MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

September 18, 2026

The meeting was held at 1:30 p.m. at the Ronald D. Schmeichel Entrepreneurship and Innovation Building, Room 4106

Senators in attendance:

Z. Abawi
A. Ali
G. Amaral
J. Antonelli
A. Ataullahjan
A. Awawdeh
K. Big-Canoe
J. Blankenship
S. Boe
A. Boller Krausz
B. Begg
J. Binoy
A. Borchert
A. Bryson
B. Buchanan
N. Campbell
R. Charumbira
K. Coley
C. Costello
S. D'Arcy
M. Davison
F. Dick
M. El-Sakka
Z. Fadlullah
A. Fremeth
P. Franck
M. Fox
A. Garnett
C. Giannacopoulos
R. Gillis
M. Goltsman
S. Hafeez
N. Haggerty
A. Hassan
J. He
J. Herrera
E. Islam
R. Kamal
S. Knabe
M. Khimji
J. Li
M. Lebo
D. Lee
A. Little
L. Logan
A. Logeswaran
J. Makaran
G. Malheiro
O. Matthews
R. Martell
L. Melnyk Gribble
J. Minac
M. Modeski
B. Morton
P. Pexman
M. Quiñones-Mateu
R. Ramachandran
N. Ranasinghe
S. Schmid
Y. Seleem
A. Shepard
A. Shchepetkina
S. Sylvestre
K. Siddiqui
L. Stark
F. Strzelczyk
J. Suljak
J. Unger
J. Voogt
K. Verwaayen
S. Weerasinghe
M. Xia
K. Yeung
H. Yan
A. Yip

Observers in attendance: J. Doerksen, N. de Gannes, C. Cripps, J. Hutter, S. Lewis, E. Marshall, M. McGlynn, O. Oloya, S. Rezvani, J. Scott, D. Smith, M. Sanita Lima, S. Xia, M. Yenson

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Land Acknowledgement

M. Modeski offered a Land Acknowledgement.

Minutes of Prior Meeting

Item 2.0 – Minutes of the Meeting of June 5, 2026

It was moved by J. Antonelli, seconded by G. Little,

That the minutes of the meeting of June 5, 2026, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

Item 3.0 – Report of the President

In addition to the written report provided in advance of the meeting, A. Shepard, President & Vice-Chancellor opened his remarks by reflecting on the start of the new academic year, including Orientation Week, highlighting the overall experience and approaches used to support students' transition. The President also emphasized the important role played by volunteers and expressed appreciation to the various groups on campus, including faculty, staff, the University Students' Council, and the Society of Graduate Students for their contributions and support during Orientation Week.

The President continued his report with comments on the recent visits to campus from provincial Ministers, highlighting the significance of these engagements for Western's visibility and government relations. Additionally, the President provided an update on current funding developments, with particular attention to the additional allocation of seats in STEM programs.

The President concluded his report by commenting on Western's recent ranking outcomes and highlighting the ongoing work associated with the "All in" campaign.

The President addressed a question about funding allocations and the institutional budgeting approach used to support disciplines with higher operating costs.

Item 4.0 – Report of the Provost

F. Strzelczyk, Provost & Vice-President (Academic) began her report with a leadership update, welcoming Brett Buchanan as new Dean of the Faculty of Arts & Humanities and announcing that Sophie Roland has been appointed as the Dean of the Don Wright Faculty of Music. Additionally, the Provost noted that the Faculty of Health Sciences and the Faculty of Law are entering their second year under new decanal leadership, and welcomed John Doerksen back to his role as Vice-Provost (Students).

The Provost continued her report with an update on student experience, with particular attention to first-year students and their transition to campus.

The Provost outlined work conducted over the summer, including efforts made toward internationalization and the initiatives underway to strengthen Western's global engagement.

Additionally, the Provost commented on the combined efforts to support those who were impacted by the recent power outage and noted that work is currently underway to address underlying infrastructure issues. She also reported on new academic program development and concluded her report with a brief update on funding.

S. Lewis, Vice-Provost (Academic Programs), provided a brief presentation concerning Western International College. The update outlined the progress achieved to date across key milestones and described the ongoing efforts required to support admission targets. Additionally, the Vice-Provost (Academic Programs) shared details on the governance structures and supports being put in place.

The Vice-Provost (Academic Programs) addressed a question of clarification regarding the recruitment pathway used for students in the inaugural cohort.

A Senator raised a question regarding the role of the Academic Advisory Committee and the representation within its membership. The Vice-Provost (Academic Programs) advised that the membership of the advisory body is still being populated and commented on the Committee's mandate.

Item 5.0 – Report of the Vice-President (Research)

In addition to the materials provided in advance of the meeting, P. Pexman, Vice-President (Research) began by highlighting strong progress across research initiatives and reported that, in the SSHRC competition, the number of applications increased by 19% while the total value of awarded grants increased by 72% compared with 2025.

The Vice-President (Research) continued her report with an update on the Western Research Grants Repository, launched in June 2025. She noted that since its initial launch the collection of sample applications has doubled and commented on the first insights emerging from its use.

An Official Observer noted the value of creating a similar repository to support doctoral and postdoctoral applicants.

REPORT OF THE OPERATIONS / AGENDA COMMITTEE

In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Operations/Agenda Committee, K. Yeung, committee member, presented the report on behalf of the Operations/Agenda Committee. K. Yeung outlined the Committee's mandate, summarizing its primary areas of responsibility.

Item 6.1 – Announcement of a Vice-Chair of the Operations/Agenda Committee

K. Yeung announced the Vice-Chair of OAC (A. Nocilla) for a term from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

Item 6.2 – Membership – Nominating Committee

Miguel Quiñones-Mateu was acclaimed to serve on the Senate Nominating Committee for a term ending on June 30, 2028.

Item 6.3 – Questions for Senate

K. Yeung informed Senate that in accordance with the process established in the Adopted Policies and Procedures all the questions routed to Senate will be addressed during the Question Period.

REPORT OF THE SENATE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

On behalf of the Senate Nominating Committee, G. Little provided the Nominating Committee report and outlined the Nominating Committee's mandate, highlighting its responsibility and the nominating process.

Item 7.1 – Announcement of a Chair and Vice-Chair of the Senate Nominating Committee

G. Little announced the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Nominating Committee (G. Little and M. Fox) for the term from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

Item 7.2 – Membership – Senate Committee on Academic Curriculum and Awards (ACA)

No nominations were put forward for a vacancy on the Senate Committee on Academic Curriculum and Awards (ACA).

ITEM 7.3 – Membership – University Research Board (URB)

Bobbi Thompson was nominated from the floor of Senate and acclaimed to serve on the University Research Board as a faculty member from the Don Wright Faculty of Music for a term from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2028.

Item 7.4 – Membership – Senate Review Board Academic (SRBA)

Nicole Campbell and John Suljak were nominated from the floor of Senate to the Senate Review Board Academic as the representatives from the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry. An election was held following the Senate meeting and Nicole Campbell was elected to serve on the Senate Review Board Academic for a term from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2028.

Remus Tutunea-Fatan was acclaimed to serve on the Senate Review Board Academic for a term from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2028.

Item 7.5 – Membership – Electoral Board for Chancellor

Jasmine Antonelli and Chris Costello were nominated by the Nominating Committee and Brett Buchanan, Ruramisai Charumbira, Ryan Martell, Jan Minac and J. Bruce Morton were nominated from the floor of Senate.

The Chair of the Nominating Committee informed candidates that nominee statements were to be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. on September 18, 2026. As not all nominees submitted the required materials, the remaining eligible nominees were acclaimed in accordance with the established process, and no election was required.

Jasmine Antonelli, Brett Buchanan, Chris Costello, Ryan Martell, and Jan Minac were acclaimed to serve on the Electoral Board for Chancellor.

Item 7.5 – Membership – Selection/Review Committee for the Vice-Provost (Academic Programs)

Zia A. Khan, Anabel Quan-Haase and Laura Stephenson were nominated from the floor of Senate to serve on the Selection/Review Committee for the Vice-Provost (Academic Programs). An election was held following the Senate meeting and Zia A. Khan was elected to serve on the Selection/Review Committee for the Vice-Provost (Academic Programs).

REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC POLICY

On behalf of the Senate Committee on Academic Policy, N. Campbell presented the Policy report, offering a brief summary of the Committee's mandate, including its role in policy development, and described its main areas of responsibility.

Item 8.1 – Announcement of a Chair and Vice-Chair of the Senate Committee on Academic Policy

N. Campbell announced the Chair and Vice-Chair (N. Campbell and M. Cleveland) of the Senate Committee on Academic Policy for the term from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

Item 8. 2 – Faculty of Science and Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry: Revisions to the Policy on "Graduation Requirements"

It was moved by N. Campbell,

> That on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Policy, Senate approve that effective September 1, 2026, the policy on "Graduation Requirements" be revised as shown in Item 8.2.

CARRIED

Item 8.3 – Introduction of a Policy on "Academic Consideration – Graduate Students"

K, Siddiqui, Vice-Provost (Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies), provided a presentation concerning the overview of the proposed Policy on "Academic Consideration – Graduate Students" (Appendix A). The Vice-Provost (Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies) commented on the rationale underlying the development of the policy, scope, and the planned implementation process.

In response to the questions raised by a Senator, the Vice-Provost (Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies) stated that the proposed policy provides graduate programs with flexibility to develop their own processes for relevant academic activities, determine the types of documentation required, and establish procedures for submitting that documentation. The Vice-Provost (Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies) indicated that students will file their Academic Consideration requests via a secure portal, with access restricted to the Program Designate.

In response to a question of clarification, the Vice-Provost (Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies) stated that Graduate Chairs were consulted, and they were informed of the Program Designate appointment process. He added that while the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies will support programs with training, a centralized model is not feasible given the complexity and diversity of graduate programs.

Additionally, the Vice-Provost (Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies) clarified that the decision regarding the term of service for the Program Designate rests with the individual graduate program and stated that estimating both the additional workload and the volume of cases is challenging at this stage, as the process will be newly implemented, and the number of cases will vary among graduate programs.

It was moved by N. Campbell,

> That on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Policy, Senate approve that effective January 1, 2027, a policy on "Academic Consideration – Graduate Students" be introduced as shown in Item 8.3.

CARRIED

Item 8.4 – Report of the Assessment Integrity Working Group

The Vice-Provost (Academic Programs) provided a report on the work of the Assessment Integrity Working Group and informed Senate on upcoming revisions to the Senate Academic Policies.

The Vice-Provost (Academic Programs) commented on the implementation of the Working Group recommendations, explaining that the Group has fulfilled its mandate and that the next phase will involve formal approval of the proposed policy changes along with the development of associated procedures, through the Senate Committee on Academic Policy and Senate.

The Vice-Provost (Academic Programs) clarified that some of the recommendations are already in place within certain Faculties, and that the intention is to standardize these practices and adopt them across the institution. Additionally, she commented on proctor training and stated that any required training would be paid, and if necessary, hours would be reallocated.

An Official Observer commented on the emerging need to meaningfully shift academic integrity culture and to strengthen learning environments that foster ethical behavior. The Vice-Provost (Academic Programs) commented on the effectiveness of the proposed mechanisms and the potential benefits they may bring to the management of scholastic offences cases.

The Vice-Provost (Academic Programs) provided comments on the resourcing required for large classes, which are associated with elevated risks of scholastic offences, and confirmed that the University will continue to provide religious accommodation for students.

REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC CURRICULUM AND AWARDS

On behalf of the Senate Committee on Academic Curriculum and Awards, R. Ramachandran presented the report of the Committee and outlined the Committee's mandate, summarizing its key areas of focus.

Item 9.1 – Announcement of a Chair and Vice-Chair of the Senate Committee on Academic Curriculum and Awards

R. Ramachandran announced the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Senate Committee on ACA (R. Ramachandran and A. Fremeth) for the term from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY PLANNING

On behalf of the Senate Committee on University Planning, S. Schmid, presented the report of the Committee and described the Committee's role and responsibilities.

Item 10.1 – Announcement of a Chair of the Senate Committee on University Planning

S. Schmid announced the Chair of the Senate Committee on University Planning (S. Schmid) for a term from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027. F. Strzelczyk, the Provost & Vice-President (Academic), is ex-officio Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Item 10.2 – Capital Projects Update

L. Logan, Vice-President (Operations & Finance), provided a presentation concerning an update on the capital projects on campus (Appendix B). She began by describing the major projects that are currently under construction and in planning phases, including the University Drive Student Residence, the new Engineering building, the Pathogen Research Centre, the new Faculty of Health Sciences building, Ursuline Hall and Alumni Hall renovations, and the Bioconvergence Centre. Additionally, the Vice-President (Operations & Finance) informed Senate that a more detailed presentation on the Bioconvergence Centre

will be presented at the October Senate meeting.

Heather Hyde (Director, Sustainability) presented an overview of several capital projects focused on strengthening Western's core infrastructure. She provided an update on the renewal of the University Drive Bridge, the addition of an electric boiler and power plant capacity to support future energy needs, and a broader long-term resilience initiative aimed at ensuring essential systems remain reliable through long-term renewal.

The Vice-President (Operations & Finance) responded to questions of clarification concerning how long-term construction activity may affect access to certain campus locations, the sufficiency of bike-parking facilities, the existing considerations related to the McIntosh Gallery, and ongoing coordination with the City on major construction projects.

With respect to the Bioconvergence Centre project, The Vice-President (Operations & Finance) confirmed that oversight of capital projects rests with the Board of Governors and noted that Senate will continue to receive updates as the work progresses. She commented on the ongoing considerations related to the construction period, including the potential impact of vibration and access for campus transportation.

REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY RESEARCH BOARD (URB)

On behalf of the University Research Board, P. Pexman presented the URB report and detailed the Committee's mandate, highlighting its core responsibilities.

Item 11.1 – Announcement of a Vice-Chair of the University Research Board

P. Pexman announced a Vice-Chair of the University Research Board (A. Allan) for a term from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

Item 12.0 – Report of the Academic Colleague

The written report was provided as part of the agenda materials.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

REPORT FROM THE OPERATIONS/AGENDA COMMITTEE

Information Items Reported by the Operation/Agenda Committee on Unanimous Consent:

- Item 13.1(a) – Faculty of Arts and Humanities: Revisions to the Faculty Council Constitution
- Item 13.1(b) – Senate Membership – Vacancies Filled by Appointment
- Item 13.1(c) – Appointment of Officers of Convocation

REPORT FROM THE SENATE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Information Items Reported by the Senate Nominating Committee on Unanimous Consent:

- Item 13.2(a) – Replacement for the Committee Member: Senate Committee on Academic Policy
- Item 13.2(b) – Replacement for the Committee Member: Senate Committee on University Planning (SCUP)
- Item 13.2(c) – Temporary Replacement for the Committee Member: University Research Board (URB)

REPORT FROM THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC POLICY

Item 13.3(a) – Faculty of Education: Revisions to the Policies on "Admission – Education" and "Registration and Progression in Three-Year, Four-Year and Honours Programs"

It was moved by J. Antonelli, seconded by R. Ramachandran,

> That on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Policy, Senate approve that effective September 1, 2026, the policies on "Admission – Education" and "Registration and Progression in Three- Year, Four-Year and Honours Programs" be revised as shown in Item 13.3(a).

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Item 13.3(b)(i) – Revisions to the Policy on "Requests for Relief from Academic Decisions" and its Associated Procedures

It was moved by J. Antonelli, seconded by R. Ramachandran,

> That on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Policy, Senate approve that effective September 1, 2026, the policy on "Requests for Relief from Academic Decisions" be revised as shown in Item 13.3(b)(i).

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Item 13.3(b)(ii) – Revisions to the Policy on "Scholastic Offences" and its Associated Procedures

It was moved by J. Antonelli, seconded by R. Ramachandran,

> That on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Policy, Senate approve that effective September 1, 2026, the policy on "Scholastic Offences" be revised as shown in Item 13.3(b)(ii).

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Item 13.3(b)(iii) – Revisions to the Policy on "Senate Review Board Academic Appeals"

It was moved by J. Antonelli, seconded by R. Ramachandran,

> That on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Policy, Senate approve that effective September 1, 2026, the policy on "Senate Review Board Academic Appeals" be revised as shown in Item 13.3(b)(iii).

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Item 13.3(b)(iv) – Revisions to the Policy on "Course Outlines"

It was moved by J. Antonelli, seconded by R. Ramachandran,

> That on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Policy, Senate approve that effective September 1, 2026, the policy on "Course Outlines" be revised as shown in Item 13.3(b)(iv).

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Item 13.3(b)(v) – Revisions to the "Policy on Academic Consideration – Undergraduate Students in First Entry Programs" and its Associated Procedure

It was moved by J. Antonelli, seconded by R. Ramachandran,

> That on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Policy, Senate approve that effective September 1, 2026, the "Policy on Academic Consideration – Undergraduate Students in First Entry Programs" be revised as shown in Item 13.3(b)(v).

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Item 13.3(c)(i) – School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: Revisions to the Policy on "Graduate Program Design – Course Registration"

It was moved by J. Antonelli, seconded by R. Ramachandran,

> That on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Policy, Senate approve that effective September 18, 2026, the policy on "Graduate Program Design – Course Registration" be revised as shown in Item 13.3(c)(i).

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Information Items Reported by the Senate Committee on Academic Policy on Unanimous Consent:

- Item 13.3(c)(ii) – School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: Revisions to the Procedure for Registration in Graduate Programs
- Item 13.3(d) – Western International College Undergraduate Sessional Dates (2026-2027)
- Item 13.3(e) – Editorial Revisions to Titles of Academic Policies
- Item 13.3(f) – Removal of "Code of Student Conduct" Statement

REPORT FROM THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC CURRICULUM AND AWARDS

Item 13.4(a)(i) – Faculty of Engineering, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering: Revisions to Electrical Engineering Options

It was moved by J. Antonelli, seconded by R. Ramachandran,

> That on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Curriculum and Awards, Senate approve that effective September 1, 2026, the following Electrical Engineering options, offered by the Faculty of Engineering, be revised as shown in Item 13.4(a)(i).
>
> A. Electrical Engineering Program
> B. Electrical Engineering/HBA (offered with the Ivey Business School)
> D. Electrical Engineering/Law (offered with the Faculty of Law)
> H. Electrical Engineering and Biomedical Engineering Option
> M. Electrical Engineering and Artificial Intelligence Systems Engineering Program

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Item 13.4(a)(ii) – Faculty of Engineering: Revisions to Mechatronic Systems Engineering Options

It was moved by J. Antonelli, seconded by R. Ramachandran,

> That on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Curriculum and Awards, Senate approve that effective September 1, 2026, the following Mechatronic Systems Engineering options, offered by the Faculty of Engineering, be revised as shown in Item 13.4(a)(ii).
>
> Mechatronic Systems Engineering
> B. Mechatronic Systems Engineering/HBA (offered with the Ivey Business School)
> C. Mechatronic Systems Engineering/Law (offered with the Faculty of Law)
> D. Mechatronic Systems Engineering and Biomedical Engineering Option

E. Mechatronic Systems Engineering and Artificial Intelligence
Systems Engineering Option

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Item 13.4(a)(iii) – Faculty of Engineering, John M. Thompson Centre for Engineering Leadership and Innovation: Revisions to Integrated Engineering Options

It was moved by J. Antonelli, seconded by R. Ramachandran,

That on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Curriculum and Awards, Senate approve that effective September 1, 2026, the following Integrated Engineering options, offered by the John M. Thompson Centre for Engineering Leadership and Innovation in the Faculty of Engineering, be revised as shown in Item 13.4(a)(iii).

Integrated Engineering Program
B. Integrated Engineering/HBA (offered with the Ivey Business School)
D. Integrated Engineering/Law (offered with the Faculty of Law)

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Item 13.4(b)(i) – Faculty of Science, Department of Physics and Astronomy: Withdrawal of the Major in Scientific Computing and Numerical Methods

It was moved by J. Antonelli, seconded by R. Ramachandran,

That on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Curriculum and Awards, Senate approve that effective September 1, 2027, admission to the Major in Scientific Computing and Numerical Methods, offered by the Department of Physics and Astronomy in the Faculty of Science, be discontinued; and

That students currently enrolled in the module be permitted to graduate upon fulfillment of the module requirements by August 31, 2031; and

That the module be withdrawn effective September 1, 2031.

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Item 13.4(b)(ii) – Faculty of Science, Department of Physics and Astronomy: Revisions to the Honours Specialization and Specialization in Medical Physics

It was moved by J. Antonelli, seconded by R. Ramachandran,

That on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Curriculum and Awards, Senate approve that effective September 1, 2026, the Honours Specialization in Financial Modelling, offered by the Department of Statistical and Actuarial Sciences in the Faculty of Science, be revised as shown in Item 13.4(b)(ii).

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Item 13.4(c) – Faculty of Social Science, Department of Anthropology: Withdrawal of the Minor in Environment and Culture and the Minor in Refugee and Migrant Studies

It was moved by J. Antonelli, seconded by R. Ramachandran,

> That on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Curriculum and Awards, Senate approve that effective September 1, 2027, admission to the Minor in Environment and Culture and the Minor in Refugee and Migrant Studies, offered by the Department of Anthropology in the Faculty of Social Science, be discontinued; and
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> That students currently enrolled in the modules be permitted to graduate upon fulfillment of the module requirements by August 31, 2031; and
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> That the modules be withdrawn effective September 1, 2031.

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Item 13.4(d)(i) – King's University College: Renaming of and Revisions to the Honours Specialization in Applied Psychology

It was moved by J. Antonelli, seconded by R. Ramachandran,

> That on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Curriculum and Awards, Senate approve that effective September 1, 2027, the "Honours Specialization in Applied Psychology" offered by King's University College be renamed as the "Honours Specialization in Professional Applications of Psychology"; and
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> That students currently enrolled in the module be permitted to graduate with the old name of the module on their diploma until August 31, 2032, upon request to the Office of the Registrar; and
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> That the module requirements be revised as shown in Item 13.4(d)(i).

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Item 13.4(d)(ii) – King's University College: Revisions to the Honours Specialization, Specialization, Major, and Minor in Psychology

It was moved by J. Antonelli, seconded by R. Ramachandran,

> That on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Curriculum and Awards, Senate approve that effective September 1, 2027, the following Psychology

modules, offered by King's University College, be revised as shown in Item 13.4(d)(ii).

Honours Specialization in Psychology
Specialization in Psychology
Major in Psychology
Minor in Psychology

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Item 13.4(e)(i) – School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: Major Modification to the Master of Arts in Art History and Curatorial Studies

It was moved by J. Antonelli, seconded by R. Ramachandran,

That on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Curriculum and Awards, Senate approve that effective September 1, 2026, the Master of Arts in Art History and Curatorial Studies be revised as shown in Item 13.4(e)(i).

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Item 13.4(e)(ii) – School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: Major Modification to the Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration

It was moved by J. Antonelli, seconded by R. Ramachandran,

That on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Curriculum and Awards, Senate approve that effective September 1, 2026, the Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration be revised as shown in Item 13.4(e)(ii).

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Item 13.4(e)(iii) – School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: Major Modification to the Doctor of Philosophy in Physics

It was moved by J. Antonelli, seconded by R. Ramachandran,

That on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Curriculum and Awards, Senate approve that effective September 1, 2026, the Doctor of Philosophy in Physics be revised as shown in Item 13.4(e)(iii).

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Information Items Reported by the Senate Committee on Academic Curriculum and Awards on Unanimous Consent:

- Item 13.4(f) – New Donor-Funded Scholarships, Awards, and Prizes

- Item 13.4(g) – Cyclical Reviews of Undergraduate Programs in Microbiology and Immunology; Pathology and Laboratory Medicine; International Relations; Psychology
- Item 13.4(h) – Cyclical Reviews of Graduate Programs in Theory and Criticism; Philosophy; Biochemistry; Physiology and Pharmacology

REPORT FROM THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY PLANNING

Item 13.5(a) – Pugliese-Zorzi Visiting Professorship in Italian Canadian Studies

It was moved by J. Antonelli, seconded by R. Ramachandran,

> That on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on University Planning, Senate approve establishment of the Pugliese-Zorzi Visiting Professorship in Italian Canadian Studies in the Faculty of Arts and Humanities.

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

REPORT FROM THE HONORARY DEGREES COMMITTEE

Information Items Reported by Honorary Degrees Committee on Unanimous Consent:

- Item 13.6(a) – Honorary Degree Recipient - Autumn 2026

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

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

- Item 13.7(a) – Academic Administrative Appointments
- Item 13.7(b) – Election Results – Senate Committees

QUESTION PERIOD

The full text of the questions submitted in advance of the meeting was posted in the Agenda at Item 15.0 prior to the meeting. The questions and responses are summarized below:

The Vice-President (Operations & Finance) addressed the questions about the assessment of campus power stability and its findings, including the scope and priorities for future improvements, such as plans to expand emergency power capacity at critical facilities and power-generation sites. Additionally, she stated that with respect to the recent prolonged power outage, the investigation is still ongoing to identify the main source of the disruption.

In response to a question regarding the mechanisms used to assess electrical infrastructure capacity and resilience, the Vice-President (Operations & Finance) stated that the institution has a broad planning framework overseen by the Board of Governors and outlined the approach used to audit facilities from a maintenance standpoint.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

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A. Shepard
Chair

A. Bryson
University Secretary



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Academic Consideration – Graduate Students

Although graduate students experience similar types of challenges as undergraduate students, there is not currently a policy for academic consideration for graduate students.

- Requests for academic consideration are currently addressed inconsistently across graduate programs.
- Students and faculty are often unclear about appropriate processes for managing these requests. With many of these requests handled informally, some student distress may be overlooked and not addressed.
- At the same time, we also learned through consultation that Accessible Education incorrectly receives many of these requests.

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Academic Consideration – Graduate Students

Academic Consideration is a formal mechanism for facilitating student well-being and academic fairness while acknowledging the integrity of relationships and interactions that students have with individuals and services on campus.

Academic Consideration does **not** replace Accessible Education, nor does it replace processes for a Leave of Absence.

The proposed policy and accompanying procedure will provide the framework to:

- Set parameters for academic consideration in relevant academic activities.
- Ensure clarity, consistency and fairness across every graduate program and their process for academic consideration.

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Academic Consideration – Graduate Students

Implementation:

- If passed by Senate, the proposed policy and accompanying procedure will be in place effective January 1, 2027.
- Every graduate program must have a Program Designate who is appointed by the Dean (or designate) in their Faculty.
- Program Designate may be designated at the program or Faculty level, typically program's Graduate Chair or Associate Dean (Graduate).
- The effective date of January 1, 2027, allows time for programs to finalize their processes. A Faculty may decide to implement the same process across all of their graduate programs.

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Academic Consideration – Graduate Students

Implementation:

- SGPS will ensure graduate programs have support in terms of training and guidance in developing their processes.
- Requests for academic consideration are made by graduate students to the Program Designate through a portal.
- If the student request is approved then the information funnels to the instructor/supervisor for implementation.
- A student may appeal a decision on academic consideration as set out in the policy on Requests for Relief from Academic Decisions and Procedure for Graduate Student Academic Requests for Relief.

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Academic Consideration – Graduate Students

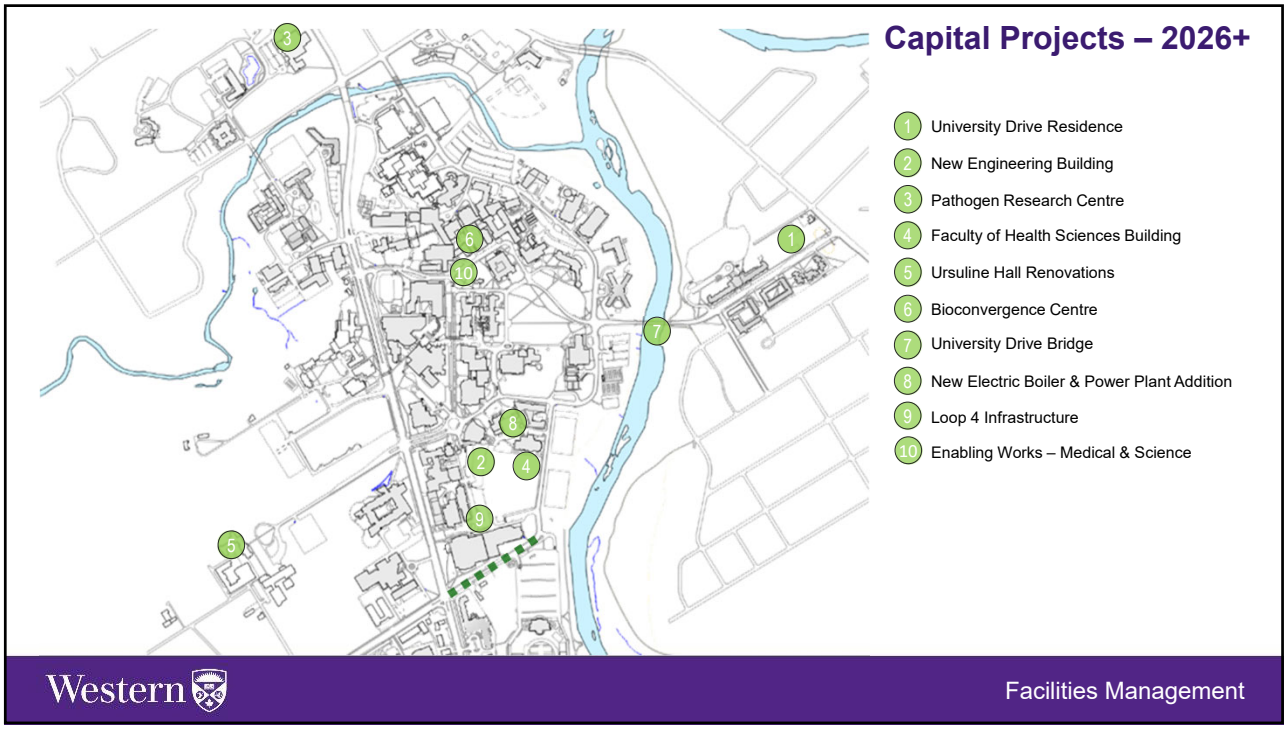
Consultation:
Graduate Education Council (GEC) – approved April 28, 2026
GEC Academic Policy Committee – approved April 14, 2026
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Associate Deans (Graduate)
Graduate Chairs and Coordinators
Society of Graduate Students' Executives
University Legal Counsel
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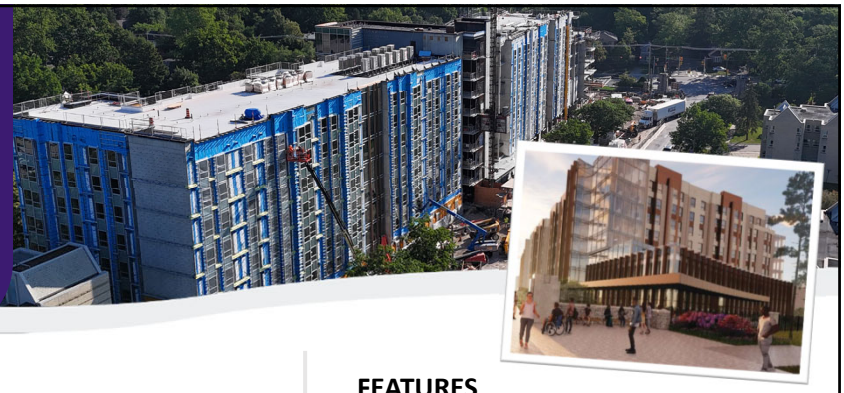

Capital Projects – 2026+
1 University Drive Residence
2 New Engineering Building
3 Pathogen Research Centre
4 Faculty of Health Sciences Building
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6 Bioconvergence Centre
7 University Drive Bridge
8 New Electric Boiler & Power Plant Addition
9 Loop 4 Infrastructure
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UNIVERSITY DRIVE RESIDENCE

317,000 SQ. FT.

2027 Completion



ABOUT THE PROJECT

The University Drive Student Residence will be a welcoming and vibrant addition to Western University, located at the east entrance of campus. Set across eight storeys, the building will offer a range of facilities to support community and wellbeing – from study lounges and fitness areas to social spaces.

FEATURES

- 271 student suites (792 beds)
- Large dining hall
- Fitness and wellness spaces
- Multiple study and music rooms
- Targeting LEED Gold

NEW ENGINEERING BUILDING

100,000 SQ. FT.

2027 Completion



ABOUT THE PROJECT

Western is developing a new 100,000 sq. ft., 5 story facility to support the rapidly expanding Faculty of Engineering. The building is targeting LEED Gold Certification and will house the growing fields of artificial intelligence, storm research, electrical and computer engineering.

FEATURES

- Open-loop geothermal wells
- Triple pane windows
- High-performance envelope
- Barrier free access between lower and upper campus
- Mega build bays & dry labs



PATHOGEN RESEARCH CENTRE (PaRC)

20,000 SQ. FT.

Spring 2027 Completion

ABOUT THE PROJECT

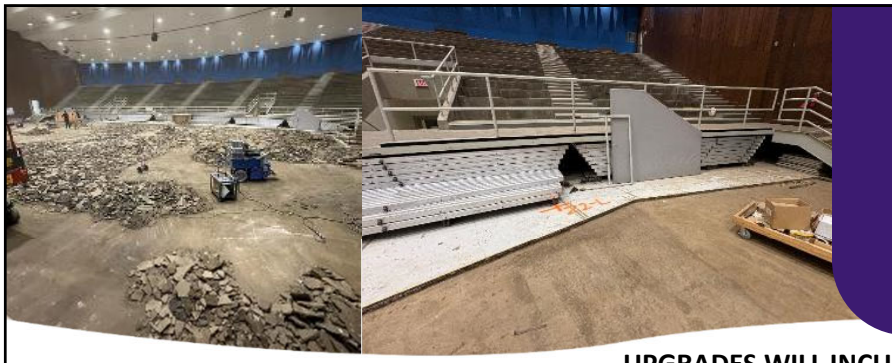
Western is developing a new 20,000 sq. ft. research facility. The Centre is part of Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry and will include facilities of ImPaKT, Microbial Transmission, and GMP (Vaccines).

FEATURES

- CL2+ & CL3 Laboratories
- Barrier-Enclosed Imaging Equipment
- Integrated Research and Imaging Infrastructure

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ALUMNI HALL

Scheduled Completion December 2026

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Begun in May 2026, Alumni Hall renovations will modernize and improve the space for future student-athlete and university use. This includes using Alumni Hall as a temporary classroom until the Bioconvergence Centre project is complete.

UPGRADES WILL INCLUDE:

- New gym flooring for games and events
- Improved accessibility to mezzanine level
- Improved seating for students and guests
- Modernized mechanical system – new air handling units (AHUs)
- New technology such as video boards
- Improved public washroom facilities on first floor

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FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES BUILDING

85,000 SQ. FT. **2027** Construction Start



ABOUT THE PROJECT

The new Faculty of Health Sciences building will be located south of the existing Labatt Health Sciences Building, within the South Valley parking lot. It has excellent visibility along Huron Drive, views towards the Thames River, and direct access to the existing Labatt Health Sciences Building, including the FIMS/Nursing Building.

FEATURES

- Four storey new construction
- Large shared-use classrooms
- Physio Labs and break out spaces
- Collaborative research commons

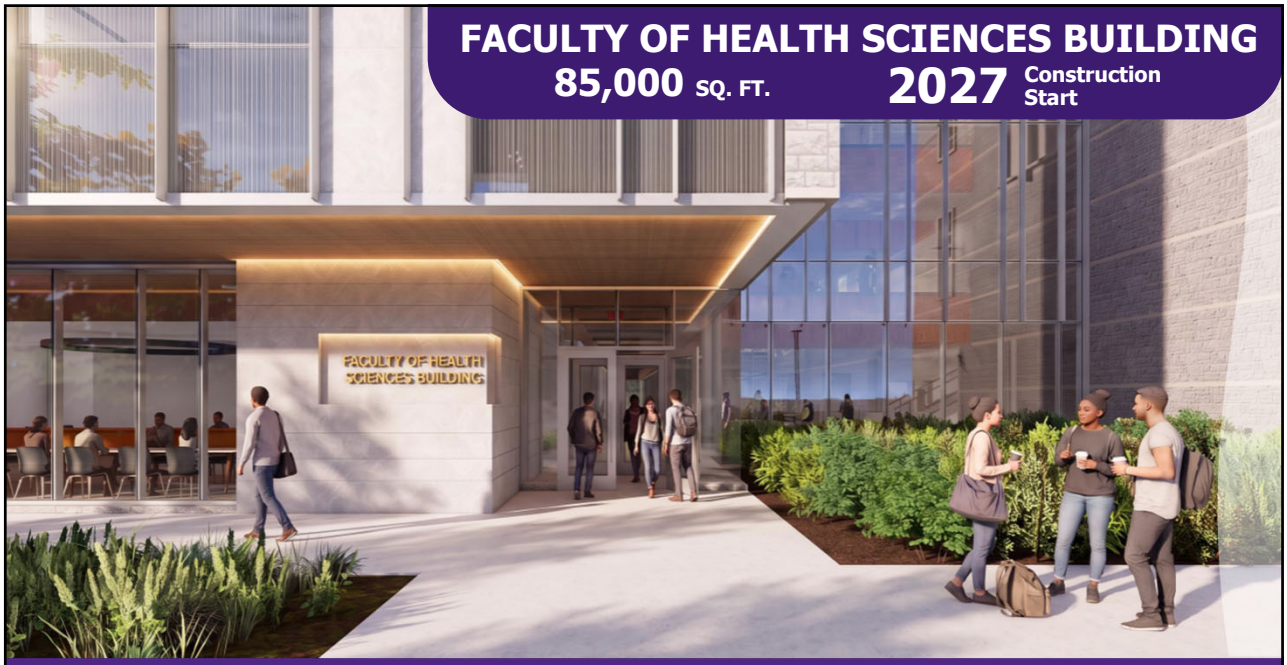
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FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES BUILDING

85,000 SQ. FT. **2027** Construction Start



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URSULINE HALL RENOVATIONS
Concept Design

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The transformation of Ursuline Hall represents a pivotal opportunity for Western to house Ursuline Museum & Brescia Archives. The McIntosh Gallery relocation is being explored as part of the concept design options.

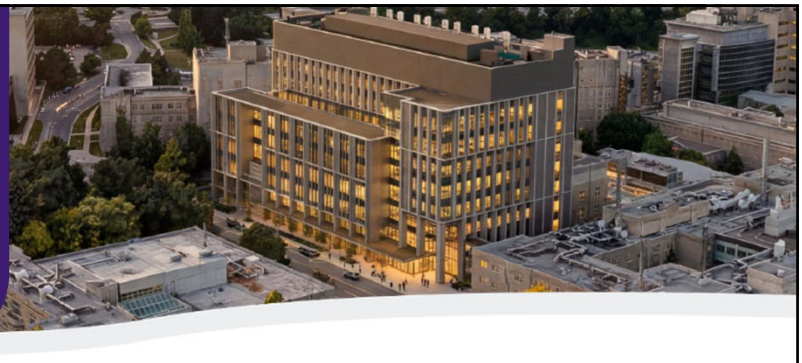
FEATURES

- Chapel to become Ursuline Museum
- South wing - Brescia & Ursuline archives
- North wing - McIntosh Gallery
- Lower level - Support spaces for McIntosh
- New accessible entrance & loading dock

BIOCONVERGENCE CENTRE

383,000 SQ. FT.

2027 Construction start



ABOUT THE PROJECT

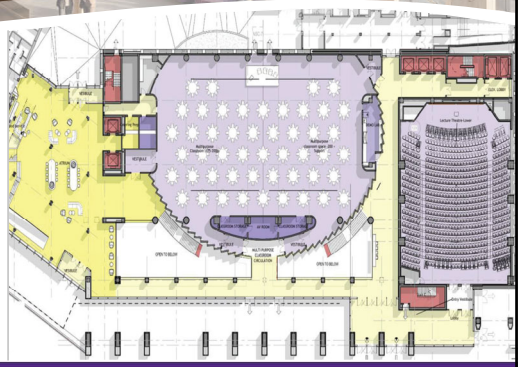
The Bioconvergence Centre will unite experts from medicine, science, engineering, and health sciences to advance medical education and biomedical research. It will drive innovation in diagnostics, biotherapeutics, and wearable health technologies. The Centre will establish the university as a national leader in health innovation.

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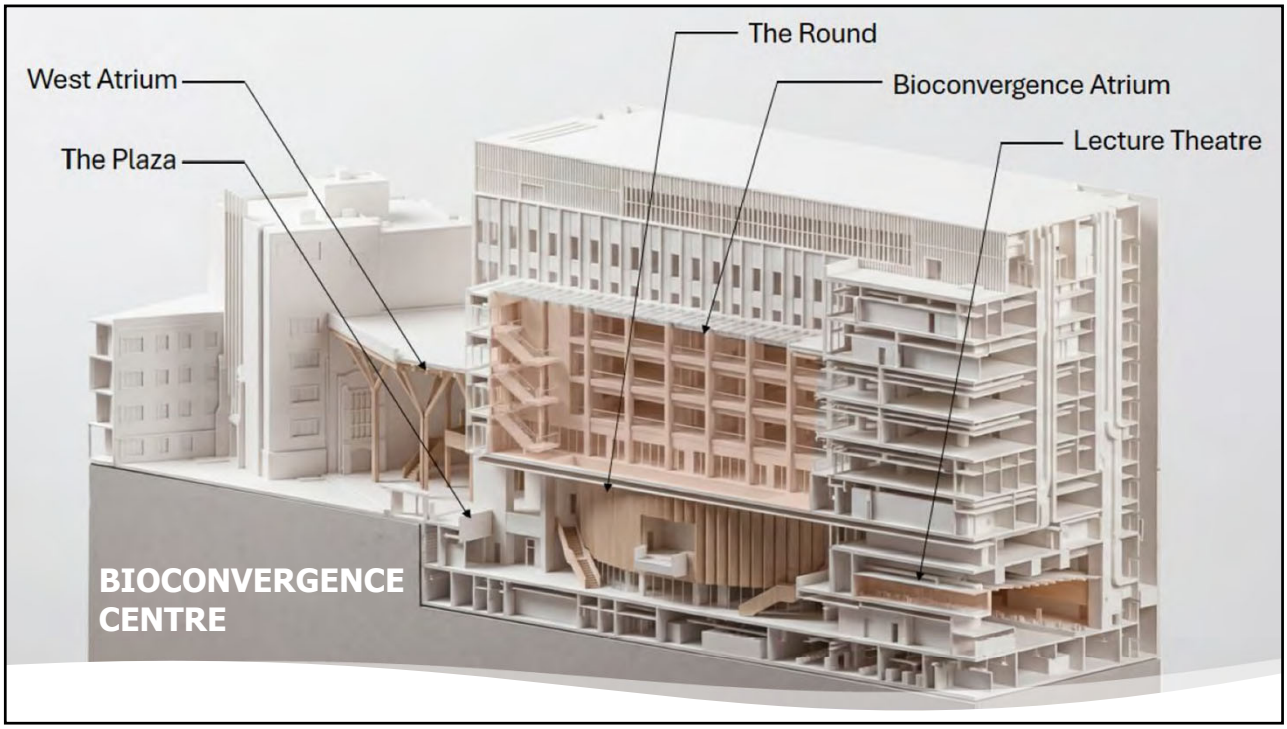
2027 Construction start



FEATURES

- Adaptable “super-core” hub
- State-of-the-art technologies
- Collaboration with thematic research focus
- Inspiring research and teaching spaces
- Sustainable design to support emissions targets




The Round
West Atrium
Bioconvergence Atrium
The Plaza
Lecture Theatre
BIOCONVERGENCE
CENTRE

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UNIVERSITY DRIVE BRIDGE



New twin lane span

2027 Construction start

ABOUT THE PROJECT

A new vehicular only bridge is proposed to be constructed south of the existing 100-year-old landmark bridge which will be converted to an active transportation bridge with areas to rest and engage the river.

FEATURES

- New bridge arch complements the historic bridge
- Existing bridge will be updated for A/T
- Environmental studies completed and regulatory agencies have approved
- PIC2 completed May 13th, 2026

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ELECTRIC BOILER & POWER PLANT ADDITION

7,700 SQ. FT.

Winter 2026 Completion

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Western is adding 7,700 sq. ft. to the existing Power Plant to accommodate two new electric boilers. The enhancement project is supported with federal funding and is a key step toward Western's carbon reduction goals.

FEATURES

- **Decarbonization**: Electric capacity will reduce GHG emissions by 20-30%.
- **Growing Resilience**: Additional boilers increases reliability of steam supply to core buildings and University Hospital.

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LOOP 4 – INFRASTRUCTURE
2026 - 2027

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Western is adding a new infrastructure tunnel consolidating building systems that serve the engineering precinct. The infrastructure renewal project improves campus resilience and supports Western's carbon reduction goals.

FEATURES

- Energy Efficiency: New infrastructure will be upgraded to the latest technology and standards.
- Growing Resilience: Renewal of infrastructure will serve the growing campus for the long term.

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ENABLING WORKS – MEDICAL & SCIENCE PRECINCT Fall 2026

ABOUT THE PROJECT

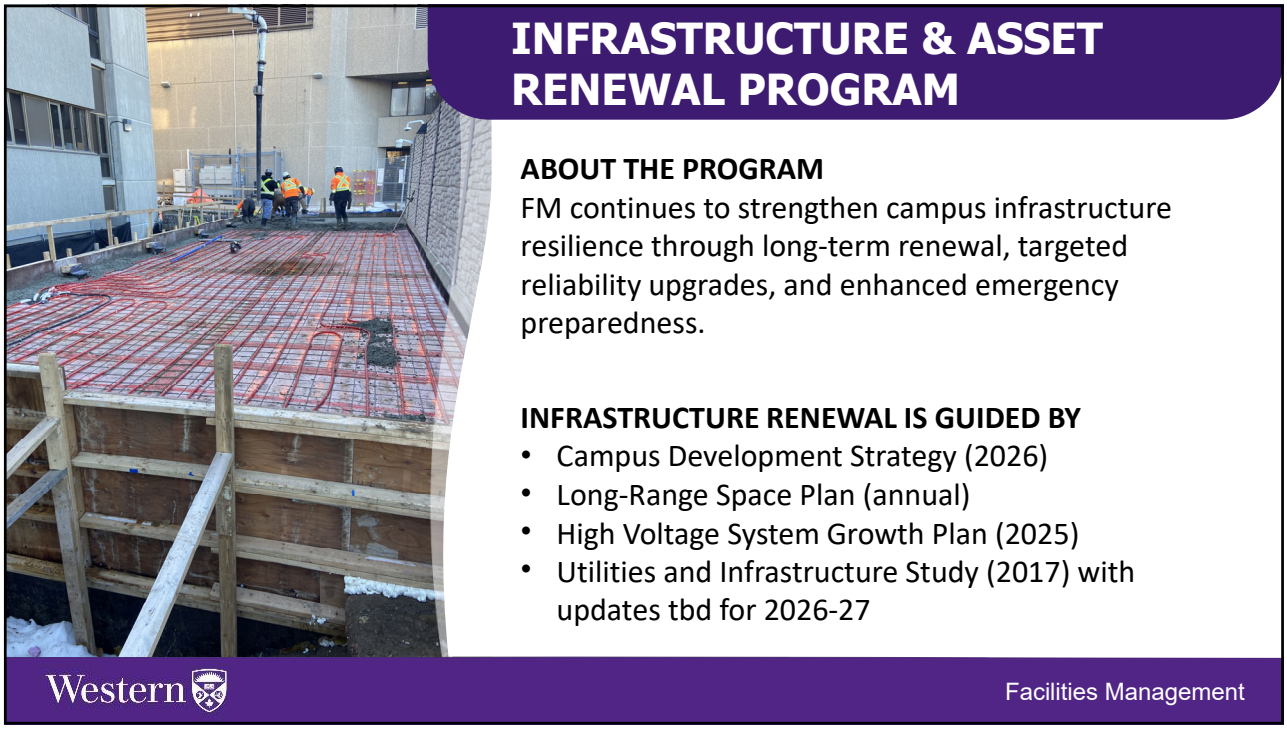
This infrastructure upgrade project will renew essential electrical, cooling, and drainage infrastructure, improving reliability, supporting future growth, and strengthening service to nearby research facilities.

FEATURES

- Modernized electrical infrastructure
- Expanded chilled water capacity and redundancy
- Upgraded sanitary services and future growth capacity

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INFRASTRUCTURE & ASSET RENEWAL PROGRAM
ABOUT THE PROGRAM
FM continues to strengthen campus infrastructure resilience through long-term renewal, targeted reliability upgrades, and enhanced emergency preparedness.
INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL IS GUIDED BY
• Campus Development Strategy (2026)
• Long-Range Space Plan (annual)
• High Voltage System Growth Plan (2025)
• Utilities and Infrastructure Study (2017) with updates tbd for 2026-27
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