MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

November 16, 2012

The meeting was held at 1:30 p.m. in Room 1R40, HBA Building

SENATORS:

J. Aitken Schermer
B. Barkley
I. Birrell
M. Blagrave
J. Boulter
S. Camiletti
J. Capone
T. Carmichael
A. Chakma
A. Damji
J. Deakin
C. Dean
J. Dickey
J. Doerksen
L. Elliott
J. Etherington
K. Foullong
G. Gao
J. Garnett
R. Graham
A. Grzyb
C. Harvey
J. Hatch
J. Hopkins
M. Khalkhali
R. Klassen (Eng)
J. Knowles
G. Kulczycki
J. Lamarche
C. Lee
B. Leipert
K. Lovell
S. Macfie
J. Malkin
J. Matthews
S. McClatchie
S. McDonald Aziz
P. McKenzie
R. Mercer
M. Milde
L. Miller
J. Mitchell
B. Neff
A. Nelson
S. Nemirovsky
D. Neufeld
T. Newson
C. Nolan
C. Palmer
M. Rothstein
I. Scott
S. Seck
B. Silverstein
M. Singh
D. Stanford
M. Strong
K. Sullivan
D. Sylvester
B. Timney
A. Vainio-Mattila
O. Yucel

Observers: D. Abelson, R. Chelladurai, L. Gribbon, G. Tigert, A. Weedon

By Invitation: H. Connell, J. McMullin

S.12-174 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of October 19, 2012, were approved as circulated.

S.12-175 REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

The President's report consisted of the following items: two new Canada Research Chairs, the Africa Institute symposium, Ivey Business Leader Award dinner, update on Strategic Mandate Agreements, Western's standing in the recent Maclean's Magazine ranking, potential impact of the federal and provincial fiscal situations.

S.12-176 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Dr. D. Stanford clarified that the security issues mentioned in the discussion of classroom computer log-in requirements [S.12-138, S.12-162] referred to the fact that there is double lock security on storing final grades, but not for the maintenance of grades in the Sakai system.

REPORT OF THE OPERATIONS/AGENDA COMMITTEE [EXHIBIT I]

S.12-177 **Senate Membership – Huron University College**

It was moved by T. Carmichael, seconded by S. Camiletti,

> That the seat held by Nelson Heapy, faculty representative on Senate for Huron University College, be declared vacant effective October 1, 2012 as a result of his resignation and that Arja Vainio-Mattila be elected to complete his term until June 30, 2014.
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> CARRIED

S.12-178 **Senate Membership – School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies – At-Large Representative**

It was moved by T. Carmichael, seconded by D. Stanford,

> That the seat held by Andrew Nelson, faculty representative on Senate for the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies – At-Large, be declared vacant effective January 1, 2013 as a result of his leave of absence and that Kim Clark (Anthropology) be elected to complete his term until June 30, 2013.
>
> CARRIED

S.12-179 **Nominating Committee Membership**

Katrina Moser was elected by acclamation to the Nominating Committee.

S.12-180 **Change in Terms of Reference of the University Council of Animal Care**

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

> That Senate approve revisions to the Terms of Reference and Composition of the University Council on Animal Care (UCAC) as set out in Exhibit I, Appendix 1.
>
> CARRIED

S.12-181 **REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE** [EXHIBIT II]

The candidates proposed by the Nominating Committee in Exhibit II, were elected by acclamation.

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

S.12-182 **Faculty of Engineering and Richard Ivey School of Business: Introduction of a Combined Mechatronic Systems Engineering and Management Program**

It was moved by B. Timney, seconded by K. Foullong.

> That a combined program in Mechatronic Systems Engineering and Management be introduced by the Faculty of Engineering and the Richard Ivey School of Business, effective September 1, 2013, as set out in Exhibit III, Appendix 1.
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> CARRIED

S.12-183 **Revisions to the Program Information Section for the School of Health Studies**

It was moved by B. Timney, seconded by J. Hopkins,

> That effective September 1, 2013, the Program Information section for the School of Health Studies be revised as set out in Exhibit III, Appendix 2.
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> CARRIED

S.12-184 **Revisions to the Admission and Module Requirements for Health Sciences Modules**

It was moved by B. Timney, seconded by J. Hopkins,

> That effective September 1, 2013, the Admission and Module requirements for the following Health Sciences modules be revised as set out in Exhibit III, Appendix 2:
>
> Honors Specialization in Health Sciences – Health Promotion
> Honors Specialization in Health Sciences with Biology
> Honors Specialization in Health Sciences
> Major in Health Sciences
> Specialization in Health Sciences
>
> CARRIED

S.12-185 **Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry: Revisions to the Admission requirements of the MD Program**

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

> That effective July 1, 2013, the Admission Requirements for the MD program in the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry be revised as set out in Exhibit III, Appendix 3.

A member asked if new admission policies for the MD program would impact students enrolled in a Doctor of Medicine program outside Canada who wish to apply to Schulich. Dean Strong explained that those students would have the same status as students applying from graduate programs elsewhere. He also noted that the letter required from an applicant's supervisor is meant to ensure that the supervisor is aware that his/her student has applied to medical school and is not intended to serve as a letter of reference.

The question was called and CARRIED.

S.12-186 **Faculty of Social Science and King's University College: Introduction of a Major in Middle East Studies**

It was moved by B. Timney, seconded by S. Macfie,

> That a Major in Middle East Studies be introduced in the Faculty of Social Science and King's University College, effective September 1, 2013, as detailed in Exhibit III, item 5.
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> CARRIED

S.12-187 **King's University College: Revisions to Admission and Graduation Requirements for the Bachelor of Social Work (Honors) Program**

It was moved by B. Timney, seconded by B. Silverstein,

> That effective September 1, 2013, the admission and graduation requirements for the Bachelor of Social Work (Honors) Program at King's University College be revised as set

out in Exhibit III, Appendix 4.

CARRIED

S.12-188 **School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: Introduction of an MSc in Surgery**

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

> That, pending Quality Council approval, a Master of Science (MSc) in Surgery be introduced in the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies as set out in Exhibit III, Appendix 5, effective January 1, 2013.

CARRIED

S.12-189 **Introduction of Fall Study Days**

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

> That the Guidelines for the Structure of the Academic Year be revised to accommodate a two-day fall study break starting in the fall term of the 2013 – 2014 academic year as set out in Exhibit III, Appendix 6.

D. Stanford suggested that the motion be amended to stipulate that the two-day study break always coincide with Fall convocation. B. Timney noted that the correlation in 2013 was a result of a change to the convocation schedule for that year. Dr. Doerksen noted that the preference of the students had been to have the break as late as possible in the semester. Dean Timney suggested that it would be best to see how the schedule worked for 2013 and then determine whether it should be changed for future years.

Asked if there was evidence that the study days would improve the overall mental health of the undergraduate population, Dr. Doerksen said that about half of Ontario universities already observe a Fall study break. The study break will help to alleviate anxiety and stress which typically builds toward the end of the first term as a result of major assignments, etc.

S. Macfie expressed concern about the impact on the scheduling of science labs because these spaces are shared and will require the removal of equipment to accommodate rotation.
J. Doerksen said that the former Associate Dean, Faculty of Science had indicated that changes to the lab rotation cycle could be accommodated.

The question was called and CARRIED.

S.12-190 **Faculty of Science: Earth Sciences Programs for Professional Registration**

Senate was advised that degree parchments had been inadvertently issued without the qualifier "For Professional Registration". This will be corrected for two graduates and for students going forward.

S.12-191 **Revisions to Western's IQAP Guidelines**

Senate was advised about revisions to Western's IQAP document approved by the Quality Council.

S.12-192 **Revisions to the Regulations for the Annual Awards for Excellence in Teaching**

Senate received for information a report on revisions to regulations for Western's Annual Awards for Excellence in Teaching as set out in Exhibit III, Appendix 7.

S.12-193 **New Scholarship and Award**

SCAPA has approved on behalf of the Senate for recommendation to the Board of Governors

through the President & Vice-Chancellor, the Terms of Reference for the new scholarship and award set out in Appendix 8.

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

S.12-194 **Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry - Dissolving the Department of the History of Medicine**

It was moved by J. Hatch, seconded by M. Strong,

> That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the closure of the Department of the History of Medicine in the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry effective January 1, 2013, as detailed in Exhibit IV, item 1.
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> CARRIED

S.12-195 **Faculty of Arts and Humanities: Dissolving the Program in Writing, Rhetoric and Professional Communications; Renaming the Department of English to Department of English and Writing Studies**

It was moved by J. Hatch, seconded by M. Milde,

> That effective January 1, 2013 Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that the Program in Writing, Rhetoric and Professional Communications be closed, and;
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> That the Department of English be renamed the Department of English and Writing Studies as detailed in Exhibit IV, item 2.
>
> CARRIED

S.12-196 **The Ivey Professorship in Leadership**

It was moved by J. Hatch, seconded by I. Scott,

> That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that the Ivey Professorship in Leadership be established, with academic appointment in the Richard Ivey School of Business as shown in Exhibit IV, Appendix 1.
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> CARRIED

S.12-197 **Campus Master Plan Update**

Senate received for information a report on plans for a comprehensive Campus Master Plan update.

S.12-198 **REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC COLLEAGUE** EXHIBIT V]

The report of the Academic Colleague regarding the COU meeting held in October 2012 was received for information. Topics reported on included: resignation of the Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities, stakeholder responses to ministry consultations, online education, support for universities, best practices, other shareholders, areas of broad consensus, and updates from Council of Ontario Universities.

Enquiries

Student Senators inquired about initiatives in place to support international students living off-campus who do not have contact with support services in residence. Dr. J. McMullin, Vice-Provost (International) reviewed the range of resources available to such students, including

programming through the International and Exchange Student Centre, International Peer Connection Program, English conversion program, Porch Light Program for female students, global cafe and various social and cultural events.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

A. Chakma Chair	I. Birrell Secretary

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President's Report to Senate

November 16, 2012

Western

- **Vice-Provost SGPS appointment**
- **Government / SMA update**
- **Research update**
  - **CERC competition**
  - **Media spotlight on Western neuroscience breakthrough and HIV vaccine clinical trials**
  - **Fraunhofer Project Centre opening**
  - **Western hosts Canada's largest space summit**

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