



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

May 9, 2014

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

SENATORS: 57

J. Aitken Schermer	M. Heath	B. Prajapati
N. Banerjee	J. Hopkins	A. Premat
I. Birrell	G. Hunter	M. Rothstein
P. Bishop	R. Kennedy	S. Saravanabaran
C. Brown	J. Knowles	V. Schwean
J. Burkell	G. Kulczycki	I. Scott
S. Camiletti	H. Lagerlund	R. Sookraj
J. Capone	A. Lalka	M. Strong
A. Chakma	J. Lamarche	T. Sutherland
M. Clapton	C. Lee	Z. Syed
L. Davies	J. Litchfield	G. Tigert
J. Deakin	J. Malkin	B. Timney
N. Dyer-Witthford	C. McGarvey	A. Vainio-Mattila
L. Elliott	K. Mequanint	A. Watson
J. English	M. Milde	J. Weese
J. Etherington	B. Neff	G. West
R. Graham	A. Nelson	C. Wilkins
A. Grzyb	T. Newson	P. Woodford
J. Hatch	C. O'Connor	B.A. Younker

Observers: B. Butler, K. Okruhlik, A. Weedon, P. Whelan

By Invitation: J. Doerksen, J. Tennant

S.14-89 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting of April 11, 2014 were approved as circulated.

S.14-90 **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

The President's report consisted of the announcement of the reappointment of Dr. Janice Deakin as Provost, the 2014 recipients of the Hellmuth Prize for Achievement in Research, the upcoming U15 meeting with the Prime Minister, the Monash/Warwick University partnership proposal, Huron's Theological Convocation on May 8, and the appointment of Lynn Paterson, a Western graduate, to the senior team of the Bank of Canada. He also encouraged faculty to join the academic procession during June convocation to support and acknowledge their graduates' achievements.

REPORT OF THE OPERATIONS/AGENDA COMMITTEE [Exhibit I]

S.14-91 **Senate Membership: Undergraduate Student Constituency**

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

That the seat held by Adrienne Chan, Science student representative on Senate, be declared vacant effective July 1, 2014 as a result of her resignation, and that Ahmed El-Boraie (BMSc) be elected to complete her term (June 30, 2015).

CARRIED

S.14-92 **Senate Membership: Faculty Constituency - Social Science**

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

That the seat held by Lorraine Davies, representative of the Faculty of Social Science constituency on Senate, be declared vacant effective July 1, 2014 as a result of her sabbatical leave, and that Diana Mok (Geography/BMOS) be elected to complete her term (June 30, 2015).

CARRIED

S.14-93 **Senate Membership: Faculty Constituency – Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry**

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

That Dr. George Dresser (Medicine) and Dr. Marina Salvadori (Paediatrics) be appointed to Senate for the term of July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2016 in accordance with the Senate election procedures for the filling of vacancies.

CARRIED

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

S.14-94 **Faculty of Information and Media Studies: Revisions to the Western/Fanshawe Collaborative Degree/Diploma in Media Theory and Production**

It was moved by B. Timney, seconded by R. Sookraj,

That effective March 1, 2014, the Western/Fanshawe Collaborative Degree/Diploma in Media Theory and Production be revised as shown in Exhibit II, Appendix 1.

CARRIED

S.14-95 **Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry and Faculty of Science: Introduction of an Honors Specialization in Medical Biophysics and Biochemistry**

It was moved by B. Timney, seconded by M. Strong,

That an Honors Specialization in Medical Biophysics and Biochemistry, leading to a Bachelor of Medical Sciences (BMSc) degree offered jointly by the Faculty of Science and the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, be introduced by the Departments of Medical Biophysics and Biochemistry in the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, effective September 1, 2014 as shown in Exhibit II, Appendix 2.

CARRIED

S.14-96 **Faculty of Social Science, Department of Management and Organizational Studies: Introduction of a Specialization and an Honors Specialization in Public Administration**

It was moved by B. Timney, seconded by J. Aitken Schermer,

That a Specialization and an Honors Specialization in Public Administration be introduced in the Faculty of Social Science, Department of Management and Organizational Studies effective September 1, 2014 leading to a BMOS degree as shown in Exhibit II, Appendix 3.

CARRIED

S.14-97 **Faculty of Social Science, Department of History: Withdrawal of the Minor in Latin American Studies**

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

That the Minor in Latin American Studies be withdrawn effective September 1, 2014;

That registration in the module be discontinued effective March 1, 2014; and

That students currently enrolled in this module be allowed to graduate in this module by September 1, 2017.

CARRIED

S.14-98 **King's University College: Introduction of a Certificate and a Diploma in Childhood and Advocacy**

It was moved by B. Timney, seconded by P. Bishop,

That effective September 1, 2014, a Certificate and a Diploma in Childhood and Advocacy be introduced at King's University College as shown in Exhibit II, Appendix 4.

CARRIED

S.14-99 **Policy Revision: Convocation; Graduation Diplomas and Certificates – Awarding degrees**

It was moved by B. Timney, seconded by J. Aitken Schermer,

That effective May 1, 2014, the section referring to awarding of degrees and diplomas in the policy "Convocation; Graduation Diplomas and Certificates" be revised as set out in Exhibit II, item 6.

S.14-100 **Revisions to the Western Scholar's Electives Program Description**

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

That effective May 1, 2014, the description of the Western Scholar's Electives program be revised as shown in Exhibit II, Appendix 5.

CARRIED

S.14-101 **Report of the Subcommittee on Program Review – Undergraduate (SUPR-U): Cyclical Review**

Senate received for information the recommendations of the Subcommittee on Program Review – Undergraduate (SUPR-U) with respect to the cyclical review of the undergraduate program in the Faculty of Law, detailed in Exhibit II, Appendix 6.

S.14-102 **Report of the Subcommittee on Program Review – Graduate (SUPR-G): Cyclical reviews**

Senate received for information the recommendations of the Subcommittee on Program Review – Graduate (SUPR-G) with respect to the cyclical reviews of the graduate programs in Civil and Environmental Engineering and Physics and Astronomy, detailed in Exhibit II, Appendix 7.

S.14-103 **Faculty of Law: Revisions to the Grading Policy**

Senate was advised that in January 2014 changes to the Faculty of Law's grading policy were approved and some of the sections of the policy were deleted by mistake at that time. See the Senate submission posted on the web here:
http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/senate/minutes/2014/a1401sen_Full.pdf The corrected version of the policy, with the reinstated sections highlighted, is shown in Exhibit II, Appendix 8.

S.14-104 **School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: Changes to the General Thesis Regulations**

Senate was advised that the Graduate Education Council (GEC) approved changes to the Thesis Regulations as shown in Exhibit II, Appendix 9. The current Thesis Regulation Guide is available at: http://www.grad.uwo.ca/current_students/regulations/8.html

S.14-105 **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 II, Appendix 10. Senate received for information the 2013-2014 report of the Western Athletic Financial Awards Committee detailed in Exhibit II, Appendix 11.

REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY POLICY [Exhibit III]

S.14-106 **Name Change – Department of Pathology to Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine**

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

That the proposal to change the name of the Department of Pathology in the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry to the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine be approved effective July 1, 2014.

CARRIED

S.14-107 **Faculty of Law: Stephen Dattels Chair in Corporate Finance - Extension**

It was moved by B.A. Younkers, seconded by P. Bishop,

That the Stephen Dattels Chair in Corporate Finance be extended for an additional five years (2014-2019) with appointment in the Faculty of Law as detailed in Exhibit III, Appendix 3.

CARRIED

S.14-108 **Western International Report**

Senate received for information the Western International Report detailed in Exhibit III, Appendix 4.

S.14-109 **REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC COLLEAGUE** [Exhibit IV]

Senate received for information the report of the Academic Colleague, detailed in Exhibit IV. Dr. Okruhlik advised Senators that the recent COU update is available upon request from the University Secretariat.

She also reported that COU had expressed concern to the government about Bill 151. The Bill would amend the *Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities Act* to enable the government to collect information about post-secondary students' enrolment and transfer activities. This would include the collection of Aboriginal students' status, linking post-secondary student data with elementary and secondary school student data through the use of Ontario Education Numbers, inclusion of the Ontario College Application Centre, and the collection of personal information on the use of student services.

ENQUIRIES AND NEW BUSINESS

S.14-110 **Examination Policies** [S.13-102e, S.13-152b, S. 14-86]

Western Student Senators noted that in addition to writing exams on April 30, some students are faced with moving if a lease ends April 30 or they starting a job. They asked whether the administration was aware of these issues and whether consideration could be given to them when scheduling exams in the future while still keeping exam conflicts to a minimum. Mr. Tigert said that the Registrar's Office is aware of these issues and makes a concerted effort to minimize the number of exams scheduled toward the end of the exam period. This year, exam scheduling difficulties arose due to the number of holidays in the exam period, the number of special requests from instructors, and attempting to minimize the number of exam conflicts for students.

S.14-111 **Student Entrepreneurship Funding and Western's Research Park**

Western Student Senators asked if the administration might consider an academic component to entrepreneurship initiatives where students could receive some credit for their work, similar to Internships and Co-Ops. Dr. Deakin responded that ways in which Western can incorporate real learning experiences and academic credit are being explored.

Mr. White clarified that the total amount of funding is \$51 million across 5 programs concerned with youth employment, with accelerators (up to 10) receiving about \$10 million.

S.14-112 **Research Clusters** [S.14-66, S.14-73]

Western Student Senators asked how University Research Board members (URB) for the research cluster review will be selected in a way that does not promote any bias towards certain faculties and their research over others. Dr. Capone commented that URB members, as faculty, are used to assessing peer proposals by bringing their expertise to bear without bias. He also noted that the final recommendations would come from external reviewers. The over-riding criteria for selection of clusters will be excellence based on existing areas of research and potential for growth of that research.

S.14-113 **Family Washrooms, Nursing Rooms and Change Stations on Campus** [S13.159]

Western Student Senators thanked members of the administration for actions taken on the earlier request concerning baby nursing and changing stations.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

A. Chakma
Chair

I. Birrell
Secretary