

The UNIVERSITY of WESTERN ONTARIO



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

June 26, 2007

The meeting was held at 1:30 p.m. in Room 330 Stevenson-Lawson Building.

PRESENT: Ms. H. Connell, Chair
Ms. I. Birrell, Secretary

Mr. F. Angeletti
Dr. D. Bentley
Mr. S. Coxford
Dr. P. Davenport
Mr. T. Garrard
Ms. L. Gribbon
Ms. S. Grindrod
Dr. T. Hewitt
Mr. E. Holder
Mr. H. Kelly
Ms. G. Kulczycki

Dr. F. Longstaffe
Ms. K. Meighen
Dr. L. Miller
Ms. J. Moss
Mr. J. Nash
Ms. M. Noble
Dr. S. Singh
Ms. J. Vanderheyden
Dr. J. White
Mr. R. Yamada
Mr. K. Zerebecki

By Invitation: M. England, D. Hunter, D. Riddell, A. Weedon

BG.07-53 REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

The President reported on the integration of the Robarts Research Institute, Western Researchers Successful in National Funding Competitions, AUCC President's visit to Western, the new COU President's visit to Western, Spring Convocation 2007, and activities of the President during the months of May and June. Overhead slides used to highlight his presentation are attached as [Appendix 1](#).

BG.07-54 UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGENDA [Appendix I]

It was moved by F. Angeletti, seconded by M. Noble,

That the 22 items listed in Appendix I be approved and/or received for information by the Board of Governors by unanimous consent.

CARRIED

BG.07-55 **Minutes of the Previous Meetings**

The minutes of the open session of the meetings of April 24 and May 3, 2007 were approved as circulated.

REPORT OF THE PROPERTY & FINANCE COMMITTEE [Appendix II]

BG.07-56 **Campus Master Plan**

It was moved by E. Holder, seconded by M. Noble,

That the Campus Master Plan, attached as Appendix II, Annex 1, be approved.

Dr. Davenport gave a presentation on the Campus Master Plan detailed in Appendix II, Annex 1, including master planning principles and key issues (i.e., effect of increased graduate enrolment, transportation, new construction, and the flood fringe). Overhead slides used to highlight his presentation are attached as **Appendix 2**.

(See: http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/senate/minutes/2007/m0705_campusmasterplan.pdf)

Asked if there would be an opportunity to speak with City Council about the flood plain issue, Dr. Davenport stated that the administration is seeking a meeting with the Board of Control to discuss why Western is different from other developers relative to the flood plain.

The question was called and CARRIED.

BG.07-57 **Additional Non-Tuition-Related Ancillary Fees - Dentistry HBA and MBA Programs**

It was moved by F. Angeletti, seconded by M. Noble,

That the proposed equipment, casebook and course activity fees for the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry and the Richard Ivey School of Business, attached as Appendix II, Annex 2, be approved

CARRIED by Unanimous Consent

BG.07-58 **Information Items Reported by the Property & Finance Committee**

The Report of the Property & Finance Committee contained the following items that were received for information by unanimous consent:

- Ancillary Budget Report - Update
- Waks Family Chair in Jewish History
- Donald L. Triggs Chair in International Business
- Faculty Fellowship in Jewish History Name Change to London Jewish Federation Fellowship in Jewish History
- Quarterly Ratio Report on Non-Endowed Funds
- Preliminary Unaudited Financial Results (Operating and Ancillary Budgets)
- Scholarships/Awards/Prizes

REPORT OF THE BY-LAWS COMMITTEE [Appendix III]

BG.07-59 **Amendments to Board By-Law No. 1(G.13: Access to Committee Materials and G.14: Attendance at Committee Meetings)**

It was moved by F. Angeletti, seconded by L. Gribbon,

That the Board of Governors approve the amendments to By-Law No. 1 outlined in Appendix III, Annex 1.

CARRIED

BG.07-60 **Timing of the Board Elections**

It was moved by K. Meighen, seconded by R. Yamada,

That the timing of Board elections for faculty, staff and students be changed so that elections are held in February of each year, effective February 2008;

That the transition election schedule, attached as Appendix III, Annex 2 be approved.

That the Board bylaws and election procedures be amended as indicated in Appendix III, Annex 3 and Annex 4 respectively.

CARRIED

BG.07-61 **2007 Board of Governors Election Schedule**

The Board received for information the 2007 Board of Governors Election Schedule detailed in Appendix III, Addendum, distributed at the meeting.

REPORT OF THE SENIOR OPERATIONS COMMITTEE [Appendix IV]

BG.07-62 **President's Priorities 2007-2008**

It was moved by F. Angeletti, seconded by R. Yamada,

That the Board of Governors approve the President's Priorities for 2007-2008 as outlined in Appendix IV, Annex 1.

Mr. Yamada asked if there is a way to measure the quality of the academic performance of graduate students beyond grades assigned. Dr. Davenport stated that one of the measures used is graduate student fellowships: Western ranks 4th for NSERC and 3rd for SSHRC. Dr. Longstaffe stated that a graduate student's teaching performance is evaluated in addition to their progression and their publications.

The question was called and CARRIED

BG.07-63 **Information Items Reported by the Senior Operations Committee**

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

- Appointments to Committee

- Definition of a Registered Student for Purposes of Board Service

REPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT & FUND RAISING COMMITTEE [Appendix V]

BG.07-64 **Information Items report by the Development & Fund Raising Committee**

The Report of the Development & Fund Raising Committee contained the following items that were received for information by unanimous consent:

- Fund Raising Activity Summary to April 30, 2007
- Fund Raising Progress for the Period Ending April 30, 2007

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE [Appendix VI]

BG.07-65 **Amendment to Policy 1.29 - Electronic Commerce Policy and Change of Name to “Bank Card Policy”**

It was moved by K. Zerebecki, seconded by S. Singh,

That the Board of Governors approve the amendments to Policy 1.29, Electronic Commerce Policy including the change of name to “Bank Card Policy”, detailed in Appendix VI, Annex 1.

CARRIED

BG.07-66 **Occupational Health and Safety and Rehabilitation Services 2006 Annual Report**

The Board received for information by unanimous consent a summary of the Occupational Health and Safety and Rehabilitation Services 2006 Annual Report, detailed in Appendix VI, Annex 3. The full report may be viewed in the University Secretariat or at http://www.uwo.ca/humanresources/docandform/docs/ohs/OHS_annual_report.pdf

ITEMS REFERRED BY SENATE [Appendix VII]

BG.07-67 **Report on Performance Indicators**

Mr. M. England provided an overview of the Report on Performance Indicators (PIs) detailed in Appendix VII, Annex 3. Overhead slides used to highlight his presentation are attached as [Appendix 3](#). (see http://www.ipb.uwo.ca/documents/2007_performance_indicator.pdf)

Mr. Yamada asked to what extent is there buy-in from the bargaining units that these particular Performance Indicators are appropriate measures of performance. Mr. England stated that during the development of the PIs, the administration had a positive discussion with the Campus Council, which includes the leaders of the bargaining units. Dr. Weedon added that there is a sense that the data show there are various ways in which money can be spent, such as improving working conditions, that lend to the quality of student experience. Mr. England noted that the Provost will invite the deans to consider the PIs during their annual budget planning process, knowing that not all benchmarks are appropriate to every faculty.

BG.07-68 **Report on Recruitment and Retention of Faculty**

Dr. Weedon provided an overview of the Report on Recruitment and Retention of Faculty detailed in Appendix VII, Annex 4.

Responding to a question regarding the long term impact of the abolition of mandatory retirement, Dr. Weedon stated that approximately 50% of faculty will continue to work until the end of their 60's but most will have retired by age 69 when the Pension Act requires that they take their pensions. When a faculty member retires the salary funds are released: some of the funds are directed towards salary increases across the general university but a portion of the funds stays in the Faculty for the dean to apply to new faculty positions. It takes approximately 1-2 years to replace a faculty member. The provision that a faculty member must give a one-year notice of retirement is helpful for budget planning as is the phased retirement plan which provides four-years notice.

BG.07-69

Information Items Reported by Senate

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

- Report of the Provost's Review Committee
- Summaries of Faculty Academic Plans
- Annual Report - Information Technology
- 2006-2007 Academic Development Fund
- Honorary Degree Recipients - Trois Pistoles French Immersion School's 75th Anniversary Convocation
- Annual Report on Promotion and Tenure Cases Considered under the Collective Agreement
- Report of the Academic Colleague
- Academic Administrative Appointments

H. Connell
Chair

I. Birrell
Secretary



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President's Report to the Board of Governors

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- Visit of Paul Genest, COU
- Western Successes in Federal Granting Councils
- Spring Convocation 2007

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Integration of Robarts Research Institute

- On June 7, Board of Robarts Research Institute approved integration into Western family – effective July 1
- Will be a Research Institute in the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry
- Led by Interim Scientific Director, reporting to Dean of Schulich
- Research of international stature will continue under the Robarts name
- Transition team in place – process continuing



Visit of Claire Morris, AUCC

- Claire Morris, President of AUCC visited Western on June 7
- Met with Deans, researchers, senior administration
- Message: new Federal Science & Technology Strategy must embrace a large discipline base – including the arts, humanities and social sciences – to be relevant to contemporary issues
- Successful advocacy of research: increased funding to granting agencies, more investment in S&T, continuing to press for support for indirect costs of research and increases in graduate scholarships



Visit of Paul Genest, COU

- Paul Genest, President of the Council of Ontario Universities (July 1) visited Western on June 19.
- Senior Policy Advisor in R&D and Health Productivity with Bell Canada, Director of Policy and Research for PM Jean Chrétien
- Degrees in English and Philosophy from Guelph, Ottawa, and Johns Hopkins
- Advocacy for funding, provincial postsecondary policy, and implementation of the government's "Reaching Higher" program



SSHRC Awards to Western

- \$4.2 Million invested at Western
- SSHRC Scholarships and Fellowships to 88 graduate students
- Strategic Knowledge Clusters – international collaborative research networks. Of seven Clusters across Canada, two are located at Western:
 - Canadian History and Environment (Alan MacEachern and William Turkel – History, and Roderic Beaujot – Sociology)
 - Population Change and Lifecourse – (Roderic Beaujot – Sociology)



NSERC Awards to Western

- \$21.2 Million for 331 Projects at Western
- Combination of Grant and Scholarship support for graduate students
- Example: Brian Neff (Biology) received Discovery Accelerator Supplement in addition to NSERC grant for his biodiversity study of genetic traits in fish
- Western's share sixth highest in the country



2007 NSERC Awards and Scholarships: Top 15 Allocations (\$M)

• University of Toronto	65.8
• University of British Columbia	46.4
• McGill University	38.6
• University of Alberta	31.9
• University of Waterloo	29.9
• University of Western Ontario	21.2
• University of Montreal	19.7
• University of Calgary	18.5
• Dalhousie University	18.0
• University of Sherbrooke	17.8
• Laval University	17.6
• McMaster University	17.3
• Queen's University	16.0
• University of Ottawa	15.7
• University of Manitoba	14.0

Source: RESEARCH MONEY May 31, 2007





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Spring Convocation 2007 June 11-15

- Rod McQueen
- Harriet Kuhnlein
- Peter Rechnitzer
- Hon. Flora Macdonald
- Donald K. Johnson



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Spring Convocation 2007 (cont'd)

- Charles Scriver
- Anton Kuerti
- Boris Stoicheff
- Paulette Bourgeois
- Rt. Hon. Brian Mulroney



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