

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

OCTOBER 20, 2017

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

SENATORS: 64

R. Andersen	A. Hrymak	I. Paul
W. Avusuglo	C. Jones	W. Pearson
P. Barmby	P. Jones	A. Ray
G. Belfry	D. Jorgensen	D.R. Sainani
P. Bishop	A. Katz	P. Schmidt
M. Blackwood	L. Kim	V. Schwean
A. Bowlus	J. Knowles	Z. Sinel
T. Carmichael	G. Kopp	J. Siou
A. Chakma	D. Kotsopoulos	V. Staroverov
E. Chamberlain	K. Kwan	T. Straatman
C.L. Chambers	D. Laird	G. Tigert
A. Chant	L. Logan	S. Trosow
L. Charland	E. Macpherson	M. Viczko
R. Collins	J. Matthews	E. Walsh
M. Crossan	A. Meyer	J. Wihlidal
R. Datta	J. Michalski	M. Wilson
P. Doyle	M. Milde	B.A. Younker
J. Garland	K. Miller	S. Yousafzai
C. Hardy	J. Mitchell	P. Yu
Y. Hassan	K. Myers	K. Zhou
J. Hatch	V. Nielsen	
B. Hill	C. Olivier	

Observers: M.B. Bonn, K. Campbell, J. Doerksen, J. Esseltine, S. Pitel, J. Sadler, T. Solebo, J. Weese

By Invitation: P. Simpson

Land Acknowledgement

E. Walsh read the Land Acknowledgement.

S.17-197

Welcome to the New University Secretary

On behalf of Senate, the Chair welcomed Kathleen Kwan, Western's new University Secretary, to Senate.

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MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of September 22, 2017, were approved as circulated. In response to concerns about the minutes, the Secretary agreed to listen to the recording of the September 22, 2017 meeting and make a determination, which will be reported to Senate for information through the Operations/Agenda Committee.

S.17-199 **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT [EXHIBIT I]**

The President's report, distributed with the agenda, contained information on the following topics: Tribute to late President Emeritus Alan Adlington, Western staff members recognized for excellence, Linamar gift supports future engineering and business leaders, Partnership with Toronto and McMaster supports entrepreneurship, Schulich and Law partner to host inaugural Indigenous culture day, and Western leadership update.

He also provided an update on the Strategic Mandate Agreement process, COU meetings with the provincial parties, in light of the upcoming provincial election, Bonnie Patterson's presentation at the recent Board of Governors Retreat, notification that a memo will be circulated by the University Secretary seeking submissions regarding the Western's next Provost and an invitation to attend the upcoming town hall meetings regarding the budget planning process.

S.17-200 **UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGENDA [EXHIBIT II]**

It was moved by L. Logan, seconded by A. Chant,

That the items listed in Exhibit II, Unanimous Consent Agenda, with the exception of item 1: 2016-17 Annual Report of the Senate Review Board Academic, item 5: School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: Introduction of a Dual Doctoral Degree Program (PhD) between Chalmers Tekniska Högskola AB and The University of Western Ontario, item 11: Report on Scholastic Offences and item 14: Report on the September 26, 2017 Board meeting, be approved or received for information by Senate by unanimous consent.

CARRIED

REPORT OF THE SENATE OPERATIONS/AGENDA COMMITTEE [EXHIBIT III]

S.17-201 **Nominating Committee – Alternate Member**

S. Yousafzai (student) was elected as an Alternate Member on the Senate Nominating Committee to complete the term of O. Enbar (term to June 30, 2018).

S.17-202 **2016-17 Annual Report of the Senate Review Board Academic**

A member asked what would be a reason(s) for denying an appeal without a hearing. The report indicated that SRBA denied 15 of the 17 appeals without oral hearings. M. Milde explained that SRBA, after reviewing the appeals, did not find sufficient evidence to warrant proceeding to an oral hearing.

S.17-203 **Information Items Reported by the Senate Operation/Agenda Committee**

Exhibit III, Report of the Senate Operations/Agenda Committee, contained the following items that were received for information by unanimous consent:

- Candidates for Degrees and Diplomas – Autumn Convocation 2017
- Order of Ceremony – Spring Convocation 2018
- Update on Senate *ad hoc* Committee on Renewal Report on Implementation of Recommendations

REPORT OF THE SENATE NOMINATING COMMITTEE [EXHIBIT IV]

S.17-204 **Senate Committee on Academic Policy and Awards**

M. Blackwood (undergraduate student) was elected to the Senate Committee on Academic Policy and Awards to complete the term of S. Yousafzai who has resigned (term to June 30, 2018).

S.17-205 **Senate Committee on University Planning**

C. Hardy (undergraduate student), was elected to the Senate Committee on University Planning to complete the term of M. Blackwood who has resigned (term to June 30, 2018).

S.17-206 **University Research Board**

The following were elected to the University Research Board:

K. Paradis, Post-Doc, for a term to June 30, 2018, R. A. Gardiner, Faculty of Education, for a term to June 30, 2018, T. Orchard, Faculty of Health Sciences, for a term to June 30, 2019, J. Neyers, Faculty of Law, for a term to June 30, 2018, and P. Schmidt, Don Wright Faculty of Music, for a term to June 30, 2018.

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

S.17-207 **School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: Introduction of a Dual Doctoral Degree Program (PhD) between Chalmers Tekniska Högskola AB and The University of Western Ontario**

[P. Simpson, Associate Vice-Provost, SGPS, was present to respond to questions.]

It was moved by J. Hatch, seconded by A. Chant,

That, effective September 1, 2017, Senate approve the introduction of a Dual Doctoral Degree Program between Chalmers Tekniska Högskola AB and The University of Western Ontario as outlined in the Articulation Agreement included as Exhibit V, Appendix 1.

A member, referring to article 5.10, asked if a student is obligated to withdraw from the dual program of one university, does that mean that the student must withdraw from the other university. The Chair of SCAPA said that it is Western's standard in the dual degree agreements that Western will confer its degree if the student meets the requirements, regardless of what happens at the partner university. If a student is required to withdraw from the partner university, they could continue in the Western program with no penalty or disadvantage, depending on the circumstances of the withdrawal.

A member asked for clarification of article 6.3 particularly regarding the requirement for a public thesis defence and public seminar. The Chair of SCAPA said that not all PhD's thesis include a public defence. It would be negotiated between Chalmers and Western in terms of deciding the order of the presentation. P. Simpson, Associate Vice-Provost SGPS, said that Chalmers would like to have a public thesis defence not just a public lecture, whereas at Western a defence can be public by mutual agreement between the candidate and the program.

P. Simpson noted that in making partnerships with international universities, Western has many regulations as does Chalmers or other partners. In creating the agreement, the universities do not attempt to address every point but to agree on the intent. The universities rely on compromise regarding many issues that arise around details. He added that, as far as he knows, there has never been a problem achieving a compromise because the entire process is driven by the shared goals of educating students and generating quality scholarship. If a student does not want an open thesis defence there must be a public lecture held either before or afterwards. However, a compromise could be worked out between the two universities.

The Chair of SCAPA clarified that article 8.7 should read "Except as set out in 8.6" rather than 8.5".

The question was called and CARRIED.

S.17-208

Brescia University College: Renaming of and Revisions to the Major in Dimensions in Leadership, and the Introduction of Leadership Studies as a Subject Area

It was moved by L. Logan, seconded by A. Chant,

That the Major in Dimensions of Leadership at Brescia University College be renamed as the Major in Leadership Studies, and that the module requirements be revised as shown in Exhibit V, Appendix 2, effective September 1, 2017,

and,

That the new subject area of Leadership Studies be introduced into the undergraduate offerings at Brescia University College and included in Category A for Breadth Requirements for Graduation, as shown in Exhibit V, Appendix 3, effective September 1, 2017,

and,

That the subject area of Dimensions of Leadership be withdrawn, effective September 1, 2017.

CARRIED (By Unanimous Consent)

S.17-209

Huron University College: Introduction of a Specialization and Honors Specialization in Global Rights Studies

It was moved by L. Logan, seconded by A. Chant,

That a Specialization and an Honors Specialization in Global Rights Studies be introduced at Huron University College, effective September 1, 2017 as shown in Exhibit V, Appendix 4.

CARRIED (By Unanimous Consent)

S.17-210

Articulation Agreements between Lambton College and Huron University College for qualified graduates of the Business Accounting Diploma Program and the Business Diploma Program

It was moved by L. Logan, seconded by A. Chant,

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors, the Articulation Agreement between Lambton College and Huron University College regarding the transfer of credit for students in the Business Accounting Program, effective September 1, 2018, as shown in Exhibit V, Appendix 5,

and,

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors, the Articulation Agreement between Lambton College and Huron University College regarding the transfer of credit for students in the Business Program, effective September 1, 2018, as shown in Exhibit V, Appendix 6.

CARRIED (By Unanimous Consent)

S. 17-211 **Report on Scholastic Offences**

A member asked for clarification of the sanction “negative the weight of the assignment”. Dr. Doerksen, Vice-Provost (Academic Programs) took the question under advisement, will follow up with the faculty and report back to Senate.

S.17-212 **Information Items Reported by the Senate Committee on Academic Policy and Awards**

- SUPR-G Report: Cyclical Review of Media Studies
- SUPR-U Report: Cyclical Review of Thanatology, King’s University College
- Report of Scholastic Offences
- New Scholarships and Awards

S.17-213 **REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS** [EXHIBIT VI]

The Report to Senate from the Board of Governors, detailed in Exhibit VI, was received for information.

A member asked why the Intellectual Property policy is not yet ready. S. Jarrett, Legal Counsel, reported that consultations are underway and that a submission was recently received from UWOFA. All submissions will be taken into consideration. He advised that there will be sufficient time for Senate to review the proposed policy and provide comment before it is sent to the Board of Governors even if that means postponing the process until January 2018.

A member asked if the changes to the policy can be shown in order for Senators to compare the old policy with the new policy. S. Jarrett said that the new policy replaces two policies so it will be difficult to provide a comparison showing changes. He agreed to include both policies in the package for Senators and agreed to provide a brief listing of the changes and reasons.

DISCUSSION AND QUESTION PERIOD

S.17-214 **Open Education Event**

Senators were invited to attend an upcoming event on Open Education which will be hosted by the USC and will take place on November 17. This event is aimed at encouraging faculty to utilize textbooks and resources that are free online through the eCampus website.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

A. Chakma
Chair

K. Kwan
Secretary