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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

March 22, 2013

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

SENATORS:

J. Aitken Schermer
I. Ajiferuke
B. Barkley
C. Beynon
I. Birrell
M. Blagrave
J. Capone
A. Chakma
K. Clark
L. Davies
J. Deakin
C. Dean
J. Dickey
A. Edmunds
L. Elliott
J. Etherington
G. Gao
J. Garnett
R. Graham
A. Grzyb
C. Harvey
J. Hatch
J. Hopkins
A. Hrymak
M. Khalkhali
R. Klassen (Eng)
R. Klassen (Ivey)
J. Knowles
G. Kulczycki
H. Lagerlund
J. Lamarche
C. Lee
B. Leipert
K. Lovell
S. Macfie
J. Malkin
J. Matthews
A. McGuire
R. Mercer
M. Milde
J. Mitchell
K. Moser
B. Neff
D. Neufeld
T. Newson
C. Nolan
C. Palmer
S. Primak
M. Rothstein
I. Scott
S. Seck
B. Silverstein
M. Singh
A. Smith
C. Stephenson
M. Strong
K. Sullivan
T. Sutherland
D. Sylvester
A. Vainio-Mattila
R. Vigars
A. Watson
J. Weese
G. West
S. Wetmore
P. Whelan
M. Wilson
B.A. Younker
O. Yucel

Observers: K. Okruhlk, G. Tigert, A. Weedon

S.13-31 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting of February 15, 2013 were approved as circulated.

S.13-32 **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

The President reported on the following matters: update on government funding, March Break Open House, OBI funding for brain research, new CRC appointments and renewals, Distinguished Scholars in Residence. Overhead slides used to highlight his presentation are attached as **Appendix 1**.

S.13-32a Western Distinguished Scholar in Residence Program [S.12-155]

Dr. Deakin reported that the new Western Distinguished Scholar in Residence Program has been established. T his program is developed to attract extremely eminent members of the global academic community to Western. Four awards will be available annually at a maximum value of $50,000 each. Dr. Deakin thanked the Associate Deans (Research) for their assistance in developing this program.

REPORT OF THE OPERATIONS/AGENDA COMMITTEE [EXHIBIT I]

S.13-33 **Survey of Canadian Academic Senates**

A report on the results of a Canada-wide survey on university governance and a summary of Western's responses was provided for information in Exhibit I, Appendices 1a and 1b.

S.13-34 **Senate Review Board Academic Annual Report**

The 2011-2012 Annual Report of the Senate Review Board Academic, detailed in Exhibit I, Appendix 2, was received for information.

S.13-35 **Convocation Board Annual Report**

The Report of the Convocation Board regarding the 2012 Spring and Autumn Convocation ceremonies, detailed in Exhibit I, Appendix 3a (Spring) and Appendix 3b (Autumn), was received for information. A correction was noted with regard to stats for the BFA (Honors) in the Spring convocation.

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

S.13-36 **Faculty of Engineering**

S.13-36.a Faculty of Engineering: Engineering Excellence Admission Program

It was moved by J. Deakin, seconded by A. Hrymak,

> That the Engineering Excellence Admission Program (described in Exhibit II) be introduced in the Faculty of Engineering, effective September 1, 2013.
>
> CARRIED

S.13-36.b Faculty of Engineering and Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry: Amendments to the Admission and Progression Requirements of the Concurrent Degree Programs in Engineering and Medicine

It was moved by J. Deakin, seconded by A. Watson,

> That effective September 1, 2013, the admission and progression requirements of all concurrent Bachelor of Engineering Science (BESc) and Doctor of Medicine (MD) programs be revised as set out in Exhibit II, Appendix 1.
>
> CARRIED

S.13-37 **Faculty of Health Sciences: Removal of Aquatics Milestone Requirement from the Undergraduate Kinesiology Program**

It was moved by J. Deakin, seconded by B. Barkley,

> That the Aquatics Milestone be removed as a requirement for the undergraduate programs in Kinesiology, as detailed in Exhibit II, Appendix 2, effective September 1, 2013.
>
> CARRIED

S.13.38 **Huron University College: Introduction of a Minor in Communicating Cultures**

It was moved by J. Deakin, seconded by T. Sutherland,

> That a Minor in Communicating Cultures be introduced at Huron University College, as

described in Exhibit II, Appendix 3, effective September 1, 2013.

CARRIED

S.13-39 **School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: Revisions to the Master of Nursing (MN) Program**

It was moved by J. Deakin, seconded by G. West,

That effective September 1, 2013, the fields “Advanced Nursing Practice” and “Advanced Primary Health Care Nursing Practice” be added to the Master of Nursing (MN) Program,

That students currently enrolled in the MN program be allowed to take courses and graduate under the current model, and

That the current MN option be discontinued effective August 31, 2015.

CARRIED

S.13-40 **Faculty of Arts and Humanities: Addition of “ Digital Humanities” and “Medieval Studies” to the List of Breadth Requirements for Graduation**

The Academic Handbook will be updated to include Digital Humanities and Medieval Studies as Category “B” breadth requirements in the policy on “Breadth Requirements for Bachelor Degrees”.

S.13-41 **Revisions to the Policy on Academic Transcripts**

Revisions to the policy on Academic Transcripts were provided in Exhibit II, Appendix 5.

S.13-42 **Report of the Subcommittee on Teaching Awards**

Dr. Deakin highlighted the merits of the recipients of the Excellence in Teaching Awards for 2012-2013, listed in Exhibit II, Appendix 6.

S.13-43 **New Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries**

SCAPA has approved on behalf of Senate, for recommendation to the Board of Governors through the President and Vice-Chancellor, the terms of reference for the new scholarships and awards set out in Exhibit II, Appendix 7.

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

S.13-44 **Scott Beattie Professorship in Marketing**

It was moved by J. Hatch, seconded by C. Stephenson,

That the Scott Beattie Professorship in Marketing be established, with academic appointment in the Richard Ivey School of Business, as detailed in Exhibit III, Appendix 1.

CARRIED

S.13-45 **Five-Year Enrolment Projections**

It was moved by J. Hatch, seconded by R. Vigars,

That five-year enrolment projections, shown in Exhibit III, Appendix 2, be used for

purposes of tuition revenue estimates in the University's budget projections.

CARRIED

S.13-46 **Update on Strategic Plan**

Professor Hatch reported on the Strategic Plan process, which started in October 2012 with contributions from the WeSpeak survey, followed by the Leaders Forum in November 2012. A micro-site on the Office of the President's website solicited input based on the objectives of the current Strategic Plan and four high-level strategic priorities: best student experience, expansion and enhancing of graduate programs, building the research intensive university, and raising Western's international profile. He said that since the process commenced in October , 185 written submissions from a total of thirty-six key internal stakeholder groups have been received. A draft Strategic Plan will be developed for presentation to Senate and the Board of Governors in June 2013. It is expected that the Strategic Plan will be finalized in September or October 2013.

REPORT OF THE HONORARY DEGREES COMMITTEE [EXHIBIT IV]

S.13-47 Honorary Degree Recipients – Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, Ivey MBA, Western Hong Kong Convocations

The Honorary Degrees Committee of the Senate announced that Ian Ihnatowycz will be honored by conferment of an honorary Doctor of Laws at the Ivey MBA convocation on Monday, April 8, Joseph Martin will be honored by conferment of an honorary Doctor of Science at the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry MD convocation on Friday, May 17 and that Lap-Chee Tsui will be honored by conferment of an honorary Doctor of Science at Western's Hong Kong convocation on Sunday, May 26.

S.13-48 **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS** [EXHIBIT V]

Announcements & Communications, detailed in Exhibit V, were received for information.

Enquiries

Mental Health Issues – One member asked what action the University plans to take in view of the recent untimely death of an undergraduate student. Ms. Kulczycki acknowledged the concerns about mental health issues for students and reminded Senate of resources already in place (e.g. in-house, web site, etc.) She also reminded students that early intervention is key and any student showing signs of distress should be encouraged to seek immediate assistance.

Inquiry regarding Exam Conflicts – A member asked about the number of conflicts that will result because of the "4 in 48 and 5 in 72" policy. Dr. Deakin said that the upcoming exam schedule includes Sunday exams but this practice has been attenuated as much as possible. The anticipated number of students affected by conflicts in the upcoming April exam schedule include:

3-in-23 will affect 32 students
4-in-47 will affect 21 students
5-in-72 will affect 1 students

The number of conflicts for future exam schedules could be impacted by decisions to remove Sunday exams, unless exam periods are extended.

On-line Education at Western – One member asked about plans to ensure quality education for courses offered online. Dr. Deakin said that the outcome of a recent conference on online learning hosted at Western will be included in a report from a task force which was formulated in December 2012 to consider that issue. A report from the task force is expected by late spring. Although Western will embrace technology where appropriate, this format will not undermine quality teaching. New initiatives that incorporate online learning will be subject to quality assurance processes both on and off campus.

Mid-term Exam Schedules – A member asked about plans to minimize mid-term exams and thanked the Administration for addressing students' concerns about mid-term and final examination schedules. Dr. Deakin said the Vice-Provost (Academic Programs & Students) [Registrar] has advised the Associate Deans (Academic) that Sunday mid-term exams should be eliminated where possible (excluding the April exam schedule). The Associate Deans (Academic) have been asked to re-consider the value of mid-term exams for one-term courses. A lso being considered are ways to better coordinate mid-term exam schedules within Faculties.

S.13-49 **Other Business**

Members of Senate were advised that due to scheduled renovations in the HBA building, meetings of Senate will be held in Room 3345 Somerville House starting May 10, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

A. Chakma Chair	I. Birrell Secretary

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President's Report to Senate

March 22, 2013

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- **Government update**
- **March Break Open House**
- **OBI funding for brain research**
- **New CRC appointments & renewals**
- **Distinguished Scholars in Residence**

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