

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

June 7, 2019

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

SENATORS: 57

S. Barghi	S. Hodgson	P. Peddle
G. Belfry	A. Hrymak	T. Percival-Smith
A. Borchert	L. Jiang	A. Pero
D. Brou	R. Kennedy	V. Radcliffe
S. Burke	K. Kirkwood	A. Ray
J. Capone	G. Kopp	G. Read
E. Chamberlain	K. Kwan	G. Rezai-Rashti
A. Chant	D. Laird	M. Robinson
K. Clark	L. Logan	C. Roulston
K. Cole	J. Matthews	J. Rylett
R. Collins	J. Michalski	V. Schwean
J. Cuciurean	M. Milde	N. Shuva
S. Datars Bere	K. Miller	D. Simmonds
I. DiCoito	L. Miller	Z. Sinel
L. Frederking	O. Nadler	V. Smye
M. Garabedian	D. Olteanu	C. Steeves
J. Garland	G. Parraga	S. Trosow
A. Grzyb	I. Paul	M. Vandenbosch
J. Hatch	W. Pearson	K. Yeung

Observers: K. Campbell, R. Chelladurai, J. Doerksen, L. Gribbon, B. Jalayer, J. Massey, J. McMullin, G. Osinski, M. Pratt, M. Ruddock

Land Acknowledgement

V. Smye read the Land Acknowledgement.

S.19-90 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting of April 12, 2019 were approved as circulated.

S.19-91 **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT** [Exhibit I]

The President's report distributed with the agenda contained information on the following topics:

- The Provincial Government will establish a new performance-based funding model in the next set of Strategic Mandate Agreements (SMA3) that will tie significant proportions of operating grants to key performance indicators. The indicators will align with government priorities and to economic and community impact.

- At its April 25 meeting, the Board of Governors approved changes to the *Code of Student Conduct* to allow Western University to exercise jurisdiction in specific, serious off-campus instances.
- Western Leadership Updates: Dr. Sarah Prichard appointed as Western's Acting Vice-President (Research), Julie McMullin stepping down from Vice-Provost & Associate Vice-President (International), Patrick Callaghan stepping down from Director of Finance & Administration (Research), Juan-Luis Suárez and Mark Daley stepping down from administrative roles to focus on research.

Other items noted in the report:

- The World's Challenge Challenge: Took place at Western University from June 2nd to 7th, 2019.
- Acting Vice-President Research: the incoming Acting, Vice-President Research will be a temporary position as is the standard practice.

A Senator requested information regarding the Vice-President Research selection committee. The President noted that the search for the Vice-President Research would commence once the incoming President begins his term, which would allow the incoming President to be directly involved with the consultation process. The President further noted that proper protocol was followed in the appointment of the Acting, Vice-President Research.

S.19-92 **UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGENDA** [Exhibit II]

It was moved by J. Hatch, seconded by S. Burke,

That the items listed in the Unanimous Consent Agenda (Exhibit II), except items 9, 20, and 37, be received for information by Senate by unanimous consent.

CARRIED

REPORT OF THE OPERATIONS/AGENDA COMMITTEE [Exhibit III]

As Vice-Chair of Senate, M. Milde expressed Senate's appreciation of the President's work during his two terms as President.

S.19-93 **Appointment of Acting Chancellor for Western's Convocation – October 23, 2019**

It was moved by G. Read, seconded by M. Milde,

That Senate approve Mr. John Thompson, Chancellor Emeritus as the Acting Chancellor at Western's Autumn Convocation scheduled for October 23, 2019.

CARRIED

S.19-94 **Revisions to the Senate Nominating Committee - Membership**

The following member was elected to the Senate Nominating Committee:

S. Taylor (Edu) for a term to June 30, 2021 (Alternate Member).

CARRIED

S.19-95 **Information Items Reported by the Operations/Agenda Committee**

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

- Senate Membership – General Community Member
- Senate Membership – Graduate Students

- Senate meeting dates 2019-2020
- Candidates for Degrees and Diplomas – Spring Convocation 2019

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE [Exhibit IV]

S.19-96 **University Research Board**

Mark Robert Baker (Physical and Astronomy) was acclaimed to the University Research Board (URB) for a term to June 30, 2020.

S.19-97 **Senate Review Board Academic (SRBA)**

J. Nord (Music) was acclaimed to the Senate Review Board Academic (SRBA) for a term to June 30, 2020.

S.19-98 **Selection/Review Committee for the Vice-Provost (International)**

M. Davison (Sci)(D), P. Bishop (Ed), J. Plug (AH), Y. Hassan (Undergraduate), were acclaimed to the Selection/Review Committee for the Vice-Provost (International).

S.19-99 **Provost's Task Force on Open Access and Scholarly Communication**

An additional nomination was received from the floor. An electronic vote will be conducted following the meeting. The results will be reported to Senate at the September 20, 2019.

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

S.19-100 **School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: Introduction of a new Milestone (Research Communication Module) in the PhD Programs of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Electrical and Computer Engineering, and Mechanical and Materials Engineering**

It was moved by J. Hatch, seconded by S. Burke,

That a new milestone (Research Communication Module) be introduced in the PhD programs of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Electrical and Computer Engineering and Mechanical and Materials Engineering, effective May 1, 2019.

CARRIED (Unanimous Consent)

S.19-101 **School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: Revisions to the PhD in Music (Fields of Musicology, Music Theory, and Composition)**

It was moved by J. Hatch, seconded by S. Burke,

That the PhD in Music (Fields of Musicology, Music Theory, and Composition) be revised effective September 1, 2019, as shown in Exhibit V.

CARRIED (Unanimous Consent)

S.19-102 **School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: Withdrawal of the Master of Arts (MA) in American Studies**

It was moved by J. Hatch, seconded by S. Burke,

That admission to the Master of Arts (MA) in American Studies be discontinued effective September 1, 2019, and

That students currently enrolled in the program be allowed to graduate until August 31, 2021 upon fulfillment of the requirements, and

That effective September 1, 2021 the Master of Arts (MA) in American Studies be discontinued.

CARRIED (Unanimous Consent)

S.19-103 **School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: Renaming of the Master of Arts (MA) in Art History**

It was moved by J. Hatch, seconded by S. Burke,

That the Master of Arts (MA) in Art History be renamed as the Master of Arts (MA) in Art History and Curatorial Studies, effective May 1, 2019.

CARRIED (Unanimous Consent)

School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: Introduction of new fields in the Master of Clinical Science (MCISc) in Advanced Health Care Practice (AHCP)

S.19-104(a) **Introduction of the Interprofessional Pain Management (IPC) field in the Master of Clinical Science (MCISc) in Advanced Health Care Practice (AHCP)**

It was moved by J. Hatch, seconded by T. Percival-Smith,

That effective September 1, 2019, that Master of Clinical (MCISc) in Advanced Health Care Practice (AHCP) be revised to include the new field of Inter-professional Pain Management (IPM), as shown in Exhibit V, Appendix 1.

CARRIED

A Senator noted that the program does not have a clinical component and no requirement for the individual to be a licensed clinician.

L. Miller noted that there are many degrees that would not permit a graduate to be a practitioner without board accredited examinations. The Master of Clinical Science would not be an entry to practice as a clinician, but instead focused on skills and education that is applicable within clinical settings; as a result, the degree is not marketed solely to clinical practitioners.

S.19-104(b) **Introduction of the Applied Health Sciences (AHS) field in the Master of Clinical Science (MCISc) in Advanced Health Care Practice (AHCP)**

It was moved by J. Hatch, seconded by S. Burke,

That effective September 1, 2019, the Master of Clinical Science (MCISc) in Advanced Health Care Practice (AHCP) be revised to include the new field of Applied Health Sciences (AHS), as shown in Exhibit V, Appendix 2.

CARRIED (Unanimous Consent)

S.19-105 **Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry: Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics: Introduction of a Minor in Epidemiology and Biostatistics**

It was moved by J. Hatch, seconded by S. Burke,

That effective September 1, 2019, a Minor in Epidemiology and Biostatistics be introduced in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry.

CARRIED (Unanimous Consent)

S.19-106 **Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry: Revisions to the Admission Requirements of the MD Program**

It was moved by J. Hatch, seconded by S. Burke,

That the MD Program's Admissions Requirements in the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry be revised effective July 1, 2019 as shown in Exhibit V, Appendix 3.

CARRIED (Unanimous Consent)

S.19-107 **Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry: Revisions to the Progression Requirements of the MD Program**

It was moved by J. Hatch, seconded by D. Olteanu,

That the MD program's Progression Requirements in the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry be revised as shown in Exhibit V, Appendix 4, for students entering the program in September 1, 2019 and beyond.

CARRIED

S.19-108 **Faculty of Science: Introduction of an Honors Specialization in Integrated Science with Astrophysics**

It was moved by J. Hatch, seconded by S. Burke,

That an Honors Specialization in Integrated Science with Astrophysics be introduced in the Faculty of Science as shown in Exhibit V, Appendix 5, effective September 1, 2019.

CARRIED (Unanimous Consent)

S.19-109 **Faculty of Science, Department of Biology and Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, Department of Biochemistry: Introduction of an Honors Specialization in Synthetic Biology**

It was moved by J. Hatch, seconded by S. Burke,

That effective September 1, 2019, an Honors Specialization in Synthetic Biology, leading to an Honors Bachelor of Science (BSc) degree, be introduced by the Faculty of Science, Department of Biology and the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, Department of Biochemistry as shown in Exhibit V, Appendix 6, subject to Quality Council approval.

CARRIED (Unanimous Consent)

Faculty of Science, Department of Earth Sciences: Reorganization of the Undergraduate Programs in Geology; Geophysics; and Environmental Geoscience

S.19-110(a) **Withdrawal of Modules in Geology; Geophysics; and Environmental Geoscience**

It was moved by J. Hatch, seconded by S. Burke,

That effective September 1, 2019 admission so the following modules be discontinued:

Honors Geology Program – For Professional Registration
Honors Geophysics Program – For Professional Registration
Honors Environmental Geoscience Program – For Professional Registration
Honors Specialization in Geology
Honors Specialization in Geophysics
Honors Specialization in Environmental Geoscience

Specialization in Geology
Specialization in Geophysics
Specialization in Environmental Geoscience, and

That students currently enrolled in these modules be allowed to graduate until August 31, 2023, upon fulfillment of the requirements, and

That that effective September 1, 2023, the modules be withdrawn, as shown in Exhibit V, Appendix 8.

CARRIED (Unanimous Consent)

S.19-110(b) Introduction of New Honors Specializations and Specializations in Geology; Geophysics; and Environmental Geoscience

It was moved by J. Hatch, seconded by S. Burke,

That an Honors Specialization in Geology – For Professional Registration and a Specialization in the Geology – For Professional Registration be introduced in the Faculty of Science, Department of Earth Sciences, effective September 1, 2019, as shown in Exhibit V, Appendix 9, and

That an Honors Specialization in Geophysics – For Professional Registration and a Specialization in Geophysics – For Professional Registration be introduced in the Faculty of Science, Department of Earth Sciences, effective September 1, 2019, as shown in Exhibit V, Appendix 10, and

That an Honors Specialization in Environmental Geoscience – For Professional Registration and a Specialization in Environmental Geoscience – For Professional Registration be introduced in the Faculty of Science, Department of Earth Sciences, effective September 1, 2019, as shown in Exhibit V, Appendix 11.

CARRIED (Unanimous Consent)

S.19-111 Faculty of Social Science, DAN Department of Management & Organizational Studies: Withdrawal of the Honors Specialization and Specialization in Public Administration

It was moved by J. Hatch, seconded by S. Burke,

That effective September 1, 2019 admission to the Honors Specialization and Specialization in Public Administration be discontinued, and

That students currently enrolled in these modules be allowed to graduate until August 31, 2023, upon fulfillment of the requirements, and

That effective September 1, 2023, the modules be withdrawn.

CARRIED (Unanimous Consent)

Faculty of Social Science, First Nations Studies Program: Renaming of the “First Nations Studies” Subject Area and Renaming of and Revisions to the Modules

S.19-112(a) Renaming of the “First Nations Studies” Subject Area as “Indigenous Studies”

It was moved by J. Hatch, seconded by S. Burke,

That the “First Nations Studies” Subject Area be renamed as “Indigenous Studies” effective September 1, 2019.

CARRIED (Unanimous Consent)

S.19-112(b) Renaming of and Revisions to the “First Nations Studies” Modules

It was moved by J. Hatch, seconded by S. Burke,

That effective September 1, 2019, the Honors Specialization, Major, and Minor in First Nations Studies be renamed as the Honors Specialization, Major, and Minor in Indigenous Studies, and That the requirements of the modules be revised as shown in Exhibit V, Appendix 12.

CARRIED (Unanimous Consent)

S.19-113 Brescia University College: Renaming of and Revisions to Food Management Modules

It was moved by J. Hatch, seconded by S. Burke,

That effective September 1, 2019, the Honors Specialization in Food Management be renamed as the Honors Specialization in Food Management and Marketing, and

That the Specialization in Food Management be renamed as the Specialization in Food Management and Marketing, and

That the Major in Food Management be renamed as the Major in Food Management and Marketing,

and

That the requirements of the modules be revised as shown in Exhibit V, Appendix 13.

CARRIED (Unanimous Consent)

S.19-114 Brescia University College: Renaming of and Revisions to Family Studies Modules

It was moved by J. Hatch, seconded by S. Burke,

That the Honors Specialization (BA), Honors Specialization (BSc), Specialization (BA), Specialization (BSc), Major, and Minor in Family Studies be renamed as the Honors Specialization (BA), Honors Specialization (BSc), Specialization (BA), Specialization (BSc), Major and Minor in Family Studies and Human Development effective September 1, 2019, and

That the requirements of the modules be revised as shown in Exhibit V, Appendix 14

CARRIED (Unanimous Consent)

S.19-115 Brescia University College: Revisions to the Honors Specialization and Specialization in Family Studies – BSc (Human Ecology)

It was moved by J. Hatch, seconded by S. Burke,

That effective September 1, 2019, the Honors Specialization and Specialization in Family Studies – BSc (Human Ecology) be revised as shown in Exhibit V, Appendix 15.

CARRIED (Unanimous Consent)

S.19-116 Renewal of the Affiliation Agreement between the University of Western Ontario and Brescia University College, Huron University College, and King’s University College

It was moved by John Hatch, seconded by A. Hrymak,

That Senate approve for recommendation to the Board of Governors the Affiliation Agreement between the University of Western Ontario and Brescia University College, Huron University

College, and King's University College for a four-year term effective July 1, 2019, as shown in Exhibit V, Appendix 17.

CARRIED

Dr. A. Hrymak provided Senate with an overview of the Affiliation Agreement.

S.19-117 **Revisions to the "English Language Proficiency for Admission" Policy**

It was moved by J. Hatch, seconded by S. Burke,

That effective September 1, 2019, the "English Language Proficiency for Admission" Policy be revised as shown in Exhibit V, Appendix 18.

CARRIED (Unanimous Consent)

S.19-118 **Revisions to the "Course Numbering Policy, Essay Courses, and Hours of Instruction" Policy**

It was moved by J. Hatch, seconded by S. Burke,

That the "Course Numbering Policy, Essay Courses, and Hours of Instruction" Policy be revised as shown in Exhibit V, Appendix 19, effective September 1, 2019.

CARRIED (Unanimous Consent)

S.19-119 **Revisions to the "Career-Related Learning: Internships, Co-Ops, Placements, Etc." Policy**

It was moved by J. Hatch, seconded by S. Burke,

That the Career-Related Learning: Internships, Co-Ops, Placements, Etc. Policy be revised as shown in Exhibit V, Appendix 20, effective September 1, 2019.

CARRIED (Unanimous Consent)

S.19-120 **Revisions to the "Registration and Progression in Three-Year, Four-Year and Honors Programs Policy and the "Graduation Requirements" Policy**

It was moved by J. Hatch, seconded by S. Burke,

That the "Registration and Progression in Three-Year, Four-Year and Honors Programs Policy" be revised as shown in Exhibit V, Appendix 21 and the "Graduation Requirements" Policy be revised as shown in Exhibit V, Appendix 22.

CARRIED (Unanimous Consent)

S.19-121 **Information Items Reported by the Senate Committee on Academic Policy and Awards**

Exhibit IV, 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 "Structure of the Academic Year" Policy
- Revised Undergraduate Sessional Dates
 - Revised Undergraduate Session Dates for 2019-20
 - Revised Sessional Dates for the Richard Ivey School of Business HBA Program for 2019-20
- SUPR-U Report
 - Cyclical Review of Classical Studies; Computer Engineering; Electrical Engineering; Integrated Engineering; and Software Engineering
- SUPR-G Report: Cyclical Review of Surgery

- Scholarships and Awards

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

S.19-122 **Faculty of Arts and Humanities – Proposed Name Change: The Department of Modern Languages and Literatures to the Department of Languages and Cultures**

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

That effective July 1, 2019 the name of the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures within the Faculty of Arts and Humanities be changed to the Department of Languages and Cultures.

And

That pending Board approval, the Constitution of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities be amended to reflect the name change from the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures to the Department of Languages and Cultures.

CARRIED

S.19-123 **Faculty of Social Science – Proposed Name Change: “First Nations Studies” Program to “Indigenous Studies” Program**

It was moved by N. Shuva, seconded by V. Smye,

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board, that effective July 1, 2019 the “First Nations Studies” Program within the Faculty of Social Science be changed to the “Indigenous Studies” Program.

CARRIED

S.19-124 **Lucas Family Women in Science Distinguished Scholar**

It was moved by J. Hatch, seconded by S. Burke,

That the Lucas Family Women in Science Distinguished Scholar, shown in Exhibit VI, Appendix 2, be established and appointed in the Faculty of Science.

CARRIED (Unanimous Consent)

S.19-125 **John M. Thompson Centre for Engineering Leadership and Innovation**

It was moved by J. Hatch, seconded by S. Burke,

That the Centre of Engineering Leadership and Innovation within the Faculty of Engineering be named the John M. Thompson Centre for Engineering Leadership and Innovation.

CARRIED (Unanimous Consent)

S.19-126 **Information Items Reported of the Senate Committee on University Planning**

Exhibit VI, Report of the Senate Committee on University Planning contained the following items that were received for information by unanimous consent:

- Annual Report of the Working Group on Information Security (WGIS)
- Report on Promotion and/or Tenure – Faculty 2018-2019 and LA 2008-2019

REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY RESEARCH BOARD [Exhibit VII]

S.19-127 **Approval of the Institute for Earth and Space Exploration**

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

That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the establishment of the Institute for Earth and Space Exploration, effective July 1, 2019.

CARRIED

S.19-128 **REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC COLLEAGUE** [Exhibit VIII]

Exhibit V, Report of the Academic College, was received for information. The following items were included in the report:

- Academic Colleague Report on the April 2019 Meeting

The Academic Colleague provided Senate with details on the following items:

- Sexual Violence Survey
- Tuition Fee Framework and Ancillary Fee Guidelines
- Campus Freedom of Expression
- Program Approvals

S.19-129 **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS** [Exhibit IX]

Exhibit IX, Announcements and Communications was received for information. The following items were included in the report:

- Senate Committee Election Results – April 2019
- Academic Administrative Appointments
- Report from the Board of Governors (April 25, 2019)

S.19-130 **DISCUSSIONS AND QUESTION PERIOD**

Senator I. Paul presented the following item for the consideration of Senate:

Given that city council has voted against pursuing funding for the north leg of BRT, what is Western's position moving forward? One consequence of the absence of a transit plan is that the city will not complete the bike lanes along Western and Sarnia. The intersection of Western Road and Sarnia is a high traffic area that remains dangerous for both cyclists and pedestrians. Is Western in discussion with the city to develop a new plan?

L. Logan (Vice-President (Operations & Finance)) noted that the discussions with the City of London involve ensuring that there is improved supportive transit for our students, staff and faculty. In the Fall the City of London will change a number of routes and add a number of express buses to ease congestion.

Senator A. Chant presented the following item for the consideration of Senate:

The President's report to Senate indicates that he announced the appointment of Dr. Sarah Pritchard as Interim Vice-President (Research) last week. This appointment and the communication thereof have raised several questions about the appointment process, communication of appointments, and transparency of governance at Western. Of particular

note, is that the announcement of Dr. Pritchard's appointment was quickly followed by the resignation of both Associate Vice-Presidents (Research), Drs. Juan-Luis Suarez and Mark Daley, effective July 1, 2019. While the President's report to Senate states that the two AVPs have resigned their administrative posts "to focus on their research", such a situation would be remarkably coincidental. Consequently, I sincerely doubt this explanation of the simultaneous resignation of two highly respected members of the University administration.

The appointment of an interim Vice-President (Research) would have been subject to approval by the Board's Senior Policy and Operations Committee (SPOC), but no mention is made in the minutes from the Board of SPOC's approval of Dr. Pritchard's appointment. This may be due to the confidential nature of discussions on personnel, but the approval itself or the report of SPOC to the Board could—and arguably should—be an item for the open meeting. Similarly, our own Senate agenda describes the Board's business as "standard items of business" despite the fact that an external appointment from the private sector to the role of interim Vice-President (Research) is anything but "standard". As a result, I am removing the Board report from the consent agenda, and I propose that Senate engage itself with investigating the many peculiarities surrounding this appointment, its communication to the University community, and the overarching governance questions it raises.

I hereby submit the following questions:

Regarding the Appointment/Selection Process:

1. Dr. John Capone's end-date as Vice-President (Research) has been known for some time. Why was his position not filled using the mandated practice of striking a selection committee to provide a nomination to the Board rather than making an interim appointment via a nomination sent by one or two individuals (i.e. the incoming and outgoing University Presidents) to the Board's Senior Policy and Operations Committee?
2. It appears to be becoming a pattern at Western to have external appointments rather than considering worthy internal candidates. The failure to consider the Associate Vice-Presidents (Research), or others at Western, for the position of interim Vice-President (Research) is another example of this. Why are such qualified, deserving, internal individuals not being considered?
3. With the entirety of the senior leadership of Research Western now set to turn over as of July 1st (along with the departure of the Director of Finance and Administration) how will the administration ensure continuity and excellence at Research Western?

Regarding Communication and Transparency in Governance:

1. The President's report indicates that he announced Dr. Pritchard's appointment on April 30th. By what means was this communicated to the University community? As a member of Senate, I received no notification, it did not appear on the University's main page, and the only acknowledgement I can find of any announcement is an article from the Western News, <https://news.westernu.ca/2019/04/prichard-named-acting-vice-president-research/>, which was conspicuously absent from the "Inside Western" communications to the campus community.
2. Finally, for years the Senate has received reports from the Board as a specific agenda item, given as a formal report by one of the two Board representatives on Senate. In recent months, this report has been quietly slipped in as an information only item within "Announcements and Communications" without the formal approval of the Senate. I am very concerned by this change, particularly as it is occurring concurrently with the Board report being termed "standard items of business" when that is not the case. At a time where there has been renewed focus on collaborative efforts between the Board and Senate, as well as a push for recognition of the equal powers of these two governing bodies of the University, why has this change been made?

The President noted that he had addressed the question in his Report to Senate. Specifically, that President Shepard's participation in the search for the Acting, Vice-President Research would be an opportunity for the incoming President to be introduced to the Western community.

The President further acknowledged Dr. J. Capone (Vice-President Research) upon his departure. The President noted specifically the work that Dr. Capone had done with the research portfolio at Western during his tenure and wished him further success in his future endeavors.

The University Secretary noted that from 2016 through 2018, Senate was provided a report from the Board of Governors for information on the Consent Agenda.

A Senator advised Senate that a lengthy discussion at the Operations/Agenda Committee relating to the placement of the report from the Board of Governors. The Committee noted that Senate committees report to Senate, but that the Board of Governors does not report to Senate. The Operations/Agenda Committee made the decision in 2018 to move the item within the Senate agenda package where it is recognized as a courtesy report and not a requirement.

A Senator requested that Senators take a moment to acknowledge the contributions of J. McMullin (Vice-Provost, International education) and requested for colleagues to join in in wishing her well.

A Senator noted concern for the state of Research Western and stated that it will be important area for the incoming administration.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

A. Chakma
Chair

K. Kwan
Secretary