



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

February 14, 2014

The meeting was held at 1:30 p.m. in Room 56, University Community Centre

SENATORS: 66

J. Aitken Schermer	B. Garcia	B. Prajapati
M.A. Andrusyszyn	C. Gobert	D. Rogers
N. Banerjee	R. Graham	M. Rothstein
C. Beynon	A. Grzyb	P. Ryan
I. Birrell	M. Heath	A-M. Santos
P. Bishop	J. Hopkins	S. Saravanabaran
M. Blgrave	Y. Huang	I. Scott
C. Brown	R. Klassen (Ivey)	M. Singh
J. Burkell	J. Knowles	R. Sookraj
S. Camiletti	G. Kulczycki	T. Sutherland
J. Capone	A. Lalka	Z. Syed
A. Chakma	J. Lamarche	B. Timney
M. Clapton	A. Leschied	E. Tithecott
K. Cole	J. Litchfield	J. Toswell
A. Conway	J. Malkin	N. Wathen
J. Deakin	S. McClatchie	A. Watson
C. Dean	K. Mequanint	J. Weese
G. Dekaban	M. Milde	G. West
J. Dickey	S. Mischler	S. Wetmore
J. Doerksen	J. Morgan	C. Wilkins
N. Dyer-Witthford	K. Moser	P. Woodford
L. Elliott	B. Neff	B.A. Younker

Observers: G. Tigert, A. Weedon

S.14-25 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting of January 24, 2014 were approved as circulated.

S.14-26 **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

Dr. Chakma reported on the passing of Professor Emeritus Peter Desbarats, former dean of the School of Journalism from 1981-97; the award of a 3M National Teaching Fellowship to Professor Cameron Tsujita, and the 2014 Humanitarian Award recipients Professor Darwin Semotiuk and Joshua Zyss. He acknowledged and thanked those involved in the strategic planning process, particularly members of the Senate Committee on University Planning, noting that the plan had been approved by the Board of Governors on January 30. He also provided 2014 Federal budget highlights, using overhead slides attached as [Appendix 1](#).

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC POLICY AND AWARDS [Exhibit I]

S.14-27 **Faculty of Information and Media Studies: Introduction of a Minor in Media, Information and Technoculture**

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

That a Minor in Media, Information and Technoculture, detailed in Exhibit I, item 1, be introduced in the Faculty of Information and Media Studies, effective September 1, 2014.

CARRIED

S.14-28 **School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: Introduction of a 2 + 2 Program for a Doctoral Degree (PhD) in Synchrotron Radiation Research with Soochow University, China**

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

That effective January 1, 2014, Senate approve the introduction of a 2+2 program between Western University and Soochow University, leading to a Doctoral Degree (PhD) in Synchrotron Radiation Research, detailed in Exhibit I, Appendix 1.

CARRIED

S.14-29 **Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry and Faculty of Science: Revision to the Admission Requirements for the Honors Specialization in Epidemiology and Biostatistics**

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

That the Admission Requirements for the Honors Specialization in Epidemiology and Biostatistics be revised effective September 1, 2014, as shown in Exhibit I, Appendix 2.

CARRIED

S.14-30 **Report of the Subcommittee on Program Review – Graduate (SUPR-G): Cyclical Review**

Senate was informed that SCAPA has approved the recommendations of the Subcommittee on Program Review – Graduate (SUPR-G) with respect to the cyclical review of the Graduate Programs in Physical Therapy, as detailed in Exhibit I, Appendix 3.

S.14-31 **New Scholarships 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 scholarships and awards as set out in Exhibit I, Appendix 4.

ENQUIRIES AND NEW BUSINESS

S.14-32 **Campus Wi-Fi Connection** [S.13-198]

Student Senators thanked ITS for organizing a campus-wide survey to collect more information about the Wi-Fi experience at Western and encouraged Senate members to contact ITS to relay any concerns their faculties and departments have about Western's Wi-Fi.

S.14-33

Senate Elections 2014

The Student Senators congratulated the 2014 incoming elected and acclaimed Student Senators and thanked the Secretariat's staff for facilitating the Senate elections.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

A. Chakma
Chair

I. Birrell
Secretary



**President's Report
to Senate**

February 14, 2014

Western 

Federal budget highlights

\$1.5B Canada First Research Excellence Fund


- Attract and support world-class talent over 10 years
- Launches in 2015-16 with \$50M
- Grows to \$200M/yr by 2017-18 and succeeding years
- Competitive, open and peer-reviewed
- Consultations to come with Ministry + Research Councils

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Federal budget highlights

\$46M additional funding for granting councils

- Base budget increases starting in 2014-15
- \$ 7 million to SSHRC
- \$15 million to CIHR
- \$15 million to NSERC
- \$ 9 million for indirect costs

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Federal budget highlights

Other key investments in education & research

- \$1.25B: Aboriginal education initiatives @ K-12 level
- \$224M: TRIUMF particle & nuclear physics lab (UBC)
- \$15M: Institute for Quantum Computing (Waterloo)
- \$8M: Mitacs R&D Industrial Fellowships
- 3,000 internships for PSE grads in high-demand fields
- Tax-free scholarships

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