

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**SEPTEMBER 22, 2015**

The meeting was held at 1:00 p.m. in the Juniper Room at the Ivey Spencer Leadership Centre.

PRESENT: Mr. C. Shah, Chair  
Ms. I. Birrell, Secretary

Dr. S. Armstrong	Mr. P. Jenkins
Dr. C. Beynon	Mr. R. Konrad
Ms. W. Boye	Ms. G. Kulczycki
Mr. M. Brown	Mr. C. Lassonde
Ms. C. Burghardt-Jesson	Mr. M. Lerner
Dr. J. Capone	Mr. B. Ross
Dr. A. Chakma	Mr. T. Sutherland
Ms. K. Cole	Dr. B. Timmey
Mr. J. Cowin	Dr. J. Toswell
Dr. J. Deakin	Mr. M. Wilson
Dr. R. Giffin	

By Invitation: M. Belanger, H. Connell, S. Fazilat, S. Jarrett, L. Logan

BG.15-87 **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

The President's Report consisted of the following topics: incoming class, campus consultation update, Syrian refugee response, new Royal Society of Canada Fellows, International Undergraduate Awards, Ontario Retirement Pension Plan, leadership update, funding formula review and the President's activities since the June 25, 2015 Board meeting.

BG.15-88 **UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGENDA** [Appendix I]

It was moved by M. Lerner, seconded by R. Konrad,

That the 9 items listed in Appendix I, Unanimous Consent Agenda, be approved or received for information by the Board of Governors by unanimous consent.

CARRIED

BG.15-89 **Minutes from the Previous Meeting**

The open session minutes of the meeting of June 25, 2015 were approved as circulated.

**Business Arising from the Minutes**

BG.15-90 **Campus Master Plan** [BG.15-59]

G. Kulczycki reported that section 2.3, Campus Culture, of the Campus Master Plan had been revised to include mention of indigenous connections to land and culture and a photograph as requested by Dr. Beynon on behalf of Western's aboriginal students. The revised page is contained

in [Appendix 1](#).

BG.15-91 **Investment Committee Report** [BG.15.63]

C. Lassonde asked, in reviewing the Statement of Investment Objectives, if the investment mix is appropriate for the environment. M. Belanger said the asset mix is based on stochastic modeling and believes the current mix maximizes reaching the goal of a 4 percent payout on investments. He stated that because of market uncertainty it is best to use the mix which was established after much research. R. Konrad added that it is a very confusing market with many conflicting signals in the economy. L. Logan said that the Investment Committee is constantly looking at down side protection strategies and that the investment climate is reviewed at every Investment Committee meeting, beginning with an overview from Doug Porter who is Chief Economist for BMO and a member of the Committee.

**REPORT OF THE PROPERTY & FINANCE COMMITTEE** [Appendix II]

BG.15-92 **Tuition Fee Approval**

It was moved by M. Lerner, seconded by R. Konrad,

That the proposed 2015-16 tuition fees for the following programs be approved:

MCLSc in Driver Rehabilitation Therapy	
Domestic Fee:	\$12,000
International Fee:	\$25,813

GDip in Public Administration	
Domestic Fee:	\$1,000/course
International Fee:	\$4,000/course

MBA/MEngg	
Domestic Fee:	\$46,221
International Fee:	\$60,032

CARRIED (By Unanimous Consent)

BG.15-93 **Information Items Reported by the Property & Finance Committee**

The Report of the Property & Finance Committee, detailed in Exhibit II, contained the following items that were received for information by unanimous consent:

- Quarterly Ratio Report on Non-Endowed Funds
- New Scholarships and Awards

**REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE** [Appendix III]

BG.15-94 **Revised Retirement Income Fund Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2014**

It was moved by P. Jenkins, seconded by M. Wilson,

That the revised Retirement Income Fund Financial Statements for the year ended

December 31, 2014, detailed in Annex 1, be approved.

CARRIED

BG.15-95 **Audited Financial Statements for the year ended April 30, 2015**

It was moved by R. Konrad, seconded by T. Sutherland,

That the Board of Governors approve the draft audited combined financial statements for the University for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2015 (Annex 2, Section 1).

CARRIED

BG.15-96 **Information Item Reported by the Audit Committee**

The Report of the Audit Committee, detailed in Appendix III, contained the following item that was received for information:

- Financial Statements: Related Companies

**REPORT OF THE FUNDRAISING AND DONOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE** [Appendix IV]

BG.15-97 **Fundraising Activity Quarterly Report to April 30, 2015**

The Report of the Fundraising and Donor Relations Committee, detailed in Appendix VI, contained the following item that was received for information by unanimous consent:

- Fundraising Activity Quarterly Report to April 30, 2015.

**REPORT OF THE MCINTOSH GALLERY COMMITTEE** [Appendix V]

BG.15-98 **McIntosh Gallery Committee Annual Report 2014/15**

The Report of the McIntosh Gallery Committee, detailed in Appendix V, contained the following item that was received for information by unanimous consent:

- McIntosh Gallery Annual Report 2014/15

**ITEMS REFERRED BY SENATE** [Appendix VI]

BG.15-99 **Information Items Reported by Senate**

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

- Report of the Honorary Degrees Committee
- Institutional Quality Assurance Report
- Report of the Academic Colleague (September, 2015)

*The meeting adjourned to an in camera session followed by the confidential session.*

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C. Shah  
Chair

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I. Birrell  
Secretary

## 2.3 Campus Culture

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Another key aspect of the Western “experience” is the sense of culture that permeates life on campus. This Campus Master Plan takes a broad view of Western’s culture, including its architectural heritage; its landscape amenities and landmarks; traditions, including Indigenous connections to land and cultures; social life; the creative arts, leisure, sport, recreation and entertainment. All of this affects how Western’s students, faculty, staff, alumni and visitors experience the campus and each other.

Western offers a rich array of arts and cultural activity that enhances campus life and supports the development of the whole person as stated in the Strategic Plan. The academic departments, galleries, performance groups and venues, and student organizations across campus promote and raise the profile of the University’s culture scene. Partnerships with other arts initiatives and organizations contribute to and enhance the creative and cultural vibrancy of the campus and the city.

The campus community, alumni, visitors and the greater community all benefit from a number of venues that provide a rich, cultural experience year round.

Currently there are art galleries, performing arts and movie theatres, and various auditoriums that can accommodate a full complement of cultural activities.

In addition, outdoor venues for cultural activities include University Hill, the Concrete Beach, the area around the McIntosh Galley and TD Stadium.

Cultural activities take place in a variety of indoor and outdoor spaces on campus, and opportunities to enhance Western’s unique culture should be incorporated in future campus development.



McIntosh Gallery



Davenport Theatre