



The UNIVERSITY of WESTERN ONTARIO

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

June 28, 2005

The meeting was held at 1:30 p.m. in the Cherry Room, Spencer Conference Centre.

PRESENT: Mr. D. McDougall, Chair
Ms. J.K. Van Fleet, Secretary

Mr. S. Adams
Mr. C. Colvin
Ms. H. Connell
Dr. P. Davenport
Ms. G. Dybenko
Mr. T. Garrard
Mr. T. Gosnell
Ms. L. Gribbon
Dr. T. Hewitt
Mr. E. Holder
Ms. R. Ivey
Mr. H. Kelly
Ms. G. Kulczycki
Mr. A. Labatt

Dr. F. Longstaffe
Mr. R. McFeetors
Dr. K. McQuillan
Mr. J. Nash
Ms. M. Noble
Mr. M. Pickard
Dr. S. Singh
Mr. L. Ste. Marie
Mr. E. Stewart
Mr. H. Vander Laan
Dr. A. Weedon
Mr. B. Whitmore
Mr. R. Yamada

By Invitation: Dr. J. Silcox

BG.05-66 **REMARKS OF THE BOARD CHAIR**

BG.05-66a Spring Convocation 2005

The Chair commended Ms. Kulczycki and her staff for the outstanding job done during Spring Convocation 2005, particularly with regards to the convocation ceremony where Dr. Morgentaler received an honorary degree.

BG.05-66b Farewell to Board Members

The Chair thanked, on behalf of the Board, Mr. Les Ste. Marie who retires from Western effective August 31, 2005, Dr. Greg Moran whose term as Provost ends June 30, 2005, and Ms. Jan Van Fleet who retires from Western effective July 1, 2005, for their time and contributions to the workings of the Board. He reported that as of July 1, 2005, Dr. Fred Longstaffe assumes the role of Provost and becomes a resource member of the Board.

BG.05-67 **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

Dr. Davenport provided an update on the University Budget, and reported on Western's 284th Convocation, Congress 2005, CAUBO Conference and his activities during the months of May and June 2005. Overhead slides used to highlight his presentation are attached as **Appendix 1** to these minutes.

BG.05-68 **UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGENDA** [Appendix I]

It was moved by R. Ivey, seconded by E. Holder,

That the 22 items listed in Appendix I, including the minutes of the public session of the meeting of April 28, 2005, be approved and/or received for information by the Board of Governors by unanimous consent.

CARRIED

REPORT OF THE PROPERTY & FINANCE COMMITTEE [Appendix II]

BG.05-69 **Benefaction from Mr. Seymour Schulich and Naming the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry**

[Dr. Jim Silcox was present to respond to questions.]

It was moved by M. Noble, seconded by H. Connell,

That the Board of Governors approve the financial and naming considerations described in Appendix II, item 1, effective September 1, 2005, contingent upon receipt of an Advanced Payment.

Dr. Silcox, Associate Dean, Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry, provided an overview of the benefaction from Mr. Seymour Schulich and the naming of the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, detailed in Appendix II. Mr. Garrard explained that the renaming of the Faculty simplifies the marketing of both medicine and dentistry as a unified entity.

Dr. Longstaffe stated that while it is correct that the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry will be recognized as the "sole Faculty at Western offering courses and programs leading to degrees and other academic designations in medicine and dentistry", the additional phrase "and medical sciences" is problematic because a joint program exists between the Faculty of Science and the Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry that leads to a Bachelor of Medical Sciences degree (BMSc). Agreements are in place between the Faculty of Science and the Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry for the operation of the program which includes the designation on the degrees. The BMSc program will continue to operate as a collaboration between the two Faculties. Dr. Davenport stated that the inclusion of the statement clarifies that no other faculty would be allowed to grant an MD or DDS degree. He asked that Mr. Garrard contact Mr. Schulich to explain Western's interpretation of the phrase and the existence of the joint BMSc program.

Dr. Davenport confirmed that the BMSc degree diplomas will include the name of the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry. Mr. Whitmore stated that the BMSc students were not consulted about the renaming of the Faculty and are concerned about having a new Faculty name on their degree diploma given that they do not benefit from the donation. Dr. Silcox explained that the

Science students were not consulted because the timing was such that as a group they were not easily available for consultation. He stated that the BMSc students will benefit from Mr. Schulich's donation because it supports the enhancement of teaching in Medicine & Dentistry which in turn benefits the students in the BMSc program.

Mr. Stewart asked if there is a need to rush the renaming of the Faculty. Dr. Davenport stated that Dr. Herbert, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry, wishes to have the new name in place from an administrative perspective, ideally, prior to the arrival of students in September. It also will facilitate the appointment of faculty under the revised name. He expressed regret that the students in the BMSc program were not consulted, but the failure to do so should not delay the renaming for three or four months given that the funds are directed towards the medical and dental students. These points were made at the Senate meeting but Senate determined it had sufficient information to approve and recommend the renaming of the Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry to the Board.

The question was called and CARRIED.

BG.05-70 **New Operating Budget Expenditures**

It was moved by M. Noble, seconded by R. Yamada,

That the Board of Governors approve new operating budget expenditures detailed in Appendix II, Annex 1.

CARRIED

BG.05-71 **Capital Debt Policy**

It was moved by M. Noble, seconded by S. Adams,

That the Board of Governors approve modifications to the Capital Debt Policy as detailed in Appendix II, Annex 2-B.

Ms. Ivey asked why Western's debt is low compared to the other universities. Dr. Davenport explained that as Western's President he is conservative when it comes to borrowing, but Western must ensure that it borrows sufficiently to cover ongoing capital needs. He suggested that this is an issue for the Board Retreat, for example: Is Western too conservative *vis-à-vis* borrowing per FTE? How does Western compare to other universities? And how does Western's borrowing for purposes other than constructing residence halls compare with that of other universities?

The question was called and CARRIED.

BG.05-72 **Building Access Policy**

It was moved by R. Ivey, seconded by E. Holder,

That the Board of Governors approve Policy 1.41 - Building Access Control, detailed in Appendix II, Annex 3, to replace Policy 2.27 - Building Access (Key Control).

CARRIED by unanimous consent.

BG.05-73 **Information Items from the Property & Finance Committee**

The Report of the Property & Finance Committee contained the following items that were received

by unanimous consent:

- Preliminary Unaudited Financial Results for 2004-05
- Fourth Quarter Ratio Report on Non-Endowed Funds
- Report of the Investment Committee
- Scholarships, Bursaries, Awards, Prizes

REPORT OF THE CAMPUS & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE [Appendix III]

BG.05-74 **Naming of the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry**

It was moved by H. Vander Laan, seconded by R. Yamada,

That the Board of Governors approve the naming, in perpetuity, of the **Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry**, effective September 1, 2005, contingent upon receipt of an Advanced Payment (described in Appendix III, item 1) and that upon naming the Faculty, Western shall no longer designate a separate and distinct Schulich School of Medicine.

CARRIED

BG.05-75 **Information Items Reported by the Campus & Community Affairs Committee**

The Report of the Campus & Community Affairs Committee contained the following information items that were received by unanimous consent:

- Community Activities and Accomplishments
- Report on Complimentary Parking on Campus

REPORT OF THE SENIOR OPERATIONS COMMITTEE [Appendix IV]

BG.05-76 **Strategic Planning Task Force**

H. Connell, H. Kelly, M. Noble, and J. Nash were elected to the Strategic Planning Task Force.

BG.05-77 **Western Award for Excellence**

It was moved by R. Ivey, seconded by L. Ste. Marie,

That the Board of Governors approve the Western Award for Excellence as detailed in Policy 3.10 (Annex 1), effective July 1, 2005.

CARRIED

BG.05-78 **Information Items from the Senior Operations Committee**

The Report of the Senior Operations Committee contained the following information items that were approved or received by unanimous consent:

- University Discipline Appeal Committee (UDAC)
- Stadium Access Committee
- Board Membership
- Development & Fundraising Committee

BG.05-79 **2005 Board Retreat**

The 2005 Board Retreat will be held at the London Club on Wednesday, September 28, and Thursday, September 29. A draft agenda will be circulated in due course. Ms. Kulczycki and Mr. Nash are the Retreat co-chairs.

REPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT & FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE [Appendix V]

BG.05-80 **Elimination of the External Relations Levy**

It was moved by G. Dybenko, seconded by S. Singh,

That the Board of Governors approve:

That the External Relations Levy which is applied against gifts to the University be eliminated, effective May 1, 2007;

That a six-month hold back on new gifts to the University be instituted, effective August 1, 2005; and

That new additional funding from the operating budget of the University be directed to Development, all according to the financial model attached in Appendix V, Annex 1.

CARRIED

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE [Appendix IX]

BG.05-81 **Annual Report of the Department of Occupational Health & Safety, Rehabilitation Services**

The Board received for information the Annual Report of the Department of Occupational Health & Safety, Rehabilitation Services, detailed in Appendix IX, Annex 1.

REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC PENSION BOARD [Appendix VI]

BG.05-82 **Pension Improvements for Retirees - Academic Staff Pension Plan**

It was moved by R. Ivey, seconded by E. Holder,

That the Board of Governors authorize an *ad hoc* improvement, effective January 1, 2005, to all retirees under the Academic Staff Pension Plan who retired on or before December 31, 1987, as Special Members of the Pension Plan, and surviving spouses, to be funded from the surplus funds in the Academic Staff Pension Plan. The schedule for the increases would be:

To maintain 70% of original pension purchasing power:

- For those who retired in 1986 or earlier, 2.6%
- For those who retired in 1987, 1.4%

CARRIED by unanimous consent

ITEMS REFERRED BY THE SENATE [Appendix VII]

BG.05-83 **Benefaction from Mr. Seymour Schulich and Naming the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry**

The Board considered and approved the recommendation regarding the benefaction from Mr. Seymour Schulich and naming of the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry as part of the Reports from the Property & Finance Committee and from the Campus & Community Affairs Committee (See BG.05-69 and BG.05-74 above).

BG.05-84 **Strategic Planning Task Force**

It was moved by T. Gosnell, seconded by J. Nash,

That the Board of Governors approve the terms of reference and composition of the Strategic Planning Task Force detailed in Appendix VII, item 2.

CARRIED

BG.05-85 **Appointment Procedures for Senior Academic and Administrative Officers of the University**

It was moved by R. Ivey, seconded by E. Holder,

That *Appointment Procedures for Senior Academic and Administrative Officers of the University*, Section R, be changed to reflect a change in the title of the Vice-Provost (Planning, Policy & Faculty) to Vice-Provost (Academic Planning, Policy & Faculty):

R. VICE-PROVOST (ACADEMIC PLANNING, POLICY, & FACULTY)
Composition of Selection Committee

- A committee to select a Vice-Provost (Academic Planning, Policy, & Faculty) shall consist of:
- (a) the Provost & Vice-President (Academic), who shall be Chair
 - (b) the Vice-President (Research and International Relations)
 - (c) 3 persons elected by Senate, one of whom shall be a Dean
 - (d) 1 faculty member nominated by the University of Western Ontario Faculty Association

Procedure

1. The Chair shall convene the Committee.
2. The Chair shall undertake negotiations with prospective candidates.
3. The Chair shall report to Senate through the President & Vice-Chancellor.

Terms

The term of the Vice-Provost is five years and may be renewed.

CARRIED by unanimous consent

BG.05-86 **Information Items Reported by the Senate**

Appendix VII - Items Referred by the Senate - contained the following information items that were received by unanimous consent:

- Reports of the Academic Colleague on the 275th and 276th Meetings of COU
- Western Libraries Annual Report 2004-05
- Information Technology Services Report
- New Research and Scholarly Initiative Awards - 2005 Major Grant Competition: Revised
- 2004 Annual Report of the University Council on Animal Care
- Annual Report on Promotion and Tenure Cases Considered under the Collective Agreement (UWOFA)
- Appointments

BG.05-87 **SELECTED CLIPPINGS** [Appendix VIII]


The Board received for information selected media clippings about the University, detailed in Appendix VIII.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned to confidential session.

D. McDougall
Chair

J.K. Van Fleet
Secretary




The University of Western Ontario

President's Report to the Board of Governors


- Update on Provincial Budget
- Spring Convocation
- Congress 2005
- CAUBO Conference

Dr. Paul Gouvisserot
June 28, 2005




Update on Provincial Budget

- Western received additional \$8 m to be allocated; P&F recommending \$6.1 m in additional spending, with \$1.9 yet to come.
 - Additional positions: 60 faculty, 25 staff.
 - \$3.6 m in one-time expenditures
- Key remaining issues:
 - Tuition in 2006-07 after freeze
 - Allocation of graduate funding
 - Size and nature of research funding
 - Distribution of funding to provide accessibility for underrepresented groups



\$3.6M in One-time Expenditures that Follow Objectives set out in the Provincial Budget

- Improved Classroom Experience
 - Undergrad Lab Equipment Upgrades (\$1M)
- Enhanced General Student Experience
 - Library Enhancements (\$1M)
 - Improved Custodial Services (\$200K)
- Graduate Enrolment Expansion
 - Grad Student Space (\$1M)
 - Grad Student Recruitment Initiatives (\$150K)
- Research Support
 - Upgrades to I.T. Infrastructure (\$250K)




**Spring Convocation
Westerns 284th**

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| June 13 | Doris Anderson, Bill Brock |
| June 14 | Maude Barlow, Fr. Edward Malloy |
| June 15 | Professor B.B. Kymlicka, Dr. Robert Colcleugh |
| June 16 | Dr. Henry Morgentaler, Professor Bessie Borwein |
| June 17 | Hon. Marc Lalonde, Professor Jack Fairs |



Congress 2005, May 28 – June 5

- Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences
- Largest multidisciplinary gathering of scholars in North America
- Over 70 Academic Societies' Annual Meetings
- More than 7,000 participants; over 300 from the general community
- Theme: Paradoxes of Citizenship: Environments, Exclusions and Equity



Congress 2005, May 28 – June 5

Examples of Plenary Sessions:

- Michael Ignatieff – Human Rights
- Ronald Wright – History of Progress
- Jane Urquart – Sense of Place
- Rashid Khalidi – Resurrecting Empire
- Gwynne Dyer – War and Globalization



Congress 2005 Western's Involvement

- Peter Neary, Academic Convener
- Susan Grindrod, Logistics Convener
- Ruth Harland – Conference Coordinator
- Academic Engagement from Faculties and Departments, including graduate students
- Special exhibits (McIntosh Gallery, Map Library)
- Concerts and Events – President's receptions

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CAUBO Conference June 18 - 21

- Canadian Association of University Business Officers
- More than 600 financial and administrative leaders from universities across Canada
- Sessions at Western and London Convention Centre

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