



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

June 10, 2022

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

SENATORS:

P. Barmby	D. Kotsopoulos	D. Purcell
A. Barnfield	J. Lacefield	A. Pyati
A. Baxter	D. Laird	G. Read
D. Brou	J. Langille	L. Rigg
S. Burke	M. Lebo	A. Robin
C. Burucúa	D. Lee	H. Samson
E. Chamberlain	W. Lehmann	G. Santos
M. Cleveland	A. Liu	A. Shami
K. Coley	L. Logan	A. Shepard
J. Corrigan	M. H. McMurran	V. Smye
J. Cuciurean	M. Milde	C. Steeves
S. Datars Bere	L. Miller	L. Stephenson
M. Davison	J. Minac	F. Strzelczyk
G. De Viveiros	K. Mooney	G. Tigert
R. DeKoter	S. Morrison	R. Ventresca
L. Frederking	T. Peace	J. Watson
R. Gros	P. Peddle	K. Yeung
R. Heydon	S. Powell	J. Yoo

Observers: E. Gardner, J. Hutter, M. McGlynn, N. Narain, O. Oloya

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

J. Minac offered a Land Acknowledgement.

S.22-143 **MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING**

It was moved by R. Gros, seconded by J. Yoo,

That the minutes of the meeting of May 13, 2022, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

S.22-144 **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

The Report of the President, distributed with the agenda, contained information on the following topics: COVID-19 update, entrepreneurship updates, renovations for downtown campus, response to reports on gender-based and sexual violence, and recent accolades.

The President additionally commented on the following items:

- Appreciation for Senators whose terms are ending in June 2022 as well as those who are continuing
- Thank you message for Glen Tigert, University Registrar, who is retiring
- Strong enrolment confirmation for students in September
- Vaccine policy will remain in place in September; waiting for confirmation from health officials regarding if a third dose should be added to the requirement
- Convocation began on June 3 and will continue through the beginning of July, including a surprising number of returning grads from 2020 and 2021

S.22-145 **Presentation on Western's Academy for Advanced Research (WAFAR)**

F. Longstaffe, Director, provided a presentation on Western's Academy for Advanced Research. The presentation is attached to the minutes as Appendix "A".

REPORT OF THE OPERATIONS / AGENDA COMMITTEE

S.22-146 **ITEM 5.1 – Nominating Committee Membership**

No nominations were received for the Nominating Committee.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

S.22-147 **ITEM 6.1(a) – Senate Committee Membership – Operations/Agenda Committee (OAC)**

Jeff Watson was nominated from the floor of Senate and was acclaimed to the Operations/Agenda Committee as a member of Senate for a term from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

Constanza Burucúa was acclaimed to the Operations/Agenda Committee as a member of Senate for a term from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024.

Lauren Stoyles was acclaimed to the Operations/Agenda Committee as a student senator for a term from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

S.22-148 **ITEM 6.1(b) – Senate Committee Membership – Senate Committee on University Teaching Awards (SUTA)**

Mark Cleveland and José Herrera were acclaimed to the Senate Committee on University Teaching Awards as members of faculty for terms from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025.

Two graduate students were nominated from the floor of Senate. An election was held following the Senate meeting and Michelle Caplan was elected to the Senate Committee on University Teaching Awards for a term from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

S.22-149 **ITEM 6.1(c) – Senate Committee Membership – Senate Committee on Academic Curriculum and Awards (ACA)**

Kenisha Arora was acclaimed to the Senate Committee on Academic Curriculum and Awards as an undergraduate student for a term from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

S.22-150 **ITEM 6.1(d) – Senate Committee Membership – Subcommittee on Program Review – Undergraduate (SUPR-U)**

Celine Tsang, Jordan Ramnarine, and Siddharth Maheshwari were acclaimed to the Subcommittee on Program Review – Undergraduate as undergraduate students for terms from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

S.22-151 **ITEM 6.1(e) – Senate Committee Membership – Subcommittee on Western Approved Micro-credentials (SWAM)**

Mara De Giusti Bordignon was acclaimed to the Subcommittee on Western Approved Micro-credentials as a graduate student for a term from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

S.22-152 **ITEM 6.1(f) – Senate Committee Membership – Subcommittee on Undergraduate Academic Courses (SOC)**

Iman Berry was acclaimed to the Subcommittee on Undergraduate Academic Courses as an undergraduate student for a term from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

S.22-153 **ITEM 6.1(g) – Senate Committee Membership – Senate Committee on University Planning (SCUP)**

Karine Dufresne was acclaimed to the Senate Committee on University Planning as a postdoctoral fellow for a term from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024.

Kenisha Arora was acclaimed to the Senate Committee on University Planning as an undergraduate student senator for a term from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

S.22-154 **ITEM 6.1(h) – Senate Committee Membership – University Research Board (URB)**

Margaret Martin was acclaimed to the University Research Board as a member of faculty for a term from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024.

Michael Paris was acclaimed to the University Research Board as a postdoctoral fellow for a term from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024.

Jordan Ramnarine was acclaimed to the University Research Board as an undergraduate student for a term from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

Matheus Sanita Lima and Hugh Samson were acclaimed to the University Research Board as graduate students for terms from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

S.22-155 **ITEM 6.1(i) – Senate Committee Membership – Honorary Degrees Committee**

Constanza Burucúa was acclaimed to the Honorary Degrees Committee for a term from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024.

Angela Liu was nominated from the floor of Senate and was acclaimed to the Honorary Degrees Committee as a student senator for a term from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

S.22-156 **ITEM 6.1(j) – Senate Committee Membership – Senate Review Board Academic (SRBA)**

Celine Tsang and Siddharth Maheshwari were acclaimed to the Senate Review Board Academic as undergraduate students for a term from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

Angela Liu was nominated from the floor of Senate and was acclaimed to the Senate Review Board Academic as an undergraduate student for a term from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

Joel Welch was acclaimed to the Senate Review Board Academic as a graduate student for a term from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

S.22-157 **ITEM 6.1(k) – Senate Committee Membership – Distinguished University Professor Selection Committee (DUP)**

No nominations were received for the Distinguished University Professor Selection Committee.

S.22-158 **ITEM 6.2 – Membership – Selection Committee for the University Registrar**

John Cuciurean, Lise Laporte, and Sarah Visscher were acclaimed to the Selection Committee for the University Registrar.

Angela Liu was nominated from the floor of Senate and was acclaimed to the Selection Committee for the University Registrar as a student senator.

REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY RESEARCH BOARD

S.22-159 **ITEM 9.1 – MAPP 7.0 – Academic Integrity in Research Activities**

It was moved by J. Cuciurean, seconded by R. Gros,

That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors, that MAPP 7.0 – Academic Integrity in Research Activities be renamed as MAPP 7.0 – Responsible Conduct of Research, and that the policy be revised as shown in Item 9.1.

CARRIED

S.22-160 **ITEM 10.0 – Report of the Academic Colleague**

Senate received the Report of the Academic Colleague for the May 2022 meeting for information.

S.22-161 **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

REPORT FROM THE OPERATIONS / AGENDA COMMITTEE

S.22-162 **Information Items Reported by the Operations / Agenda Committee**

- ITEM 11.1 – Appointment of Officers of Convocation

REPORT FROM THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC POLICY AND AWARDS

S.22-163 **ITEM 11.2(a) – Faculty of Arts & Humanities and Faculty of Social Science, Department of Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies: Introduction of a Minor in Black Studies**

It was moved by C. Steeves, seconded by M. Milde,

That effective September 1, 2022, a Minor in Black Studies be introduced as show in Item 11.2(a).

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

S.22-164 **ITEM 11.2(b) – Faculty of Arts & Humanities, Department of Languages and Cultures: Withdrawal of the Minor in Digital Spanish**

It was moved by C. Steeves, seconded by M. Milde,

That effective September 1, 2022, the Minor in Digital Spanish be withdrawn.

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

S.22-165 **ITEM 11.2(c)(i) – Faculty of Engineering: Introduction of Artificial Intelligence Systems Engineering Concurrent Degree Programs**

It was moved by C. Steeves, seconded by M. Milde,

That effective September 1, 2022, the following Artificial Intelligence Systems Engineering concurrent degree programs be introduced in the Faculty of Engineering as shown in Item 11.2(c)(i).

Chemical Engineering and Artificial Intelligence Systems Engineering (Option G)

Civil Engineering and Artificial Intelligence Systems Engineering, Smart Cities and Structural Engineering (Option H)

Civil Engineering and Artificial Intelligence Systems Engineering, Smart Cities and Environmental Engineering (Option I)

Electrical Engineering and Artificial Intelligence Systems Engineering (Option M)

Mechanical Engineering and Artificial Intelligence Systems Engineering (Option H)

Mechatronic Systems Engineering and Artificial Intelligence Systems Engineering (Option E)

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

S.22-166 **ITEM 11.2(c)(ii) – Faculty of Engineering: Policy Revision: Registration and Progression in Three-Year, Four-Year and Honours Degrees (Concurrent Degrees)**

It was moved by C. Steeves, seconded by M. Milde,

That effective September 1, 2022, the policy on Registration and Progression in Three-Year, Four-Year and Honours Degrees (Concurrent Degrees) be revised as shown in Item 11.2(c)(ii).

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

S.22-167 **ITEM 11.2(d) – Faculty of Science and Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry: Revisions to the Weighted Average Chart in the “Admission to the Bachelor of Medical Sciences (BMSc) Program” Policy**

It was moved by C. Steeves, seconded by M. Milde,

That effective September 1, 2022, the Weighted Average Chart in the “Admission to the Bachelor of Medical Sciences (BMSc) Program” policy be revised as shown in Item 11.2(d).

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

S.22-168 **ITEM 11.2(e) – King’s University College: Introduction of a Minor in Migration and Border Studies and Introduction of Interdisciplinary Studies 2277F/G**

It was moved by C. Steeves, seconded by M. Milde,

That effective September 1, 2022, a Minor in Migration and Border Studies be introduced by King’s University College as shown in Item 11.2(e), and

That effective September 1, 2022, Interdisciplinary Studies 2277F/G: Borders, Bodies and Boundaries be introduced by King’s University College as shown in Item 11.2(e).

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

S.22-169 **ITEM 11.2(f)(i) – School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: Revisions to the Master of Arts (MA) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Hispanic Studies**

It was moved by C. Steeves, seconded by M. Milde,

That effective September 1, 2022, the Master of Arts (MA) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Hispanic Studies be revised as shown in Item 11.2(f)(i).

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

S.22-170 **ITEM 11.2(f)(ii) – School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: Revisions to the Course-Based Master of Health Information Science (MHIS)**

It was moved by C. Steeves, seconded by M. Milde,

That effective September 1, 2022, the Course-based Master of Health and Information Science (MHIS) be revised as shown in Item 11.2(f)(ii).

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

S.22-171 **ITEM 11.2(g)(i) – Policy Revision: Academic Records and Student Transcripts**

It was moved by C. Steeves, seconded by M. Milde,

That effective September 1, 2022, the policy on Academic Records and Student Transcripts be revised as shown in Item 11.2(g)(i).

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

S.22-172 **ITEM 11.2(g)(ii) – Policy Revision: Undergraduate Student Academic Appeals**

It was moved by C. Steeves, seconded by M. Milde,

That effective September 1, 2022, the policy on Undergraduate Student Academic Appeals be revised as shown in Item 11.2(g)(ii).

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

S.22-173 **ITEM 11.2(g)(iii) – Policy Revision: Admission and In-Course Scholarships**

It was moved by C. Steeves, seconded by M. Milde,

That effective September 1, 2022, the policy on Admission and In-Course Scholarships be revised as shown in Item 11.2(g)(iii).

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

S.22-174 **ITEM 11.2(g)(iv) – Policy Revision: Dean’s Honour List and Graduation “With Distinction”**

It was moved by C. Steeves, seconded by M. Milde,

That effective September 1, 2022, the Dean’s Honour List and Graduation “With Distinction” policy be revised as shown in Item 11.2(g)(iv).

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

S.22-175 **Information Items Reported by the Senate Committee on Academic Policy and Awards on Unanimous Consent**

The following items reported by the Senate Committee on Academic Policy and Awards were received for information by unanimous consent:

- ITEM 11.2(h) – Report of the Subcommittee on Program Review – Undergraduate (SUPR-U): Cyclical Reviews of the Undergraduate Programs in Theatre Studies, East Asia Studies (Huron University College) and Economics (King’s University College)
- ITEM 11.2(i) – Report of the Subcommittee on Program Review – Graduate (SUPR-G): Cyclical Reviews of the Graduate Programs in Comparative Literature, Communication Sciences and Disorders, Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, and Kinesiology
- ITEM 11.2(j) – New Scholarships, Awards and Prizes
- ITEM 11.2(k) – New Scholarships, Awards and Prizes Funded by Operating

REPORT FROM THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY PLANNING

S.22-176 **Information Items Reported by the Senate Committee on University Planning on Unanimous Consent**

The following items reported by the Senate Committee on University Planning were received for information by unanimous consent:

- ITEM 11.3(a) – Annual Report of the Working Group on Information Security
- ITEM 11.3(b) – Reports on Promotion, Tenure and Continuing Appointment
- ITEM 11.3(c) – Distinguished University Professor and Faculty Scholars

REPORT FROM THE UNIVERSITY RESEARCH BOARD

S.22-177 Information Items Reported by the University Research Board on Unanimous Consent

The following items reported by the University Research Board were received for information by unanimous consent:

- ITEM 11.4(a) – Update on Research Centres and Groups

REPORT FROM THE HONORARY DEGREES COMMITTEE

S.22-178 Information Items Reported by the Honorary Degrees Committee on Unanimous Consent

The following items reported by the Honorary Degrees Committee were received for information by unanimous consent:

- ITEM 11.5(a) – Honorary Degree Recipients – Spring 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

S.22-179 Information Items Reported through Announcements and Communications on Unanimous Consent

The following items reported through Announcements and Communications and were received for information by unanimous consent:

- ITEM 11.6(a) – Election Results – Board of Governors

S.22-180 DISCUSSION AND QUESTION PERIOD

1. A Senator asked about the decision to remove an image posted on Western's Instagram account to mark the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia after it was met with criticism from people who found it offensive, and if consultation occurred prior to the removal of the image.

O. Oloya, Associate Vice-President (Equity, Diversity & Inclusion), responded and provided an overview of the timeline with respect to the posting and removal of the image. He noted that the image was selected to show diversity. He noted that the team making the decision was also diverse and confirmed that everyone was confident in the decision to post the image.

The image was posted on May 17, 2022 with a supportive message on both Facebook and Instagram. Within a short time, members of the team reported negative messages but also noted the positive messages being received. A communications specialist from the Office of Equity, Diversion & Inclusion contacted a number of Western clubs to ask for their support, to which one group responded and felt the image was inappropriate. They asked, in writing, for the image to be removed. The Office of Equity, Diversion & Inclusion and Communications considered the request and the *Freedom of Expression Policy* and responded that though the image may be provocative, it is appropriate and should remain online. The same day, a petition began which was open to everyone. More hate messages were being posted online and by the next morning, the petition had tens of thousands of signatures. The group met again to consider the impact of the image and safety concerns became more prominent. At that time, the group decided to remove the image from social media, though the message of support remains online.

O. Oloya also expanded upon the steps the Office of Equity, Diversion & Inclusion are taking to support the LGBTQ+ community, and specifically the Muslim LGBTQ+ community. He noted that they are working on inviting a number of individuals to campus in the fall to discuss how faith communities have created space for LGBTQ+ members to provide guidance and support to the Western community.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

A. Shepard
Chair

A. Bryson
University Secretary

The Western Academy for Advanced Research



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Academy Mission

To seek solutions to major issues facing humanity through focused enquiry that combines the spectrum of scholarship at Western with that from around the world.

Academy Mandate

- Facilitate and adjudicate *theme* and major participant selection

Semi-Annual Competitions

Proposal Adjudication

- Academic Steering Committee, which makes recommendations to the Vice-President (Research) and Provost & Vice-President (Academic)

Academic Steering Committee (2021-2022)



Bipasha Barua
Arts & Humanities



Girma Bitsuamlak
Engineering



Jacquelyn Burkell
Information & Media Studies



Craig Dunbar
Ivey Business School



Lauren Flynn
Engineering / Schulich School
of Medicine & Dentistry



Andy Hrymak
President's Office



Isaac Luginaah
Social Science



Heather Martin
Western Research



Nadine Wathen
Health Sciences

TBA

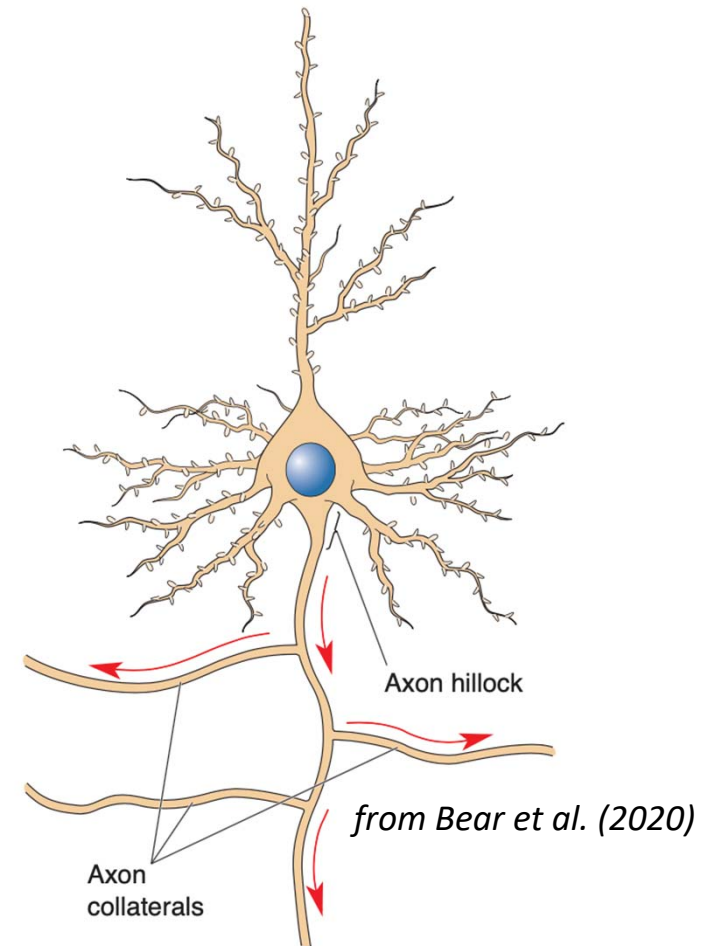
Academy *Themes*

- Broad public significance
- Ideas from across the spectrum of scholarship and sectors
- Relevance to major issues in Canada and the world
- Advances that influence the direction of society, government, and/or the private sector
- Public dissemination of outcomes

Inaugural Themes

Beginning **September 2022**, **Lyle Muller** (Mathematics) will lead *The mathematics of neural networks: new theoretical methods for biological and artificial brains.*

- Western University (Mathematics, Robarts Research Institute, London Health Sciences Centre)
- Fields Institute (University of Toronto)
- Princeton University
- Yale University
- Hebrew University of Jerusalem



“Neurons are the basic unit of computation in the brain. Mathematical advances are needed to describe how neural networks break down in disease.”

Inaugural *Themes*

Beginning **January 2023**, **Keith Porter** (Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction, Civil and Environmental Engineering) will lead *Climate resilient infrastructure and buildings*.

- *Western University (Social Science, Engineering, Science, Ivey)*
- *Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction*
- *Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania*
- *Dr. Lucy Jones Center for Science and Society, USA*



courtesy "Kamloops This Week"

"If resilience makes so much sense, why aren't we doing it?"

Some Details:

- The Academy provides a structure, funding and place for delivery of *themes*:

**Visiting
Western
Fellows**

**Maximum
\$60K each,
12 months**

**Western
Academy
Postdoctoral
Scholars**

**Maximum
\$50K each,
12 months**

**Seconded
Western
Fellows' Units**

**Maximum
\$25K each,
12 months**

**Theme
Activities**

**Maximum
\$15K each,
12 months**

Western Fellows

- Seconded for duration of *theme*
- Selected based on excellence and fit to *theme*
- One Western Fellow designated as *Theme Leader*
- Typically, three Western Fellows per *theme*

Visiting Western Fellows

- Internationally established or emerging scholars, thinkers, leaders from university, government, private sector
- Reside at Western (*some flexibility*)
- Typically, two Visiting Western Fellows per *theme*

Western Academy Postdoctoral Scholars

- Competitively selected to work with *Western Fellows* and *Visiting Western Fellows*
- Typically, two Postdoctoral Scholars per *theme*

Others Welcome!

For example,

- Other interested members of the faculty, community, government and private sector
- Students working with *Western Fellows* and *Visiting Western Fellows*

Academy *Themes*

- Currently, two *themes* of normal duration (10-12 months) per year

Space



International and Graduate Affairs Building – Level 3, Western University

Space — Visitor Housing

*The Final Frontier —
we're working on it*



Proposing a *Theme*

- Letter of Intent (LOI) required
- Competition now open for September 2023 or January 2024:
 - *LOI due date: **July 17, 2022***
 - *Full applications due: **October 31, 2022***
- LOI available at:

<https://www.uwo.ca/academy/>

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Thank you for your attention!