



## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENATE**

**November 11, 2022**

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

### **SENATORS:**

M. Adler	E. Kalaydjian	M. Sanita Lima
G. Arku	M. Kim	J. Schermer
H. Arnott	K. Kirkwood	A. Shepard
K. Arora	D. Kotsopoulos	A. Shami
S. Badyal	J. Lacefield	D. Smith
P. Barmby	Y. Laforet-Fliesser	C. Steeves
A. Baxter	D. Laird	L. Stoyles
M. Bordignon	L. Latif	D. Tempesta
A. Bryson	D. Lee	J. Toswell
C. Burucúa	A. Liu	J. Watson
E. Chen	M. Milde	J. Welch
K. Choi	J. Minac	S. Whitehead
M. Cleveland	K. Mooney	V. Wolf
K. Coley	S. Morrison	
S. Constas	I. Namukasa	
R. DeKoter	B. Neff	
M. Fahmida	A. Nelson	
D. Ferri	T. Peace	
T. Frost	K. Pollock	
J. Garland	C. Robinson	
B. Gillies	S. Roland	
A. Haque	B. Rubin	
L. Henderson	H. Samson	
A. Hodgson		

Observers: C. Bressette, J. Doerksen, D. Facca, E. Gardner, R. Isard, S. Lewis, M. Noorani.

### **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Deishin Lee offered a Land Acknowledgement.

### **S.22-247 MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING**

A Senator raised a concern that the questions provided in advance of the October Senate meeting were not summarized in the Minutes and requested that the October Minutes be revised in respect of the discussion at Item 7.1 Draft Policy on Academic Consideration for Student Absences. The University Secretary indicated that the Minutes would be reviewed and they would be deferred to the December Senate meeting.

S.22-248 **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Members were advised that the requested update regarding student enrolment will be provided at the December Senate meeting.

S.22-249 **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

The President's Report, distributed with the agenda, contained information on the following topics: in-person convocation, accolades, and leadership updates.

In addition to the written report the President commented on the following:

- USC Remembrance Day Ceremony. Gratitude was extended to all participants that were involved in this event.
- The most recent QS World University Rankings and Western's place in them. Western's Faculty of Education was recognized for impressive progress.
- The President advised that he was pleased to attend the Advocacy Day at Queen's Park and he looks forward to similar discussions at Western's Advocacy Day in Ottawa.
- Acknowledged the ninth WordsFest (4 - 13 November 2022) and noted that the list of speakers included Western faculty members.
- The upcoming Open House on Sunday, November 20, 2022. The President appreciated the contributions of many volunteers who provide a great program for prospective students and their families.
- The President noted that he attended the Ivey Awards Dinner.

The President concluded his report by announcing that the Western Mustangs football team would be playing in the Yates Cup game at Alumni Stadium on Saturday Nov. 12, 2022.

**REPORT OF THE OPERATIONS / AGENDA COMMITTEE**

S.22-250 **ITEM 5.1 Amendment to the Faculty of Health Sciences Faculty Council Constitution**

It was moved by Michael Milde, seconded by Julie Schermer,

That effective November 11, 2022, the Faculty of Health Sciences Faculty Council Constitution be revised as shown in Item 5.1.

CARRIED

**REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

**S.22-251 ITEM 6.1 Membership – Senate Committee on Academic Policy (Policy)**

Sydney Turner was acclaimed to the Senate Committee on Academic Policy (Policy) as a graduate student member.

**S.22-252 ITEM 6.2 – Membership – Subcommittee on Western Approved Micro-credentials (SWAM)**

Jana Seijts (faculty member) was acclaimed to the Subcommittee on Western Approved Micro-credentials (SWAM) for a term from to June 30, 2023.

Kyla Morris (graduate student) was acclaimed to the Subcommittee on Western Approved Micro-credentials (SWAM) for a term from to June 30, 2023.

**REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC POLICY - Consent Agenda**

**REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC CURRICULUM AND AWARDS - Consent Agenda**

**REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY RESEARCH BOARD**

**S.22-253 Report of the University Research Board (B. Neff)**

B. Neff, Acting Vice-President (Research) provided a general overview of the activities of Western Research and expanded on several items for the information of Senate, including recognition of a number of awards and other distinctions honouring faculty members and students. The presentation is attached to the minutes as Appendix “A”.

B. Neff also shared information on the selection of the new Acting Associate Vice-President (Research) - Janis Cardy and welcomed her in the new role.

The President added that the University has made a great effort to increase recognition for students and faculty members nationally and internationally.

**Report of the Academic Colleague**

**S.22-254 ITEM 11.0 – Report of the Academic Colleague (P. Barmby)**

P. Barmby referred Senators to her Report of the Academic Colleague and highlighted several items for the information of Senate.

During the discussion, P. Barmby responded to questions raised regarding the possible launch by the provincial government of a blue-ribbon panel to discuss the university sector. There are few details about the panel at this time.

S.22-255 **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**REPORT FROM THE OPERATIONS / AGENDA COMMITTEE**

**Information Items Reported by the Operations / Agenda Committee**

S.22-256 The following item reported by the Operations / Agenda Committee was received for information by unanimous consent:

- ITEM 12.1(a) – Senate Election Schedule for 2023

**REPORT FROM THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC CURRICULUM AND AWARDS**

S.22-257 **ITEM 12.2(a)(i) School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: Introduction of a Master of Science (MSc) in Drug Safety and Pharmacovigilance**

It was moved by Michael Milde, seconded by Julie Schermer,

That on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Curriculum and Awards, Senate approve that, effective September 1, 2023, a Master of Science (MSc) in Drug Safety and Pharmacovigilance be introduced as shown in Item 12.3(a)(i), pending Quality Council approval.

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

S.22-258 **ITEM 12.2(a)(ii) School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: Revisions to the Master of Arts (MA) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Anthropology**

It was moved by Michael Milde, seconded by Julie Schermer,

That on the recommendation the Senate Committee on Academic Curriculum and Awards, Senate approve that, effective as of September 1, 2022, the Master of Arts (MA) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Anthropology be revised as shown in Item 12.3(a)(ii).

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

S.22-259 **ITEM 12.2(a)(iii) School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: Revisions to the Master of Arts (MA) in Sociology**

It was moved by Michael Milde, seconded by Julie Schermer,

That on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Curriculum and Awards, Senate approve that, effective as of September 1, 2022, the Master of Arts (MA) in Sociology be revised as shown in Item 12.3(a)(iii).

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

S.22-260 **ITEM 12.2(a)(iv) School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: Withdrawal of the Master of Arts (MA) in Ancient Philosophy**

It was moved by Michael Milde, seconded by Julie Schermer,

That on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Curriculum and Awards, Senate approve that, effective as of September 1, 2022, the Master of Arts (MA) in Ancient Philosophy be withdrawn.

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

S.22-261 **Information Items Reported by the Senate Committee on Academic Curriculum and Awards**

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

- ITEM 12.3(b) Report of the Subcommittee on Program Review – Undergraduate (SUPR-U): Cyclical Review of the Undergraduate Program in French Studies (Huron University College).
- ITEM 12.3(c) Report of the Subcommittee on Program Review – Graduate (SUPR-G): (SUPR-G): Cyclical Review of the Graduate Program in Computer Science.
- ITEM 12.3(d) – New Scholarships, Awards and Prizes.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

S.22-262 The following items reported through Announcements and Communications were received for information by unanimous consent:

- ITEM 12.4(a) – Election Results – Selection Committee for the Vice-Provost (Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies)

S.22-263 **ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

The following items were removed from the Consent Agenda:

**REPORT FROM THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC POLICY**

**ITEM 12.2(a) – Revisions to the Dean's Honour List and Graduation "With Distinction" Policy**

A Senator requested this item be removed from the Consent Agenda as they had a concern regarding the inconsistent use of "MSc" and "Ivey MSc" in the Policy. It was noted that that

change could be revisited once clarification is obtained from Ivey but the other changes could proceed.

It was moved by Michael Milde, seconded by Ken Coley,

That on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Curriculum and Awards, Senate approve that, effective as of September 1, 2022, the *Dean's Honour List and Graduation "With Distinction"* policy be revised as shown in Item 12.2(a) as amended.

CARRIED

### **REPORT FROM THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC CURRICULUM AND AWARDS**

#### **S.22-264 ITEM 12.3(e) – Annual Report of the Office of Academic Quality and Enhancement**

A Senator requested that this item be removed from consent as it is the first time this report is coming to Senate.

S. Lewis provided Senators with highlights on the various activities and initiatives of the Office of Academic Quality and Enhancement (OAQE).

A concern was raised that the Office of Academic Quality and Enhancement may appear as government oversight. It was emphasized that the Office was created primarily to provide support to the University's departments and programs as they proceed through the government quality assurance process.

S. Lewis further noted that it may be the first Quality Assurance Scholars Program in Canada for training students to engage in site visits and other related programming.

A question was asked regarding 22% of programs closing. S. Lewis advised that the closures will have gone through the appropriate approval process and such changes are often related to amalgamation and innovation of programs. Clarification was provided that the 22% represents 9 of 44 major modifications across all programs.

#### **S.22-265 DISCUSSION AND QUESTION PERIOD**

Senators were informed that negotiations are continuing between the University and UWOFA to avoid a potential strike.

A Senator asked if the membership of selection committees would be posted publicly. They also noted that the Chief Digital Officer role is not included in the Appointment Procedures for Senior Academic and Administrative Officers of the University and asked if the Operations/Agenda Committee would consider whether it should be added.

A Senator asked whether employees would be advised of the policy on surveillance of

employees. M. Daley responded that Bill 88 requires a written policy with respect to the electronic monitoring of employees and noted that Western already has a policy in place (MAPP 1.13, link below). He further advised that the University does not monitor individual email accounts and MAPP 1.13 includes specific circumstances in which the University could monitor employees' electronic activity. The UWOPA collective agreement 2018-2022 also includes a provision with respect to electronic monitoring only being permitted in specific circumstances (page 194).

[https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/policies\\_procedures/section1/mapp113.pdf](https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/policies_procedures/section1/mapp113.pdf)

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:24 p.m.

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A. Shepard  
Chair

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A. Bryson  
University Secretary



# Research Updates :: University Senate

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Welcome, Janis Oram Cardy  
Research Scholars Academy



## Western Research Updates



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Arthur B. McDonald Fellowship

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## Awards & Distinctions

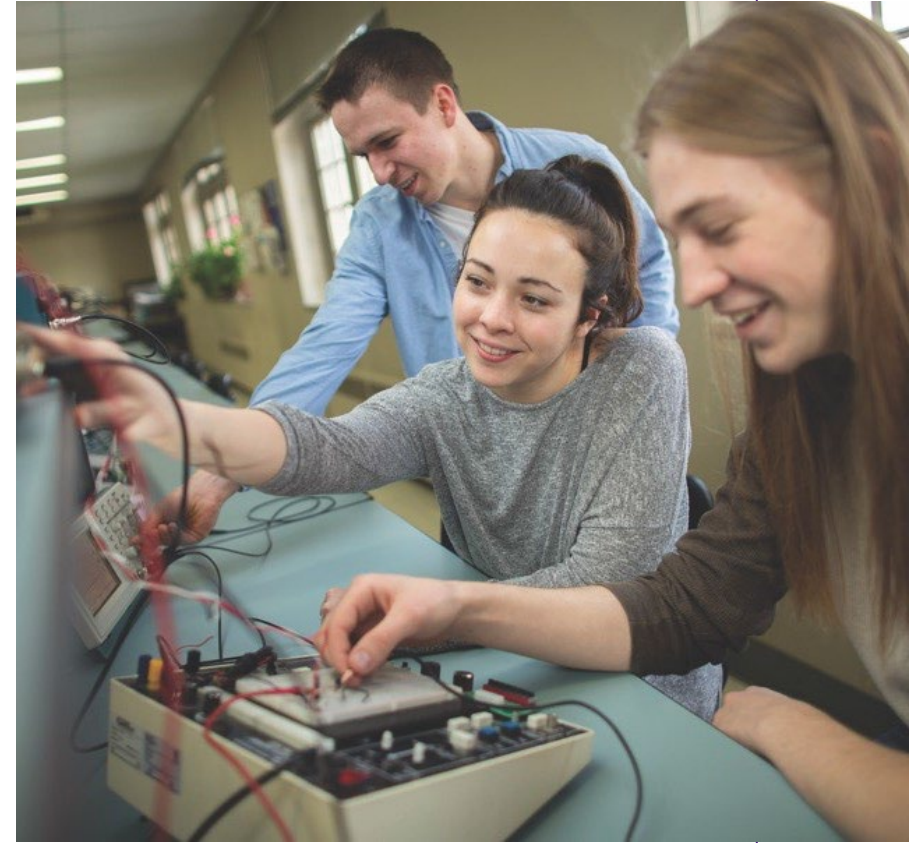


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## Funding Updates