The UNIVERSITY of WESTERN ONTARIO

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

OCTOBER 21, 2011

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

SENATORS: 66

J. Aitken Schermer
I. Birrell
M. Blagrave
J. Boulter
S. Camiletti
K. Campbell
T. Carmichael
A. Chakma
S. Connor
W. Cracknell
L. Davies
J. Deakin
J. Doerksen
W. Dunn
L. Elliott
J. Etherington
C. Farber
A. Fearnall
K. Foullong
B. Garcia
J. Garnett
K. Goldthorp
H. Hassan
J. Holmes
B. Hovius
A. Hrymak
R. Jaffer
G. Kulczycki
H. Lagerlund
J. Lamarche
B. Leipert
A. Li
S. Lupker
S. Macfie
J. Matthews
P. McKenzie
M. McNay
M. Milde
L. Miller
J. Mitchell
K. Mooney
B. Neff
A. Nelson
S. Nemirovsky
D. Neufeld
J. Orange
J. Polgar
R. Poole
V. Prabhu
S. Primak
G. Rowe
J. Santucci
I. Scott
P. Simpson
D. Stanford
D. Sutherland
D. Sylvester
B. Timney
E. Uberig
K. Veblen
A. Watson
R. Watson
J. Weese
G. West
M. Wilson
P. Yu

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

S.11-150 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting of September 23, 2011, were approved as circulated.

S.11-151 **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

The President reported on the following: Liberal government PSE platform, Liberal Cabinet Ministers, review of federal support to R&D, Ontario University Fair (Oct 14 – 16) , Downtown London campus, and the International Education Panel. Overhead slides used to highlight his presentation are attached as **Appendix 1**.

S.11-151a **President's Priorities**

The President's Priorities for 2011-12, distributed with the agenda, were received for information. Dr. Chakma commented that the change in format of the priorities from the previous years is to provide a sharper focus to operational priorities.

In response to a concern that the list of priorities this year seems externally focussed at the expense of internal student needs, the President remarked that this was not the case. The priorities listed would, instead, have a positive impact on current students. For example, the priority given to increased fundraising activity would, if fruitful, significantly increase the scholarship funding available to students. Similarly, increased internationalization was not just about increasing the number of international students on campus. It is about providing more opportunities for Western's students to have a study abroad experience, and to learn and think differently in a globalized society.

REPORT OF THE OPERATIONS/AGENDA COMMITEE [Exhibit I]

S.11-152 **Senate Membership – Undergraduate Student Constituency**

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

> That the seat held by Sabrina Nourmohamed, acclaimed undergraduate student representative on Senate for the Science constituency, be declared vacant as a result of her resignation and that George Warren Cracknell be elected to complete her term until June 30, 2012.
>
> CARRIED

S.11-153 **Candidates for Degrees and Diplomas - Autumn Convocation - 2011**

On behalf of the Senate the Provost approves 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 will be appended to the Official Minutes of the October 21, 2011 Senate meeting.

S.11-154 **Officer of Convocation**

The following Officer of Convocation has been appointed (term to June 30, 2013):
Margaret Kellow – Assistant Chief Public Orator

S.11-155 **Senate Election Schedule for Spring 2012**

Senate received for information the election scheduled for Spring 2012, detailed in Exhibit I, item 4.

S.11-156 **Revisions to the Terms of Reference of SCAPA, SUPR-U and SUPR-G**

Revisions to the terms of reference of SCAPA, SUPR-U and SUPR-G, detailed in Exhibit I, item 5, were received for information.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Exhibit II)

S.11-157 **Selection Committee - Associate Vice-President (Research)**

The following were elected to the Selection Committee for the Associate Vice-President (Research): M. Kellow, T. Carmichael, M. Stewart, A. Day.

REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC POLICY AND AWARDS (Exhibit III)

S.11-158 **School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: Introduction of a Graduate Diploma in Community Music Leadership**

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

> That effective January 1, 2012, a Graduate Diploma in Community Music Leadership be introduced in the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, as detailed in Exhibit III, Appendix 1.
>
> CARRIED

S.11-159 **School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: Introduction of a Non-Thesis Master of Engineering (MEng) in HVAC Systems**

It was moved by B. Timney, seconded by A. Hrymak,

> That effective September 1, 2011, a non-thesis Master of Engineering (MEng) in HVAC Systems be introduced in the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, as detailed in Exhibit III, Appendix 2.
>
> CARRIED

S.11-160 **Faculty of Science: Introduction of a Minor in High Performance Computing**

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

> That effective September 1, 2011, a Minor in High Performance Computing, detailed in Exhibit III, item 3, be introduced in the Faculty of Science.
>
> CARRIED

S.11-161 **Faculty of Science: Withdrawal of the Major in Statistics Module**

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

> That, effective September 1, 2011, admission to the Major in Statistics module in the Faculty of Science be discontinued; that students enrolled in the module prior to September 1, 2011 be permitted to continue with the understanding that they must complete the requirements prior to September 2015; and, that effective September 1, 2015, the module be withdrawn and all registration discontinued.
>
> CARRIED

S.11-162 **Faculty of Science and Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry: Introduction of an Honors Specialization in Computational Biochemistry**

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

> That an Honors Specialization in Computational Biochemistry, leading to a Bachelor in Medical Sciences (BMSc) degree, detailed in Exhibit III, item 5, be introduced by the Faculty of Science and Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, effective September 1, 2012.
>
> CARRIED

S.11-163 **Revisions to the Policy on Eligibility for Participating in the Spring Hong Kong Convocation Ceremonies**

It was moved by B. Timney, seconded by G. Rowe,

> That the Policy on Eligibility for Participating in the Spring Hong Kong Convocation Ceremonies be revised as shown in Exhibit III, item 6.
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> CARRIED

S.11-164 **Revisions to the Policy on Structure of the Degree: Post-Degree Modules**

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

> That the policy on Structure of the Degree: Post-Degree Modules be revised, as detailed in Exhibit III, item 7, to provide more specific information for students and faculties, effective September 1, 2012.
>
> CARRIED

S.11-165 **School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: Minor Amendment to the LLM/MPhil (UWO/NALSAR) and LLM/LLM (NALSAR/UWO) Dual-Credential Degree Program**

Senate approved the introduction of the new dual-credential program at its September meeting. A minor amendment has been made to the Notes section to indicate that NALSAR students will be admitted into the UWO LLM program only if they fully meet the entry requirements. Details are found in Exhibit III, item 8.

S.11-166 **New Scholarships**

SCAPA has approved on behalf of the Senate, the Terms of Reference for the following new scholarships, for recommendation to the Board of Governors through the President & Vice-Chancellor:

> Danter Family Ontario Graduate Scholarship (School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, Science or Medicine & Dentistry)
> James and Ellen Baird Ontario Graduate Scholarship (School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, Music)
> Ontario Graduate Scholarship - Anonymous Donor (School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies)
> Kathleen and William Troost MBA Scholarship (School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, Business)

S.11-167 **ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNICATIONS** (Exhibit IV)

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

S.11-168 **Enquiries and New Business**

The President reported on two recent university events held in Toronto which he attended: The Ivey Business Leader of the Year dinner at which the recipient, Ed Clarke, gave a very powerful speech stressing the need for an open environment for public debate on important issues, and the Faculty of Law Alumni Awards night at which Roberta Jamieson, Mitch Fraser and Geoff Beattie were recognized for their outstanding achievements.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

A. Chakma Chair	I. Birrell Secretary

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President's Report to Senate

Friday, October 21, 2011

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Liberal government PSE platform

- $1600 "Tuition Rebate Grant" to be pro-rated and begin flowing in January 2012
- Full funding for 60,000 new student spaces, including 41,000 in universities (6,000 graduate)
- Build 3 leading-edge undergraduate campuses

Western

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Liberal Cabinet Ministers

- Provincial Cabinet reduced in size from 28 to 22 Ministers
- **Finance:** Dwight Duncan
- **Training, Colleges & Universities:** Glen Murray
- **Economic Development & Innovation:** Brad Duguid
- **Health & Long Term Care:** Deb Mathews
- **Energy:** Chris Bentley

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Review of federal support to R&D

Expert panel reported Oct. 17 with 6 recommendations:

1.Create ***Industrial Research & Innovation Council*** to coordinate government-business innovation programs; includes expanding *Industrial Research Assistant Program,* and introducing commercialization voucher program

2.Simplify *Scientific Research & Experiment Development* program

3.Make business innovation a core objective of federal procurement

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4. Transform all *National Research Council* institutes and business units over the next 5 years into one of 4 models:
   a. Industry-oriented non-profit research organizations
   b. Institutes engaged in basic research should be affiliated with one or more universities
   c. Parts of a non-profit organization managing all of the current NRC major-science initiatives
   d. Part of a relevant federal department or agency (for units with a focus on public policy)

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5. Provide additional capital for high-growth innovative firms
6. Improve coordination of innovation within the Federal Government and with the provinces

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Ontario University Fair (Oct 14-16)

- Total three-day attendance: 118,663
- 75 faculty, staff and students representing Western and affiliated University Colleges
- Estimate 40,000+ prospective students visited our displays

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Downtown London campus

- Expression of interest dated September 1
- Involves properties including:
  City Hall, Reg Cooper Square, Centennial Hall, Centennial House apartments
- Assumes donation of "clean" facilities
- Consultations underway to help develop a business proposal due in March

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International Education Panel

Federal appointment to advise the government on:

•Attracting top international students to Canada

•Strengthening Canada's engagement with emerging markets

•Expanding delivery of Canadian expertise, knowledge, and education services abroad

•Promoting partnerships between Canadian and international education institutions

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International Education Panel

Panel members include:

•***Amit Chakma*** (Panel Chair)
•***André Bisson,*** Chair of the Board, Centre for Interuniversity Research and Analysis of Organizations, lead director, Transat A.T. and Chancellor Emeritus, Université de Montréal
•***Jacynthe Côté***, President and CEO, Rio Tinto Alcan
•***Colin Dodds***, President, Saint Mary's University
•***Lorna Smith***, Director, Office of International Education, Mount Royal University
•***Don Wright***, President, British Columbia Institute of Technology.

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