



# *The* UNIVERSITY of WESTERN ONTARIO

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

**January 20, 2006**

The meeting was held at 1:30 p.m. in Room 1R40, Richard Ivey School of Business.

SENATORS: 72

T. Baerg	T. Hewitt	K. Pister
D. Barclay	S. Kabene	R. Rajakumar
M. Bartlett	R. Keirstead	A. Ramakrishnan
F. Berruti	S. Kerr	R. Robertson
I. Birrell	G. Killan	A. Sells
M. Broadfoot	P. Klein	R. Semmens
C. Brown	M. Kreiswirth	D. Shrubsole
S. Camiletti	G. Kulczycki	P. Simpson
M. Carroll	Y-C. Kuo	P. Skidmore
A. Clark	D. Laird	M. Sparks
N. Crowther	F. Longstaffe	T. Sumsion
P. Davenport	P. Lopes	J. Tennant
P. Dean	P. Markvoort	B. Timney
L. Donalds	W. McKercher	T. Topic
F. Dolan	K. McRae	J. Toswell
P. Doyle	M. Milde	T. Vandervoort
N. Dyer-Witthford	L. Miller	S. Watt
J. Etherington	B. Millman	J. Weese
T. Fulton	V. Miransky	J. White
T. Garrard	J. Nash	M.A. Wilkinson
J. Green	J. Nisker	M. Wilson
R. Haines	K. Okruhlik	B. Wood
R. Harris	B. Osborne	P. Woodford
D. Heinrichs	D. Peacock	B. Zener

Observers: P. Dalton, J. Doerksen, L. Gribbon, D. Jameson, G. Tigert, A. Weedon

S.06-01

### **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of December 9, 2005 were approved as circulated.

S.06-02      **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

The President reported on the 2006 Federal Election, the Strategic Planning Task Force, the new recreational centre and Western's United Way Campaign. Overhead slides used to highlight his presentation are attached as [Appendix 1](#).

**REPORT OF THE OPERATIONS/AGENDA COMMITTEE [EXHIBIT I]**

S.06-03      **Nominating Committee Membership**

N. Abbas was elected to the Nominating Committee for a one-year term (to November 2006).

S.06-04      **Student Membership on Decanal Selection Committees**

On behalf of the Operations/Agenda Committee, it was moved by J. White, seconded by P. Dean,

That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that the composition of Section L. of Appointment Procedures for Senior Academic and Administrative Officers of the University, be revised to read as shown below:

L.      DEANS OF OTHER FACULTIES

Composition of Selection Committee

A committee to select a Dean of a Faculty other than Graduate Studies shall consist of:

- (a) the Provost & Vice-President (Academic), who shall be Chair
- (b) the Vice-President (Research & International Relations)
- (c) 5 persons, one of whom shall be an undergraduate student enrolled in the Faculty or a graduate student enrolled in a program housed in the Faculty, elected by the Council of the Faculty concerned
- (d) 3 persons elected by Senate, who are not faculty, staff or students of the Faculty concerned, and only one of whom may be a Dean,
- (e) for Medicine & Dentistry, one President of a London teaching hospital affiliated with the University, named by the Hospital Presidents;  
for Engineering, one member of the Advisory Council of Western Engineering, named by the Advisory Council;  
for Business, two members of the Ivey Advisory Board, named by the Advisory Board;  
for Law, one member of the Law Alumni Association, named by the Association.

CARRIED

S.06-05      **Revision to the Titles of Members of the Subcommittee on Capital Allocations**

The following titles of ex officio members of SUCA have been revised respectively as follows. There is no change of incumbents.

FROM:      Manager, Occupational Health & Safety  
                Supervisor, Special and Capital Funds (n-v)

TO:          Director, HR - Planning  
                Supervisor, General Accounting (n-v)

**ACADEMIC POLICY AND AWARDS** [Exhibit II]

S.06-06 **PhD and MSc Programs in Developmental Biology**

On behalf of SCAPA, it was moved by J. Tennant, seconded by M. Wilson,

That, pending approval by the Ontario Council on Graduate Studies, Senate approve the introduction of new collaborative Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy programs in Developmental Biology, detailed in Exhibit II, item 1, effective September 1, 2006.

CARRIED

S.06-07 **Brescia University College: Honors Specialization in Psychology**

It was moved by J. Tennant, seconded by A. Clark,

That an Honors Specialization in Psychology, detailed in Exhibit II, item 2, be introduced by Brescia University College, effective January 1, 2006.

CARRIED

S.06-08 **Huron University College: Minors in Contemporary English Literature and English for Teachers**

S.06-08a **Minor in Contemporary English Literature**

It was moved by J. Tennant, seconded by P. Lopes,

That a Minor in Contemporary English Literature, detailed in Exhibit II, item 3a, be introduced at Huron University College, effective September 1, 2006.

CARRIED

S.06-08b **Minor in English for Teachers**

It was moved by J. Tennant, seconded by M. Milde,

That a Minor in English for Teachers, detailed in Exhibit II, item 3b, be introduced at Huron University College, effective September 1, 2006.

CARRIED

S.06-09 **Policy on Administration of Examinations**

Prior to considering the Policy on Administration of Examinations, Senate accepted as a friendly amendment the following correction (shown in italics) to the wording to section 4. included under "If there is a fire alarm, loss of power or other emergency during an examination" found on Exhibit III, page 6:

4. ... However, any examinations already submitted *will normally* be graded.

It was moved by J. Tennant, seconded by M. Bartlett,

That the Policy on Administration of Examinations be revised to read as shown in Exhibit II, item 4, to make minor modifications to the responsibilities outlined and to add a section on dealing with emergencies (e.g., fire alarms, loss of power).

CARRIED

S.06-10 **Summer Co-op in Economics**

It was moved by J. Tennant, seconded by L. Donalds,

That a Summer Co-op, detailed in Exhibit II, item 5, be introduced in the Department of Economics, Faculty of Social Science, and, that Economics 499: Economics Summer Co-Op, detailed in Exhibit II, item 5, be introduced to record the student's participation, effective September 1, 2006.

CARRIED

S.06-11 **Annual Report on Reviews of Graduate Programs**

Senate received for information the Report on the OCGS Appraisal of Graduate Programs at The University of Western Ontario during the Fourth Cycle (1996/97 - 2005/06), detailed in Exhibit II, Appendix 2.

S.06-12 **M Level Courses and First Year Academic Performance: Full-Time Constituent Students: 2004-05**

Senate received for information a report on the analysis of the academic performance of Western students admitted from an Ontario high school which explores the relationship between first-year grades and the number of high school "M" courses taken. Details are provided in Exhibit II, information item 7.

S.06-13 **New Scholarships and Awards**

SCAPA has approved on behalf of the Senate the following Terms of Reference for new scholarships and awards, for recommendation to the Board of Governors through the Vice-Chancellor:

Western International Exchange Ambassador Award (Any Undergraduate Faculty, Faculty of Graduate Studies)  
Entrepreneurial Spirit Award (Faculty of Engineering)  
EDC International Studies Scholarship (Richard Ivey School of Business)  
Andrew Grindlay MBA Student Award (Faculty of Graduate Studies, Business Administration)  
Lilija and Janis Strauts Award in Family Medicine (Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry)  
Courthill Capital Finance Awards (Richard Ivey School of Business)  
Courthill Capital Leadership Award (Richard Ivey School of Business)  
Morgentaler Scholarship (Any Undergraduate Program)  
Centre for Inclusive Education Research Awards (Faculty of Graduate Students, Education)  
Student Choice Award in Economics 400E (Faculty of Social Science, Economics)  
Universal Music Continuing In-Course Award (Don Wright Faculty of Music)  
Audrey Brown Pritchard Award in English (Faculty of Arts and Humanities, English)  
Douglas N. Jackson Memorial Award (Faculty of Graduate Studies, Psychology)  
D. Jane Riddell Student Athlete Award (Any Undergraduate Program)

S.06-14 **Revision to Undergraduate Sessional Dates**

The sessional dates were approved at the last meeting of Senate. However, the following dates have been revised since that time. The 2006 academic calendar will reflect these changes.

2006

Revise: From April 21 to April 29: Last day for web registration for Summer Evening and Spring/Summer Distance Studies courses.

Add: May 5: Last day to add a Spring/Summer Distance Studies course.

2007

Revise: From April 20 to May 5: Last day for web registration for Summer Evening and Spring/Summer Distance Studies courses.

Add: May 11: Last day to add a spring/summer Distance Studies course.

S.06-15 **Correction to 2004-5 Report on Scholastic Offences**

In the last report to Senate, the 12th item was the Registrar's Report on Scholastic Offences between November 15, 2004 and June 30, 2005. The item referred to a table of statistics in Appendix 2. On page 1, column 3 of the Report the sanction for the second item listed for the Faculty of Graduate Studies was blank. The corrected information is as follows::

Graduate Studies (3)	1 plagiarism – final exam	50% reduction in examination grade
	1 plagiarism – copying material from published article	received zero on paper
	1 plagiarism – text of thesis	A thorough re-writing was required

**UNIVERSITY PLANNING [Exhibit III]**

S.06-16 **First-Year, First-Entry Undergraduate Enrolment for the Constituent University and Affiliated University Colleges**

It was moved by F. Longstaffe, seconded by C. Brown,

That Senate approve the following targets and processes for first-year, first-entry undergraduate enrolment for the Constituent University and Affiliated University Colleges:

1. For the Constituent University, the first-entry undergraduate enrolment target for each of 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 is 4,350 and the approximate program specific objectives for 2006-07 are as described in the attached Exhibit III, Appendix 1.

2. For the Affiliated University Colleges, the targets for 2006-07 are:

Brescia - 260 students  
Huron - 385 students  
King's - 790 students

3. The process for the Constituent University includes the following elements:
  - (a) The Provost is granted permission to alter the enrolment objective for 2006-07, following consultation and approval from SUEPP, as might be appropriate given the particulars of a government funding announcement.
  - (b) Entrance requirements will be set by the Provost to achieve the enrolment objective for 2006-07 as a function of final admission numbers, qualifications of applicants, and estimates of the rate of offer confirmations in each program.
  - (c) No program-specific entrance requirement will be set below an A average in 2006-07 except where performance is a major element of the selection process. Although the exact value will ultimately be determined by this initial admission minimum, confirmed admission to any program will be contingent on a final average grade of no lower than 77%, except in those programs involving performance criteria and in particular limited enrolment programs where the value may be higher.
  - (d) The enrolment projections (Exhibit III, Appendix 2) will be used for purposes of tuition revenue estimates in the 2006-07 University's budget projections.
  
4. The process for the Affiliated University Colleges includes the following elements for 2006-07:
  - (a) General entrance requirements will not be set until more complete information on applicant qualifications is available.
  - (b) Offers will be extended to current Ontario high school students using the same process as described for the Constituent University.
  - (c) Each College will determine its own timelines for extending offers of admission and response dates.
  - (d) No student will be admitted to first-year study directly from the Ontario secondary school system with final grades below 75%, unless detailed academic assessment deems this appropriate.
  - (e) All Affiliated Colleges will be bound to the minimum entrance requirements established by the Constituent University for limited enrolment programs, where applicable, including Media, Information & Technoculture, BHSc, and Kinesiology.

Senate also received Implementation Notes for 2006-07 for the Constituent University as follows:

1. Given the experience of recent years, it is virtually certain that minimum entrance requirements will continue to be above 80%.
2. Students made offers by Ontario universities traditionally have been required to accept their offer by mid-June and pay various deposits (tuition, residence, etc) or lose their place. Beginning in 2003-04, the Council of Ontario Universities agreed to allow universities to

request a response to an offer of admission, without any financial commitment, by mid-May. Recognizing that not all institutions would have all offers out in April, COU also retained the traditional mid-June (for 2006-07 the actual date is June 12, 2006) response date which may then include a financial commitment from the students.

As a result of the earlier response date, the timing of the application and offers process for current Ontario secondary school students will begin with offers of admission in January on a rolling basis to exceptional students, made largely on the basis of performance prior to Grade 12.

The subsequent rounds of offers will begin in March/April as soon as the initial Grade 12 marks are available. Specific minimum grades **required for an offer will be set as a function of final information regarding applicant qualifications in each program.**

*Marks used for early offers in April 2006 will be determined by the size and quality of the applicant pool.*

3. Every effort will be made to maintain a single minimum standard of admission across all programs. However, a higher standard may be necessary in some programs such as Nursing, Media, Information & Technoculture, and Media, Theory & Production to avoid exceeding program capacity.
4. As indicated in the Senate resolution of Spring of past years, consideration may be given in the admissions process to factors such as performance in program-relevant courses (e.g., mathematics and sciences in Science and Engineering), and the academic record of the secondary school. As well, consideration will be given to students based on special circumstances and extraordinary extracurricular activities and/or contributions to citizenship.
5. As was the case in past years, the period between the availability of initial application information (still not including final year, winter semester applicant grades) and the offer date, does not permit an admissions proposal that includes detailed program-specific admissions criteria to be brought to Senate for consideration before initial offers were made.
6. A final round of offers, based on complete grade information, will be made in May 2006. Criteria used for those offers will be set as a function of additional information on applicant qualifications, historical program-specific patterns of acceptance of early offers, and student responses to date, but will observe the general entrance requirements established in this recommendation.

Professor Carroll asked why the enrolment at the King's University College, both actual and projected, seems to increase dramatically. Dr. Killan explained that the projected numbers were based on a specific target, determined in discussions between King's and Western, and that actual enrolments are likely to be somewhat lower. He indicated that the projected numbers include international students.

Professor Carroll asked for the rationale behind the enrolment increase in the Executive MBA program. Actual enrolment is 178 and the 2006-07 projected enrolment is 236. Professor Robertson stated that a strong marketing campaign, a change in the location of the program and the change to a continental program format (four days per month, Thursday through Sunday) accounts for the anticipated increase in enrolment.

Referring to Exhibit III, Appendix 2, line 17, Ms. Zener asked for clarification regarding the enrolment increase in the MD program over the next five years. Professor Doerksen took the

question under advisement. Dr. Davenport suggested that the increase could be related to the School's plans for expansion of medical programs through a collaboration with the University of Windsor.

Professor Toswell asked for an explanation of the enrolment fluctuations associated with the "BMedSci" program. Dr. Harris explained that enrolment in this program over the last few years has grown substantially. Discussions are ongoing with the Faculty of Science and the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry to determine a reasonable number of students who can be accommodated in the upper years of the program.

The question was called and CARRIED.

S.06-17

**Vice-Provost's Report on Faculty Recruitment**

The Vice-Provost (Academic Policy, Planning & Faculty) gave his regular report on Faculty Recruitment based on slides provided in Exhibit III, Appendices 2 and 3. New data in this report included information about the comparative presence of probationary and tenured women faculty by Faculty and School. Dr. Weedon agreed with a suggestion that it might be helpful to have the data further refined to provide information about numbers of women faculty in departments. He would explore this possibility for future reports.

S.06-18

**REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC COLLEAGUE**

The Report of the Academic Colleague on the 278<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Council of Ontario Universities, detailed in Exhibit IV, was received for information. Topics discussed included: undergraduate degree standards; preparations for graduate enrolment expansion; and changes in student learning behaviour.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

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P. Davenport  
Chair

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I. Birrell  
Secretary



### President's Report to Senate

- 2006 Federal Election
- Strategic Planning Task Force
- New Recreational Centre
- Western's United Way Campaign

Paul Davenport      January 20, 2006

### Federal Election

#### AUCC's Role

- To represent the Universities and Colleges of Canada
- To raise the profile of higher education issues as part of all parties' campaigns
- AUCC Election Strategy Committee (PD a member) drafted key messages

### AUCC Key Messages

- Ensure that the universities have capacity to offer high-quality education to increasing numbers of undergraduates and graduate students
- Ensure postsecondary educational opportunities are affordable – special outreach to Aboriginal and other under-represented groups

### AUCC

- Ensure more international educational opportunities – producing global citizens and making Canada an academic destination
- Ensure Canadian universities can attract and retain researchers and graduate students – essential in competitive global economy
- Secure engagement of party leaders on these key issues

### Western's Advocacy Efforts

- Direct mailing to all London-area Federal candidates
- Trip to Ottawa February 1, 2006 – stress importance of research mission
- Work to maintain the momentum and priority of investment in higher education and research

### Strategic Planning Task Force

- Five evening and one full-day meeting since September
- Consultation with campus and off-campus constituencies
- Broad range of issues emerging
- Draft report expected May, 2006

### Task Force Issues

- Faculty Academic Planning
  - Faculty recruitment
  - Interdisciplinary and pan University activities
  - New construction and renovated space
- “Graduate Student Experience”
  - Increase graduate enrolment
  - Requires increases in faculty and expanded space
  - Supportive environment for graduate study

### Task Force Issues

- Western's engagement in “Problem-based Learning”
  - Critical thinking, identification of problems, working toward solutions
  - Use NSSE results to indicate areas of potential improvement
- Faculty, Staff, Student Issues
  - Faculty: gender balance
  - Staff: development of skills and talents
  - Students: recruitment initiatives – First Nations and other under-represented groups

### Task Force Issues

- Interaction with the community
  - Engagement of Western's people
  - Joint activities, facilities, and resources
  - Western's role in London's cultural community
  - Exploring partnership opportunities
- Other topics welcome

### New Recreational Centre

- Connected to TRAC
- Recreational space on campus will double
- Contingent on student referendum (February 20-22, 2006)
- Total cost = \$33.9M
  - Student contribution = \$23.7M
  - Direct university contribution = \$10.2M
- USC will receive significant space in the UCC – 25,000 usable square feet, or 40,000 gross square feet

### Western's United Way Campaign

- Goal: \$400,000
- Total raised: \$430,620
  - Up \$55,000 from last year (15%)
- Co-Chairs for Western:
  - Gary Blazak, Director of Alumni Relations
  - Betsy Skarakis-Doyle, Health Sciences
- Leaders (\$1,000 or more): 153 – up 50% from last year (102)
  - Matched by Ivey Challenge Grant

### Western's United Way Campaign

- Events included Mini Putt in the Physical Plant building; talent shows at Social Science; and a coffee sale at Lucy's which raised \$2,000.
- Sandra Hobson of Health Sciences was honored with a United Way Labour Appreciation Award.
- Thanks to hundreds of Western faculty, staff, and students who contributed to our success
- Thanks to Sponsored Employees Colleen Thody and Tammy Gibbons, and to our United Way Staff Partner Abbey Scully.