The UNIVERSITY of WESTERN ONTARIO

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

June 21, 2012

The meeting was held at 1:00 p.m. in Room 4155 Stevenson Hall.

PRESENT: Mr.S. Coxford, Chair
Ms. I. Birrell, Secretary

Mr. J. Adams
Dr. A. Chakma
Dr. J. Deakin
Mr. M. Dietrich
Mr. K. Goldthorp
Ms. L. Gribbon
Ms. S. Grindrod
Mr. H. Hassan
Mr. P. Jenkins
Mr. J. Knowles
Ms. G. Kulczycki
Mr. M. Lafortune
Mr. C. Lassonde
Mr. D. Lemieux
Ms. J. Moss
Mr. C. Shah
Mr. J. Silver
Dr. S. Sims
Dr. S. Singh
Ms. J. Vanderheyden
Dr. J. White
Mr. K. Zerebecki

By Invitation: M. Belanger, J. Capone, R. Langille,

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

BG.12-45 **Vice-President (Research)**

On behalf of the Board, the Chair welcomed Dr. John Capone, Western's new Vice-President (Research), whose term begins October 1, 2012, to the meeting.

BG.12-46 **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

The President's report consisted of the following: Downtown proposal, leadership recruitment, internationalization, student enrolment and Global Opportunities Awards. Details are found in his report distributed with the agenda.

BG.12-47 **UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGENDA** [Appendix I]

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

That the 14 items listed in Appendix I be approved and/or received for information by the Board of Governors by unanimous consent.

CARRIED

BG12-48 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The open session minutes of the meeting of April 18, 2012 were approved as circulated.

REPORT OF THE PROPERTY & FINANCE COMMITTEE [Appendix II]

BG.12-49 **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:

- UHIP Fees – 2012-13
- Investment Committee Membership
- New and Revised Scholarships and Awards

REPORT OF THE SENIOR OPERATIONS COMMITTEE [Appendix III]

BG.12-50 **University Discipline Appeals Committee – Membership**

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

That the following be appointed to the University Discipline Appeals Committee for the terms and constituencies noted:

Chair
Chris Ellis, Department of Medical Biophysics, July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013

Faculty
Jane Toswell, Department of English – July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2014
Kim Verwaayen, Dept. of Women's Studies & Feminist Research – July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2014

Graduate Students
Erica Carolyn Leighton – July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013
Nedal Mohamed – July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013

Undergraduate Students
Warren Cracknell – July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013
Ahila Vithiananthan – July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013

CARRIED (By Unanimous Consent)

BG.12-51 **Information Item Reported by the Senior Operations Committee**

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

- Vice-Provost (International Education)

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE [APPENDIX IV]

BG.12-52 **Retirement Income Funds Financial Statement for the Year Ended December 31, 2011**

It was moved by J. Knowles, seconded by J. Moss,

> That the Board of Governors approve the audited financial statements for the University of Western Ontario Retirement Income Funds for the calendar year 2011, as attached in Appendix IV, Annex 1.
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> CARRIED

BG.12-53 **Information Items Reported by the Audit Committee**

The Report of the Audit Committee, detailed in Appendix IV, contained the following items that were received for information by unanimous consent:

- Western Retirement Plans – Report to the Audit Committee for the Year Ended December 31, 2011
- Harassment and Discrimination Report

ITEMS REFERRED BY SENATE [APPENDIX V]

BG.12-54 **Articulation Agreements**

BG.12-54a **Renewal of the Articulation Agreement between The University of Western Ontario, King's University College, Brescia University College, Huron University College and Fanshawe College: Social Service Worker, Child and Youth Worker and Early Childhood Education Programs**

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

> That the Articulation Agreement among King's University College at The University of Western Ontario; The University of Western Ontario; Brescia University College; Huron University College; and Fanshawe College, regarding the transfer of credit for students in Fanshawe's Social Service Worker, Child and Youth Worker, and Early Childhood Education programs be renewed and amended to include updated course codes and mapping as shown in Appendix V, Annex 1, effective September 1, 2012, as recommended by Senate.
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> CARRIED (By Unanimous Consent)

BG.12-54b **Renewal of the Articulation Agreement between The University of Western Ontario, King's University College, Brescia University College, Huron University College and Lambton College: Social Service Worker, Child and Youth Worker and Early Childhood Education Programs**

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

> That the Articulation Agreement among King's University College at The University of Western Ontario; The University of Western Ontario; Brescia University College; Huron University College; and Lambton College regarding the transfer of credit for students in the Social Service Worker, Child and Youth Worker and Early Childhood Education Programs be renewed and amended to include updated course codes and mapping as shown in Appendix V, Annex 2, effective September 1, 2012, as recommended by Senate.
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> CARRIED (By Unanimous Consent)

BG.12-55 **Western Research – Annual Report 2011**

Dr. Deakin, Acting Vice-President (Research), provided an overview of the Western Research Annual Report 2011, detailed in Appendix V, Annex 3. The key research objectives are: to be among the top five in the G13 for CFI; second in Ontario for CFI and Tri-Council funding; and to double contract research and

licensing income. In order to achieve these objectives the research culture must be nurtured from within - focus should be on strategic areas of research strength and strategic faculty hires must be made in support of research excellence. The "stage will be set" for the arrival of the new Vice-President (Research) in October.

Members thanked Dr. Deakin for providing a straightforward, transparent report, noting that Western's strengths and weaknesses are identified and strategies for the future are outlined.

BG.12-56 **Information Items Referred by Senate**

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

- Western Libraries Annual Report – 2011-2012
- Annual Report of the University Research Board – Academic Development Fund Report
- Announcements
- Report on Promotion and/or Tenure 2011-12
- Reports of the Academic Colleague
- Report of the Honorary Degrees Committee

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

BG.12-57 **Harassment and Discrimination Report** (see BG.12-53)

A member asked whether Western's record with respect to the number of harassment and discrimination incidents was improving.

Ms. Kulczycki replied that it was difficult to know. However, she noted that although the number of contacts reported by the Equity and Human Rights Office in 2011-12 is higher than in the past, the wide-scale awareness sessions relating to "Bill 168" and the hiring of an advisor in Equity and Human Rights Services have brought issues such as harassment to the forefront. Individuals are wanting and willing to take a more proactive approach to addressing such concerns.

The meeting adjourned to the confidential session.

S Coxford Chair	I. Birrell Secretary