

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

JUNE 9, 2017

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

SENATORS: 56

A. Abuhussein	A. Hrymak	K. Olson
R. Andersen	C. Jones	H. Orbach-Miller
A. Bowlus	D. Jorgensen	G. Parraga
J. Capone	R. Kennedy	I. Paul
A. Chakma	J. Knowles	W. Pearson
A. Chant	D. Laird	D. Rogers
K. Clark	S. Macfie	L. Rosen
K. Cole	E. Macpherson	C. Roulston
R. Collins	M. McDayter	Z. Sinel
E. Comor	C. Mcleod	W. Siqueira
M. Crossan	K. Mequanint	C. Steeves
C. Davidson	J. Michalski	T. Straatman
J. Deakin	K. Miller	D. Sylvester
C. Dean	L. Miller	G. Tigert
G. Dekaban	S. Mumm	J. Toswell
P. Doyle	P. Nesbitt-Larking	S. Trosow
J. Garland	V. Nielsen	M. Viczko
J. Hatch	V. Nolte	J. Wilson
E. Hegedues	C. Olivier	

Observers: S. Camiletti, K. Campbell, A. Di Sebastiano, J. Doerksen, L. Gribbon, S. Pitel, T. Solebo

S.17-133 **Land Acknowledgement**

D. Jorgensen read the Land Acknowledgement.

S.17-134 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting of May 19, 2017 were approved as circulated.

S.17-135 **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT** [Exhibit I]

The President's report, distributed with the agenda, contained information on the following topics: Federal "Supercluster" initiative, Western hosts inaugural World's Challenge Challenge and a leadership update. Dr. Chakma urged Senators to participate in Western's Spring Convocation scheduled for June 13 – 17 and 19 – 21.

S.17-136 **UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGENDA** [Exhibit II]

It was moved by S. Macfie, seconded by K. Mequanint,

That the items listed in Exhibit II, Unanimous Consent Agenda, excluding item 4: School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: Revisions to the Ivey Master of Science (MSc) in Management Program, be approved or received for information by Senate by unanimous consent.

CARRIED

REPORT OF THE OPERATIONS/AGENDA COMMITTEE [Exhibit III]

S.17-137 **Revisions to University Research Board Terms of Reference and Composition**

It was moved by M. McGlynn, seconded by C. Jones,

That the revisions to the University Research Board Terms of Reference and Composition shown in Exhibit III, Appendix 1 be approved.

Dr. J. Capone, Vice-President (Research), provided an overview of the revised terms of reference and proposed membership of URB noting that the membership of the Board will increase from the current 19 to 23 voting members and will ensure a better balance between the elected and voting *ex officio* members of the committee.

It was moved by J. Toswell, seconded by A. Katz,

That the main motion be amended to include the *two* Associate Vice-Presidents (Research) in the composition.

CARRIED

Senators also accepted as a friendly amendment the inclusion of the statement "The Board reports regularly on its activities to Senate" given that it was included in the original version.

The question on the main motion, as revised, was called and CARRIED.

S.17-138 **Candidates for Degrees and Diplomas - Spring 2017**

On behalf of the Senate, upon the recommendation of the Registrar [S.96-124], the Provost approved the list of Candidates for Degrees and Diplomas. The list of Candidates approved by the Provost are appended to the Official Minutes of the June 9, 2017 meeting of Senate.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE [Exhibit IV]

S.17-139 **Selection Committee for the Provost & Vice-President (Academic)**

In addition to the slate of nominees contained in the report, the following nominations were presented at the meeting: Elizabeth Gillies, Mary Crossan, Jane Toswell and Arjun Singh (student). Senators were informed that equality in gender representation was of paramount importance and should ultimately be considered in the selection process for this committee.

Senators were advised that a two stage e-vote would be conducted to determine the membership of the Selection Committee for the Provost & Vice-President (Academic).

Secretarial Note: Senate elected the following members via e-vote to the Selection Committee for the Provost & Vice-President (Academic): Arjun Singh (student), Mary Crossan (Ivey), Fred Longstaffe (Science), Margaret McGlynn (Social Science) and Jane Toswell (Arts and Humanities).

S.17-140 **Senate Review Board Academic**

Paul Ragogna (Science) was elected to the Senate Review Board Academic (SRBA) to replace K. Griffiths who has resigned (term July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018).

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC POLICY AND AWARDS [Exhibit V]

S.17-141 **Accommodation Regarding Exam Conflicts** [S/17-114a]

The SCAPA Chair recalled that at the last Senate meeting a question was posed about how many exam conflicts typically arise in a given academic term. S. Macfie said that in April 2017, 22 conflicts were identified for students requesting to write with the Office of the Registrar's Accommodated Exams Service. Remedies included but are not limited to, adjusting start times and guaranteeing students a minimum 30 minutes between exams times. Arrangements are often made on a per-student basis and can be adjusted accordingly.

S.17-142 **Notice of Motion: Accommodation for Political Candidacy of Students**

S. Macfie, Chair of SCAPA, reminded Senate that Senator Orbach-Miller presented the following Notice of Motion at the March Senate meeting:

"That Senate amend [POLICY 1.3 - Political Candidacy of Students](#) as shown in Appendix A".

Appendix A:

POLICY

1.00 Members of the student body shall be free to enter public life. There is an obligation upon the University as an institution to ensure that no impediments are placed in the way of members of the student body desiring to enter public life.

PROCEDURE

2.00 Students of the University who become candidates for public office may, if they desire, inform the Dean of their Faculty of their candidacy. Upon receipt of such information the Dean shall excuse the candidate from attendance during the campaign for election upon the following basis:

- (a) For election to the Parliament of Canada: excused attendance for the equivalent of one month;
- (b) For election to a Provincial Legislature: excused attendance for the equivalent of one month;
- (c) For election as Mayor of the City of London, or equivalent office, or to the London Board of Control, or to a Board of Education: excused attendance for the equivalent of ten days;
- (d) For election to a Municipal or Township Council: excused attendance for the equivalent of five days.
- (e) For election as an executive on the University Students' Council of Western University (USC), or equivalent office: excused attendance for the equivalent of two days.**

She said that at the April 21, 2017 Senate meeting, SCAPA reported that it had considered the notice of motion but requested more information. Specifically, a list of student executive positions that would be covered by the proposed policy and whether it would cover the affiliates and graduate students.

The SCAPA Chair reported that H. Orbach-Miller provided a revised motion, which contained clarification of the above issues, to SCAPA at its May 31 meeting. Senate was advised that SCAPA considered the revised motion and agreed that students who have a direct conflict between a mandatory class/lab/tutorial and a political candidacy event should be able to seek

accommodation. After considerable discussion, SCAPA defeated the motion by majority vote.

It was moved by H. Orbach-Miller, seconded by A. Abuhussein,

That Senate reaffirm its support for students to seek academic relief for an array of circumstances not prescribed under current academic policy, including but not limited to, campaigning for student political office.

Furthermore, Senate urge the administration to work collaboratively with campus partners such as the Western Student Senators (WSS) and the University Students' Council (USC) to better advertise and to inform students of the different means available and potential circumstances that may merit academic relief.

Speaking in support of the motion, Senator Orbach-Miller said that it is important that Senate reaffirm its support for students to seek academic relief. He suggested that students are not aware of their options when it comes to this issue.

During the debate on the motion the following points were made:

- Only "a few" requests for academic relief from students had been made over the past few years during campaigns for student political office, none of which were denied.
- Counsellors already deal with, and grant, requests from students for accommodations for reasons that do not fall strictly within an existing policy (e.g., to attend national or international competitions, to deal with family emergencies, and other compassionate reasons).
- Counsellors should retain the autonomy to decide which situations warrant accommodation, on a case-by-case basis, including those that are not dictated by policy.
- A communications strategy should be developed so that all students are aware of the accommodations policy.

The question was called and CARRIED.

S.17-143 **School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: Modification to the Thesis-Based Master of Science (MSc), Kinesiology**

It was moved by S. Macfie, seconded by K. Mequanint,

That, effective September 1, 2017 the Master of Science (MSc), Kinesiology Program be modified as shown in Exhibit V, Appendix 1.

CARRIED (By Unanimous Consent)

S.17-144 **School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: Revisions to the Master of Physical Therapy (MPT) Professional Master's Program**

It was moved by S. Macfie, seconded by K. Mequanint,

That, effective September 1, 2017 the Master of Physical Therapy (MPT) Program be revised as shown in Exhibit V, Appendix 2.

CARRIED (By Unanimous Consent)

S.17-145 **School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: Revisions to the Ivey Master of Science (MSc) in Management Program**

It was moved by S. Macfie, seconded by K. Mequanint,

That, effective January 1, 2018 the Management MSc Program be revised as shown in Exhibit V, Appendix 3.

Members voiced concern that “Ivey” was contained in the names of three courses; Richard Ivey is the name of the donor for the Richard Ivey School of Business. Dean Kennedy stated that the business school uses “Ivey” as part of its branding, which is why the course titles include the word. Branding by using the nomenclature “Ivey” is successfully used to identify the School by faculty, staff, students and recruiters. The naming of courses is intended to capture the brand and not form an association with the donor’s family name.

It was moved by A. Chant, seconded by S. Trosow,

That the recommendation be referred back to SCAPA for further consideration in light of the use of the donor’s name in the course title.

DEFEATED

The question on the main motion was called and CARRIED.

S.17-146 **School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: Revisions to the MSc/PhD Program in Pathology to Introduce the Field of One Health**

It was moved by S. Macfie, seconded by K. Mequanint,

That, effective September 1, 2017 an interdisciplinary thesis-based graduate field of research in One Health be introduced to the existing research-based MSc/PhD program in Pathology, as shown in Exhibit V, Appendix 4.

CARRIED (By Unanimous Consent)

S.17-147 **School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: Introduction of a Dual Doctoral Degree Program (PhD) between Tongji University and Western University**

It was moved by S. Macfie, seconded by K. Mequanint,

That, effective September 1, 2017, Senate approve and recommend to the Board for approval, the introduction of a dual PhD program between students registered in the College of Civil Engineering at Tongji University, China and the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Western University as outlined in the Articulation Agreement included as Exhibit V, Appendix 5.

CARRIED (By Unanimous Consent)

S.17-148 **Faculty of Science: Introduction of a Major and an Honors Specialization in Data Science**

It was moved by S. Macfie, seconded by K. Mequanint,

The effective September 1, 2017, a Major and an Honors Specialization in Data Science be introduced by the Department of Statistical and Actuarial Sciences and the Department of Computer Science as shown in Exhibit V, Appendix 6.

CARRIED (By Unanimous Consent)

S.17-149 **Faculty of Social Science: Introduction of an Honors Specialization in Politics, Philosophy and Economics – Politics and Philosophy**

It was moved by S. Macfie, seconded by K. Mequanint,

That effective September 1, 2018, an Honors Specialization in Politics, Philosophy and Economics – Politics and Philosophy be introduced by the Department of Political Science as shown in Exhibit V, Appendix 7.

CARRIED (By Unanimous Consent)

S.17-150 **Faculty of Social Science: Revisions to and Renaming of the Honors Specialization in Economics, Politics and Philosophy**

It was moved by S. Macfie, seconded by K. Mequanint,

That effective September 1, 2018, the Honors Specialization in Economics, Politics and Philosophy in the Department of Economics be revised as shown in Exhibit V, Appendix 8, and

That the Honors Specialization in Economics, Politics and Philosophy be renamed as the Honors Specialization in Politics, Philosophy and Economics – Economics.

CARRIED (By Unanimous Consent)

S.17-151 **Faculty of Social Science: Withdrawal of the Honors Specialization in Canadian-American Relations**

It was moved by S. Macfie, seconded by K. Mequanint,

That effective September 1, 2017, admissions to the Honors Specialization in Canadian-American Relations be discontinued, and

That students currently enrolled in the module be allowed to graduate until August 31, 2020 upon fulfillment of the requirements, and

That effective September 1, 2020 the module be discontinued.

CARRIED (By Unanimous Consent)

S.17-152 **Huron University College: Introduction of the Huron EnRoute Program**

It was moved by S. Macfie, seconded by P. Nesbitt-Larking,

That effective September 1, 2017, the EnRoute Program be introduced on a three-year trial basis at Huron University College as shown in Exhibit V, Appendix 9, with a report due back to SCAPA in May 2020; and

That students seeking admissions to the EnRoute program be conditionally admitted to Huron University College.

Asked about the metrics that will be used to measure a student's success, P. Nesbitt-Larking said that the normal academic metrics will be used. It was noted that this program is modelled after King's University College KEY program which is an eight-month program designed for students who are close to meeting the language proficiency requirements for direct entry to King's University College.

The question was called and CARRIED

S.17-153 **Huron University College: Introduction of an Honors Specialization in Global Health Studies**

It was moved by S. Macfie, seconded by K. Mequanint,

That an Honors Specialization in Global Health Studies be introduced at Huron University College as shown in Exhibit V, Appendix 10, effective September 1, 2017.

CARRIED (By Unanimous Consent)

S.17-154 **Huron University College: Introduction of a Major in Governance, Leadership and Ethics**

It was moved by S. Macfie, seconded by K. Mequanint,

That effective September 1, 2017 a Major in Governance, Leadership and Ethics be introduced at Huron University College as shown in Exhibit V, Appendix 11.

CARRIED (By Unanimous Consent)

S.17-155 **King's University College: Introduction of the Combined Degree/Diploma in Finance and Wealth Management with Fanshawe College**

It was moved by S. Macfie, seconded by D. Sylvester,

That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the introduction of a combined degree/diploma in Finance and Wealth Management between King's University College and Fanshawe College as shown in Exhibit V, Appendix 12.

CARRIED

S.17-156 **Renewal of the Articulation Agreement between Brescia University College, Huron University College, King's University College, Western University, and Fanshawe College for Qualified Graduates of the Police Foundations Diploma Program**

It was moved by S. Macfie, seconded by K. Mequanint,

That Senate approve and recommended to the Board of Governors the renewal of the Articulation Agreement between Brescia University College, Huron University College, King's University College, Western University, and Fanshawe College regarding the transfer of credit for students in the Police Foundations Program as shown in Exhibit V, Appendix 15.

CARRIED (By Unanimous Consent)

S.17-157 **Revisions to the "International Applicants' Admission Requirements" Policy**

It was moved by S. Macfie, seconded by K. Mequanint,

That the "Admissions Requirements for Applicants from the United States" section of the "International Applicants' Admission Requirements" Policy be revised as shown in Exhibit V, item 16, effective September 1, 2017.

CARRIED (By Unanimous Consent)

S.17-158 **Revisions to the "International Dual-Credential Degree Program (Undergraduate and Doctoral)" Policy**

It was moved by S. Macfie, seconded by K. Mequanint,

That the "International Dual-Credential Degree Programs (Undergraduate and Doctoral)" policy be revised as shown in Exhibit V, Appendix 16, effective September 1, 2017.

CARRIED (By Unanimous Consent)

S.17-159 **Information Items Reported by the Senate Committee on Academic Policy and Awards**

Exhibit V, Report of the Senate Committee on Academic Policy and Awards, contained the following items that were received for information by the Senate by unanimous consent:

- Revisions to the “Admission – MD Program” Policy (Practice Associated with the Designated Seats Allocation)
- Revisions to the 2017-2018 Sessional Dates for the Faculty of Education
- Revisions to the 2017-2018 Sessional Dates for the Ivey School of Business
- SUPR-G Report: Cyclical Review of the Graduate Program in Applied Mathematics
- SUPR-U Report: Cyclical Reviews of Anthropology, Applied Mathematics and Huron University College, Economics
- New Scholarships and Awards

SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY PLANNING [Exhibit VI]

S.17-160 **Annual Report on Promotion and Tenure 2016-17**

Senate received for information the Annual Report on Promotion and Tenure 2016-17, detailed in Exhibit VI, Appendix 1.

S.17-161 **REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC COLLEAGUE** [Exhibit VII]

The Report of the Academic Colleague, detailed in Exhibit VII, was received for information. Topics noted in the report included: Strategic Engagement Campaign, Strategic Mandate Agreements, Graduate Programs Outcomes Survey and Campus Climate Surveys.

DISCUSSION AND QUESTION PERIOD

S.17-162 **Selection Committee for the Provost & Vice-President (Academic)**

A member asked if the results of the two-stage ballot are such that members elected by Senate are all males would Senate have an opportunity to consider gender balance again. The President said it is Senate’s right to discuss the matter further if so desired.

S.17-163 **Emergency Alarm System**

A member asked why an emergency alarm was not sounded when a pressure monitoring system in a washroom was mistakenly thought to be a bomb. Given that no one was present to respond, the Chair took the question under advisement noting that a response will be provided at the next meeting.

S.17-164 **Notice of Motion – Amendment to Senate Nominating Committee Procedures**

Senator Orbach-Miller presented a notice of motion recommending the inclusion of the following statement in the Senate Nominating Committee procedures:

The candidate(s) put forward by a student member of the committee for student-only eligible positions will be the only candidates considered. If no student candidate is put forward forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting, any member may nominate a student for a student-only position.

The Chair accepted this motion and referred it to the Senate Nominating Committee for consideration.

S.17-165

Retiring Members of Senate

Dr. Chakma thanked those members of Senate whose terms end June 30, 2017, for their time and efforts given towards the work of Senate and its committees.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

A. Chakma
Chair

E. Hegedues
Acting Secretary