



The UNIVERSITY of WESTERN ONTARIO

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

FEBRUARY 13, 1997

The meeting was held at 2:00 p.m. in Room 38 of the Law Building.

SENATORS: 71

J. Adams	J.M. Good	P. Neary
M. Armstrong	S. Graham	A. Oosterhoff
D.E. Baer	C. Gural	A. Pearson
D.R. Bellhouse	T. Hessel	A. Prabhakar
D. Bevan	K.H.W. Hilborn	C. Quinlan
L. Bramwell	R. Hudler	M. Randall
W.A. Bridger	C. Iwasiw	C. Seligman
R. Brooke	C-Y. Kang	D. Semotiuk
R.N. Bryan	G. Killan	B. Singh
F.P. Cass	D. Kimura	D. Spencer
M. Cheesman	D. Kuntz	J.L. Stokes
W.R. Code	R. Lipson	A.W. Taylor
J.D. Cooke	T.C.Y. Lo	C. Thomson
R.P. Coulter	S. Martin	B. Thornton
T.C. Craven	R.M. Mathur	J. Thorp
J. Crimmins	G. McCarthy	B. Timney
C. Down	J. McKay	J. Topolski
C. Farber	R.Y. McMurtry	V. Tumanov
B. Garcia	K. McQuillan	J.K. Van Fleet
T. Garrard	P.P. Mercer	C. Walsh
P.M. Gaudet	G. Moran	L. Weiner
W. Gibson	P. Mueller	A.-M. Wilson
E.E. Gillese	D.G. Muñoz	

Observers: R. Chelladurai, D. Jameson, T. Lennon, C. Ross, R. Tiffin, D. Tompkins

By Invitation: N. Petersen

S.97-23

Chair of Senate

In the absence of the Chair of Senate, the Vice-Chair of Senate chaired the meeting. Dean Stokes explained that Dr. Davenport was attending a meeting with the Premier of Ontario, as one of a delegation of COU representatives, to discuss the Report of the Smith Advisory Panel. Dr. Davenport is the Chair of COU's Standing Committee on Government and Community Relations.

S.97-24 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of January 16, 1997, were approved as circulated.

S.97-25 **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

[See also Appendix 1]

S.97-25a **Budget Update re 1997-98**

Dr. Moran provided an update on the 1997-98 budget. He highlighted his presentation with overheads, copies of which are attached as *Appendix 1* to these minutes.

ENQUIRIES

S.97-26 **London Free Press - Coverage of Western**

Professor Seligman expressed concern about coverage of University issues in the *London Free Press*. He observed that in recent articles, references to the University's accomplishments have been either understated or negative. Mr. Garrard advised that he and the President have met with the *London Free Press* editorial board and reporters for the purpose of preserving a positive relationship between the press and the University; these efforts will continue. He advised that he will contact the *London Free Press* to ask why the recent stories were positioned as they were and report back to Senate.

S.97-27 **GS 500 - Theory & Practice of University Teaching**

Mr. Armstrong asked if the course GS 500 - Theory & Practice of University Teaching - will become a pay-for-use course in the summer of 1998, Dr. Moran agreed to take the concern under advisement and provide a response at the next meeting.

REPORT OF THE OPERATIONS/AGENDA COMMITTEE

S.97-28 **Faculty of Health Sciences**

S.97-28a **Constitution of the Faculty of Health Sciences**

On behalf of the Operations/Agenda Committee, it was moved by C. Thomson, seconded by G. Moran,

That the Constitution of the Faculty of Health Sciences be approved as shown in Exhibit I, Appendix 1.

CARRIED

S.97-28b **Conditions of Appointment: Alternative Procedures, Faculty of Health Sciences**

It was moved by C. Thomson, seconded by S. Graham,

Whereas the Faculty of Health Sciences will be a non-departmentalized Faculty with discipline-based Schools, with respect to *Conditions of Appointment*, in recognition of the Faculty's unique structure:

1. That appointments of academic staff be to discipline-based Schools within the Faculty or to the Faculty of Health Sciences.

2. That the Faculty operate as a non-departmentalized Faculty, with the following alternative procedures:
 - a. That the Faculty Appointments Committee's composition and procedure be structured as set out in Exhibit I, Appendix 2.
 - b. That the Faculty Promotion and Tenure Committee's composition and procedure be as set out in Exhibit I, Appendix 3.

and

That, by February 1, 2000, the Provost initiate a review of these alternative procedures to determine whether they should be established through formal amendment to *Conditions of Appointment*. Any amendments to *Conditions of Appointment* would follow the usual procedures.

CARRIED

S.97-28c **Appointments Procedures: Director of a School within the Faculty of Health Sciences**

It was moved by C. Thomson, seconded by D. Cooke,

That a new section, detailed in Exhibit I, Appendix 4, be added to *Appointments Procedures* dealing with the terms of reference and composition of a selection committee to select a Director of a School within the Faculty of Health Sciences.

CARRIED

S.97-28d **Standing Committees of the School of Kinesiology and Intercollegiate Athletics**

It was moved by C. Thomson, seconded by A.W. Taylor,

That the Standing Committee on Campus Recreation and the Standing Committee of Intercollegiate Athletics be transferred from the Faculty of Kinesiology to the School of Kinesiology within the Faculty of Health Sciences, effective July 1, 1997, with the amendments as shown in Exhibit I, Appendix 5A and 5B respectively.

CARRIED

S.97-29 **Discontinuation of the Position of Vice-Provost Health Sciences**

It was moved by C. Thomson, seconded by R. Bryan,

That the position of Vice-Provost Health Sciences be discontinued effective July 1, 1997.

CARRIED

S.97-30 **Senate Meeting Times - Guidelines**

It was moved by C. Thomson, seconded by L. Weiner,

That the following operating policy be implemented immediately:

Senate meetings are scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m. and will normally end by 5:00 p.m. unless extended by a majority vote of those present.

to be replaced by the following, effective September 1997:

Senate meetings are scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m. and will normally end by 4:00 p.m. unless extended by a majority vote of those present.

CARRIED

S.97-31 **Senate Membership**

The Operations/Agenda Committee reported the results of a mail ballot that followed the January 16 Senate meeting, shown below.

S.97-31a **Initial Representation: Faculty of Health Sciences and Faculty of Communications and Open Learning**

CARRIED by the affirmative vote of a 2/3 majority of Senators:

That, effective July 1, 1997, the Faculty of Health Sciences and the Faculty of Communications and Open Learning each be accorded one elected Faculty seat on Senate.

Number of Votes in favor: 64 (72% of the members of Senate)
Number of Votes opposed: 2

S.97.31b **Application for Variance - Allocation of Seats on Senate**

CARRIED by the affirmative vote of a 2/3 majority of Senators:

That, pursuant to section 24.(2) of the *University of Western Ontario Act, 1982* (as amended in 1988), Senate apply to the Lieutenant Governor in Council for variance of the number of Senators elected under clauses 24.(1)(b), (d) and (e), effective July 1, 1997, as shown on the ballot [also in *Appendix 7*, attached; boldface indicates a change in the number].

Number of Votes in favor: 65 (73% of the members of Senate)
Number of Votes opposed: 3

S.97-32 **Call for Nominations: Representative of the Administrative Staff**

The Operations/Agenda Committee reported a call for nominations for a representative of the Administrative Staff on Faculty. The deadline for nominations is February 13, 1997, at 4:00 p.m.

S.97-33

Officers of Convocation

The Operations/Agenda Committee reported the appointment of the following Officers of Convocation (terms to October 1999):

Director of Convocation: Bruce Lundgren
Assistant Director of Convocation: Donna Peterson

Marshal: Michael Owen

Chief Usher: Angela Schneider
Assistant Chief Usher: Steve Hicock

Chief Public Orator: Alan Mills
Assistant Chief Public Orator: John Thorp

S.97-34

Candidates for Degrees - Autumn Convocation 1995

On behalf of Senate, the Operations/Agenda Committee approved the following amendment to the list of candidates for degrees contained in Appendix A of the minutes of October 24, 1995:

Friday, October 27, 1995 FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE
Bachelor of Arts

ADD: GERARD MCLAUGHLIN

S.97-35

Huron College Theological Convocation - 1998

The Operations/Agenda Committee reported that the Huron College Theological Convocation date in 1998 is Thursday, April 23, 1998 (not April 30, 1998, as reported in the Committee's January 13, 1997, report to Senate).

S.97-36

Special *in camera* Budget Meeting

Senate was advised that the special *in camera* information meeting of Senate is scheduled for Monday, April 14, 1997, 9:00 a.m. (to 11:00 a.m. approximately), in the Moot Courtroom, Law Building.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

S.97-37

Senate Committee on Academic Policy and Admissions (SCAPA)

K. Barrowcliffe (graduate student) and J. MacKinnon (AHS) were elected to membership on SCAPA (terms to December 31, 1997).

ACADEMIC POLICY AND ADMISSIONS

The following corrections [shown in *bold italics*] were made to the BHSc Program, Exhibit III, Item 1, Appendix 1:

page 1: Biosciences Stream
First Year
... or Applied Mathematics 020, ***023 a/b and 024 a/b***, Physics 024, ...

Fourth Year
Four full course equivalents from Groups II, III, IV, ***or pre-professional courses***

page 2: Fourth Year
Four full course equivalents from Groups II, III, IV, ***or pre-professional courses***

S.97-38

Bachelor of Health Sciences Program

It was moved by B. Timney, seconded by G. Moran,

That the Faculty of Health Sciences introduce a general three-year or four-year Bachelor of Health Sciences program, as outlined in Exhibit III, Appendix 1, effective September 1, 1997.

Dr. T. Lennon, Acting Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences, provided Senate with background on the development of the Bachelor of Health Sciences program detailed in Exhibit III, Appendix 1. He stated that the Bachelor of Health Sciences Committee established to formulate the program comprised two members from each of the three merging Faculties, one of whom was a member of the Joint Transition Committee, two members each from the Faculties of Science and Medicine and one member each from the Faculties of Social Science and Dentistry, with the Acting Dean of Health Sciences serving as Chair of the Committee. A model program was developed and refined following wide consultation with Deans, Department Chairs, and the Affiliated Colleges. He noted that the majority of responses received endorsed the program as a good program.

Dean Lennon addressed concerns raised during the program's consultative process:

- Now is the time to establish the program because it coincides with the beginning of a new Faculty.
- An enormous number of person hours were poured into the development of the program which commenced over five years ago at the initiation of Dr. Ralph Brooke.
- The logic and curricular integrity of the program is a judgment call by the Joint Transition Committee. Specifically, in the Committee's judgment, the program reflects a premise set out by SCUP as being at the basis, not only of the new program, but of the amalgamation of the new Faculty itself.
- The counselling of students is a priority given the complexity and multiplicity of offerings in the program. The BHSc Committee recommends that an academic counsellor be dedicated to this program alone. Additional counselling must be given to students enrolled in the Faculty of Science.

Comments on the Motion

Dean Kang, on behalf of the Faculty of Science, spoke in support of the new program because it offers a unique opportunity for changing Western's image; the program represents a new initiative that will help improve Western's overall attractiveness. A strong BHSc program must be offered to attract the best qualified students. He added that certain concerns must be addressed, including the fact that the program is not an honors program which could present difficulties for students who wish to attend a professional school or transfer into honors programs. He emphasized the need for strong academic counselling for students enrolled in the BHSc.

Professor Seligman spoke against approval of the program in its current stage of development, stating that basic questions about the program have not been answered satisfactorily. He charged that the program has not been thought through and that more time is needed to address the program's inadequacies: the coherence of the program is not explained, nor is it explained whether the new courses in Health Sciences are intended to integrate the diverse course contents and methods that the students are exposed to in the program or what material specifically the new courses will cover. Professor Seligman stated that Western owes its students the assurance that when they graduate they can formulate and answer questions based on the systematic knowledge acquired in a degree program.

Professor Cheesman and Mr. Armstrong voiced concern that the program did not prepare students for entry into professional programs such as Occupational Therapy, Communicative Disorders, and Physical Therapy. As the program is structured, students will have an opportunity to explore these areas only in the final year, which is late and is not of a form to allow students to select options at other universities should they not be admitted into one of Western's professional health programs.

It was moved by K. Hilborn, seconded by R. Bryan,

That the motion be referred to SCAPA for appropriate consultation and reconsideration in light of the concerns raised at Senate.

Comments in favor of the Motion to Refer:

- Four new health sciences courses are proposed but no outlines are provided except for the first year course.
- The Senate debate imparts a general belief that the program requires more than just fine tuning.

Comments opposing the Motion to Refer:

- The proposal was discussed at some length by the BHSc Committee and the Joint Transition Committee. The BHSc Committee, following wide consultation, considered and incorporated suggestions received.
- The Committee believes the program in its current form is strong as a general program but acknowledges that the program will need to be modified and fine-tuned as time progresses.
- The program is accepted as being good by Western's professional schools that were consulted during the development of the program.
- Proper academic counselling of students in the BHSc program will aid students in identifying career goals and the subsequent course selections needed for entrance into one of Western's professional schools.
- Referral of the program to SCAPA would not solve concerns about details, such as course titles. The principles on which the proposal is founded are acceptable.
- The program must be approved now if it is to be advertised to next year's potential students; to delay advertising the program by a month would be detrimental to the success of the program.
- SCAPA is prepared to consider adjustments to the program after the program has been approved by Senate.

Dean Lennon assured Senate that while the program will be housed in and administered by the new Faculty of Health Sciences, it is a University program that is largely dependent upon courses offered by other Faculties. The success of the program relies on the Educational Policy Committee and officers in the new Faculty who must oversee the program in a sensible and realistic way.

The motion to refer was called and was DEFEATED.

The main motion was called and CARRIED.

S.97-39

Bachelor of Arts in Media, Information and Technoculture

It was moved by B. Timney, seconded by G. Moran,

That the Faculty of Communications and Open Learning introduce a three-year Bachelor of Arts program with an Area of Concentration in Media, Information and Technoculture (MIT), and a Combined Honors BA in Media, Information and Technoculture, as outlined in Exhibit III, Appendix 2, effective September 1, 1997.

CARRIED

S.97-40

Faculty of Dentistry: Certificate of Qualification

It was moved by B. Timney, seconded by S. Graham,

That the Faculty of Dentistry establish a two-year qualifying program for graduates of non-accredited dental programs leading to a Certificate of Qualification, as outlined in Exhibit III, Appendix 3, effective August 1997.

CARRIED

S.97-41

Faculty of Law: Revision to Admission Requirements

It was moved by B. Timney, seconded by W. Gibson,

That the minimum criteria for applying to Law School in the Regular category be revised from at least 70%, or an LSAT score above the 48th percentile, to an average of at least 75% or an LSAT score above 152, as shown below:

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Regular Category (S.91-12.1, S.92-40, S.92-115)

1. At least two years of university level studies or of equivalent academic work are required. Candidates with only two years of university studies will be expected to achieve significantly higher results than those with more than two years. Candidates who are in their second year of study may be provisionally admitted.
2. All candidates must have completed the LSAT. The Committee will use the LSAT score to choose the most eligible candidates and to eliminate the least competitive. The LSAT score will **not** be a factor in decisions concerning candidates outside these two groups. **Normally**, no applicant with an **undergraduate** average of less than **75%** or an LSAT score below **152** will be considered for admission in the Regular category.
3. Factors other than academic success will be considered in the case of candidates who have achieved more than the minimum standard of undergraduate grade average and LSAT score, but who are not automatically admitted on the basis of high undergraduate grade average and LSAT score.

These factors may include, but are not limited to, the overcoming of a proven disadvantage, and success in community affairs, politics, business, culture, the arts or athletics. Candidates must adequately document their claim for consideration. In no individual case will factors other than academic success be weighted more heavily than one third overall.

CARRIED

S.97-42 **Eligibility for Scholarships for Students in Combined Honors Programs**

It was moved by B. Timney, seconded by B. Thornton,

That the following policy guideline on Eligibility for Scholarships for Students in Combined Honors Programs, be approved:

“Students in combined honors programs are eligible for scholarships unless departments request that the conditions of the scholarship be changed.”

CARRIED

S.97-43 **SCAPA Information Items**

The SCAPA Report to Senate contained the following information items. The full text may be viewed in the Secretariat.

Revision to The Western Scholar Award (S.94-20, S.95-137) [to be \$750 credited toward tuition]

New Bursary/Prize/Award Conditions

The G. Gilbert Waters Bursary (Faculty of Science)
The John A. McNee Award In Political Science (Faculty of Social Science)
The Towers Perrin Bursary (Faculty of Science and The Richard Ivey School of Business)
The Delta Chi Award of Merit (Any Faculty)
The Mary (Pat) Hicks Bursary In The Faculty of Arts (Faculty of Arts)
Hypercube Scholar Prize (Faculty of Science)
The Gordon R. Thompson Award (Faculty of Arts and Faculty of Social Science)
The James Emerson Miles Bursary in Engineering Science (Faculty of Engineering Science)

S.97-44 **1996-97 Winners of The Edward G. Pleva Award for Excellence in Teaching**

The 1996-97 winners of The Edward G. Pleva Award for Excellence in Teaching are: **Victor W. Elias**, Department of Applied Mathematics, Faculty of Science; **Duncan H. Hunter**, Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Science; **Alexander Mikalachki**, Richard Ivey School of Business; **Barry A. Onslow**, Division of Curriculum Studies, Faculty of Education.

S.97-45 **1996-97 Winner of The University of Western Ontario Award for Excellence in Teaching by Part-Time Faculty**

The 1996-97 Winner of The University of Western Ontario Award for Excellence in Teaching by Part-Time Faculty is: **Debra Dawson** (PT), Division of Educational, Psychology, Faculty of Education.

UNIVERSITY PLANNING

S.97-46 **Canadian University Study Abroad Program**

On behalf of SCUP, it was moved by Y. Kang, seconded by J. Topolski,

That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors, through the Vice-Chancellor, The University of Western Ontario's participation in the Canadian University Study Abroad Program, as outlined in Exhibit IV, Appendix 1.

CARRIED

S.97-47

Alternate Methods of Graduate Study

It was moved by A.W. Taylor, seconded by M. Armstrong,

That Senate approve the Report of the Faculty of Graduate Studies Implementation Task Force on Alternate Methods of Graduate Study, as contained in Exhibit IV, Appendix 2.

CARRIED

S.97-48

Allocation of Seats on Senate

[Senate was given notice of the following motion on January 13, 1997 - S.97-22]

It was moved by J. Topolski, seconded by S. Martin,

That Senate direct the Operations/Agenda Committee to research the history of representation on Senate, take submissions from members of the University community with regards to future representation on Senate, and make a subsequent recommendation to Senate based on their findings no later than September of 1997.

Mr. Topolski, in support of his motion, provided the following rationale:

There is no available information regarding the composition of the Senate in regards to first principles, specifically addressing the numbers and ratios of voting seats.

- For example, why is it that the Faculty of Engineering Science has only 2 seats on Senate and the Faculty of Medicine has 5? Or why do Graduate representatives equal the combined amount of Social Science and Science representatives?
- Why does the LGIC have appointments on the Board of Governors but not the Senate?
- Why must the Faculty elect their [representatives] but the Alumni Association can appoint theirs?

It is the duty of Senate to address issues regarding possible overlaps or discrepancies in mandates of representatives.

Dr. Mercer, on behalf of the Joint Senate/Board Committee to Review the UWO Act, spoke against the motion. He noted that Mr. Topolski referred to the alleged obligation of the Joint Board/Senate Committee to Review the UWO Act to recommend changes to the Act. The Review Committee did not see that as their obligation, but did entertain comments about representation on Senate. Debate on Senate representation was public and broad and commentary on the issue was contained in the Review Committee's final report. Many of the issues raised by Mr. Topolski at this meeting have been addressed through the Review Committee's work and the most recent debate at Senate surrounding the proposal to apply for a variance in the number of elected faculty and student Senators. He asked if it would be possible to answer Mr. Topolski's questions in ways other than assigning a task that was recently done to the Operations/Agenda Committee.

Dean Mathur observed that legitimate questions are posed which should be answered such as why the Faculty of Graduate Studies has ten seats on Senate.

Mr. Topolski asserted that the UWO Act Review Committee did not adequately answer some of the questions, such as representation of Deans on Senate, during its review. He believed that the Operations/Agenda Committee could propose recommendations for future Senate compositions as a result of a new review.

It was moved by J. McKay, seconded by L. Weiner,

That consideration of the motion be postponed to the next meeting of Senate.

In support of his motion to postpone, Professor McKay proposed that Mr. Topolski's questions be answered and transmitted as required before the motion is considered by Senate.

Dr. Moran spoke against the motion to postpone and the main motion because the questions raised can be answered by any number of individuals on campus. He said that the issue of representation on Senate was debated at length at the January Senate meeting and the will of Senate was expressed through the mail vote following the January meeting given that 73% of the members of Senate voted in favor of the variance of the number of elected faculty and staff on Senate [*see S.97-31b above*].

Dean Mathur contended that it is logical to examine and respond to the questions raised because Senate will debate the redistribution of seats in the near future in the context of the merging of the Faculties of Medicine and Dentistry.

Mr. Topolski spoke against the motion to postpone because he believed other Senators might have additional questions and concerns. He said one purpose of his motion is to give Senate future directions concerning its composition.

The motion to postpone was called and was DEFEATED.

Mr. Topolski reiterated that it would be worthwhile for the betterment of Senate, and the University, to strike a committee to review the rationale and history of representation on Senate. Professor Hilborn questioned whether the proponents of the motion had actively sought answers to their questions from readily available sources, and in particular, the Senate Secretariat.

The main motion was called and was DEFEATED.

S.97-49

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Announcements and Communications detailed in Exhibit VI, were received for information.

S.97-50

Vice-Provost Health Sciences [S.97-29]

The Provost referred to Senate's action earlier in the meeting to discontinue the position of Vice-Provost Health Sciences effective July 1, 1997. On behalf of the Senate, Dr. Moran thanked Dr. Ralph Brooke for his excellent work during his tenure as Vice-Provost Health Sciences.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

J.L. Stokes
Vice-Chair

J.K. Van Fleet
Secretary