MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

March 16, 2018

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

SENATORS: 66

W. Avusuglo
P. Barmby
G. Belfry
P. Bishop
M. Blackwood
S. Burke
J. Capone
A. Chakma
E. Chamberlain
C.L. Chambers
A. Chant
R. Collins
J. Deakin
I. Decoito
O. Enbar
J. Garland
C. Hardy
Y. Hassan
J. Hatch
H. Hill
A. Hrymak
C. Jones
J. Kim
P. Klein
J. Knowles
G. Kopp
D. Kotsopoulos
K. Kwan
L. Logan
J. Matthews
M. McDayter
D. McDonald
C. McLeod
A. Meyer
J. Michalski
M. Milde
K. Miller
L. Miller
K. Myers
V. Nolte
C. Olivier
I. Paul
W. Pearson
V. Radcliffe
A. Ray
C. Roulston
B. Rubin
D.R. Sainani
P. Schmidt
K. Shuey
J. Siou
W. Siqueira
V. Staroverov
C. Steeves
T. Straatman
G. Tigert
S. Trosow
M. Vandenbosch
M. Viczko
E. Walsh
J. Wihlidal
J. Wilson
M. Wilson
B.A. Younker
P. Yu
K. Zhou

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

By Invitation: D. Chiodo, R. Ezekiel

Land Acknowledgement

I. Decoito read the Land Acknowledgement.

S.18-46 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting of February 16, 2018 were approved as circulated.

S.18-47 **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT** [Exhibit I]

The report of the President, distributed with the agenda, contained information on federal budget investment in fundamental research, Founder's Day, and an update on Western leadership.

The President announced that Western has reached the Be Extraordinary Campaign goal of $750M, and acknowledged his colleagues in External Relations who have worked hard to achieve

this goal. He noted that a public announcement has not yet been made, and that further information regarding a formal celebration of this milestone will be forthcoming over the next few months.

The President reported that the March Break Open House was successful with over 6,700 prospective undergraduate students and their families and friends in attendance.

J. Deakin, Provost and Vice-President (Academic) announced to Senators that Jane Goodall would be awarded an Honorary Degree at a Special Convocation Ceremony to be held April 25th. An invitation for Senators will follow.

S.18-48 **UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGENDA** [Exhibit II]

It was moved by A. Chant, seconded by P. Bishop,

> That the items listed in Exhibit II, Unanimous Consent Agenda, excluding item 2: Senate Membership – Vacancies Filled by Appointments and item 3: Richard Ivey School of Business: Revisions to the HBA Admission Requirements through the Advanced Entry Opportunity (AEO) Program, be approved or received for information by Senate by unanimous consent.
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> CARRIED

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

S.18-49 **Senate Membership – Huron University College**

It was moved by A. Chant, seconded by P. Bishop,

> That the seat held by Donna Kotsopoulos, representative of the Huron University College Constituency, be declared vacant as a result of her resignation and that Jim Crimmins be elected to fill this vacancy for the remainder of the term (February 1, 2018 – June 30, 2018).
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> CARRIED (By Unanimous Consent)

S.18-50 **Senate Membership: Vacancies filled by appointment**

A Senator asked for an update on the status of a report detailing the process by which each faculty filled vacant Senate seats. M. Milde responded that a report will be brought to the May Senate meeting.

It was moved by M. Milde, seconded by A. Chant,

> That the Senate seats be filled for the July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2020 term by appointment at the recommendation of the units concerned as shown below:
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> - Faculty of Science: Tony Percival-Smith (Biology), Ken Yeung (Chemistry)
> - Faculty of Social Science: Daniel Brou (MOS), Caroline Dick (Political Science)
> - King's University College: Laura Beres (Social Work)
> - School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies - Education: Brenton Faubert
> - Faculty of Health Sciences: Victoria Smye (Nursing)
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> CARRIED

S.18-51 **Notice of Motion on Proposed Intellectual Property Policy**

Senate, at its meeting on February 16, 2018 received a Notice of Motion regarding the Proposed Intellectual Property Policy. The Notice of Motion read as follows:

> That Senate recommends that the disclosure requirements in the draft Intellectual Property Policy contain a value threshold to trigger the reporting requirement for copyright.

The motion recommends that the proposed MAPP Policy – Intellectual Property, Part IV, paragraph 6, contain a reference to a value threshold amount beyond which it should be reported to WORLDiscoveries. In addition, the motion seeks to recommend that intellectual property that is not expected to generate income beyond a minimal amount, and would not result in any revenue sharing (i.e. publications which are expected to generate minimal royalties) should not be reported.

Senate was advised that at its meeting on March 8, the Operations/Agenda Committee considered the notice of motion and determined that it could proceed to Senate for discussion.

It was moved by S. Trosow, seconded by H. Hill,

> That Senate recommends that the disclosure requirements in the draft Intellectual Property Policy contain a value threshold to trigger the reporting requirement for copyright.

Speaking in support of the motion, S. Trosow said that the range of intellectual property is broad, and that the policy as drafted is not enforceable given the nature of copyright.

Discussion on the motion included the following:

- The Board of Governors would be responsible for setting any value threshold.
- UWOFA supports the addition of a value threshold to trigger the reporting requirement for copyright.
- Concern that the reporting requirement would be substantially unenforceable if the Intellectual Property policy was left as is.
- S. Pitel, UWOFA President noted that the current UWOFA Collective Agreement states that if there is a discrepancy between a Board policy and the Collective Agreement, the latter takes precedent. He felt that if the IP policy is approved by the Board without the recommended change, UWOFA could resort to negotiating this issue under the current cycle of negotiations; however this would leave students and staff out and they would need to abide by the MAPP policy provisions.

The question was called and CARRIED.

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

S.18-52 **Richard Ivey School of Business: Revisions to the HBA Admission Requirements through the Advanced Entry Opportunity (AEO) Program**

A Senator asked why the HBA program would be exempt from the Discovery Credit policy being brought forward later in the meeting. J. Hatch responded that the Ivey program has always had a 10.0 course requirement, and is aiming to maintain a specified standard. He indicated that other programs, including Schulich and some graduate programs, will not consider Discovery Credits as eligible for applications. Students can petition to convert a pass/fail into a numerical grade.

It was moved by J. Hatch, seconded by M. Vandenbosch,

That the HBA admission requirements through the Advanced Entry Opportunity (AEO) program be revised as shown in Exhibit V, Appendix 1, effective September 1, 2018.

CARRIED

S.18-53 **Brescia University College: Withdrawal of the Minor in French for Food and Nutritional Sciences**

It was moved by A. Chant, seconded by P. Bishop,

That effective September 1, 2018, admission to the Minor in French for Food and Nutritional Sciences be discontinued and that the Minor be withdrawn.

CARRIED (By Unanimous Consent)

S.18-54 **Revisions to the "Course Credit" Policy – Introduction of Discovery Credits**

J. Doerksen, Vice-Provost (Academic Programs and Students) gave an overview of the proposal for Senators.

Discussion included the following:

- Discovery Credits can be used as elective courses, and not towards mandatory courses that are part of a module.
- Programs will have the ability to exclude themselves from Discovery Credits by designating that they will not accept or recognize Discovery Credits. Such exceptions would need to be channeled through SCAPA and Senate for approval. J. Doerksen informed Senators however, that the intention was for the policy to be inclusive and expressed concern about programs opting out of Discovery Credits as it may raise the level of confusion for students.
- First-year students are not eligible to take a Discovery Credit course since they are not registered in a module, yet. Discovery Credit courses cannot be used towards mandatory courses that are either required for admission into a module or are part of a module.
- A pass/fail from a Discovery Credit course may be converted to a numerical grade if it becomes needed as a mandatory course later on (e.g., for an external accreditation program). The Registrar's Office will hold the numerical grade.
- The Bachelor of Music program is excluded from Discovery Credits because it is a professional program. The Discovery Credits policy applies only to modular programs.

A friendly amendment was made to clarify Point 3 and Point 8 in the Calendar Copy as follows:

3. Student Eligibility:
a) Only students identified as Undergraduate Students registered in a first entry undergraduate degree program at Western are eligible.
b) The following are NOT eligible to select Discovery Credit courses: First-year students, Visiting Students, Special Students, and Graduate Students
c) Undergraduate students placed on academic probation may be eligible to participate with permission of the Dean.

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d) The following programs are excluded from this policy: Engineering, Nursing, Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Musical Arts, Law, Bachelor of Education, Business and Medicine and Dentistry.

It was moved by J. Hatch, seconded by M. Milde,

> That the "Course Credit" policy be revised effective September 1, 2018 as shown in Exhibit V, Appendix 2, with the amendments noted above,
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> CARRIED

S.18-55 **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 unanimous consent:

- SUPR-G Report: Cyclical Reviews – English, Microbiology and Immunology, Pathologists' Assistant (Pathology)
- New Scholarships and Awards
- Report of the Subcommittee on Teaching Awards (SUTA)

J. Hatch congratulated the recipients of the 2017-2018 Western's Excellence in Teaching Awards. The list of award winners was included in Exhibit IV, as Appendix 5, and was distributed by email prior to the Senate meeting.

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

S.18-56 **Western's Student Mental Health and Wellness Strategic Plan – Final Report**

J. Doerksen, Vice-Provost (Academic Programs) provided an overview of Western's Student Mental Health and Wellness Strategic Plan for Senators. He acknowledged R. Ezekiel (Interim Senior Director, Student Experience) and D. Chiodo (Mental Health Strategist) for their contributions in developing the plan.

He highlighted the plan's four key pillars as: (1) promote and support a resilient campus community; (2) develop and deliver effective mental health and wellness education; (3) inclusive curriculum and pedagogy to support student mental health, and (4) provide accessible and effective mental health and wellness services.

In response to a question regarding the planned renovations to Thames Hall, J. Deakin explained that all activities currently housed in the Thames Hall gym would be moved to a new facility to be built in the Student Recreation Centre.

It was moved by J. Deakin, seconded by K. Miller,

> That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors, Western's Student Mental Health and Wellness Strategic Plan.
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> CARRIED

S.18-57 **REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC COLLEAGUE** [Exhibit VI]

The Report of the Academic Colleague, detailed in Exhibit VI, was received for information. Topics included in the report were the provincial budget, internationalization, and student voices on sexual violence.

S.18-58 **ANNOUNCEMENTS** [Exhibit VII]

Exhibit VII, Announcements, was received for information by unanimous consent.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

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A. Chakma	K. Kwan
Chair	Secretary