Western

President & Vice-Chancellor

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

To: Board of Governors

From: Amit Chakma

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Re: President's Report to the Board

I'm pleased to provide the following update on important developments and achievements since the last meeting of the Board on April 18, 2012.

1. Downtown proposal: Earlier this month, the University's response to the City of London's invitation to develop a proposal on the potential for creating a downtown campus at properties including City Hall, Centennial Hall and the adjoining Civic Square was made public. As part of the City's process to gather ideas for rejuvenating London's downtown core, the Provost and I were invited to further supplement Western's written proposal with a presentation to the City's Investment & Economic Prosperity Committee on June 9. Our presentation highlighted the central idea of relocating Western's Faculty of Education to the Civic Square property, as well as a brief summary of the key educational, social, cultural, health-related and economic benefits that could be generated by the proposal. Key decisions regarding next steps in the process now rest with City Council and are expected some time in the fall timeframe.

2. Leadership recruitment: Western recently announced the appointment of two senior administrative leaders. On May 16, Sociology professor Julie McMullin was named Western's first-ever Vice-Provost (International), beginning a five-year term on June 1. Prior to her appointment, Dr. McMullin had served an 18-month secondment as Special Advisor to the Provost on Internationalization, and she brings a wealth of experience, insight, and energy to this important new role for Western. On June 5, the current Dean of Science at McMaster University, John Capone, was named Vice-President (Research) at Western, with a five-year term commencing October 1. With an academic background as one of Canada's foremost molecular biologists, Dr.Capone will be focused on building Western's research capacity through faculty renewal, multi-disciplinary partnerships, embedding research at the undergraduate level, and connecting research activity to educational excellence. Decanal Review & Selection Committees have also now begun their work related to the leadership roles at Western's School of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies, Faculty of Social Science, and Richard Ivey School of Business.

3. Internationalization: In April, our Provost joined London Mayor Joe Fontana and several other senior University and City officials in what constituted Western's largest-ever international delegation to explore education, research and economic development opportunities in China. Among the mission's outcomes:

- Western and Sichuan University signed an MOU building upon one signed in 2009 that made possible collaboration between the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry and West China Medical School. The renewed MOU provides a framework for the universities to explore relationships across additional academic disciplines including Engineering, Law, Science, Social

Sciences and Health Sciences.

- Western Law renewed its exchange agreement with Hong Kong University.
- CSTAR (Canadian Surgical Technologies and Advanced Robotics) delivered the West China Hospital Primary Care Workshop to 100 participants at the hospital, as well as 30 participants at Jintang County People's Hospital No. 2 and 50 at the Mental Health Center of Guangyuan City, who took part in a live, interactive broadcast of a surgical procedure.
- Western's business-development arm, WORLDiscoveries, celebrated the official opening of its Asia-Nanjing Centre—at an event jointly organized with Jiangsu Provincial Department of Science & Technology and Xin-Cheng Science and Technology Park—by signing three agreements to commercialize research and innovation originating from Western.

Also in April, I joined several Canadian university presidents on an AUCC-sponsored mission to Brazil, at which we strengthened Canada's capacity in research and innovation by signing 35 new agreements and MOUs with 18 Brazilian institutions. During the trip, 13 new scholarship and student mobility programs for Brazilian and Canadian students were also announced. The gathering, which began with an address by Governor General David Johnston, resulted in initiatives valued collectively at $1.72M from Canadian universities, $1.45M from the Government of Canada, and new scholarships and student mobility programs valued at $1.71M.

In May, Ivey Asia announced a first-of-its-kind partnership with China University of Political Science and Law (CUPL) that will provide Chinese executives with case-based learning of leadership and legal practices in international business. Research conducted in 2005 estimated that China then had 5,000 globally capable business leaders, but projected the country would need at least 75,000 globally capable business leaders by 2020 to support globalization. As a result, Ivey Asia and CUPL have combined forces to respond to this need. Utilizing Ivey's globally recognized case library, participants will be placed in the shoes of decision-makers facing real business issues in markets around the world. Recognized as one of China's top law schools, CUPL will enhance the programs providing case-based learning about the international legal framework impacting business in other parts of the world.

4. <u>Student enrolment:</u> Western is presently projecting a 2012-13 entering undergraduate class of 4,745—including 300 out-of-province Canadian students and 445 international students—versus a total target of 4,800. While these are preliminary projections that are subject to change as we finalize offers and confirm acceptances, this will mark the third consecutive year that international enrolment figures have risen at Western, illustrating that we are making progress against our goal to admit one in 10 of our undergraduates from outside Canada. And given that minimum entrance standards have risen again this year, we anticipate that average entering grades will increase over last year's average of 87.6%, reflecting that Western continues to be a destination of choice for very high-achieving students across Ontario, Canada and abroad.

5. Global Opportunities Awards: We have received a tremendous response to the first year of our Global Opportunities Awards program, which provides financial support to students participating in a variety of international learning experiences. More than 450 students submitted applications to access $200,000 in available funds, and 200 students have received awards. Given the positive reception from students, and the generous support of several donors who have contributed to the creation of this program, Global Opportunities Awards will be once again be offered in the 2012-13 academic year.

ACTIVITIES OF THE PRESIDENT
(April 14, 2012 – June 24, 2012)

April	16	London	Lunch with Andrew Forgione (USC President)
			Honorary Degree Committee
			Dr. Roopa Desai Trilokekar (Faculty of Education, York)
	18	London	Vice President Research Selection Committee
			IBM Announcement
			Board of Governors
	19	London	President's Scholarship Recipient Phone Calls
	20	London	Mike Strong (Dean, Schulich)
	24	Ottawa	International Education Strategy Panel
	25	Brazil	Dinner with Governor General David Johnston
	26	Brazil	AUCC Conference on International Education
	30	Bangladesh	Mr. Alnoor Maherali, Mrs. Shaheen Islam (Canadian High Commission)
May	2	Bangladesh	AUW (Asian University for Women) Board of Trustees
	5-6	London	Vice President Research Selection Committee
			U15 Teleconference
	7	Toronto	STIC (Science & Technology Innovation Council) Conference Call
			Lunch with James Bradshaw (Globe & Mail)
			Dr. Rob Leone (MPP Cambridge)
			Karim Bardeesy (Premier's Director of Policy), Kim Munro (Policy Advisor Education)
			Deputy Minister Deborah Newman
			Queen's Park Alumni Reception
	8	Ottawa	Education and Innovation Discussion and Reception with Israeli President Shimon Peres
	9	London	International Education Strategy Panel Teleconference
	10	Toronto	Research Ontario Expert Panel Teleconference
		London	Minister Gary Goodyear Phone Call
	11	London	Opening Remarks at The First Collaboration Conference on Leadership
			Senate
	14	London	Opening Remarks at Spring Perspectives on Teaching Conference
			COU Budget & Audit Committee Teleconference
	15	Ottawa	Killam Prize Ceremony & Dinner
	16	London	Kasi Rao, Barbara Smith (Exec Director National Youth Orchestra), Betty Anne Younker (Dean, Music)
	17	London	Melanie Lynn Caco (Student)
			Yibing Fan (Student)
	17	London	Photoshoot "Pay it Forward Bracelet" Campaign

	18	London	Governor General's Canadian Leadership Conference Teleconference
			Schulich Convocation & Honorary Degree Luncheon
	22	Toronto	Chancellor John Thompson
			Fundraising & Donor Relations Committee Meeting
			Perry Dellelce (Managing Partner, Wildeboer Dellelce LLP), Geoff Beattie
	24	Hong Kong	Lincoln Yu (Director, SBI Development)
	25	Hong Kong	Ivey Announcement with University of Political Science and Law and Signing Ceremony
	26	Hong Kong	Ivey EMBA Graduating Class Dinner
	27	Hong Kong	Ivey Convocation and Honorary Degree Dinner
	28	Hong Kong	Ken and Catherine Chu (CEO and Chairman Mission Hills)
			Ivey Advisory Board
			Simon Leung (Chairman & CEO, Microsoft)
	29	Sydney	University of Sydney Visit (Vice-Chancellor's Office)
			University of New South Wales Visit (Vice President's Office)
			Macquarie University Visit (Deputy Vice Chancellor & Provost's Office)
	30	Gold Coast	Bond University Visit
	31	Sydney	Jack Cowin (Chairman, Competitive Foods Australia)
			Jonathan Lerner (Founder and Director, Envy Group Pty Ltd)
			Alastair Sloan (Director, Red Centre Capital)
			Paul Mirabelle (CEO and Executive Director, Life Audiology Pty Ltd)
			Australian Alumni Event
June	4	London	40th Anniversary of D B Weldon Library Celebration
			Henry Barnett Honorary Degree Luncheon
			Hospitality Recognition Ceremony (Gibbons)
	5	London	Bill Thomas (KPMG)
			Coaches Appreciation Dinner
	6	London	Opening Remarks at Canadian Materials Science Conference
			London Free Press Telephone Interview
			CTV London News Interview
			WUSC Executive Committee Teleconference
			Professor Emeritus Receptions (Gibbons)
	7	London	USC Executive (Incoming Members)
			STIC Teleconference
			Free FM Telephone Interview
			Long Service Awards (Gibbons)
	8	London	Senior Admin Travel Strategy Meeting

			Senate
	9	London	City of London Investment and Economic Prosperity Committee
	10	London	Governor General's Canadian Leadership Conference Panel
	12-20	London	Spring Convocation Ceremonies
	21	London	Board of Governors
	23	Victoria, BC	WUSC Board of Directors