



The UNIVERSITY of WESTERN ONTARIO

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

March 20, 2009

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

SENATORS: 69

I. Ajiferuke	T. Garrard	D. Pennee
A. Barnfield	R. Graham	R. Rajakumar
J. Barron	C. Hanycz	S. Ray
D. Bartlett	E. Heersink	M. Reid
A. Beach	C. Herbert	S. Schaffer
J. Berge	T. Hewitt	S. Sims
I. Birrell	I. Holloway	R. Stainton
B. Blumer	B. Hovius	C. Stephenson
S. Brennan	M. Hyland	A. Suksi
C. Busch	B. Johnson	R. Telfer
N. Caldwell	M. Johnson	B. Timney
S. Camiletti	M. Jones	M. Tithecott
T. Carmichael	S. Lofts	J. Toswell
A. Chan	F. Longstaffe	M. Usselman
A. Chant	H. Luckman	R. Van Gaalen
J. Corrigan	R. Lumpkin	H. Vander Laan
R. Coulter	S. Macfie	K. Veblen
P. Davenport	B. MacLachlan	D. Wardlaw
C. Dunbar	R. Macmillan	J. Weese
W. Dunn	A. Mandich	J. White
J. Etherington	P. McKenzie	C. Wilkins
C. Farber	L. Miller	B. Wood
K. Galil	M. Naish	T. Yurkewich

Observers: M. Carroll, J. Cole, L. Gribbon, D. Jameson, R. Lipson, C. Ross, G. Tigert

By Invitation: M. Broadfoot, H. Connell, M. Milde, J. O'Brien

S.09-53 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting of February 27 were approved as circulated.

S.09-54 **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

The President's report consisted of the following items: Student Recreation Centre Opening, McIntosh Gallery Exhibition Opening, Aboriginal Policy Research Conference, March Break Open House and WORLDdiscoveries, Roberts and MaRS. Overhead slides used to highlight his presentation are attached as [Appendix 1](#).

REPORT OF THE OPERATIONS/AGENDA COMMITTEE [Exhibit I]

S.09-55 **Notice of Motion re Student Financial Aid Awareness Study Group**

At the February 20th, meeting of Senate, a Notice of Motion was put forward by the student senators regarding the creation of a Student Financial Aid Awareness Study Group.

On March 10th, the student Senators met with the Associate Vice-President (Academic Programs and Students) [Registrar] and some of the staff of the Registrar's Office and the Secretary of Senate. They agreed that it would be helpful to establish a small working group, comprised of the Associate Registrar and his staff and undergraduate student representatives (including representatives from the University Students' Council and from the Senate student caucus), with a view to finding ways of communicating better with students about the financial aid available to them.

Students and the administration have agreed to move forward on establishing a working group and Senate consideration of the Notice of Motion is therefore not required.

S.09-56 **Senate Meetings**

Senators were reminded that they should highlight their name on the sign-in sheet when they pick up their nametags from the table at the west door and that it would be helpful if Senators continue the tradition of raising their nametags to be recognized during the meeting.

Voting Senators were reminded to sit in the centre section and in the sections to the right of the stage, when seated facing the stage. There is no guarantee that senators' attendance can be noted if they are seated in either the observer/press section or in the gallery section at the rear of the room. It is also more difficult to count votes when individuals are sitting outside the members' section.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE [Exhibit II]

S.09-57 **Review Committee for the University Libraries**

The following were elected to the Review Committee for the University Libraries:
P. McKenzie, R. Semmens, R. Stooke, and M. Griffis.

S.09-58 **University Research Board**

A. MacEachern was elected to membership on the University Research Board to complete the term of M. Valvano, who has resigned (term to June 30, 2009).

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

S.09-59 **School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: MEng, MSc, and PhD Programs in Chemical and Biochemical Engineering, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Mechanical and Materials Engineering, and Civil and Environmental Engineering**

It was moved by R. Stainton, seconded by D. Pennee,

That Senate approve that, pending full OCGS approval, new MEng, MSc and PhD Programs in Chemical and Biochemical Engineering, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Mechanical and Materials Engineering, and Civil and Environmental Engineering, be established in September 2009; and, that the existing MEng, MSc, and PhD program in Engineering Science be discontinued, effective May 1, 2016 or on the date of graduation of the last student registered in the Engineering Science graduate program.

CARRIED

S.09-60 **School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: PhD in Women's Studies and Feminist Research**

It was moved by D. Pennee, seconded by C. Herbert,

That effective September 1, 2009, a PhD in Women's Studies and Feminist Research, detailed in Exhibit III, item 2, be introduced by the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, pending final approval by OCGS.

CARRIED

S.09-61 **School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: Reorientation of the Program Requirements for the Master of Nursing/Nurse Practitioner (MN/NP) Degree Program and Change of Name to the Master of Nursing (MN) Degree Program**

It was moved by J. Weese, seconded by C. Herbert,

That effective May 1, 2009, the Master of Nursing/Nurse Practitioner (MN/NP) program and degree be renamed the Master of Nursing (MN), that the program be re-oriented to a more general focus on advanced practice, and that the degree requirements be adjusted to reflect this change as outlined in Exhibit III, item 3.

CARRIED

S.09-62 **Faculty of Health Sciences: Reinstatement of the Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner Certificate Program**

It was moved by J. Weese, seconded by S. Camiletti,

That effective May 1, 2009, the Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner (PHCNP) Certificate Program be reinstated as an undergraduate certificate in the Faculty of Health Sciences.

CARRIED

S.09-63 **Faculty of Arts and Humanities: Introduction of a Minor in Writing Studies**

It was moved by N. Caldwell, seconded by A. Beach,

That effective September 1, 2009, a Minor in Writing Studies, detailed in Exhibit III, item 5, be introduced in the Faculty of Arts and Humanities.

CARRIED

S.09-64 **Faculty of Science: Introduction of a Minor in the Physics of Materials and a Minor in Advanced Physics**

S.09-64a **Introduction of a Minor in the Physics of Materials**

It was moved by B. Timney, seconded by D. Pennee,

That effective September 1, 2008, a Minor in the Physics of Materials, detailed in Exhibit III, item 6a, be introduced in the Faculty of Science.

CARRIED

S.09-64b **Introduction of a Minor in Advanced Physics**

It was moved by A. Chant, seconded by R. Graham,

That effective September 1, 2008, a Minor in Advanced Physics, detailed in Exhibit III, item 6b, be introduced in the Faculty of Science.

CARRIED

S.09-65 **Faculty of Social Science: Withdrawal of the Major in Population Studies**

It was moved by S. Schaffer, seconded by S. Camiletti,

That effective September 1, 2009, admission to the Major in Population Studies be discontinued for new students, and that the module be withdrawn from the Faculty of Social Science effective September 1, 2012.

CARRIED

S.09-66 **Richard Ivey School of Business: Admission to the HBA Program for Advanced Entry Opportunity (AEO) Students**

It was moved by C. Stephenson, seconded by N. Caldwell,

That effective September 1, 2009, the Steps for Admission to HBA for AEO students be updated to reflect minor changes in messaging (shown in bold italics in Exhibit III, item 8), and,

that any AEO references to the Academic Excellence Opportunity [formerly Academic Excellence Program (AEP)] be revised to Advanced Entry Opportunity.

CARRIED

S.09-67 **Policy on Eligibility for Western's Gold Medals**

It was moved by C. Stephenson, seconded by R. Wood,

That Senate approve that the number of gold medals to be awarded by the Richard Ivey School of Business be revised to two: one gold medal to the Honors Business Administration program and one gold medal to the HBA/Approved combined program, and,

That the policy on eligibility for Western's Gold Medals be amended to read as shown in Exhibit III, item 9, to bring it up to date.

CARRIED

S.09-68 **New Scholarships and Awards**

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 President & Vice-Chancellor:

Society of Graduate Students' OTSS Bursaries (School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies)
Society of Graduate Students' Bursaries (School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies)
Dr. Bryan Smith Award in Graduate Orthodontics (School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, Graduate Orthodontics)

S.09-69 **Faculty of Law: Revision to the Electives for the JD/MBA Combined Program; Impact of Approval of the JD on Combined Program Offerings**

S.09-69a **Revision to the Electives for the JD/MBA Combined Program**

Senate was advised that effective September 1, 2008, the number of MBA elective courses required in the JD/MBA combined program will be reduced as detailed in Exhibit III, item 11a.

S.09-69b Impact of Approval of the JD on Combined Program Offerings and the Extended-Time Program

On October 17, 2008, Senate approved the change in degree title from Bachelor of Laws (LLB) to Juris Doctor (JD). In particular, Senate approved:

- 1) that effective September 1, 2009, admission to the LLB program be discontinued and students be admitted to the JD program,
- 2) that students enrolled in the LLB program prior to September 1, 2009 be permitted, upon request to the Registrar's Office, to continue in the LLB program with the understanding that they must complete the requirements for that degree prior to September 2011,
- 3) that effective October 2011, the LLB program be withdrawn and all registration discontinued, and,
- 4) that all previous graduates of the LLB program be permitted to exchange their LLB diploma for a JD diploma, upon payment of an administrative fee for the replacement diploma.

In response to a question raised regarding the impact the change in degree title would have on students in combined programs which may take six years to complete, Dean Holloway had said that the intent of the proposal was that those students in joint programs with the LLB name would be permitted to complete the combined program with that title if they wished. Asked whether the withdrawal date of 2011 still applied, he agreed to take this under advisement and report back.

Exhibit III, item 11b, showed that there would be no impact on students currently enrolled in combined programs who meet the progression standards of their respective programs. Students who fail to meet progression standards would be required to withdraw from the combined program and the three students currently enrolled in the Extended Time program had all agreed to move to the JD.

REPORT OF THE HONORARY DEGREES COMMITTEE [Exhibit IV]

S.09-70 **Honorary Degree Recipient - Western's Hong Kong Convocation**

Senate was advised that Victor Tzar-Kuoi Li will be honored by conferment of an honorary Doctor of Laws degree at Western's Hong Kong Convocation scheduled to be held on Sunday, May 24, 2009.

Professor Carroll asked whether the Committee had investigated the candidate's background. His own brief research had raised questions in his mind given allegations raised by a human rights organization in Britain about the conduct in Burma of one of the companies for which Mr. Li was Deputy Chairman.

Dr. Davenport noted the allegations raised by Professor Carroll were not before the Honorary Degrees Committee. The nomination of Mr. Li had been supported by a number of individuals who spoke to his business leadership and philanthropy. Dean Stephenson added that Mr. Li is a respected businessman, leader, public servant and international philanthropist. The businesses he controls which deal in infrastructure, energy, transportation and medicine affect the lives of millions of people on a daily basis.

Discussion then focused on the processes by which the honorary degree candidates were selected. Dr. Davenport explained that, many years ago, Senate had delegated its authority to determine the annual list of recipients to the Honorary Degrees Committee. Given that delegation, once the Committee had determined that a degree should be conferred, the decision was taken and could not be rescinded. That autonomy had, in fact, been a key factor in the discussions with respect to the degree conferral on Dr. Morgentaler in 2005.

The Committee considered nominations submitted to it and, in addition to considering the individual merits of candidates, tried to bring forward a list each year that considered gender balance, breadth of disciplines, and a variety of field of endeavour. Looked at over time, he believed the system resulted in a greater variety of honorees than might otherwise be achieved.

Professor Coulter, a former member of the Committee, remarked that the decisions of the Committee were greatly dependent on who was at the table in any given year. She suggested that it might be helpful to review the Committee's terms of reference, guidelines and criteria and noted that she was prepared to make a motion to that effect. Senate accepted the following Notice of Motion which would be referred to the Operations/Agenda Committee.

That Senate strike a committee to conduct a review of the terms of reference, guidelines and criteria of the Honorary Degrees Committee.

S.09-71 **ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNICATIONS** [Exhibit V]

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

S.09-72 **REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC COLLEAGUE** [Exhibit VI]

The Report of the Academic Colleague, detailed in Exhibit VI, was received for information.

ENQUIRIES & NEW BUSINESS

S.09-73 **Budget Update**

Dr. Longstaffe provided an update on the budget:

- about 40 staff members have applied for the voluntary retirement incentive; the university will review the applications and employees will be notified whether the application has been accepted or declined before the end of the month
- the modified phased retirement option for faculty members is open until the end of March; the deans are working with faculty who have indicated some interest in taking the retirement options
- the Provincial budget will be announced on March 26; however it is not expected that the budget will contain anything that will help with the operating budget pressures
- the University continues to examine the operating budget for areas, specifically non-salary items, where spending can be reduced
- a second town hall meeting to discuss the University budget will be held on Monday, March 30 from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. in Room 1R40, Richard Ivey School of Business

Responding to a question about the format of the Town Hall meeting, Dr. Davenport confirmed that it will be conducted in the same manner as the previous meeting.

Asked if the suggestions arising from the first Town Hall meeting will be submitted to the Board, Dr. Davenport replied that he will do so at the March 24th meeting of the Property & Finance Committee, including the suggestion that the \$2.5 million operating reserve policy be reviewed.

Professor Coulter asked whether the University has a quota on the intake of international graduate students imposed for financial reasons. Dr. Longstaffe stated that incremental funding from the government is directed only toward domestic graduate students and that there is a cost rather than an incentive to recruit international students at the graduate level. Nevertheless, he indicated that current percentages of graduate enrolment are roughly 25% at the doctoral level and just under 10% at the masters level, consistent with aspirations set out in the Strategic Plan. Dr. Miller added that there are no quotas regarding recruitment of graduate students but reiterated that provincial funds associated with graduate expansion are not available for international students. Some central support is provided through SGPS, but individual Faculties must balance their priorities with their resources. Dr. Davenport further commented that Western has made a conscious decision to keep international graduate students within the ECF funding envelope and that universities have consistently pushed the provincial government to broaden its policies and the federal government to provide additional scholarships for international graduate students.

S.09-74 **Observer Status**

Mr. Chant asked why UWOSA's request that their President be granted Senate Observer status was denied. Dean Carmichael replied that the Operations/Agenda Committee was guided by the areas of responsibility of Senate, by the discussion of Senate's composition in the 1996 Report and Recommendations of the Joint Senate/Board Committee to Review the UWO Act, by Senate By-Laws

and by the logic governing the distribution of current Observerships on Senate. The majority of Senate membership is designed to ensure that the primary focus of Senate is the academic mission of the University. Observerships assigned are confined to those constituencies that are wholly defined by their direct and complete participation in the specific areas of responsibility that make up Senate's proper business: academic policies, regulations, and plans with respect to academic programs and research across the University. The Operations/Agenda Committee noted that current Senate membership provides for participation of the administrative staff who are elected to Senate.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

P. Davenport
Chair

I. Birrell
Secretary

The University of Western Ontario

President's Report to Senate

- Student Recreation Centre Opening
- McIntosh Gallery Exhibition Opening
- Aboriginal Policy Research Conference
- March Break Open House
- WORLDiscoveries and Robarts at MaRS

Dr. Paul Davenport
March 20, 2009



The University of Western Ontario

Opening: Western Student Recreation Centre, March 5

- Ryan Dunn, USC President 2005
- Stephen Lecce, USC President 2009
- Student support for Centre through Annual Fee instituted in 2006
- University contribution: \$10 Million
- Outstanding Facility: fitness centre, five gyms, 50-metre pool, meeting & conference space



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McIntosh Gallery, March 6

- Unveiling of "In Tune with the Infinite" – serigraph by Daphne Odjig (hon. LLD, Spring 2008)
- Exhibition: "Pictures That Speak" by David Kanatawakhon – Maracle – pictographic representations of Native languages
- Exhibition: "Through My Eyes" –works by Indigenous students depicting their experiences at Western



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Aboriginal Policy Research Conference, Ottawa March 9

- Western, National Association of Friendship Centres, and Indian and Northern Affairs Canada joint sponsors
- Jerry White, (Western), Peter Dinsdale (NAFC) and Dan Beavon (INAC) co-chairs.
- Elders Dan and Mary Lou Smoke
- International Scope: UN, Russian, Asian Delegates



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March Break Open House, March 14

- 6027 guests registered – 92% increase over last year's registrations of 3140 and largest attendance ever.
- A beautiful sunny day
- Dr. Davenport welcomed students and families at first-entry faculties
- bus and walking tours of campus



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March Break Open House, March 14


- mini-lectures, demonstrations, displays, student panels, faculty tours, environmental fair, and drop-in centers
- Western Student Recreation Centre tours
- residence tours and meals
- 28 support units participated
- approximately 917 volunteers (162 faculty, 292 staff, 463 students)



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March Break Open House, March 14


Faculty/Support Units	Students	Staff	Faculty
Arts and Humanities	28	4	32
Engineering	55	8	18
FIMS	21	4	3
Health Sciences	33	12	14
Music	14	3	2
Social Science	50	24	33
Science	76	21	48
Second-Entry Schools	20	12	8
Registrarial Services	76	32	
Hospitality Services		98	
Housing	76	6	
Other ancillaries		68	
Total	463	292	162



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MaRS Discovery District Innovation Centre, Toronto March 17

- Introduction of Dr. John MacDonald as Scientific Director of the Robarts Research Institute
- Ms. Michele Noble, Ted Hewitt, Victor Han, Ravi Menon, Aaron Fenster from Western
- Business and government leaders: George Ross, Cal Stiller, Bob Luba, Lou Siminovitch, Ilse Treurnicht, and others.



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MaRS Discovery District Innovation Centre, Toronto March 17

- WORLDdiscoveries opens office at MaRS
 - Western / Robarts / Lawson joint business development consortium
- To stimulate innovation by linking science and technology with business and capital – network for success

