao
K. Goldthorp
R. Graham
A. Grzyb
C. Hanycz
J. Hatch
J. Holmes
J. Hopkins
A. Hrymak
R. Klassen
R. Klassen
J. Knowles
J. Lamarche
C. Lee
B. Leipert
S. Macfie
J. Malkin
A. McGuire
P. McKenzie
R. Mercer
M. Milde
L. Miller
J. Mitchell
B. Neff
A. Nelson
S. Nemirovsky
D. Neufeld
C. Nolan
C. Palmer
S. Primak
M. Rothstein
V. Schwean
I. Scott
S. Seck
B. Silverstein
A. Smith
D. Stanford
C. Stephenson
M. Strong
K. Sullivan
T. Sutherland
D. Sylvester
K. Veblen
D. Velasquez
A. Watson
J. Weese
G. West
S. Wetmore
P. Whelan
M. Wilson

Observers: R. Chelladurai, L. Gribbon, K. Okruhlik, G. Tigert
By Invitation: A. Vainio-Mattila, M. Workentin

S.12-158 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting of September 21, 2012, were approved as circulated.

S.12-159 **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

The President reported on two new Canada Research Chairs, the Africa Institute symposium and the Ivey Business Leader Award dinner.

S.12-159a **PRESIDENT'S PRIORITIES**

The President's Priorities for 2012-2013, distributed with the agenda, were received for information.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

S.12-160 **Strategic Mandate Agreements (SMAs)** S.12-154

J. Deakin provided an update on the Strategic Mandate Agreements, which was discussed at the last meeting of Senate. Western met the deadline of September 30, 2012 for submitting the

SMA's to the Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities. Now that institutions had submitted their agreements, they would be reviewed by a panel established under the auspices of the Higher Education Quality Council of Ontario (HEQCO).

The following information was provided in response to Senators' questions:

- UWOFA is an important stakeholder in implementing the elements of the SMA and the administration will continue to work closely with them on SMA-related issues.
- There is a possibility that one outcome of the SMA project would be an investment of up to $30 million by the Ministry in institutions whose SMA's would be favoured. There would likely be some sort of application process should such a fund materialize.
- Until the SMA process is complete, no new programs will be approved and this will have a significant impact on universities for 2013. Government officials need to be apprised of this situation and understand the difficulties this will cause.
- In view of other existing bilateral agreements, the creation of the new Credit-Transfer Consortium will not hamper the ability of Western's students to transfer to universities that are not part of the consortium. There is also the possibility of expanding the membership of the consortium beyond the initial seven institutions at a future date. This is essentially a pilot project at the moment.
- While expansion of the credit transfer agreements within the consortium to deal with professional and second-entry programs is possible at a future date, to suggest that this could occur within the coming year is too ambitious.
- Although collectively, members of the HEQCO panel might not have extensive experience in the Ontario university system, each individual member has a broad range of experience to bring to the table.

Dr. Chakma said that one constant in the credit transfer system will be Western's drive to maintain quality students. He acknowledged that concerns about the SMA process are understandable because of uncertainties; however, the University will focus on its priorities in the long and short-term and will continue to make decisions in the best interests of this institution.

REPORT OF THE OPERATIONS/AGENDA COMMITTEE [EXHIBIT II]

S.12-161 **Faculty of Social Science – Revised Constitution**

It was moved by A. Nelson, seconded by C. Palmer,

> That Senate approve the proposed revisions to the Faculty of Social Science Constitution as outlined in Exhibit II, Appendix 1.
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> CARRIED

S.12-162 **Notice of Motion Regarding Classroom Computer Log-In Requirements** S.12-138

Dr. Nelson noted that at the September 21, 2012, meeting of Senate, Dr. D. Stanford put forward a notice of motion regarding classroom computer log-in requirements. In accordance with Senate's process, the notice of motion was referred to the Operations/Agenda Committee. The Operations Agenda Committee had, in turn, referred the question to SCUP's Subcommittee on Information Technology and would wait for the subcommittee's input before determining if and when the motion should be put before Senate. Notwithstanding the decision of the Operations Agenda Committee, Senate rules did give Dr. Stanford the right to have his motion on the floor of Senate at this meeting provided that he was able to have it seconded.

It was moved by D. Stanford, seconded by R. Mercer

> That Senate recommend that the Administration reverse the login measure until they can provide an acceptable alternate method for teaching staff to establish their identity on

classroom computers.

In support of his recommendation, D. Stanford noted that while a single unique ID and password for individuals to gain access to all the university's systems was laudable it had the potential for

injurious consequences. It was entirely possible that at some point a faculty member's personal log-on information would be compromised. With that user name and password, an individual would have full access to course records on Sakai and would be able to manipulate or change information about the course, including grades. Further, an individual would have full access to the faculty member's personal and financial information.

Dr. Deakin replied noting the need to achieve a balance among different risks related to the computer network on campus. No network can be 100 percent secure but she believed the risks that faculty log-in information would be compromised were minimal and were far out-weighed by the risks posed by unsecured computers. ITS had been working for some time to reduce the number of unsecured machines on campus; those in the classrooms were the last set to be converted. There were also risks associated with the use of multiple log-ins and passwords as they tend to be easily forgotten and thus are often written down. For faculty who are concerned, a number of alternatives are available including attaining temporary log-in IDs from ITS (on a weekly basis), using department laptops or changing their passwords. She offered a correction to the comment about the security of grades noting that they are handled via a multi-step verification system before being posted as valid. She noted that there had been very few complaints about the change.

Dr. Stanford acknowledged the Provost's comments but objected to the notion that there were only a "few" who were concerned. He indicated that many individuals had spoken to him about their agreement with his position.

A member asked whether the unsecured classroom computers had, in fact, been a source of attacks on the university system. R. Chelladurai responded noting that there are regular attacks, nearly all of which have begun with access through unsecured computers. He reiterated that more than a few individuals have expressed their concern about classroom computer security.

The vote was taken on the motion. The motion was DEFEATED.

S.12-163 **Candidates for Degrees and Diplomas – Autumn Convocation 2012**

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 19, 2012 Senate meeting.

REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC POLICY AND AWARDS [EXHIBIT III]

S.12-164 **Richard Ivey School of Business: Revisions to the Admission Requirements of the Honors Business Administration (HBA) Program**

It was moved by S. Macfie, seconded by C. Stephenson,

> That the admission requirements for the Honors Business Administration (HBA) program at the Richard Ivey School of Business be revised as detailed in Exhibit III, item 1, effective October 1, 2012 (for September 1, 2013 intake).
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> CARRIED

S.12-165 **Faculty of Health Sciences: Revisions to the First-Aid and CPR Certification Policies for Admission to Nursing Programs**

It was moved by B. Leipert, seconded by A. Damji,

That effective September 1, 2012, the program policies related to First Aid and CPR certification for admission to the Western-Fanshawe Collaborative BScN Program and the

Compressed Time Frame BScN Program be revised as detailed in Exhibit III, item 2, to reflect current practice.

CARRIED

S.12-166 **New Scholarship and Award**

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 scholarship and award set out in Exhibit III, Appendix 1.

S.12-167 **Report of the Subcommittee on Program Review – Graduate: Cyclical Review of Geology and Geophysics Graduate Programs**

SCAPA has approved on behalf of the Senate the recommendations of the Subcommittee on Program Review – Graduate (SUPR-G) with respect to the cyclical review of the graduate programs in Geology and Geophysics, as detailed in Exhibit III, Appendix 2.

S.12-168 **SCAPA Representative for the Aboriginal Education and Employment Council**

SCAPA has elected B. Timney to membership on the Aboriginal Education and Employment Council for a two-year term (November 1, 2012 to October 31, 2014).

S.12-169 **Revisions to the Guidelines for the Structure of the Academic Year**

The Guidelines for the Structure of the Academic Year have been revised to reflect the changes in the 2013 Fall Convocation dates approved by Senate on September 21, 2012, as set out in Exhibit III, Appendix 3.

REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY PLANNING

S.12-170 **Renewal of the University Strategic Plan**

Dr. J. Deakin presented a report on the renewal of the University Strategic Plan. Overhead slides used to highlight her presentation were provided in Exhibit IV, Appendix 1.

She noted that important changes to the University have come about as a result of previous strategic plans. SCUP is the appropriate body to seek community input on a renewed Strategic Plan. It was noted that the composition of SCUP does not include representation from the Alumni Association; Dr. Deakin agreed that this could be remedied for the duration of the Strategic Plan review. The President will lead the process including open sessions with the University community and stakeholder groups. SCUP will meet on a regular basis throughout the process, which will likely be extended until the fall 2013.

REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY RESEARCH BOARD

S.12-171 **Revisions to MAPP 7.10: Standardized Training in Animal Care and Use**

It was moved by J. Capone, seconded by J. Deakin,

That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors through the Vice-Chancellor, changes to the policy on Standardized Training for Animal Care and Use (MAPP 7.10) as set out in Exhibit V, Appendix 1.

CARRIED

S.12-172 **Revisions to MAPP 7.21 Policy and Procedures for the Use of Animals in Research Testing and Teaching**

It was moved by J. Capone, seconded by J. Deakin

That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors through the Vice-Chancellor, changes to the Policy and Procedures on Use of Animals in Research, Testing and Teaching (MAPP 7.12) as set out in Exhibit V, Appendix 2.

CARRIED

S.12-173 **REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC COLLEAGUE** [EXHIBIT VI]

The report of the Academic Colleague regarding the COU meeting held in September 2012 was received for information. Topics reported on included: summer consultations and strategic mandate agreements, provincial finances, tuition framework, graduate expansion, draft legislation on compensation, HEQCO productivity study, audit of teaching evaluations, credit transfer, COU call for assistance, updates from Council of Ontario Universities.

With regard to improved communication between universities and the provincial government, K. Okruhlik said there is no consensus on strategies, but that faculty are encouraged to identify specific issues of interest which will be conveyed to COU. More opportunities for face-to-face consultation could also be beneficial.

Enquiries

The President noted that a number of questions had been submitted in advance by Student Senators. He invited Student Senators to put forward those questions that had not yet been addressed.

President's Priorities – Students asked about Dr. Chakma's plans regarding working with students to increase Western's visibility through the media. Dr. Chakma responded that students' achievements and activities within the community could be highlighted by the Communications Department. Mr. Goldthorp added that they already established good communication with the University Students' Council during the branding initiative and they will continue to engage students throughout their academic career and beyond through the Alumni Association. Continued interaction with students and exploration of ways to transmit student experiences to the broader community will be a priority in the coming year.

University rebranding initiatives – The students asked if Western considers the rebranding exercise a success, given that its rating dropped recently for international recognition. They also asked about metrics used to determine the success of the campaign. Dr. Chakma noted that it is too early to link the University's new branding to international ratings. Mr. Goldthorp said that measurements related to research and research activities are compiled over a period of five to twenty years. More immediate feedback can be obtained through ongoing interaction with alumni and colleagues at other institutions. He added that visual identity is a tool used to standardize communications and to engage others with Western.

Student Experience in Professional Undergraduate Programs – The question was asked why students enrolled in professional programs (DDS, LLD or MD programs) are considered as undergraduate students, even though they already have an undergraduate degree. Dr. Doerksen explained that these programs are considered undergraduate programs in Canada as an undergraduate degree is not always an admission requirement for them. Dr. Miller added that there are also graduate programs within these Faculties, although she agreed that the second-entry undergraduate professional programs often more closely resemble graduate programs than undergraduate programs. Dr. Doerksen noted that the Registrar's Office is open to discussions with these students about the impact of undergraduate processes and policies.

Announcements

- Western University will host a lecture by Margaret Trudeau on November 1, 2012.
- Westerns new Chancellor, Joseph Rotman, O.C., LL.D., will be installed at the 300th Convocation ceremony on October 25, 2012.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

A. Chakma	I. Birrell
Chair	Secretary

Western

- Two new Canada Research Chairs
- The Africa Institute symposium
- Ivey Business Leader Award dinner
- President's Priorities 2012-13
- SMA update

President's Report to Senate

October 19, 2012

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