

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

September 21, 2018

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

SENATORS: 83

R. Andersen	A. Holm	G. Parraga
S. Barghi	A. Hrymak	I. Paul
S. Basu	L. Jiang	W. Pearson
L. Beres	P. Jones	P. Peddle
A. Borchert	A. Kanji	T. Percival-Smith
A. Bowlus	J. Kim	M. Perruzza
D. Brou	K. Kirkwood	V. Radcliffe
S. Burke	S. Knabe	A. Ray
A. Chakma	R. Konrad	G. Read
E. Chamberlain	K. Kontogiannis	G. Rezai-Rashti
A. Chant	G. Kopp	M. Robinson
K. Clark	K. Kwan	C. Roulston
K. Cole	D. Laird	J. Shapiro
R. Collins	A. Leguard	N. Shuva
J. Corrigan	L. Logan	D. Simmonds
J. Cuciurean	D. Macpherson	Z. Sinel
V. Dalal	J. Malcolm	W. Siqueira
M. Davison	J. Matthews	V. Smye
C. Dick	M. McDayter	C. Steeves
B. Faubert	A. Meyer	M. Strong
L. Federking	J. Michalski	P. Thomlinson
J. Garland	M. Milde	G. Tigert
R. Garno	K. Miller	S. Trosow
L. Ghattas	L. Miller	M. Vandenbosch
A. Grzyb	S. Mumm	J. Wilson
Y. Hassan	O. Nadler	K. Yeung
J. Hatch	M. Novello	B.A. Younker
M. Heath	D. Olteanu	

Observers: C. Alencar, D. Belliveau, T. Belton, K. Campbell, J. Doerksen, L. Gribbon, M. Pratt

By Invitation: P. Eluchok, D. Redmond

Land Acknowledgement

J. Shapiro read the Land Acknowledgement.

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MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of June 8, 2018, were approved as circulated.

S.18-130 **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT** [Exhibit I]

The report of the President, detailed in Exhibit I, contained information about the following items:

- Start of the 2018/19 academic year
- *ad hoc* Committee struck to codify Western's free speech policy
- Western faculty and alumna named among latest RSC (Royal Society of Canada) cohort
- Western to host Times Higher Education Teaching Excellence Summit 2019
- Western leadership update

Additional items he reported on included:

- Work-integrated learning (WIL) opportunities
- Provincial and Federal budget outlook

S.18-130a **Western's Free Speech Policy**

Senators discussed the item contained in the President's report regarding the *ad hoc* Committee struck to codify Western's free speech policy. The Provost reported that the *ad hoc* committee is being struck to undertake the process of codifying, in consultation with the campus community, Western's policy on free speech. The *ad hoc* Committee will be chaired by the Chair of the Senate Operations/Agenda Committee, Dr. Michael Milde, and be constituted with a total of 10 members as noted in the report. The names of the members of this *ad hoc* Committee will be announced on Monday, September 24. The draft policy will be reviewed by Senate and will be sent to the Board of Governors for approval at its meeting on November 29. The deadline for the policy to be in place is January 1, 2019 or suffer a penalty imposed by the government. In the coming days, more communication and information will be made available on the work of the *ad hoc* Committee, including how the consultation process will unfold and updates on the content of the draft policy itself. Senate debated the approval process and which body should have final approval of the policy. The administration confirmed that final approval of the policy lies with the Board of Governors.

S.18-131 **UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGENDA** [Exhibit II]

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

That the 21 items listed in the Unanimous Consent Agenda, Exhibit II, be approved or received for information by Senate by unanimous consent.

CARRIED

REPORT OF THE OPERATIONS/AGENDA COMMITTEE [Exhibit III]

S.18-132 **Senate Membership – Huron University College**

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

That the seat held by Jim Crimmins, representative of the Huron University College Constituency, be declared vacant as a result of his resignation and that Geoff Read be elected to fill this vacancy for the term July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2020.

CARRIED (By Unanimous Consent)

S.18-133 **Senate Membership – Brescia University College**

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

That the seat held by John Mitchell representative of the Brescia University College Constituency, be declared vacant, as a result of his resignation, and that Laretta Frederking be elected to fill this vacancy for the term July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2020.

CARRIED (By Unanimous Consent)

S.18-134 **Senate Membership – School of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies – Engineering**

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

That the seat held by Greg Kopp, representative of the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies – Engineering Constituency, be declared vacant as a result of his resignation, and that Shahzad Barghi be elected to fill this vacancy for the term July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019.

CARRIED (By Unanimous Consent)

S.18-135 **Senate Membership – Vacancies Filled by Appointments**

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

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:

Faculty of Engineering: Liying Jiang

Faculty of Information and Media Studies: Amanda Grzyb

CARRIED (By Unanimous Consent)

S.18-136 **Senate Nominating Committee Membership**

J. Cuciurean (Mus) was elected by Senate to the Senate Nominating Committee to complete the term of Wendy Pearson who has resigned (term to June 30, 2019).

S.18-137 **Information Items Reported by the Senate Operations/Agenda Committee**

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

- Convocation Officers
- Order of June Convocation 2019
- Senate and Committees Flow of Information

REPORT OF THE SENATE NOMINATING COMMITTEE [Exhibit IV]

S.18-138 **Decanal Selection Committee – Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry**

A Senator questioned whether Dr. James Lacefield was eligible for election to the Decanal Selection Committee – Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry given he has a joint appointment between the Faculty of Engineering and the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry. The Senator nominated Dr. Amanda Moehring, Faculty of Science. The Secretary advised that Dr. Lacefield's appointment status would be confirmed following the meeting. In the meantime, Senate agreed a) that should Dr. Lacefield be determined to be ineligible for membership as a

result of his joint appointment, his nomination would be withdrawn, Dr. Moehring's nomination would be included on the slate and no electronic vote would occur, or b) should Dr. Lacefield be determined to be eligible for membership on the Decanal Selection Committee, an electronic vote would be conducted to determine the membership of this committee.

Secretary's Note: Following the Senate meeting it was determined that Dr. James Lacefield who holds a Joint Appointment between the Faculty of Engineering and the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, is ineligible to run for a seat on the Decanal Selection Committee for the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry. As a result, Dr. Amanda Moehring, Faculty of Science, nominated at the Senate meeting, is acclaimed for this seat and no online election would be held for this committee.

The Senate-elected members to this decanal selection committee are:
Jayne Garland (Dean/HS), Amanda Moehring (Sci) and Kaitlyn Pettigrew (Staff/AH).

S.18-139 **Senate Committee on University Planning**

S. Trosow (Law) was nominated from the floor of Senate for membership on the Senate Committee on University Planning. Senators were advised that an e-vote would be conducted to determine which one of the following nominees would be elected to the committee:
A. Straatman (Engg) or S. Trosow (Law)

Secretary's Note: S. Trosow (Law) was elected by e-vote to the Senate Committee on University Planning

S.18-140 **Senate Review Board Academic (SRBA)**

The following were elected by acclamation to the Senate Review Board Academic (SRBA) for terms to June 30, 2019: Mike Atkinson (SS) and Christopher Viger (AH).

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

S.18-141 **School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: Introduction of a Collaborative Graduate Specialization in Artificial Intelligence (AI)**

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

That a new Collaborative Graduate Specialization in Artificial Intelligence (AI) be introduced effective September 1, 2018, as shown in Exhibit V, Appendix 1.

CARRIED (By Unanimous Consent)

S.18-142 **School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: Introduction of the "Artificial Intelligence" Field in the Master of Data Analytics (MDA) Program**

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

That effective September 1, 2018 the Artificial Intelligence Field, detailed in item 2 of Exhibit V, be introduced in the MDA Program.

CARRIED (By Unanimous Consent)

S.18-143 **Faculty of Science, Department of Statistical and Actuarial Sciences: introduction of Three Minor Modules**

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

That effective September 1, 2018, the following three Minor Modules be introduced in the Department of Statistical and Actuarial Sciences, Faculty of Science as shown in Exhibit V, Appendix 2:

Minor in Applied Statistics
Minor in Applied Financial Modelling
Minor in Data Science

CARRIED (By Unanimous Consent)

S.18-144 **Brescia University College: Withdrawal of the Major in Religious Studies**

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

That effective September 1, 2018, the Major in Religious Studies at Brescia University College be withdrawn, and

That students currently enrolled in the module be allowed to graduate until Aug. 31, 2021 upon fulfillment of the module requirements, and

That effective Sept. 1, 2021 the module be discontinued.

CARRIED (By Unanimous Consent)

S.18-145 **Policy Revision: Structure of the Academic Year – Scheduling Fall Convocation**

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

That the policy “Structure of the Academic Year” be revised as shown in Exhibit V, Appendix 3, effective September 1, 2019.

CARRIED (By Unanimous Consent)

S.18-146 **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:

- Revisions to the SUPR-G Terms of Reference
- SUPR-U Report: Cyclical Reviews of the Undergraduate Programs in Linguistics; Biochemistry; Medical Biophysics; Microbiology and Immunology; Physiology and Pharmacology; Interdisciplinary Medical Sciences; Psychology; History and Political Science – Brescia University College; Leadership Studies – Brescia University College; Centre for Global Studies – Huron University College; Political Science – Huron University College; History – King’s University College
- Revisions to the Dean’s Honor List and Graduation “With Distinction” Policy – DDS and ITD Programs
- New Scholarships and Awards

REPORT OF THE SENATE HONORARY DEGREES COMMITTEE [Exhibit VI]

S.18-147 **Information Item Reported by the Senate Honorary Degrees Committee**

The Report of the Honorary Degrees Committee, detailed in Exhibit VI, contained the following item that was received for information by unanimous consent:

- Honorary Degree Recipients – Autumn Convocation 2018

S.18-148 **REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC COLLEAGUE** [Exhibit VII]

The Report of the Academic Colleague, detailed in Exhibit VII, was received for information by unanimous consent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS [Exhibit VIII]

S.18-149 **Information Items Reported in Announcements and Communications**

Announcements and Communications, detailed in Exhibit VIII, contained the following items that were received for information by unanimous consent:

- Decanal Selection Committee – Richard Ivey School of Business Election Results – June 2018
- Academic Administrative Appointments
- Report from the Board of Governors on the June 2018 Meeting

DISCUSSION AND QUESTION PERIOD

S.18-150 **Free Speech Policy**

Senators appreciated the discussion that took place earlier in the meeting regarding how Western will develop policies related to free speech on campus but raised the issue regarding the approval process noting that Senate is the academic body of Western and as a result, there was the suggestion that Senate should approve the policy. The President reiterated that Senate will have opportunity to debate the draft policy and provide its input to the final draft that will be submitted to the Board of Governors for approval at its November 29th meeting. Western's legal counsel upheld that final approval lies with the Board of Governors.

The *ad hoc* Committee will consult broadly with Western's constituents as its first order of business. Senate will have an opportunity to provide feedback as the process unfolds.

Questioned about including a definition of "hate speech", the President and Dr. Milde agreed on avoiding a definition of "hate speech" in the policy stating that the ad hoc committee should rely on the existing standard in federal law for hate speech.

P. Eluchok, Legal Counsel, said that Western has policies that protect freedom of speech and expression including: the Code of Student Conduct, the Picketing Policy and the Code of Behaviour for Use of Computer Resources Policy and other policies such as the Signage Policy, the Election Posters Policy, the Advertising and Commercial Activities Policy, the Corporate Use of University Name and Trademarks Policy and the Harassment and Non-Discrimination Policy.

Senators agreed that it is important that there be unity between the Senate and the Board on this matter.

S.18-151

Campus Clipboard Scam

Responding to a Senator's question about the "possible campus clipboard scam" D. Redmond, Director, Campus Community Policy Service, said that the investigation continues noting that at this time it is not known who is responsible for distributing the clipboards. He stressed it is up to faculty, staff and students to be educated about possible scams and noted that Campus Police will work with Western Communications to develop an educational tool regarding such scams. He asked the Western community to contact Campus Police if they see anyone leaving clipboards on campus.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

A. Chakma
Chair

K. Kwan
Secretary