



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

September 19, 2014

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

SENATORS: 71

J. Aitken Schermer	Y. Huang	C. Olivier
N. Banerjee	G. Hunter	B. Palin
D. Belliveau	C. Jones	P.P. Pare
C. Brown	R. Kennedy	B. Paxton
L. Brown	G. Kulczycki	N. Pilo
J. Burkell	J. Lamarche	D. Rogers
S. Camiletti	B. Leipert	P. St. Pierre
J. Capone	J. Malkin	P. Scala
A. Chakma	S. McClatchie	I. Scott
C.L. Chambers	C. McGarvey	K. Siddiqui
M. Clapton	T. McMurrrough	R. Sookraj
D. Coward	K. Mequanint	V. Staroverov
M. Crossan	R. Mercer	C. Steeves
J. Cuciurean	M. Milde	B. Steinbock
J. Deakin	J.-F. Millaire	T. Sutherland
C. Dean	L. Miller	D. Sylvester
G. Dekaban	S. Mischler	B. Timney
D. Dodgson	D. Mok	J. Toswell
J. Eberhard	D. Murdoch	T. Townshend
A. El-Boraie	A. Nelson	N. Wathen
A. Fedyk	T. Newson	G. Westwood
B. Garcia	C. Nolan	C. Wilkins
C. Hanycz	V. Nolte	B.A. Younker
B. Hovius	C. O'Connor	

Observers: E. Chamberlain, J. Doerksen, A. Hearn, M. Helfand, J. Inoue, A. Mandich, A. Weedon

S.14-153 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting of June 6, 2014 were approved as circulated.

S.14-154 **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

Prior to presenting his report, Dr. Chakma welcomed the new and returning Senators to the meeting.

Dr. Chakma reported on the following items:

- Western's first-year enrolment is 5,300, including 554 international students. This is a clear signal that Western's reputation is strong and continues to attract many of the best and brightest students

- Government update including the new provincial budget, the Strategic Mandate Agreement, announcement of the new Minister of Training, Colleges & Universities, and a majority Liberal government at Queen's Park
- Royal Society and Vanier Canada Graduate Scholar award winners
- 2014 Homecoming

Overhead slides used to highlight his presentation are attached as [Appendix 1](#).

REPORT OF THE OPERATIONS/AGENDA COMMITTEE [Exhibit I]

S.14-155 **Senate Membership: SGPS – Health Sciences Constituency**

It was moved by J. Aitken Shermer, seconded by T. Sutherland,

That the seat held by Elizabeth Skarakis-Doyle, representative of the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies – Health Sciences constituency on Senate, be declared vacant effective July 1, 2014, and that Karen Danylchuk (Kinesiology) be elected to take up her seat until June 30, 2016.

CARRIED

S.14-156 **Revisions to the Senate Election Procedures**

Senate was informed that the Faculty of Science Students Council will seek further consultation regarding the revisions to the Senate Election Procedures. Consideration of the revisions is deferred to the October meeting.

S.14-157 **Observer Status on Senate: Representative from the Librarians/Archivists Group**

It was moved by J. Aitken Schermer, seconded by J. Toswell,

That a representative from the UWOFALA group be granted separate observer status on Senate.

CARRIED

S.14-158 **Revision to the Terms of Reference of the Honorary Degrees Committee**

It was moved by J. Aitken Schermer, seconded by J. Eberhard,

That the Terms of Reference of the Honorary Degrees Committee be amended to include the following sentence: "To select a candidate to receive the President's Medal for Distinguished Service" as shown in Exhibit I, Appendix 2.

CARRIED

S.14-159 **Officers of Convocation**

The following Officers of Convocation have been reappointed (terms to June 30, 2016 unless otherwise noted):

Donna Peterson – Director (to June 30, 2015)
Dan Shrubsole – Marshal
Rick Semmens – Chief Public Orator
Shelley Clark – Chief Head Usher
Margaret McGlynn – Assistant Chief Public Orator (**new appointment**)

S.14-160 **2015 Convocation Dates**

Convocation ceremonies scheduled in 2015 are:

Huron University College Theological Convocation - Thursday, May 7
MBA Spring Convocation – Friday, June 5
Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry - MD Program - Friday, May 15
Hong Kong Convocation - Sunday, May 31
Spring Convocation (305) - Tuesday, June 9 to Friday, June 12 and Monday, June 15 to
Wednesday, June 17
Autumn Convocation (306) - Thursday, October 22 and Friday, October 23

S.14-161 **Senate Election Schedule 2015**

Senate received for information the Senate Election Schedule for 2015, detailed in Exhibit I, Appendix 3.

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

S.14-162 **Faculty of Arts and Humanities, Department of English and Writing Studies: Introduction of a Minor and Major in Theatre Studies**

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

That a Minor and a Major in Theatre Studies be introduced in the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, Department of English and Writing Studies effective September 1, 2014, as shown in Exhibit II, Appendix 1.

CARRIED

S.14-163 **Policy Revision: Adding and Dropping Courses**

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

That effective September 1, 2015 the policy on “Adding and Dropping Courses” be revised as shown in Exhibit II, Appendix 3.

CARRIED

S.14-164 **Policy Revision: Application for Graduation and Notification of Eligibility to Graduate**

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

That the deadline for application to graduate be revised to April 30 from March 15 effective September 1, 2014,

and

That the Sessional Dates for 2015 be revised to reflect this change.

CARRIED

S.14-165 **Policy Revisions: Amending Policies to Accommodate Distance Education**

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

That effective September 1, 2014 the various academic policies referencing Distance Education be revised as shown in Exhibit II, Appendix 5.

CARRIED

S.14-166 **Report of the Subcommittee on Program Review – Undergraduate (SUPR-U): Cyclical Review of the Mechatronics Systems Engineering Program**

Senate was advised that SCAPA approved the recommendations of the Subcommittee on Program Review – Undergraduate (SUPR-U) with respect to the cyclical review of the undergraduate program in Mechatronics Systems Engineering. The Final Assessment Report was attached as Exhibit II, Appendix 6.

S.14-167 **Report of the Subcommittee on Program Review – Graduate (SUPR-G): Cyclical Reviews**

Senate was informed that SCAPA approved the recommendations of the Subcommittee on Program Review – Graduate (SUPR-G) with respect to the cyclical reviews of the graduate programs in Orthodontics and Mechanical and Materials Engineering. The Final Assessment Reports were attached as Exhibit II, Appendix 7.

S.14-168 **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 set out in Exhibit II, Appendix 8.

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

S.14-169 **Dr. James Roth Research Chair in Musculoskeletal Measurement and Knowledge Translation**

It was moved by B.A. Younker, seconded by R. Kennedy,

That the Dr. James Roth Research Chair in Musculoskeletal Measurement and Knowledge Translation be established with academic appointment in the Faculty of Health Sciences, as detailed in Exhibit III, Appendix 1.

CARRIED

S.14-170 **Echo Chair in Rural Women's Health Research – Name Change**

It was moved by B.A. Younker, seconded by J. Cuciurean,

That the existing Echo Chair in Rural Women's Health Research in the Faculty of Health Sciences and the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry be renamed the Women's Health Research Chair in Rural Health.

CARRIED

S.14-171 **Research Chair in Better Kidney Health – Name Change**

It was moved by B.A. Younker, seconded by M. Milde,

That the existing Research Chair in Better Kidney Health established in June 2014 at the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry be renamed the Dr. Adam Linton Chair in Kidney Health Analytics and adhere to the terms already established.

Donors and Funding:

A total of \$3 million has been contributed by Lawson Health Research Institute and the Department of Medicine, together with matching funds from the University to create the endowment to support the Dr. Adam Linton Chair in Kidney Health Analytics.

CARRIED

S.14-172 **Extension of the CIBC Chair in Human Capital and Productivity and the CIBC Fellowships in Human Capital and Productivity**

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

That the CIBC Chair in Human Capital and Productivity and the CIBC Fellowships in Human Capital and Productivity be extended for an additional one year (to June 2015) with appointment in the Faculty of Social Science.

Donor and Funding:

In 2004, CIBC pledged \$1,000,000 to support the CIBC Chair in Human Capital and Productivity and the CIBC Fellowships in Human Capital and Productivity. Currently, the Faculty of Social Science has donor funds remaining from the original expendable gift, based on the use of other sources of funding for the Chair and Fellowships.

The Faculty of Social Science will continue to ensure that minimum funding is available to support the Chair and the fellows. The extension of these namings recognizes that donor funds will continue to be used, and recognizes the generosity of CIBC.

Effective Date: July 1, 2014

CARRIED

REPORT OF THE HONORARY DEGREES COMMITTEE [Exhibit IV]

S.14-173 **Honorary Degree Recipients - Autumn Convocation 2014**

The report of the Honorary Degrees Committee, announcing the individuals who will receive honorary degrees at Autumn Convocation 2014, detailed in Exhibit IV, was received for information.

S.14-174 **REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC COLLEAGUE** [Exhibit V]

Senate received for information the Report of the Academic Colleague detailed in Exhibit V. Topics covered included the Provincial election, Strategic Mandate Agreements, Credential Review, Ontario Online Initiative and Faculty at Work.

S.14-175 **ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNICATIONS**

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

ENQUIRIES AND NEW BUSINESS

S.14-176 **Increased Enrolment and Construction Related Issues**

R. Sookraj asked what steps the administration is taking to deal with the increased enrolment and construction related issues on campus. Ms. Kulczycki noted the following:

- First- year class size is 5,300 which is larger than intended. The total room capacity for 2014-15 is 4,869; through various measures Housing was able to increase capacity on a one-time basis to 4,918. The Affiliated University Colleges also assisted with housing students.
- Delaware Hall will be ready September 2015 which will bring the total residence room capacity to 5,322
- Traffic on Western Road and all roads surrounding and through campus during early morning and afternoon hours is heavy. This is not new. Short-term measures have been taken such as changes in light timing and operation of signals. The City advocated in their budget that road improvements for Western, Sarnia, and Philip Aziz roads are a priority, putting those roads on a path to construction in 2017.
- With regard to parking, only a small portion of first-year students come to campus via personal vehicles. Most are within walking distance or use the LTC bus pass. Green permit spaces for students have declined slightly.
- With the construction of the joint Huron/Western entrance for the Springett lot, 237 spaces were temporarily lost, but next year the Springett lot will be expanded. The long term parking plan is near completion. Long term systems and capacity strategies and improvements will be addressed in that plan.
- The LTC bus service is looking at a Bus Rapid Transit Strategy and how the university might accommodate a node on the route.
- With regard to food services on campus, residence dining halls generally seem to be able to cope with the volume. Other food units outside the residences are extremely busy. Additional food service staff will be hired in order to improve service. Technology improvements and physical modifications in the Centre Spot have helped, but the food infrastructure does need to be reviewed for expansion opportunities.
- Student Health Services is reporting steady and manageable volumes at this point.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

A. Chakma
Chair

E. Hegedues
Associate University Secretary



**President's Report
to Senate**

September 19, 2014

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New Royal Society of Canada Fellows

Congratulations to...


Gail Atkinson, <i>Dept. of Earth Sciences</i> CRC, Earthquake Hazards & Ground Motions	Brock Fenton, <i>Dept. of Biology</i> Emeritus Professor
Frank Davey, <i>Dept. of English</i> Emeritus Professor	Vladimir Hachinski, <i>Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry</i> Distinguished University Professor
Julia Emberley, <i>Dept. of English</i> Chair, Undergraduate Studies in English	Wayne Hocking, <i>Dept. of Physics & Astronomy</i> Professor

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**Inaugural members of the RSC's
College of New Scholars,
Artists & Scientists**

Congratulations to...

Daniel Ansari, <i>Dept. of Psychology</i> CRC, Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience	Valerie Oosterveld, <i>Faculty of Law</i> Assoc. Dean (Research & Administration)
Isaac Luginaah, <i>Dept. of Geography</i> CRC, Health Geography	Robert Ventresca, <i>King's University College, Dept. of History</i> Professor

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New Vanier Canada Graduate Scholars

Congratulations to...

Raechelle Gibson, <i>Sensory Systems & Perception</i>	Katerina Rnic, <i>Psychology</i>
Tanya Harrison, <i>Earth Sciences</i>	Alexandre Sannen, <i>Literature, French</i>
Sarah Mason, <i>Geography</i>	Ayden Scheim, <i>Population Health</i>
Dibikar Mondal, <i>Chemical & Biochemical Engineering</i>	

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