



The UNIVERSITY of WESTERN ONTARIO

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

October 16, 2009

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

SENATORS: 67

A. Barnfield	J. Etherington	P. McKenzie
J. Barron	C. Farber	L. Miller
D. Bartlett	J. Gautier	M. Naish
J. Berge	C. Gibson	R. Park
I. Birrell	C. Gobert	D. Pennee
B. Blumer	R. Graham	J. Plug
S. Brennan	S. Greenberg	J. Polgar
C. Burns	T. Hewitt	P. Searle
N. Caldwell	I. Holloway	D. Shrubsole
T. Carmichael	M. Houde	S. Sims
A. Chakma	B. Hovius	S. Spaulding
A. Chan	A. Hrymak	R. Stainton
A. Chant	M. Hyland	D. Sylvester
H. Connell	J.Y. Jiang	B. Timney
J. Corrigan	B. Johnson	M. Tithecott
R. Coulter	M. Jones	J. Toswell
W. Danaher	M. Kehler	D. Ulbrych
J. Doerksen	G. Kopp	M. Van Gaalen
P. Doyle	G. Kulczycki	D. Wardlaw
C. Dunbar	F. Longstaffe	J. White
W. Dunn	S. Macfie	C. Wilkins
C. Ellis	R. Macmillan	R. Young
		P. Yu

Observers: A. Beach, M. Blagrove, R. Darnell, L. Gribbon, D. Jameson, G. Tigert

S.09-194 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting of September 25, 2009, were approved as circulated.

BUSINESS ARISING

S.09-195 **Senate Observership - UWOSA** [S.098-178]

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

That the President of The University of Western Ontario Staff Association (UWOSA) or his/her designate, be added as an official observer on Senate.

Mr. Chant noted the following points in support of his proposal and in response to the arguments put forward by the Operations/Agenda Committee at the September meeting:

- Many UWOSA staff frequently work with students at all levels.
- It is highly unlikely that many other staff groups will wish to participate and lobby to have

- The roles of staff are not inconsistent with the responsibilities of Senate.
- Staff are not always able to leave their work stations to attend a Senate meeting as a member of the audience.
- Staff elected seats have rarely been won by UWOSA members.
- Granting UWOSA's request would give real meaning to the words in the Strategic Plan about the pivotal role played by staff.

Dean Carmichael reiterated the view of the Operations/Agenda Committee that the issue is the nature of the work of Senate, not one of exclusion. Those who currently have Observer status on Senate represent groups all of whose members have roles and responsibilities directly linked to the role of Senate which is to oversee and develop academic policies, regulations and programs.

Dr. Coulter remarked that staff, as part of the Western community, should have a voice on policies and procedures that will have an impact on their work. Further, some work closely with students and faculty in applying Senate's policies and can provide valuable input to Senate discussions on academic policy proposals and implementation. UWOSA is asking for Observership status, not voting status and is looking for a voice on issues that directly affect them.

Professor Stainton commented that staff already have a voice and representatives on Senate. Senate meetings are open to the public and the President of UWOSA could attend. Finally, there are mechanisms in place for non-Senators to be recognized at a Senate meeting to address a specific issue. This could be utilized by the President of UWOSA if there were a particular concern he/she wished to address.

The question was called and DEFEATED.

S.09-196 **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

The President's report consisted of the following items: the opening ceremonies for Western's Student Services Building, which included a sunrise ceremony performed by members of the First Nations; the opening ceremonies for the Institute for Chemicals and Fuels from Alternative Resources (ICFAR); recent rankings; issues on the local and campus scene, including the recent arrest in the Social Science Centre, the provincial scene, and the national scene. Overhead slides used to highlight his presentation are attached as [Appendix 1](#).

REPORT OF THE OPERATIONS/AGENDA COMMITTEE [Exhibit I]

S.09-197 **Senate Membership: Faculty of Science**

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

That the seat held by Bernie Kraatz (Chemistry), elected faculty representative on Senate for the Faculty of Science constituency, be declared vacant as a result of his resignation, and,

That Martin Houde (P&A) be elected to complete his term (to June 30, 2010).

CARRIED

S.09-198 **Candidates for Degrees - Autumn Convocation 2009**

On behalf of the Senate, the Provost approved the list of Candidates for Degrees and Diplomas upon the recommendation of the Registrar [S.96.124]. The list of Candidates approved by the Provost is appended to the Official Minutes of the October 16, 2009 meeting of Senate.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE [Exhibit II]

S.09-199 **Board of Governors**

Professor J. White, was re-elected by Senate to serve on the Board of Governors for a term November 15, 2009 - June 30, 2010.

Professor Coulter asked that a list of those elected by Senate to the Board over the last 10 years be provided for the next meeting.

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

S.09-200 **School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: Revisions to the MBA and Accelerated MBA Programs, and the JD/MBA Program**

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

That the one-year MBA program and Accelerated MBA program (AMBA) offered by the Richard Ivey School of Business be revised as outlined in Exhibit III, item 1, effective April 1, 2010; and,

That the JD/MBA combined program offered by the Faculty of Law and the Richard Ivey School of Business be revised as outlined in Exhibit III, item 1, effective April 1, 2010.

CARRIED

S.09-201 **Update Regarding Accommodation for Influenza-Like Illnesses**

Dr. Doerksen provided an update on the procedures that have been implemented for the accommodation of influenza-like illnesses. Self-reporting systems have been established for students, faculty and staff. Students who contract H1N1 will be granted accommodations for academic assignments. The system is an honors system but will be monitored for abuse.

In answer to a question, Ms. Kulczycki confirmed that faculty and staff can be granted compassionate leave in order to care for family members who contract H1N1.

A member expressed concern about scheduling make up work for students who receive accommodation, given that the Senate rules prohibit academic assignments in the last week of classes. Dean Timney stated that SCAPA will review the regulations.

S.09-202 **Notice of Motion - Remembrance Day**

Following the September Senate meeting, a Notice of Motion regarding the suspension of classes, exams and evaluations on November 11th (Remembrance Day) each year from 10:30 – 11:20 was forwarded to SCAPA as a matter of course since SCAPA is responsible for consideration of matters affecting the academic calendar. SCAPA has decided to defer consideration of the Notice of Motion until the University community has been consulted on this issue.

The University will be reminded, for November 11, 2009, of the Senate policy to hold a two-minute silence between 11:00 a.m. and 12 noon.

S.09-203 **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:

Bill Teng Hong Kong Scholarship (Any Undergraduate Faculty)
Chorley & Bisset Ltd. Consulting Engineers Engineering Award (Faculty of Engineering)
Richard C. Seewald Entrance Scholarship in Audiology (School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies,
Communication Sciences and Disorders)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

A. Chakma
Chair

I. Birrell
Secretary

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President's Report Environmental Scan



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London Times Ranking


	Canada	World	Score
Harvard		1	100
McGill	1	18 (20) (12)	90.4
Toronto	2	29 (41) (45)	85.3
UBC	3	40 (34) (33)	81.2
Alberta	4	59 (74) (97)	75.4
Montreal	5	107 (91) (93)	66.2
Waterloo	6	113 (129) (112)	65.9
Queen's	7	118 (117) (88)	64.7
McMaster	8	143 (117) (108)	60.9
Calgary	9	149 (166)	60.4
Western	10	151 (159) (126)	60.3



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SIR Ranking 2009

	Output	CD	Int Col	Nor SJR	Nor Cit
Harvard	60559	16.37	32.89	1.14	2.38
Michigan	33994	11.05	26.7	1.06	1.94
Toronto	33286	9.94	41.92	1.06	1.71
UC Berkeley	27003	11.83	34.13	1.04	2.06
UBC	23295	9.2	46.1	1.04	1.68
McGill	18134	9.29	44.73	1.05	1.53
Alberta	17399	7.66	40.34	1.03	1.40
McMaster	13032	8.92	43.15	1.04	1.68
Calgary	11355	7.09	40.57	1.0	1.31
Western	11108	7.05	38.28	1.02	1.36
Montreal	10635	8.67	42.77	1.05	1.42
Ottawa	9519	6.67	35.12	1.0	1.41
Waterloo	8914	4.32	41.05	0.94	1.24
Queen's	8012	7.25	38.49	1.01	1.40



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National Scene


- G-13
 - Full Cost of Research,
 - Funding for graduate fellowships
 - Funding for Granting Councils
- Fed Dev to invest \$40 million.



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Provincial Scene


- Reaching Higher II
- GTA Enrollment Pressure.
- New Minister of Health.



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Local Scene

- City Council voted unanimously to accept LEDC recommendation to create a \$55 million economic development fund.



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Campus Scene

- A very successful Home Coming.
- Opening of MacKay-Claudette Lassonde Pavilion (Green Building) with Richard Dillon atrium.
- Launch of Make a Difference \$500 million campaign.

