



The UNIVERSITY of WESTERN ONTARIO

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

January 22, 2010

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

SENATORS: 73

I. Ajiferuke	S. Greenberg	M. Milde
A. Barnfield	A. Gupta	M. Naish
J. Barron	C. Hanycz	B. Neff
D. Bartlett	H. Hassan	D. Pennee
J. Berge	T. Hewitt	J. Polgar
I. Birrell	I. Holloway	R. Rajakumar
B. Blumer	M. Houde	P. Searle
C. Burns	B. Hovius	B. Sherar
N. Caldwell	A. Hrymak	D. Shrubsole
T. Carmichael	T. Jarman	S. Spaulding
A. Chakma	J.Y. Jiang	R. Stainton
A. Chant	M. Jones	C. Stephenson
H. Connell	E. Karakacili	A. Suksi
J. Corrigan	C. Keep	D. Sylvester
R. Coulter	M. Kehler	M. Tithecott
W. Danaher	G. Kopp	D. Ulbrych
J. Doerksen	G. Kulczycki	M. Van Gaalen
P. Doyle	F. Longstaffe	K. Veblen
C. Dunbar	H. Luckman	K. Wamsley
C. Ellis	S. Macfie	D. Wardlaw
J. Etherington	R. Macmillan	J. White
K. Galil	A. Mandich	C. Wilkins
J. Garnett	P. McKenzie	B. Wood
J. Gautier	J. McMullin	R. Young
		P. Yu

Observers: L. Gribbon, R. Lipson, G. Tigert, A. Weedon

By Invitation: M. Broadfoot, M. Workentin

S.10-01 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of December 11, 2009 were approved as circulated.

S.10-02 REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

The President reported on issues related to the international, national, provincial, and campus scenes, including the Summer Study Abroad Program launched with the University of Tours, France, budget consultation with Minister Flaherty, the Institute for Competitiveness Annual Report, the Canada-US Institute, the new Vice-President (External) and the increase in the Ontario Secondary School Applications for Western and the Affiliated University Colleges. Overhead slides used to highlight his presentation are attached as [Appendix 1](#).

REPORT OF THE OPERATIONS/AGENDA COMMITTEE [Exhibit I]

S.10-03 **Report of the ad hoc Subcommittee to Review the Committee for Honorary Degrees**

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

That Senate approve the proposed amendments to the honorary degrees guidelines and criteria, as outlined in Exhibit I, Appendix 1.

CARRIED

S.10-04 **Senate Review Board Academic (SRBA) Annual Report**

The Senate Review Board Academic (SRBA) Annual Report for the 2008-09 academic year.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE [Exhibit II]

S.10-05 **Distinguished University Professor Selection Committee**

R. Vernon (SS) was elected to the Distinguished University Professor Selection Committee to complete the term of T. Rajan who has resigned (term to June 30, 2011).

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

S.10-06 **Faculty of Science: Withdrawal of Biology Modules**

It was moved by D. Shrubsole, seconded by S. Macfie,

That effective September 1, 2010, admission to the following modules be discontinued in the Faculty of Science:

Honors Specialization in Animal Physiology
Honors Specialization in Cell and Developmental Biology
Honors Specialization in Comparative Physiology
Honors Specialization in Ecology and Evolution
Honors Specialization in Conservation Biology
Major in Conservation Biology

That students enrolled in the modules prior to September 1, 2010 be permitted to continue with the understanding that they must complete the requirements prior to September 2015.

That effective October 2015, the modules be withdrawn and all registration discontinued.

CARRIED

S.10-07 **Faculty of Engineering: Revised Admission Requirements**

It was moved by A. Hrymak, seconded by A.Chant,

That the admission requirements for Ontario high school students applying to the Engineering program for studies commencing in September 2011 be revised as set out in Exhibit III, item 2 to include Grade 12U Calculus and Vectors (MCV4U) as a requirement.

CARRIED

S.10-08 **Faculty of Law: Revised Grading Rules**

It was moved by I. Holloway, seconded by D. Shrubsole,

That effective September 1, 2010, the Grading Rules in the Faculty of Law be revised as set out in Exhibit III, item 3.

CARRIED

S.10-09 **Policy on Senior Course Requirements in an Honors Bachelor Degree - Double Major**

It was moved by A. Chant, seconded by D. Shrubsole,

That effective September 1, 2010, for students entering an Honors Double Major degree, the policy on Senior Course Requirements in the Graduation Regulations section of the Academic Calendar be revised as set out in Exhibit III, item 4.

CARRIED

S.10-10 **New Scholarships and Awards**

Senate received for information the terms of reference for the following new scholarships, awards, prizes and bursaries, for recommendation to the Board of Governors through the President & Vice-Chancellor:

William E. and Ruth Lardner Graduate Award (School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, Civil & Environmental Engineering)
Ronnen Harary Award (Any Undergraduate Faculty)
Henry Goldentuler Scholarship (Faculty of Law)
Dale and Marion Creighton Football Scholarships (Any Undergraduate, Graduate or Affiliated University College Student – Athletic Award [Football])
Ellen Tiedje Memorial Award (Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, Medicine)
Barbara Crook Journalism Entrance Scholarship (School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, Journalism)
Lionel Conacher Athletic Award (Any Undergraduate, Graduate or Affiliated University College Student - Athletic Award [Any Varsity Team])

S.10-11 **Update on the Notice of Motion regarding Remembrance Day** (S.09-193)

At the September 25, 2009 Senate meeting, a notice of motion regarding the observance of Remembrance Day was distributed at the meeting. The Chair of SCAPA agreed to take the notice of motion to SCAPA for consideration. SCAPA subsequently deferred consideration of this matter until further consultation could take place.

The Vice-Provost (Academic Programs and Students) [Registrar] advised SCAPA at its January 13 meeting that consultations have now been completed and a recommendation from the Associate Deans will be brought forward to the February SCAPA meeting.

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

S.10-12 **Fellowship for Teaching Innovation - Amendment to Terms**

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

That effective with the Spring 2010 competition, the terms of reference of the University of Western Ontario Fellowship in Teaching Innovation be amended so that part-time faculty are eligible to hold the Fellowship.

Asked about the conflict between the term of the appointment and the award, should a part-time faculty receive the Fellowship, Doerksen said that logistics in such cases would be worked out between the Fellow and the Dean.

The question was called and CARRIED.

S.10-13 **Revision to the Richard H. McLaren Professorship in Business Law**

It was moved by C. Dunbar, seconded by C. Stephenson,

That the terms for the Richard H. McLaren Professorship in Business Law in the Faculty of Law be revised as shown in Exhibit IV, item 2.

CARRIED

S.10-14 **Revised Policy on Academic Chairs, Professorships and Designated Faculty Fellowships**

It was moved by C. Dunbar, seconded by P. Doyle,

That MAPP 2.22, Funding of Academic Chairs and Professorships and MAPP 2.26, Funding of Designated Faculty Fellowships be rescinded and replaced with a new Policy 2.22, Policy on Academic Chairs, Professorships and Designated Faculty Fellowships.

Ms. C. Stinson explained that the new policy restates the funding levels based first on the required minimum endowment for academic positions so that the policy need not be changed every time there is a change in the payout on endowed funds, up or down. The new policy continues the principle of parity between the funds needed for a position on an expendable basis and what would be generated by an endowment.

The question was called and CARRIED.

S.10-15 **First-Year, First-Entry Undergraduate Enrolment for the Constituent University and Affiliated University Colleges**

It was moved by C. Dunbar, seconded by D. Wardlaw,

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 objective for 2010-11 is set at 4,350; in addition the University will aspire to recruit up to an additional 100 international students. The approximate program-specific objectives for 2010-11 are as described in Appendix 4.
2. For the Affiliated University Colleges, the targets for 2010-11 are:

Brescia	287 students
Huron	405 students
King's	915 students
3. The process for the Constituent University includes the following elements:
 - (a) The Provost is granted permission to alter the enrolment objective for 2010-11, following consultation with and approval from SUEPP, as might be appropriate given the particulars of a government funding announcement.
 - (b) Entrance requirements are to be set by the Provost to achieve the enrolment objective for 2010-11 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 80% in 2010-11 except where an audition 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 (Appendix 5) will be used for purposes of tuition revenue estimates in the University's budget projections.
4. The process for the Affiliated University College includes the following elements for 2010-11
- (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 by 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 University 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.

CARRIED

Senate received for information the following Implementation Notes for 2010-11 for the Constituent University

1. Given the experience of recent years, it is expected that minimum entrance requirements will continue to be above 80%.
2. Current Ontario high school students receiving offers from Ontario universities will be required to accept their offer by May 28th and pay various deposits (tuition, residence, etc) or lose their place.
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 February/March as soon as the first term or mid-year Grade 12 grades 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 February/March 2010 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 to avoid exceeding program capacity.
4. As indicated in the Senate resolution 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 and on the recommendation of the Principal of the school for demonstrated leadership ability.
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 are made.

6. A final round of offers, based on complete grade information, will be made in May 2010. 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.

S.10-16 **Graduate Enrolment Plans from the Faculties for 2010-11 to 2014-15**

Senate received for information the Graduate Enrolment Plans for the Faculties for 2010-11 to 2014-15, detailed in Appendix 6 (Tables 1-3).

S.10-17 **Report on Entering Averages and First-Year Grades**

A report on Entering Averages and First-Year Grades, detailed in Appendix 7, was received for information.

S.10-18 **REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC COLLEAGUE** [Exhibit V]

The report of the Academic Colleague, detailed in Exhibit V, was received for information.

S.10-19 **ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNICATIONS**

Announcements and Communications, detailed in Exhibit VI, were provided for information.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.


A. Chakma
Chair

I. Birrell
Secretary

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President's Report Environmental Scan


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International Scene


- Summer Study Abroad Program launched with the University of Tours with help from former President Paul Davenport.
- Students will receive credits for courses taken at Tours.
- A limited number of modest travel fellowships are available.



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National Scene

- Budget consultation with Minister Flaherty
 - Encouraged further investment in support of innovation.
 - Reiterated AUCC submission
 - Emphasized the need to bridge innovation gap
 - Suggested measures to make Canada attractive to international students
 - Urged accelerating of Fed-Dev funding.



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Fiscal Stimulus in G-7 Countries

Chart 1.11
Fiscal Stimulus Flowing in 2009 and 2010, G7 Countries

Country	Fiscal Stimulus (per cent of GDP)
Canada	4.2
Japan	4.1
United States	3.8
Germany	3.6
United Kingdom	1.6
France	1.5
Italy	0.4

Notes: IMF estimates exclude loans, including those to the auto sector, for all countries. Figure for Canada includes provincial/territorial stimulus in addition to that reported to the Economic Action Plan as estimated by the Department of Finance Canada.
Source: IMF, Update on Fiscal Stimulus and Financial Sector Measures, April 20, 2009, p. 5.

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Federal Budget Deficit

Chart 1.11
Federal Budgetary Deficit

Year	Federal Budgetary Deficit (billions of dollars)
2006-2009	5
2009-2010	55
2010-2011	45
2011-2012	28
2012-2013	20
2013-2014	12
2014-2015	5

Source: Department of Finance Canada, Update of Economic and Fiscal Projections, September 2009.

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R&D Investment in Higher Education

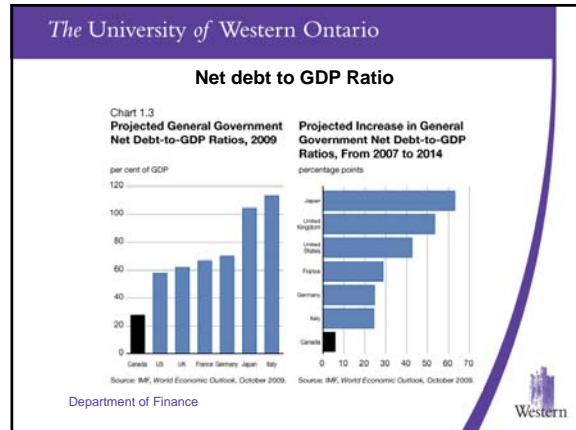
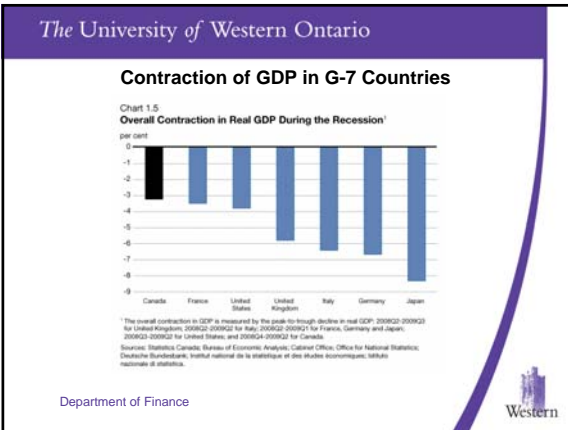
Chart 2.11
R&D Investment in the Higher Education Sector

Country	R&D Investment (per cent of GDP)
Canada	0.7
United Kingdom	0.45
Japan	0.45
Germany	0.4
France	0.4
United States	0.35
Italy	0.35

Note: Data are for 2007, which is the latest year for which they are available for all G7 countries, except Italy (2006).
Source: Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

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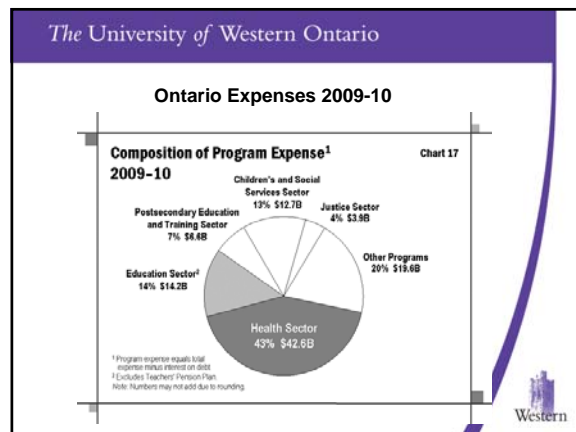
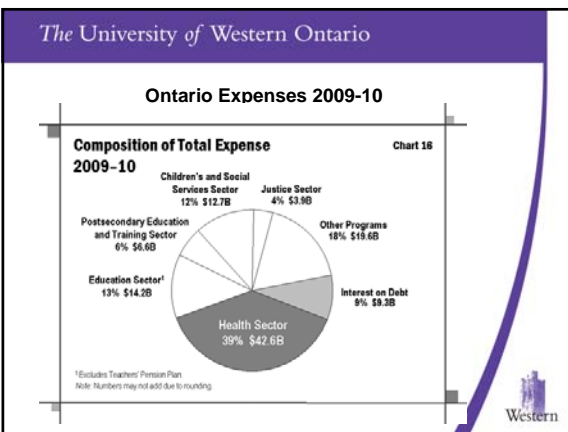
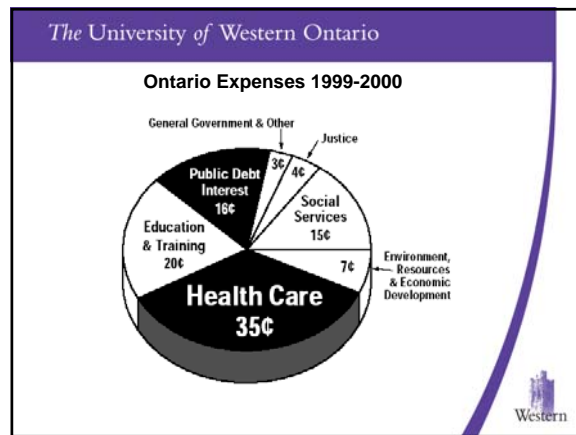


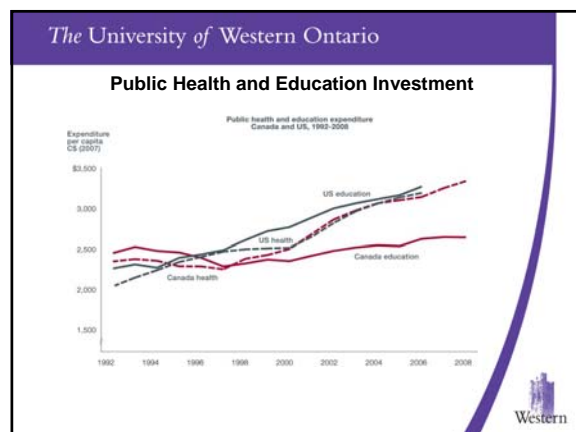
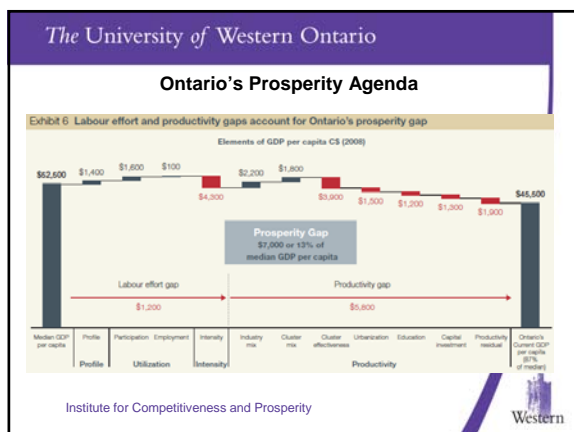
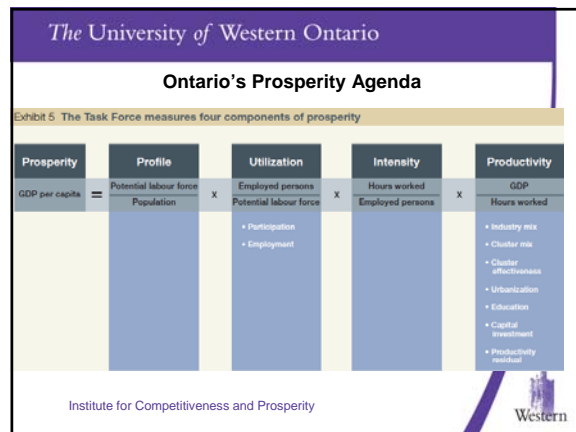
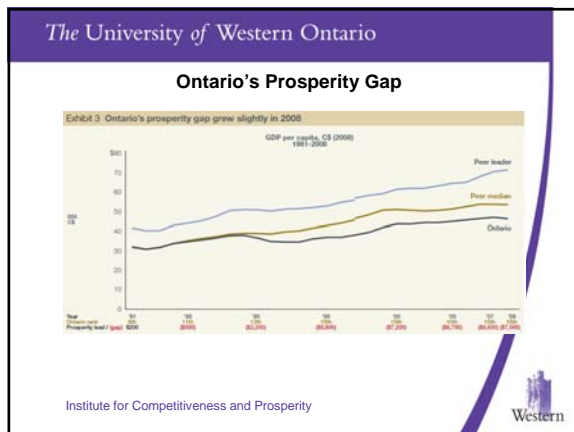
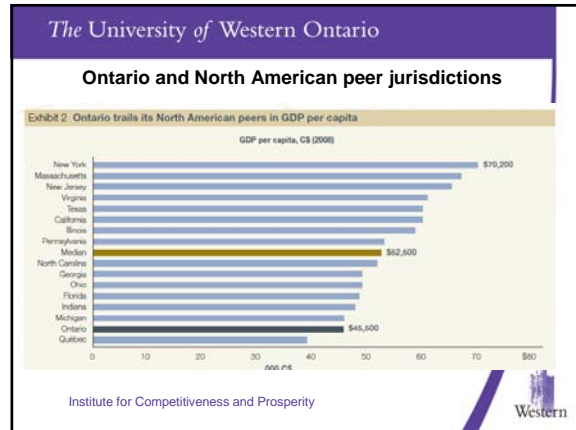
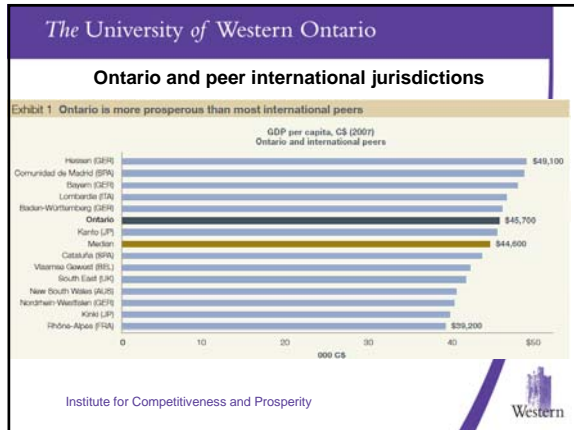


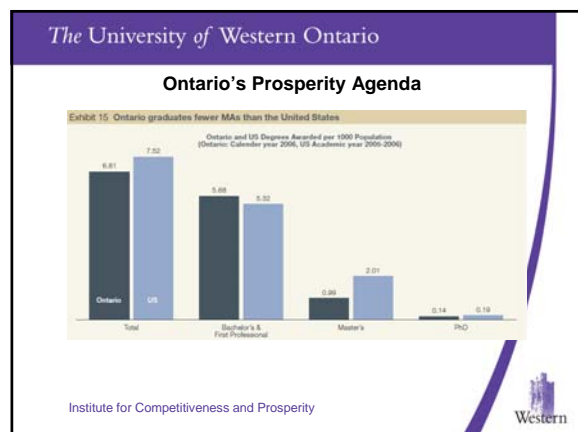
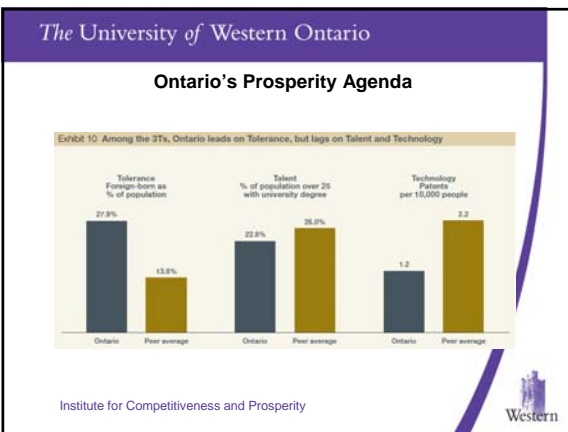
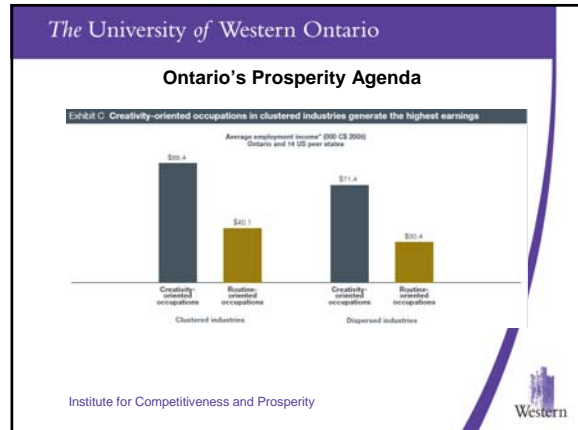
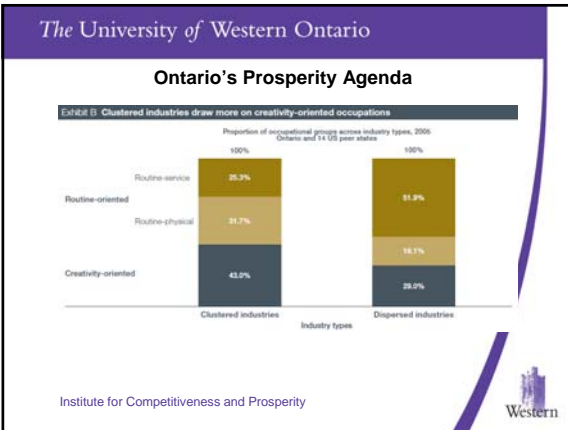
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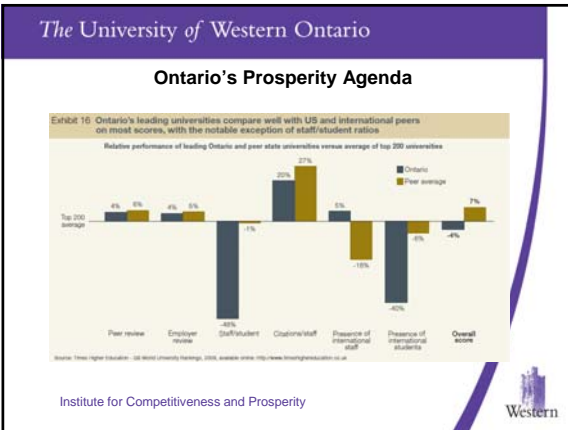
Provincial Scene

- Cabinet Shuffle
 - John Milloy retains MTCU and Research and Innovation portfolios.
- Advocacy work continues through COU and other informal channels.
- Institute for Competitiveness Annual Report has been released.









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- ### Campus Scene
- Canada-US Institute Launched
 - The Centre for American Studies (Social Science)
 - The Canada-US Law Institute (Law)
 - The Lawrence Centre for Policy and Management (Ivey)
 - Faculty of Arts and Humanities
 - Faculty of Information and Media Studies

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- ### Campus Scene
- ING Chair in Finance established with a \$2.5 million contribution at the Ivey School of Business.
 - Hydro One Research Chair in Power Systems Engineering. (Term Chair for 5 years).

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- ### Campus Scene
- Kevin Goldthorp has been appointed as Western's new Vice-President External.
 - Dean Carol Stephenson has been appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada.

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- ### Campus Scene
- OSS applications up by 4.2% (UWO Complex is up by 3.3%, Ont System is up by 2.1%)
 - Constituent 1st choice is up by 8.9%, 2nd choice up by 8.1%.
 - Affiliated 1st choices: Brescia – up 35.8%, Huron-up 11.6%, Kings-up 4.3%