



The UNIVERSITY of WESTERN ONTARIO

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

October 26, 2007

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

SENATORS: 59

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| D. Abelson | B. Diemert | W. McKercher |
| M. Adamson | P. Doyle | J. McMullin |
| M.A. Andrusyszyn | D. Dutrizac | M. Milde |
| Z. Armstrong | N. Ecclestone | B. Millman |
| T. Baerg | A. El Damatty | K. Okruhlik |
| D. Barclay | J. Etherington | R. Poole |
| I. Birrell | J. Floryan | A. Sells |
| L. Bowman | T. Fulton | S. Sims |
| M. Broadfoot | J. Garnett | S. Spaulding |
| C. Brown | T. Gorski | R. Stainton |
| T. Carmichael | D. Jiang | C. Stephenson |
| A. Chan | R. Keirstead | J. Tennant |
| A. Clark | G. Killan | T. Topic |
| D. Cooney | G. Kulczycki | N. Turrin |
| J. Corrigan | R. Kulperger | S. Usprich |
| R. Coulter | S. Lecce | T. Vandervoort |
| N. Crowther | W. Lehmann | D. Wardlaw |
| K. Danylchuk | F. Longstaffe | J. Weese |
| P. Davenport | H. Luckman | M-A. Wilkinson |
| P. Dean | L. McKechnie | |

Observers: A. Gopal, L. Gribbon, D. Jameson, G. Tigert, A. Weedon

S.07-184 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of September 21, 2007 were approved with the inclusion of J. Corrigan in the attendance list.

S.07-185 Farewell to Senators

On behalf of Senate, Dr. Davenport thanked Senators whose terms on Senate end October 31st for their time and contributions to the work of Senate.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

S.07-186 **Agency of Record**

In Mr. Garrard's absence, Dr. Davenport responded to questions previously raised by Senators about Western's Agency of Record, The Marketing Department. The Marketing Department will support external communications, branding and marketing efforts by providing strategic advice on how Western can best promote its mission, will develop creative concepts for our external advertising and promotional materials, will design promotional materials such as recruitment publications, alumni and fundraising publications and will ensure consistency in how the University visually represents itself. There is value in having an Agency of Record to help coordinate Western's external communications and advertising and he encouraged Faculties and Department to use its services, but stressed that no one is compelled to so do. Dr. Davenport asked that Senators contact Mr. Garrard with any further questions about this matter.

S.07-187 **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

Dr. Davenport reported on the Globe & Mail University Report Card 2007 and Faculty and Staff Award Nominations. Overhead slides used to highlight his presentation are attached as [Appendix 1](#).

In Vice-President Hewitt's absence he provided an update on discussions at the University Research Board (URB) with respect to military-related research. This issue first came to Senate's attention in December 2004 as a result of a research contract between the Faculty of Engineering and General Dynamics. Dr. Davenport acknowledged that faculty at Western are involved in a great deal of research that one could deem controversial but Western's pledge to its faculty is that as long as the research falls within Western's research guidelines and the laws of Canada and Ontario, they are free to do whatever research they want. This is a cornerstone of academic freedom. Those who disagree with a particular research project or finding are equally free to criticize it or the faculty member involved. Western does not as an institution stop research because one party or another deems it controversial.

Professor Dyer-Witheyford had made a presentation on the issue of military research to the University Research Board (URB) on May 8, 2007 and as a result of that presentation asked Dr. Hewitt to raise this issue with his colleagues at the Ontario Council of University Research and at a meeting of the G13 Vice-Presidents (Research). Dr. Hewitt has met with the Ontario Council on University Research. The meeting of the G13 Vice-Presidents Research is today. Consequently, Dr. Hewitt will be reporting on this matter to the URB at its next meeting and subsequently to Senate.

REPORT OF THE OPERATIONS/AGENDA COMMITTEE [Exhibit I]

S.07-188 **Senate Membership: Faculty Constituencies**

It was moved by T. Carmichael, seconded by J. Weese,

That the following nominees be appointed to Senate to represent the constituencies shown for terms from November 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008:

- Representing the Richard Ivey School of Business (1): Mitch Rothstein
- Representing the Faculty of Education (1): Robert Macmillan
- Representing the Faculty of Engineering (1): Jerzy Floryan (Mechanical & Materials Engineering)

- Representing the Faculty of Health Sciences (2): Phillip Doyle (Communication Sciences and Disorders) and Sandi Spaulding (Occupational Therapy)
- Representing the Faculty of Science (3): John Barron (Computer Science), Bernie Kraatz (Chemistry), and Pei Yu (Applied Math)
- Representing Brescia University College (1): Anne Barnfield
- Representing Huron University College (1): Trish Fulton

CARRIED

S.07-189 **Senate Membership: Representative from the General Community**

It was moved by T. Carmichael, seconded by D. Abelson,

That Cathee Crinklaw be elected to serve on Senate (term from November 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008) as a representative of the General Community.

CARRIED

S.07-190 **Candidates for Degrees and Diplomas - Autumn Convocation 2007**

On behalf of the Senate (S.96-124), the Provost approved the list of Candidates for Degrees and Diplomas awarded at Autumn Convocation 2007, as recommended by the Registrar. The list of candidates is appended to the Official Minutes of this Senate meeting.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE [Exhibit II]

S.07-191 **Board of Governors**

S. Singh was re-elected by the Senate to serve on the Board of Governors for a term from November 15, 2007 to June 30, 2008.

S.07-192 **Selection Committee: Dean of Engineering**

K. Clark, A. Leschied and D. Wardlaw were elected to the Selection Committee for the Dean of Engineering.

S.07-193 **Operations/Agenda Committee**

J. O'Sullivan was elected to the Operations/Agenda Committee to replace T. Carmichael who is attending in an *ex officio* capacity as Vice-Chair of Senate (term to June 30, 2009).

S.07-194 **Senate Committee on Academic Policy and Awards**

C. Symmonette was elected to the Senate Committee on Academic Policy and Awards to replace N. Abbas who has resigned (term to June 30, 2008).

S.07-195 **Faculty Scholars Selection Committee**

M. Cottam was elected to the Faculty Scholars Selection Committee to complete the term of R. Secco who has resigned (term to June 30, 2008).

S.07-196 **Distinguished University Professor Selection Committee**

D. Bentley was elected to the Distinguished University Professor Selection Committee to replace J. McMullin who has resigned (term to June 30, 2009).

S.07-197 **Senate Review Board Academic**

M. Randall, H. Kirk and R. Lehcier-Kimel were elected to the Senate Review Board Academic (terms to June 30, 2008).

REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC POLICY AND AWARDS
[Exhibit III]

S.07-198 **Master of Arts Program: Critical Studies in Global Film Cultures**

It was moved by M. Milde, seconded by K. Okruhlick,

That Senate approve, pending OCGS approval, that a new Master of Arts (MA) Program in Critical Studies in Global Film Cultures, detailed in Exhibit III, item 1, be introduced in September 2008.

CARRIED

S.07-199 **Faculty of Social Science: Honors Specialization in Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience**

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

That an Honors Specialization in Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree, detailed in Exhibit III, item 2, be introduced in the Faculty of Social Science, effective September 1, 2008.

CARRIED

S.07-200 **Timing of Spring and Autumn Convocation Ceremonies**

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

That the following schedule for June and October Convocation ceremonies be approved:

1. June Convocation ceremonies will be scheduled for the second full week in June.
2. October Convocation ceremonies will be scheduled on the fourth Thursday and Friday in October. [If October 1 is a Friday, it will not count as week one.]

CARRIED

S.07-201 **Faculty of Health Sciences: Revision to Ontario Secondary School Admission Requirements for the BHSc Program**

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

That effective for admission in September 2009, the Ontario Secondary School admission requirements for the Bachelor of Health Sciences program be revised to read as shown in Exhibit III, item 4.

CARRIED

S.07-202 **Faculty of Health Sciences: Suspension of Admission to the Honors Specialization Module in Health Information Management**

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

That effective for the 2008-09 academic year, new admissions to the Honors Specialization in Health Information Management be suspended.

CARRIED

S.07-203 **Faculty of Engineering Policy on Repeating All Components in a Failed Course**

It was moved by M. Milde, seconded by P. Dean,

That students who are required to repeat an Engineering course must repeat *all* components of that course and that no special permissions will be granted enabling a student to retain laboratory, assignment or test marks from previous years.

CARRIED

S.07-204 **New Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries**

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

C.B. (Bud) Johnston MBA Scholarships (Faculty of Graduate Studies, Business Administration)
UK Alumni Scholarship (Any Undergraduate Program)
Pirie Foundation 125th Anniversary Alumni Award (Any Undergraduate Program)
Pirie Foundation 125th Anniversary Alumni HBA Award (Richard Ivey School of Business)
Verna J. Pierce Bursary (Any Undergraduate Program)
William and Cecilia Davies Bursary in Medicine (Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, Medicine)
Judy and Murray Bryant HBA Rugby Award (Richard Ivey School of Business)

S.07-205 **Timing of Hong Kong Convocation Ceremonies**

Senate was advised that the policy on eligibility for participating in the Spring Hong Kong Convocation ceremony, contained in the Academic Handbook, will be revised as follows to reflect the change in timing from the October/November time frame to March/April and to add a reference to the February granting of an “in absentia” degree.

Policy on Eligibility for Participating in the Spring Hong Kong Convocation Ceremonies

There will be a University-wide Convocation Ceremony in Hong Kong that involves, in addition to those who complete their Executive MBA degree in Hong Kong, any undergraduate or graduate student who was eligible to graduate at the Spring or Fall or Convocation ceremonies of the preceding year in London or at the February in absentia degree conferral of the same year. Students are required to apply to participate in the Hong Kong ceremony and will receive either their degree diploma (if not collected at a London ceremony) or a Certificate of Participation.

S.07-206 **Structure of the Academic Year: Projected Dates**

The Guidelines for the Structure of the Academic Year allow the University to project dates for the start and end of terms, study days and examination periods, convocation ceremonies, etc. The dates shown in Exhibit III, item 9 for 2008-09 to 2015-16 have been modified slightly in some cases from the dates currently posted on the web in order to take into account: revised dates for first term to begin on a Monday in 2010 and 2013 (because Rosh Hashanah falls on a Thursday); a recent request by the President of the University Students' Council to have two study days whenever possible within the parameters of the policy. The policy statement has been revised to include a reference to the timing of the *In Absentia* Convocation approved by Senate in 2006, and is contingent on approval of the timing of the convocation ceremonies, covered in item 3 above.

Professor Milde noted that the projected dates would not be finalized until decisions were made with respect to accommodation in the academic calendar of the new public holiday (Family Day) recently announced by the provincial government.

REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY PLANNING [Exhibit IV]

S.07-207 **James G. McLeod Professorship in Family Law**

It was moved by M-A. Andrusyszyn, seconded by S. Usprich,

That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors, through the Vice-Chancellor, that the James G. McLeod Professorship in Family Law, detailed in Exhibit IV, be created in the Faculty of Law.

CARRIED

S.07-208 **ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNICATIONS** [Exhibit V]

Announcements & Communications detailed in Exhibit V were received for information.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

P. Davenport
Chair

I. Birrell
Secretary

President's Report to Senate

- Globe and Mail University Report Card 2007
- Faculty and Staff Award Nominations

Paul Davenport
October 26, 2007

Globe and Mail University Report Card Feature Story: How Western Stays on Top

"In each annual University Report Card survey, this is the one large university that consistently earns top marks from its students for combining a great campus life with a top-tier education"

In the "large universities" Group, Western is #1 in 13 of 19 categories

- Most Satisfied Students
- Quality of Education
- Quality of Teaching
- Quality of Technology
- Campus Atmosphere
- Course Variety and Availability

Western #1

- Libraries
- Buildings and Facilities
- Students Services
- Extracurricular Activities
- Food Service
- Student Residences
- Career Preparation (tied for first)

Western Tied for Second Place

- Academic Reputation
- Student - Faculty Interaction
- Recreation and Athletics
- Campus Pubs and Bars

Western Tied for Third Place

- Ease of Course Registration
- Class Size

No score lower than third place

Faculty Award Nominations

- Distinguished University Professors
- Faculty Scholars

Nominations through Deans' Offices -due
January 31, 2008

Staff Award Nominations

- 2008 Western Award of Excellence
- For exceptional contributions by individual staff members or work teams

Nominations due November 22, 2007

www.uwo.ca/pvp/recognition/nominations.htm