



The UNIVERSITY of WESTERN ONTARIO

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

December 7, 2007

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

SENATORS: 64

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| M. Adamson | T. Fulton | R. Lumpkin |
| M.A. Andrusyszyn | A. Gajaria | B. MacLachlan |
| Z. Armstrong | J. Garnett | R. Macmillan |
| T. Baerg | C. Gibson | P. Mahon |
| A. Barnfield | R. Hall | L. McKechnie |
| A. Beach | R. Harris | K. McRae |
| C. Beynon | E. Heersink | M. Milde |
| I. Birrell | T. Hewitt | L. Miller |
| T. Carmichael | I. Holloway | K. Okruhlik |
| A. Chan | B. Hovius | J. O'Sullivan |
| J. Corrigan | M. Johnson | S. Schaffer |
| R. Coulter | R. Keirstead | S. Spaulding |
| O. Daniel | A.J. Khattana | D. Spencer |
| P. Davenport | G. Killan | R. Stainton |
| B. Diemert | B. Kraatz | M. Steele |
| P. Doyle | G. Kulczycki | T. Topic |
| C. Dunbar | R. Kulperger | J. Toswell |
| D. Dutrizac | S. Lecce | M. Usselman |
| N. Ecclestone | W. Lehmann | J. Weese |
| H. El Naggar | F. Longstaffe | M-A. Wilkinson |
| J. Etherington | H. Luckman | B. Wood |
| | | P. Yu |

Observers: J. Doerksen, L. Gribbon, D. Jameson, A. Weedon

By Invitation: B. Forester, B. Millman, J. White

S.07-230 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting of November 16, 2007 were approved as circulated.

S.07-231 **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

The President reported on five-year, full-time enrolment trends of the constituent university and visits to Israel and Rwanda. Overhead slides used to highlight his presentation are attached as **Appendix 1**.

REPORT OF THE OPERATIONS/AGENDA COMMITTEE [Exhibit I]

S.07-232 **Nominating Committee Membership**

K. Danlychuk (HS) was elected to serve as an Alternate on the Nominating Committee (term to June 30, 2008).

S.07-233 **Senate Meeting Schedule for 2009**

It was moved by T. Carmichael, seconded by R. Keirstead,

That the following Senate meeting dates be approved for 2009, with all meetings being on Fridays at 1:30 p.m.:

January 23
February 27
March 20
April 17
May 15
June 19
September 25
October 16
November 13
December 11

CARRIED

S.07-234 **Report of the Convocation Board**

The Report of the Convocation Board containing statistics on the number of graduates in 2007 Spring and Autumn Convocations, detailed in Exhibit I, Appendix 1a and 1b, respectively, was received for information.

S.07-235 **2008 Convocation Dates**

The 2008 Convocation dates are:

In Absentia Convocation (no ceremony held) - February 29
Hong Kong Convocation - Sunday, March 30
MBA Spring Convocation - Friday, May 9
MBA Autumn Convocation - date to be determined
Huron University College Theological Convocation - Thursday, May 8
Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry - MD Program - Friday, May 16
Western's 291st Convocation (Spring) - Monday to Friday, June 9 - 13
Western's 292nd Convocation (Autumn) - Thursday afternoon and Friday, October 23, 24

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

S.07-236 **Faculty of Social Science, Huron and King's University Colleges: Major and Minor Modules in Jewish Studies**

It was moved by M. Milde, seconded by Z. Armstrong,

That effective September 1, 2008, a Major and a Minor in Jewish Studies, detailed in Exhibit II, item 1, be introduced in the Faculty of Social Science, Huron University College and King's University College.

CARRIED

S.07-237 **Faculty of Health Sciences: Withdrawal of the Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner Certificate Program**

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

That effective September 1, 2008, the Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner Certificate Program no longer be offered by Western's School of Nursing and, that effective October 31, 2010, the Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner Certificate Program be withdrawn by the Faculty of Health Sciences.

CARRIED

S.07-238 **Dean's Honor List and Ivey Scholar Eligibility for HBA Students** (S.05-89)

It was moved by M. Milde, seconded by R. Stainton,

That effective September 2007, eligibility for recognition on the Dean's Honor List be expanded from the current top 10% of the class to the top 25% of the class in the HBA program.

Asked to explain the rationale for this recommendation, Professor Milde stated that the proposal provides consistency in the determination of the Dean's Honor List between the HBA and the MBA programs. Professor Dunbar stated that maintaining a percentage, which is what occurs at many of the competitor schools, creates a single system which is meaningful for employers.

Professor Coulter asked if the Ivey Student Code of Professional Conduct articulates with Western's Student Code of Conduct. Professor Dunbar advised that the Ivey Code of Conduct includes sections of the UWO Code of Conduct in addition to items that are specific to Ivey. Dr. Harris added that Western's Student Code of Conduct would take precedence over the Ivey Student Code of Professional Conduct.

The question was called and CARRIED

S.07-239 **Policies Governing Athletic Financial Awards**

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

That Senate approve the Policies Governing Athletic Financial Awards (AFA), attached as Exhibit II, Appendix 1.

Asked why the commitment to equal dollar amounts for male and female athletes is deferred to 2009-2010, Dean Weese explained that the OUA established a window for the institution of gender equity recognizing that team development is in progress and to allow for the initiative to be phased in. Western is committed to the allocation of equal dollar amounts to men's and women's athletic teams in 2009-10.

An amendment, duly moved and seconded, to include "OUA" in the eligibility policy governing athletic financial awards, was carried.

Responding to a question about the extra workload generated for the coaches given that the process includes the submission of written recommendations/assessments, Dean Weese explained that the forms the coaches are required to submit are not lengthy and since the coaches know their athletes, the task is not expected to be unduly onerous. He added that the process will be monitored.

The question was called and CARRIED

S.07-240 **Structure of the Academic Year**

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

That "Conference Week" be renamed "Reading Week" and that, starting in the 2008-2009 academic year, the Guidelines for the Structure of the Academic Year be revised to schedule it to commence the third Monday in February.

CARRIED

S.07-241 **Undergraduate Sessional Dates**

It was moved by M. Milde, seconded by M.A. Andrusyszyn,

That Senate approve the undergraduate sessional dates for 2009, and the sessional dates in Dentistry, Education, Law and Medicine for 2008-2009, as outlined in Exhibit II, Appendix 2.

CARRIED

S.07-242 **Medical Excuse Slips - Student Absences Due to Illness**

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

That the Policy on Medical Excuse Slips, detailed in Exhibit II, item 7, be revised to state that the Dean's Office is responsible for receipt, evaluation and storage of medical certificates for verification of absence for the reasons of illness.

CARRIED

S.07-243 **New Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries**

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

Jacob Family International Study Award (Any Undergraduate Faculty)
Hill-Ivey HBA Scholarships (Richard Ivey School of Business)

S.07-244 **2007 Annual Report on Scholastic Offences**

Senate received for information the 2007 Annual Report on Scholastic Offences, covering the period from July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007, detailed in Exhibit II, Appendix 3.

S.07-245 **Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry – Doctor of Medicine (MD) Program**

Senate was informed that:

- 1) The Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry will expand the current MD program to include a four-year MD program in Windsor offered in collaboration with the University of Windsor, effective September 2008.
- 2) The Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry will discontinue the Rural Summer Studentship program, effective January 2008.
- 3) The Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry will advertise research opportunities currently available to MD students in the academic calendar, effective January 2008.

Senators raised questions regarding the entry on Selection Criteria for admission and asked that the Chair of SCAPA investigate whether the academic marks referred to which will be used to formulate the grade point average were to be “the last two undergraduate years” or “the best two undergraduate years”.

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

S.07-246 **Don Wright Faculty of Music – Proposed Departmental Merger**

It was moved by M.A. Andrusyszyn, seconded by R. Wood,

That Senate approve the merger of the current Departments of Music History and Music Theory and Composition and, that as a consequence, those departments should be disbanded, and a single new department, to be named the Department of Music Research and Composition, be formed, effective July 1, 2008, as detailed in Exhibit III, item 1.

Asked whether or not, under the UWO Act, this merger requires Board approval, the Secretary agreed to investigate.

The question was called and CARRIED.

[Secretarial Note: Following the meeting the Secretary determined that the merger of the two departments does require Board approval and the recommendation will be taken to the January 24th meeting of the Board.]

S.07-247 **2007-08 Enrolment Update**

Senate received for information the 2007-08 Enrolment Update detailed in Exhibit III, Appendix 1.

S.07-248 **Report on Entering Averages and First-Year Grades**

Senate received for information the Report on Entering Averages and First-Year Grades, detailed in Exhibit III, Appendix 2.

S.07-249 **2006-07 Survey on Student Finances**

Senate received for information the 2006-07 Survey on Student Finances.

S.07-250 **Graduate Enrolment Update**

Dr. Longstaffe provided an update on graduate enrolment. Overhead slides used to highlight his presentation are attached as [Appendix 2](#).

Asked how Western compares to other universities in setting and achieving the government's graduate expansion allocations, Dr. Longstaffe stated that there are a number of universities that received very small allocations and are over their targets. Western has done well in achieving its graduate expansion allocation because it put forward goals based on internal university planning. The government has informally given universities until this time next year to achieve their allocations. Western's position regarding unused system capacity is that it should be redistributed to other universities that have exceeded their targets and not be directed to undergraduate enrolment.

With respect to the current shortfall situation regarding the PhD allocation, Dr. Longstaffe remarked that Western would continue its recruitment efforts to ensure success. The increase in the number of Masters students would have an impact as a number of them continue on to PhD programs.

Asked if the government might consider five years of funding for PhD students rather than the current four years, Dr. Longstaffe stated that this issue has been put to the government for consideration but he did not think it likely that there would be a change at this time. Dr. Weedon explained that the government does fund institutions for five years for Masters students who transfer to a doctoral programs.

S.07-251 **ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNICATIONS** [Exhibit IV]

Announcements & Communications, detailed in Exhibit IV, were received for information.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

P. Davenport
Chair

I. Birrell
Secretary

President's Report to Senate

- Full-Time Enrolment: Five-Year Trends, Constituent University
- Visits to Israel and Rwanda

Paul Davenport
December 7, 2007

Full-Time Enrolment

Five-Year Trends, Constituent University

| | 2002-03 | 2007-08 | % Change |
|-------------------|---------|---------|----------|
| Year 1 | 4,491 | 4,412 | -1.8% |
| Undergraduate | 18,808 | 19,940 | 6.0% |
| Master's | 2,415 | 2,547 | 5.5% |
| Master's exc. MBA | 1,468 | 2,115 | 44.1% |
| PhD | 909 | 1,516 | 66.8% |
| Total* | 22,730 | 24,745 | 10.9% |

* includes concurrent programs and medical residents

Visit to Israel

- Haim Rabinovitch, Rector, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
 - student exchanges & research collaborations
- Jon Allen, (LLB 76) Canadian Ambassador to Israel
 - research and economic collaborative opportunities
- Zvi Galil, President, Tel Aviv University
 - student exchanges & research collaborations

Visit to Israel

- Yitzach Apeloig, President of Technion University and Menacham Kafory, Dean of Schulich Faculty of Chemistry
 - a sister-Schulich School
 - world-class science and technology transfer
- Efi Stenzler, World Chair, Jewish National Fund
 - environmental and agricultural research

Visit to Rwanda

- Paul Davenport
- Ted Hewitt
- Franco Berruti
- Carol Herbert
- Julie McMullin
- David Wardlaw
- Jeff Tennant
- David Chechetto

Visit to Rwanda

- National University of Rwanda
 - Silas Lwakabamba, Rector
 - Martin O'Hara, Vice-Rector
 - Deans of NUR Faculties
- Jeanne D'Arc Mujawamariya, Minister of Education for Universities
 - Review of NUR Medical School and collaboration opportunities

Visit to Rwanda

- His Excellency Paul Kagame, President of Rwanda
 - Minister Mujawamariya, Education
 - Minister Murenzi, Science & Technology
 - Minister Nyaruhirira, Minister of State for Combating AIDS and other Epidemics
- Entire Western delegation met with the President
 - Full discussion of projects and future directions: medical education, information technology, environment and water, renewable energy and bio fuels, conflict management, gender studies
- Ted Hewitt will report to SCUP on current and future Rwandan initiatives.

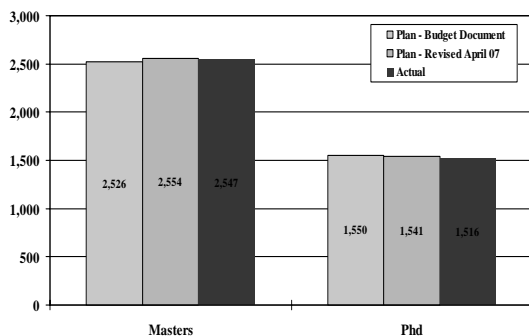
Update on Graduate Expansion at Western

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Status within Western

- As an outcome of the Fall 2006 planning process, the Faculties provided graduate enrolment plans for the 4-year planning period -- 2007-08 to 2010-11
- Over the past year, the Faculties and Departments -- with support from FGS, Registrar's, and IPB -- put in an extraordinary effort in graduate student recruitment
- Resources Provided for Graduate Expansion
 - ECF and GEF continue
 - GEF+ introduced
 - UPIF
 - One-time Funding for Recruitment-related Activities

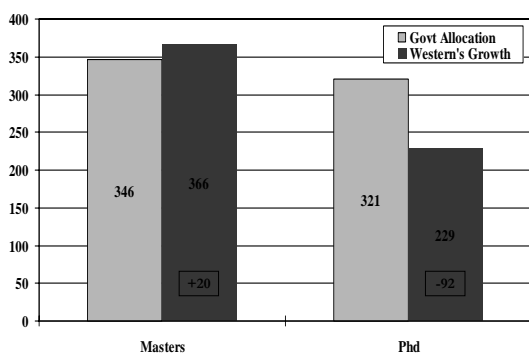
Fall 2007 Full-Time Graduate Enrolments at the Constituent University Canadian + International



Status Relative to Government Capacity Allocation

- Government funds only Canadian students -- and only those who are within the "govt grant funding eligibility time period"
 - 2 years for Masters and 4 years for PhD
- Universities negotiated Graduate Expansion Allocations -- over the 2004-05 level
 - Western's Growth Allocation = 346 for Masters and 321 for PhD
 - We have until 2008-09 to reach the Allocations
 - Our allocation includes Affiliated University Colleges

Fall 2007: Western's Graduate Enrolment Growth and Government Growth Allocations -- including Affiliates



2008-09 and Beyond

- Faculties are updating their Graduate Enrolment Plans as part of the current planning cycle
- Current Plans -- if achieved -- will ensure that we meet the PhD allocation in 2008-09
 - We must continue with the same level of recruitment effort as this past year
- Government has begun preliminary discussions regarding 2009-10 and beyond
 - 2,000 additional spaces available for allocation
 - Current planning cycle will guide Western's aspirations