MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

January 25, 2013

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

SENATORS

J. Aitken Schermer
I. Ajiferuke
B. Barkley
J. Barnett
C. Beynon
I. Birrell
M. Blagrave
J. Boulter
C. Brown
S. Camiletti
K. Campbell
J. Capone
A. Chakma
K. Clark
S. Connor
A. Conway
A. Damji
L. Davies
J. Deakin
C. Dean
J. Dickey
J. Doerksen
A. Edmunds
L. Elliott
J. Etherington
K. Foullong
B. Garcia
K. Goldthorp
A. Grzyb
C. Harvey
J. Hatch
J. Holmes
A. Hrymak
M. Khalkhali
R. Klassen
R. Klassen
J. Knowles
G. Kulczycki
H. Lagerlund
J. Lamarche
C. Lee
B. Leipert
S. Macfie
J. Malkin
J. Matthews
S. McDonald Aziz
A. McGuire
M. Milde
L. Miller
J. Mitchell
K. Moser
B. Neff
S. Nemirovsky
D. Neufeld
C. Nolan
C. Palmer
S. Primak
M. Rothstein
P. Ryan
E. Sadowski
V. Schwean
I. Scott
S. Seck
B. Silverstein
M. Singh
A. Smith
D. Stanford
C. Stephenson
K. Sullivan
T. Sutherland
D. Sylvester
B. Timney
A. Vainio-Mattila
K. Veblen
D. Velasquez
R. Vigars
A. Watson
J. Weese
G. West
P. Whelan
B.A. Younker

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

By Invitation: H. Connell

S.13-01 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting of December 7, 2012 were approved as circulated.

S.13-02 **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

The President's report consisted of the following items: provincial update, federal update, enrolment update and United Way donations Overhead slides used to highlight his presentation are attached as **Appendix 1**.

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REPORT OF THE SENATE OPERATIONS/AGENDA COMMITTEE [EXHIBIT I]

S.13-03 **Faculty of Information and Media Studies**

It was moved by A. Chakma, seconded by S. Connor,

> That the proposed revisions to the Faculty of Information and Media Studies Constitution be approved, as set out in Exhibit I, Appendix 1.
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> CARRIED

S.13-04 **Order of Ceremony- Spring Convocation 2013**

The Order of Ceremony for Spring Convocation 2013, detailed in Exhibit I, Appendix 2, was received for information.

S.13-05 **REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE** [EXHIBIT II]

The candidates proposed by the Nominating Committee in Exhibit II were elected by acclamation. Ali Damji was elected by acclamation to the Selection Committee for Vice-President (External).

- Selection Committee for Vice-President (External)
- Academic Policy and Awards Committee

S.13-06 **Senate Review Board Academic**

Professor Aaron Sigut has been appointed to complete the term of Professor Susan Rodger until June 30, 2014.

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

S.13-07 **Introduction of a Graduate Diploma in Professional Education (GDip Professional Education), Master of Professional Education (MPEd) and Doctor of Education (EdD)**

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

> That, pending Quality Council approval, a Graduate Diploma in Professional Education (GDip Professional Education), a Master of Professional Education (MPEd) and a Doctor of Education (EdD) be introduced in the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, as set out in Exhibit III, Appendix 1, effective January 1, 2013.
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> CARRIED

S.13-08 **Introduction of a Project and Course-Based Option in the MSc in Microbiology and Immunology**

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

> That, effective January 1, 2013, a new Project and Course-Based Option in the MSc in Microbiology and Immunology program be introduced in the School of Graduate and

Postdoctoral Studies, as set out in Exhibit III, Appendix 3.

CARRIED

S.13-09 **Proposal to Offer the Executive MBA Program in Beijing, China**

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

That, effective August 1, 2013, the Executive MBA program, currently offered in Hong Kong and in Toronto by the Richard Ivey School of Business, be offered in Beijing, China, in cooperation with the Chinese University of Political Science and Law (CUPL), as set out in Exhibit III, item 1c.

CARRIED

S.13-10 **Faculty of Law: Withdrawal of the JD/LLM Combined Degree and the JD/MLS Combined Degree Programs with the University of Auckland**

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

That effective September 1, 2013, the JD(Western)/LLM (Auckland) Combined Degree Program and the JD(Western)/MLS (Auckland) Combined Degree Program in the Faculty of Law be withdrawn, as detailed in Exhibit III, item 2.

CARRIED

S.13-11 **Don Wright Faculty of Music: Revisions to the Major in Popular Music Studies**

It was moved by B. Timney, seconded by C. Nolan,

That the Major in Popular Music Studies in the Don Wright Faculty of Music be revised, effective September 1, 2013, as detailed in Exhibit III, item 3.

CARRIED

S.13-12 **Faculty of Science: Renaming of the Honors Specialization in Bioinformatics (Computer Science Concentration) to Honors Specialization in Bioinformatics**

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

That effective September 1, 2013, the Honors Specialization in Bioinformatics (Computer Science Concentration) be renamed the Honors Specialization in Bioinformatics, and

That students enrolled in the module prior to September 1, 2013 be permitted to graduate with the current name, “Honors Specialization in Bioinformatics (Computer Science Concentration),” on their diploma, upon request to the Faculty of Science, as detailed in Exhibit III, item 4.

CARRIED

S.13-13 **Brescia University College: Withdrawal of the Major in Religious Education**

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

That the Major in Religious Education at Brescia University College be withdrawn, effective September 1, 2013,

That registration in this module be discontinued, effective September 1, 2013, and

That students currently registered in this module be allowed until 2016 to complete the module requirements.

CARRIED

S.13-14 **Revisions to the Policy on Admission Requirements for Ontario High School Applicants**

The proposal to revise the Policy on Admission Requirements for Ontario High School Applicants described in Exhibit III, Appendix 4, was withdrawn pending further study.

S.13-15 **New Scholarship and Awards**

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 awards set out in Exhibit III, Appendix 5.

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

S.13-16 **Fall 2013 Entrance Standards for Undergraduate First-Year Admissions**

It was moved by J. Hatch, seconded by L. Miller,

That Senate approve the targets and processes for first-year, first-entry undergraduate enrolment for the Constituent University and Affiliated University Colleges as outlined in Exhibit IV, Appendix 1 and Appendix 2.

CARRIED

S.13-17 **School for Advanced Studies in the Arts and Humanities**

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

That Senate recommend to the Board of Governors that the new School for Advanced Studies in the Arts and Humanities be established, in the Faculty of Arts and Humanities as described in Exhibit IV.

CARRIED

S.13-18 **Vice-Provost's Report on Recruitment and Retention**

The Vice-Provost's Report on Recruitment and Retention, detailed in Exhibit IV, Appendix 3, was received for information. Dr. Weedon provided an overview of the report. Slides for his presentation are found at www.uwo.ca/univsec/senate/minutes/2013/r1301sen_ann3.

S.13-19 **REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC COLLEAGUE** [EXHIBIT V]

The report of the Academic Colleague regarding the COU meeting held in December 2012 was received for information. Topics reported on included: provincial hiatus, tuition, efficiency targets, undergraduate growth, graduate expansion, pensions, Ontario Universities Online initiative, HEQCO productivity report, audit of teaching evaluations and the demographic cliff.

Dr. Weedon noted that with respect to the Auditor's report on undergraduate teaching, Western is already in compliance with recommendations contained in the report.

Asked if specific strategies are in place for universities that might face solvency issues with respect to pension plans, K. Okruhlik said that there has been considerable discussion by COU and some institutions may seek solvency relief.

S.13-20 **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS** [EXHIBIT VI]

Announcements, detailed in Exhibit VI, were received for information.

Enquiries

Student Scholarships for Upper Year Students – A member asked about the number of scholarships for upper year students offered at other universities and whether plans are in place to increase the number of scholarships for upper year students at Western. Dr. Doerksen said that comparative data for other universities is not available. Currently, over $2 million is available for donor-funded awards. The question of academic recognition or financial need is always a consideration for scholarships and Western currently invests $20 million for need-based bursaries. Student scholarships is a top priority for the fund raising campaign and it will be important to identify areas that have the lowest number of awards for upper year students. Dr. Deakin noted that Western has recently increased the number and value of national scholarships, from $50K over four years to $65K over four years.

Policy on Exam Conflicts – A member asked about progress on the issue of exam scheduling. Dr. Doerksen said that discussions are ongoing with Associate Deans, Chairs and Registrarial Services. He noted that take-home exams are subject to the 3-in-24 rule. Administration will explore the issue of not holding exams over the weekends or possibly on Sundays. Discussions will also include the rationale for mid-term exams in half courses. Dr. Deakin noted that while it was possible that specific recommendations could be ready for the next scheduling cycle, this is not an easy task and will require much consultation with several groups and extensive review of existing policies. Administration is committed to the goal but many issues need to be resolved to get there.

Other Business

Members of Senate acknowledged the efforts and contributions made by Mr. Kevin Goldthorp, Vice-President (External) who has accepted a position at Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto starting February 4, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

A. Chakma Chair	I. Birrell Secretary

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President's Report to Senate

January 25, 2013

Western

- Provincial update (policy levers)
- Federal update (U15)
- Enrollment update
- VP External Relations
- United Way record donation

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