The UNIVERSITY of WESTERN ONTARIO

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

September 23, 2011

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

SENATORS: 75

J. Aitken Schermer
I. Ajiferuke
J. Barnett
J. Bend
I. Birrell
M. Blagrave
J. Boulter
S. Camiletti
K. Campbell
T. Carmichael
A. Chakma
S. Cheema
M. Ciniello
S. Connor
L. Davies
J. Deakin
C. Dean
J. Doerksen
B. Duncan
W. Dunn
L. Elliott
J. Etherington
C. Farber
A. Fearnall
K. Foullong
J. Garnett
K. Goldthorp
H. Hassan
N. Heapy
T. Hewitt
J. Holmes
B. Hovius
A. Hrymak
R. Klassen
G. Kulczycki
H. Lagerlund
J. Lamarche
B. Leipert
J. Leonard
A. Li
S. Lupker
S. Macfie
S. Madhavji
J. Matthews
S. McClatchie
S. McDonald Aziz
P. McKenzie
M. McNay
M. Milde
K. Mooney
B. Neff
D. Neufeld
E. Ng
J. O'Brien
J. Orange
J. Polgar
V. Prabhu
S. Primak
C. Rice
G. Rowe
V. Schwean
I. Scott
P. Simpson
D. Stanford
D. Sylvester
A. Thind
B. Timney
E. Uberig
K. Veblen
R. Watson
J. Weese
G. West
M. Wilson
B.A. Younker
P. Yu

Observers: A. Forgione, L. Gribbon, K. Okruhlik, G. Tigert, B. Traister, A. Weedon

By Invitation: C. Dunbar

S.11-129 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting of June 10, 2011, were approved as circulated.

S.11-130 **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

The President reported on the following: 5,100 first-year students, Vanier Canada Scholarships, QS World University Rankings, Collective Bargaining update and the Fraunhofer announcement. Overhead slides used to highlight his presentation are attached as **Appendix 1**.

S.11-131 **Western and the London Community**

Senator Etherington remarked that despite all of the economic benefits to the London and surrounding area by Western, the record of community involvement by Western people and the increasing success of Western's downtown-based Continuing Education program, Western still receives periodic negative and critical comments such as those contained in a recent London Free Press article. He asked what communication strategies were in place to deal with these sorts of stories. Dr. Chakma replied that Western has a multi-faceted and proactive strategic approach to engaging all of the many different constituencies within London and the region and increasingly around the world which make up the greater Western community. The approach includes relationship building with the Mayor, the City of London Council and all of the local elected officials throughout southwestern Ontario, partnerships with industry at the research parks on campus, in Sarnia and at the Advanced Manufacturing Park, research projects and community service-learning initiatives, the student-run dental clinic and legal aid clinic. Communications and Public Affairs works with local and national media outlets to put Western's best stories in the public eye. Those "good news" stories outweigh the occasional negative stories that arise from time to time.

REPORT OF THE OPERATIONS/AGENDA COMMITTEE [Exhibit I]

S. 11-132 **Senate Membership – School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies – Education Constituency**

It was moved by T. Carmichael, seconded by J.B. Orange,

> That the seat held by Robert Macmillan, elected faculty representative on Senate for the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies – Education constituency, be declared vacant as a result of his resignation and that Carol Beynon be elected to complete his term (July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012).
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> CARRIED

S.11-133 **Revision to Appointment Procedures for Senior Academic and Administrative Officers of the University: P. Associate Vice-President (Research)**

It was moved by T. Carmichael, seconded by G. Rowe,

> That Senate approve the change to the appointment procedures of the Associate Vice-President (Research) as shown in Exhibit I, Appendix 1.
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> CARRIED

S.11-134 **2012 CONVOCATION DATES**

The 2012 Convocation dates are:

Huron University College Theological Convocation - Thursday, May 3
MBA Spring Convocation - Wednesday, April 4
Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry - MD Program - Friday, May 18
Hong Kong Convocation - Sunday, May 27
Spring Convocation (299th) - Tuesday, June 12 to Friday, June 15 and Monday, June 18 to Wednesday, June 20
Autumn Convocation (300th) - Thursday, October 25 and Friday, October 26

REPORT OF THE SENATE NOMINATING COMMITTEE [Exhibit II]

S.11-135 **Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-President (International Relations)**

The following were elected to the Selection Committee for the Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-President (International Relations):

A. Hrymak, D. Jeffrey, J. McMullin and E. Uberig

S.11-136 **Senate Committee on Academic Policy and Awards** (SCAPA)

M. Ciniello was elected to the Senate Committee on Academic Policy and Awards to complete the term of S. Nuromohamed who has resigned.

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

S.11-137 **Faculty of Arts and Humanities: Renaming of the Diploma/Certificate in Writing for Professional Programs; Revised Admission Requirements for Diplomas and Certificates in the Program in Writing, Rhetoric and Professional Communications**

It was moved by B. Timney, seconded by M. Milde,

> That effective September 1, 2011, the Diploma/Certificate in Writing for Professional Programs be renamed the Diploma/Certificate in Professional Communication, and the admission requirements for the Diploma/Certificate in Professional Communication and the Diploma/Certificate in Writing be revised as set out in Exhibit III, item 1.
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> CARRIED

S.11-138 **School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: Doctoral Co-tutelage Dual-Credential Degree Agreement between the University of Padua, Italy and The University of Western Ontario**

It was moved by B. Timney, seconded by T. Carmichael**,**

> That effective September 1, 2011, a co-tutelage dual-credential degree program that leads to a doctoral degree from each of The University of Western Ontario and the University of Padua, Italy, in all fields of study common to both institutions, be established in accordance with the agreement set out in Exhibit III, Appendix 1.
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> CARRIED

S.11-139 **Faculty of Law: Introduction of the LLM/MPhil (UWO/NALSAR) and LLM/LLM (NALSAR/UWO) Dual-Credential Degree Program with NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad, India**

Prior to presenting the item, the Chair reported that the first paragraph under “Tuition” in the calendar copy should be revised to read as follows:

> *NALSAR students in the first year of the LLM/LLM program will pay tuition to NALSAR. In their second year at UWO, they will pay tuition to UWO at the same level as its other international students.*

It was moved by B. Timney, seconded by I. Scott,

That effective September 1, 2011, the LLM/MPhil and the LLM/LLM Dual-Credential Degree Program between the UWO Faculty of Law and NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad, India, detailed in Exhibit III, item 3, be introduced.

CARRIED

S.11-140 **Revision to the Admission Requirements of the Scholar's Electives Program**

It was moved by B. Timney, seconded by M. Milde,

That effective September 1, 2011, the Admission Requirements for the Scholar's Electives Program be revised as set out in Exhibit III, item 4.

CARRIED

**Secretary's note: The revision does not apply to the Scholar's Electives programs at the Affiliated University Colleges.*

S.11-141 **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:

Michael S. Yuhasz Award (Any Undergraduate, Graduate or Affiliated University College Student - Athletic Award [Wrestling])
Meds 1969 Dr. Fred & Anne Pattison Humanitarian Award (Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, Medicine)
Virginia Harris International Admission Scholarships (Any Undergraduate Program)
Virginia Harris Exchange Scholarship (Faculties of Arts and Humanities, Science, Social Science, Health Sciences, FIMS, Music, Engineering)
Keith R. Halpenny Men's Basketball Award (Any Undergraduate, Graduate or Affiliated University College Student - Athletic Award [Basketball])

S.11-142 **Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry: Revisions to the "Plan of Undergraduate Instruction" for the MD Program**

In addition to some minor wording changes, the "Plan of Undergraduate Instruction" for the MD program has been revised, as highlighted in Exhibit III, information item 2, effective September 1, 2012, to extend the time some students in Year 3 of the MD Clerkship will spend at some of the rural hospitals.

S.11-143 **Revisions to the Guidelines for the Structure of the Academic Year**

The Guidelines for the Structure of the Academic Year have been revised to reflect the changes to the schedule of the Convocation Ceremonies approved at the May 13, 2011 Senate meeting.

S.11-144 **Final Approval of the New Institutional Quality Assurance Process (IQAP) at Western**

In September 2010, SCAPA and Senate approved the establishment of two new subcommittees – SUPR-U and SUPR-G. In addition, SCAPA and Senate approved the proposed Institutional Quality Assurance Guidelines before its submission to the Provincial Quality Council.

The Quality Council approved the final version of Western's Institutional Quality Assurance Process on May 4, 2011. This document follows very closely the processes and practices already in place for introducing new programs and evaluating existing programs at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

The approved document, attached for information as Exhibit II, Appendix 2, is posted on the Web at: http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/iqap/WesternIQAP.pdf.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNVERSITY PLANNING [Exhibit IV]
(Exhibit distributed at the meeting)

S.11-145 **NSERC/FPInnovations Industrial Research Chair in Forest Biorefinery**

It was moved by A. Hrymak, seconded by D. Neufeld,

That the terms for the NSERC/FPInnovations Industrial Research Chair in Forest Biorefinery be approved as follows.

Donor and Funding: The creation of this Chair is made possible through a generous donation of $1 million from FPInnovations as well as a commitment of $500,000 from NSERC to further support the Chair.

The $1 million expendable gift from FPInnovations will be paid in equal pledge payments of $200,000 annually ($100,000 cash and $100,000 gift in kind) between May 2011 and May 2015. These funds may be utilized by the University in paying costs and expenses of the Chair program (including the purchase of equipment)

The $500,000 expendable gift from NSERC will also be provided in five equal payments of $100,000 each for a minimum cash commitment of $200,000 annually to support the Chair. Additional funds and gifts-in-kind will be provided through donors including Arclin Canada, The Bioindustrial Innovation Center (BIC) and others.

Effective Date: May 1, 2011

Purpose: The gift from FPInnovations and commitment from NSERC will support the establishment of the NSERC/FPInnovations Industrial Research Chair in Forest Biorefinery in the Faculty of Engineering. The creation of this Chair will position Western at the forefront of Forestry Biorefining research and will enable the University to further develop research expertise and train students in the area of forest biorefinery.

The administration of the spending of resources will be the responsibility of the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering.

The naming of this Chair is supported by the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering.

Criteria: Appointments to the NSERC/FPInnovations Industrial Research Chair in Forest Biorefinery will be conducted in accordance with University policies and procedures on Academic appointments. The appointment to the Chair will be for a period of five years.

The first Chair has been appointed and approved by NSERC. Dr. Chunbao (Charles) Xu, Associate Professor, Department of Chemical and Biochemical Engineering is the holder of the NSERC/FPInnovations Industrial Research Chair in Forest Biorefinery. Dr. Xu came to Western from Lakehead University where he worked since 2005 as an Associate Professor.

Reporting: The University, through the Faculty of Engineering will report to NSERC and FPInnovations as agreed upon in agreements set out by those organizations.

CARRIED

SENATE HONORARY DEGREES COMMITTEE [Exhibit V]

S.11-146 **Honorary Degree Recipients – Autumn 2011**

The report of the Honorary Degrees Committee announcing the honorary degree recipients for Autumn Convocation 2011, detailed in Exhibit V, was received for information.

S.11-147 **REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC COLLEAGUE** – [Exhibit VI]

The Report of the Academic Colleague on the August 2011 meeting, detailed in Exhibit VI, was received for information.

S.11-148 **Announcements and Communications** [Exhibit VII]

Announcements and Communications, detailed in Exhibit VII, was received for information.

ENQUIRIES AND NEW BUSINESS

S.11-149 **MTCU Policy on the Use of Clickers**

In response to a question about the purchase of clickers and the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities' (MTCU) mandate that students should not be subject to additional fees for online resources, Dr. Deakin commented that it is not the use of clickers that is a contravention of the MTCU policy. Clickers are deemed an acceptable additional cost in the same way that a lab coat or supplies for a studio course are considered a legitimate cost under the policy. It is the requirement that students pay a license or access fee for the assessment of material that contributes to the final grade which is in contravention of the MTCU policy.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

A. Chakma
Chair

I. Birrell
Secretary