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BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING – OPEN SESSION

Date: Thursday, November 17, 2022
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Place: Western Interdisciplinary Research Building, Room 3000/Zoom

Members of the community who wish to attend the open session may request the Zoom meeting details by contacting secretariat@uwo.ca

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**Closed Session (11:00 a.m. – 12: 00 p.m.; 1 p.m.– 3:00 p.m.)
Lunch (12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.)**

ITEM 1.0 - Land Acknowledgement

ACTION: APPROVAL INFORMATION DISCUSSION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Lori Higgs will offer a land acknowledgement or reflection.

Land Acknowledgement Volunteer Schedule:

February 2, 2023 - Greg Dick
April 27, 2023 – David Simmonds
June 29, 2023 – Stephen Poloz

Dr. Christy Bressette, the Vice-Provost and AVP (Indigenous Initiatives), has indicated that it is important to remind ourselves regularly of our commitment to reconciliation and decolonisation, and to ensure that these objectives remain central in our collegial decision-making.

In the spring of 2021, the recommendation to offer a land acknowledgement was extended to the Board’s committees.

Members of the Governance and By-Laws committee were broadly supportive of this practice, while also being mindful that land acknowledgments should be meaningful and dynamic, and not simply a rote exercise.

Some suggestions for practices that might be most meaningful and relevant to the Board and committees are:

- a land acknowledgement
- a reminder of one or more of the TRC Calls to Action, particularly those relating to education
- a reminder of elements of Western’s Indigenous Strategic Plan
- a reference to local Indigenous culture or narratives

Western Land Acknowledgement:

We/I acknowledge that Western University is located on the traditional lands of the Anishinaabek (Ah-NISH-in-a-bek), Haudenosaunee (HO-den-no-SHOW-nee), Lūnaapéewak (Len-AHPAY-wuk) and Chonnonton (Chun-ONGK-ton) Nations, on lands connected with the London Township and Sombra Treaties of 1796 and the Dish with One Spoon Covenant Wampum. This land continues to be home to diverse Indigenous peoples (e.g., First Nations, Métis and Inuit) whom we recognize as contemporary stewards of the land and vital contributors of our society.

ITEM 2.1 - Adoption of Agenda – Open Session

ACTION: APPROVAL INFORMATION DISCUSSION

RECOMMENDED: That the Agenda for the Open Session be approved as circulated.

ITEM 2.2 - Approval of the Open Session Minutes of the Meeting of September 22, 2022

ACTION: APPROVAL INFORMATION DISCUSSION

RECOMMENDED: That the open session minutes of the meeting held September 22, 2022, be approved, as circulated.

ATTACHMENT(S):

[Open Session Minutes of the Meeting of September 22, 2022](#)



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

SEPTEMBER 22, 2022 – OPEN SESSION

The meeting was held at the Western Interdisciplinary Research Building, Room 3000 and on Zoom.

PRESENT: Keith Gibbons, Chair
Amy Bryson, Secretary

Kenisha Arora	Marlene McGrath
Michelle Banik	Stephen Pitel
Susan Bennett	Geoff Pollock
Wade Boye	Cecil Rorabeck
Arzie Chant	Effie Sapuridis
Ethan Chen	Alan Shepard
Greg Dick	Sarah Shortreed (Vice-Chair)
Lori Higgs	David Simmonds
Ed Holder	Sam Trosow
Beth MacDougall- Shackleton	Ken Yeung

Regrets: Cathy Burghardt-Jesson, Linda Hasenfratz, Stephen Poloz, Bruce Ross, Michael Surkont

By Invitation: Althea Blackburn-Evans, John Doerksen, Paul Eluchok, Lynn Logan, Eric Mallory, Jane O'Brien, Jeff O'Hagan, Ryan Palmer, Lesley Rigg, Florentine Strzelczyk

Secretariat Resource: Bonnie Brown

Chair K. Gibbons called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

Land Acknowledgement

E. Sapuridis offered a land acknowledgement.

K. Gibbons shared welcoming remarks and expressed his appreciation of the leadership team and administration. He further reflected on the richness of experience, education, and diversity of the Board of Governors noting he is looking forward to a successful year.

BG.22-142 **Adoption of Agenda – Open Session**

Moved by M. Banik, seconded by S. Trosow:

That the agenda for the open session be approved, as circulated.

CARRIED

BG.22-143 **Approval of the Open Session Minutes of the Meeting of June 28, 2022**

Moved by S. Shortreed, seconded by C. Rorabeck:

That the open session minutes of the meeting of June 28, 2022, be approved, as circulated.

CARRIED

Business Arising from the Minutes – None.

BG.22-144 **Report of the President**

A. Shepard, President & Vice-Chancellor, reported on the positive start to the year and acknowledged staff, faculty, and the student leadership at USC and SOGS. The activities and operations put in place to promote a safe and healthy orientation week were described. In response to a question of clarification, A. Shepard advised the sophomores participating in the two-week training were paid. He further advised the training was mandatory.

A. Shepard reported the new Associate Vice-President (Alumni Affairs), Temi Akin-Aina, will be on campus for Homecoming Weekend. He further highlighted the numerous activities planned for homecoming.

Appreciation was extended to Lesley Rigg noting this was her last meeting as Vice-President (Research). Lesley was thanked for her contributions to Western.

A. Shepard reported enrolment was very strong this year. In response to a question of clarification, A. Shepard confirmed the enrolment is up over last year. He further advised applications across many of the top-tier Universities in Ontario are down. He commented the Provost & Vice-President (Academic) will be reviewing admission standards.

A. Shepard extended his sincere appreciation to his team noting the incredible pressure that has been put on staff and faculty over the last 30+ months.

Questions of clarification were addressed by A. Shepard regarding the vaccination and masking policy.

The discussion centered on concerns raised in relation to the lack of available and affordable housing for graduate students. Questions were raised about the potential availability of units in Bayfield Hall for graduate students. Plans for future student housing were identified. It was noted, however, current student housing needs for graduate students are pressing.

On request, the item was referred to the next meeting of the Property and Finance Committee for follow up discussion regarding the availability of units in Bayfield Hall.

AGENDA

COMMITTEE AND SENATE REPORTS

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

BG.22-145 **Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended April 30, 2022**

S. Bennett presented for approval the audited financial statements for the year ended April 30, 2022.

S. Bennett reported on the process used by members of the Audit Committee to review the audited financial statements. S. Bennett advised it was a clean audit, there were no audit differences, and there were no major findings. She further added the audit went very smoothly.

Moved by S. Bennett, seconded by L. Higgs:

That on recommendation of the Audit Committee, the Board of Governors approve the draft audited combined financial statements for the University for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2022.

CARRIED

A question was raised regarding the auditors in that they were the auditors for another Ontario University that found itself in financial difficulties. In response, S. Bennett and L. Logan, Vice President (Operations & Finance), advised frank conversations between the Audit Committee and the auditors did occur with respect to this matter and that a comprehensive review is being conducted as part of the due diligence process in determining their reappointment.

BG.22-146 **Financial Statements Related Corporations**

The financial statements for related companies and other organizations of The University of Western Ontario for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2022, were included in the financial statement package and were provided for the information.

REPORT OF THE SENIOR POLICY AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

BG.22-147 **Appointment of a Board Representative to the Vice-President (Research) Search Committee**

S. Shortreed advised a committee is being formed to select a Vice-President (Research). She noted the past practice has been for the Board Chair to serve on these selection committees.

On the recommendation of the Senior Policy and Operations Committee and by acclamation, Keith Gibbons was appointed as the Board representative on the Vice-President (Research) Selection Committee.

REPORT OF THE GOVERNANCE AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

BG.22-148 **Revisions to Board Election Procedures**

A. Bryson presented for approval changes to the Board Election Procedures. She advised the revisions to the Board Election Procedures will remove specific timelines for nominations, campaigning, and balloting. The changes will align the Board Election Procedures with the Senate Election Procedures and will provide flexibility regarding the timeline for elections as needed.

Questions of clarification were addressed by A. Bryson.

Moved by A. Chant, seconded by G. Dick:

That, on the recommendation of the Governance and By-Laws Committee, the Board of Governors approve the revisions to the Board Election Procedures as shown in item 4.3(a).

CARRIED

BG.22-149 **UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGENDA**

Moved by E. Sapuridis, seconded by B. MacDougall-Shackleton:

That the items listed in the consent agenda be approved or received for information by the Board of Governors by unanimous consent.

CARRIED

ITEMS FROM THE PROPERTY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

BG.22-150 **New Scholarships, Awards, and Prizes**

The report on the terms of reference approved by the Property and Finance

Committee for the new scholarships, awards, and prizes was received for information in item 5.1(a).

ITEMS FROM THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

BG.22-151 **Western Retirement Plans Report**

The report on the Western Retirement Plans presented to the Audit Committee was received for information in item 5.2(a)

BG.22-152 **Annual Report on the Non-Discrimination/Harassment Policy**

The Annual Report on the Non-Discrimination/Harassment Policy presented to the Audit Committee was received for information in item 5.2(b).

ITEMS FROM THE MCINTOSH GALLERY COMMITTEE

BG.22-153 **McIntosh Gallery Annual Report**

The 2021-2022 Annual Report for the McIntosh Gallery was received for information in item 5.3(a).

BG.22-154 **McIntosh Gallery Year End Financial Statement**

The 2021-22 McIntosh Gallery year-end financial statement approved by the McIntosh Gallery Committee was received for information in item 5.3(b).

ITEMS FROM THE FUND RAISING AND DONOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE

BG.22-155 **Quarterly Fundraising Report to April 30, 2022**

The quarterly fundraising report to April 30, 2022, presented to the Fund Raising and Donor Relations Committee was received for information in item 5.4(a).

BG.22-156 **Quarterly Fundraising Report to July 31, 2022**

The quarterly fundraising report to July 31, 2022, presented to the Fund Raising and Donor Relations Committee was received for information in item 5.4(b).

ITEM FROM THE SENIOR POLICY AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

BG.22-157 **University Discipline Appeals Committee Membership**

On recommendation of the Senior Policy and Operations Committee in the report received in item 5.5(a), and by unanimous consent, the Board of Governors approved the appointment of the following individuals to the University Discipline Appeals Committee:

Abigail Scott (term July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023)
Karanvir Tiwana (term July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023)

BG.22-158 **Appointment to the Audit Committee**

The appointment of Salim Chahbar to the Audit Committee was received for information in item 5.5(b).

ITEM FROM THE GOVERNANCE AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

BG.22-159 **Revisions to Resolution re: Banking**

On the recommendation of the Governance and By-Laws Committee in the report received in item 5.6(a), and by unanimous consent, the Board of Governors approved the revisions to the Resolution re: Banking, as presented.

BG.22-160 **Clarification re: Distinguished University Professor and Faculty Scholars**

As a follow up to the previous meeting, a report clarifying the commencement for the increased funding for those Distinguished University Professors and Faculty Scholars awarded in 2020, 2021, 2022 and going forward was received for information in item 5.6(b).

BG.22-161 **Board Annual Work Plan for 2023**

The Board's Annual Work Plan for 2023 was received for information in item 5.6(c).

ITEMS REFERRED BY SENATE

BG.22-162 **Academic Administrative Appointments**

A report presented to Senate regarding the academic administrative appointments, as of September 2022, was received for information in item 5.7(a).

BG.22-163 **Report of the Academic Colleague**

The report from the August meetings of the COU Academic Colleagues was received for information in item 5.7(b).

BG.22-164 **Western University's Institutional Quality Assurance Process**

A report providing the newly ratified Institutional Quality Assurance Process was received for information in item 5.7(c).

BG.22-165 **Revision to the transfer credit granted under the Articulation Agreement between King's University College, Western University, and Fanshawe College for Qualified Graduates of the Social Services Worker Diploma Program**

On the recommendation of Senate in the report received in item 5.7(e), and by unanimous consent, the Board of Governors approved the revised articulation agreement between King's University College, Western University, and Fanshawe College for Qualified Graduates of the Social Services Worker Diploma Program.

BG.22-166 **Revision to the transfer credit granted under the Articulation Agreement between King's University College, Western University, and Lambton College for Qualified Graduates of the Social Services Worker Diploma Program**

On the recommendation of Senate in the report received in item 5.7(f), and by unanimous consent, the Board of Governors approved the revised articulation agreement between King's University College, Western University, and Lambton College for Qualified Graduates of the Social Services Worker Diploma Program.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

ITEM REFERRED BY SENATE

BG.22-167 **School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: Introduction of a new degree designation of Master of Health Sciences (MHSc) for the Applied Health Sciences field of the existing Master of Clinical Science (MCISc) in Advanced Health Care Practice**

A. Chant noted his support for the recommendation as it addresses previous concerns raised in 2019 at Senate by staff who suggested the program did not have a clinical component.

Moved by A. Chant, seconded by C. Rorabeck:

That on the recommendation of Senate the Board of Governors approve that effective September 1, 2022, a new degree designation of Master of Health Sciences (MHSc) be introduced for the Applied Health Sciences field of the existing Master of Clinical Science (MCISc) in Advanced Health Care Practice.

CARRIED

BG.22-168 **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS**

In relation to the follow up requested of Administration regarding student housing, Board members engaged in a discussion about the distinction between governance and operations as it pertains to questions asked, the discussion at the meeting, and requests for follow up from Administration.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

The meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

K. Gibbons
Chair

A. Bryson
University Secretary

ITEM 2.3 - Business Arising from the Minutes

ACTION: APPROVAL INFORMATION DISCUSSION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

There is no business arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting.

ITEM 3.0 - Report of the President

ACTION: APPROVAL INFORMATION DISCUSSION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

A. Shepard, President and Vice-Chancellor, will present his report.

ATTACHMENT(S):

[Report of the President](#)

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

To: Board of Governors
From: Alan Shepard
Date: November 10, 2022
Re: Quarterly report for November 2022

Dear Members of the Board,

The following report highlights some noteworthy developments since my last report of September 14, 2022.

Fall convocation: On October 19-21, we returned to Alumni Hall for in-person ceremonies celebrating the achievements of more than 1,900 graduates and honorary degree recipients Dr. Robbie Campbell, Patrick Lam, Helene Polatajko, Nancy Love, and Mary Lou and Dan Smoke. Western’s alumni family includes over 332,000 in 160 countries.

Sustainability rankings: On October 26, the *QS World University Sustainability Rankings* were released, placing Western 17th among 700 universities, and third in Canada, following Toronto (second globally) and UBC (third globally). The QS rankings are based on 37 indicators related to the social and environmental impact of universities’ teaching, research, and operational activities. We ranked first in Canada and sixth globally in the ‘sustainable institutions’ sub-category which assesses strategy and operations towards an environmentally sustainable future and whether there is a demonstrated commitment to environmental impact alleviation. This is encouraging validation of a similar ranking released in April by *Times Higher Education* that placed Western first in Canada and third globally in relation to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). We track our progress on the UN’s seventeen SDGs as part of our commitments to sustainability, as described in [Towards Western at 150](#).

Western Academy for Advanced Research: On September 15, colleagues gathered in the International & Graduate Affairs Building to celebrate the official launch of WAFAR—a multidisciplinary initiative to attract experts from around the world to Western to brainstorm solutions to global problems. Led by Distinguished University Professor and former Western Provost Fred Longstaffe, the Academy will focus its work exclusively on two specific research themes for 12-month periods in collaboration with government and private-sector partners. Postdoctoral scholars and senior graduate students will also have opportunities to participate. Research related to the inaugural theme of mathematics and neural networks is already

underway, while work on a second theme concerning climate-resilient infrastructure begins next January. Later this fall, WAFAR will issue a call for letters of intent for new themes beginning next September and in 2024. See <https://uwo.ca/academy/index.html> for more details.

New Indigenous Learning Space: On November 7, we officially opened the Wampum Learning Lodge, Western's new Indigenous learning space. A home for Indigenous initiatives, we hope the Wampum Learning Lodge becomes a touchstone, a place to gather, learn together and build relationships in the spirit of Truth and Reconciliation. The opening of this space represents a long journey for Western, led by the Office of Indigenous Initiatives and in consultation with Indigenous students, staff and faculty. It also delivers on commitments made by Western in our *Indigenous Strategic Plan* and *Towards Western at 150*. The beautiful space was designed by Wanda Dalla Costa, Canada's first female Indigenous architect, whose thoughtful and purposeful design incorporates several unique and important features. The Wampum Learning Lodge is being celebrated through a variety of scheduled culturally relevant events.

Indigenous Learning Honour: As part of our commitment to Indigenization and decolonization across campus, Western announced the launch of the *Memegwaanh* Indigenous Learning Honour (ILH) on September 30 during Canada's [National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#). The honour will recognize students' engagement in efforts towards Truth and Reconciliation during their time at Western through academic coursework and extracurricular activities, such as community-engaged learning opportunities. The initiative is based on an Indigenous curriculum and learning project led by alumna **Camille Di Iulio** (EdD'22) as part of her Head & Heart Research Fellowship. Students interested in enrolling in the ILH will find more details at https://indigenous.uwo.ca/initiatives/indigenous_learning_honour/index.html

Western Heads East marks 20 years of global impact: Inspired by the call to respond to the HIV/AIDS crisis in Africa, *Western Heads East* was established in 2002 as a unique experiential learning and international development project that combined the efforts of faculty researchers, students and staff to make a difference on a global scale. In 2004, the program introduced probiotic yogurt to its first community kitchen in Mwanza, Tanzania, in partnership with the Tukwamuane Women's Group. Today, over 310 community production units and kitchens—owned and operated largely by women's groups—have been established in Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, and Rwanda, benefiting over 280,000 community members. Recently, WHE has brought the knowledge about social enterprise and nutrition from its work in East Africa back home to London, working in collaboration with Youth Opportunities Unlimited, Mistyglan Creamery (a local dairy), and Fanshawe College to bring probiotic nutrition to vulnerable populations in the local community. Congratulations to the hundreds of students, faculty, staff and community partners who have contributed to WHE's success, including **Bob Gough** (Director, WHE & International Internships & Development), **Gregor Reid** (Distinguished Professor Emeritus, Schulich & Lawson Scientist), and **Sharareh Hekmat** (Professor, Food & Nutrition, Brescia) whose leadership was instrumental in launching the program.

English grad donates \$10M to support Arts & Humanities scholarships: On September 28, we announced that the late Bill Hodgins (BA'54) had bequeathed the largest-ever donation to the Faculty of Arts & Humanities. The \$10M gift will fund multiple scholarships in perpetuity, ranging in value from \$2,000 up to \$80,000 over four years. Mr. Hodgins—who was the first in his family to attend university and later distinguished himself as a preeminent figure in interior design—made the donation in honour of his mother, Neen, who was unable to pursue her dream of studying English at Western because she couldn't afford to do so. This was Mr. Hodgins' second major donation to Western, the first coming over fifteen years ago and which has since supported over 90 English students. An outdoor study space in front of University College will be named after Mr. Hodgins as a lasting memorial to his remarkable generosity.

Accolades: Congratulations to the following campus community members who, among others, have received special honours in recent months:

- **Frank Beier** (Physiology & Pharmacology), **Ruth Lanius** (Psychiatry), **Kathy Nixon** (Paediatrics and Epidemiology & Biostatistics), and **Nadine Wathen** (Nursing) elected *Fellows to the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences*.
- **Yolanda Hedberg** (Chemistry), **Daniel Keir** (Kinesiology), **Lijia Liu** (Chemistry), **Sue Peters** (Physical Therapy), **Joshua Pearce** (Electrical & Computer Engineering), **Jessica Prodger** (Microbiology & Immunology), and **Trish Tucker** (Occupational Therapy) awarded a total of \$1.7M from the *Canada Foundation for Innovation*.
- **Chantelle Richmond** (Geography & Environment) named *Fulbright Canada Research Chair in Social Sciences*.
- **Styliani Constas** (Chemistry) named *Fulbright Canada Research Chair in Climate Change, Air Quality and Atmospheric Chemistry*.
- PhD candidate **Tanja Grubnic** (English & Writing Studies) named *Fulbright Scholar*.
- **Claire Crooks** (Education) named recipient of the 2022 WORLDiscoveries Vanguard Innovator of the Year Award in recognition for her team's work to develop, implement and evaluate programs in mental health promotion and violence prevention in school and community settings.
- **Lisa Saksida** (Physiology & Pharmacology, Psychology) named to the Governing Council of the *Canadian Institutes of Health Research*.
- **James Voogt** (Geography & Environment) named recipient of the 2022 Luke Howard Award for outstanding contributions to the field of urban climatology by the *International Association of Urban Climate*.

- **Nicole Campbell** (Physiology & Pharmacology) named recipient of 2021-2022 *Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations' Teaching Award*.
- Associate Vice-President (Equity, Diversity & Inclusion) **Opiyo Oloya** named recipient of the 2022 *Renaissance Award* from *Afroglobal Television*, recognizing him among this year's 100 Most Influential Black Canadians.
- PhD alumni **Brianne Bruijns** (Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, 2021), **Jaky Keuper** (Epidemiology and Computer Science), and **Chloe Lau** (Psychology, 2022) named recipients of the *Governor General's Academic Gold Medal*.
- Alumni **Bailey Thompson** (BESc'22), **Bruce Gillespie** (BESc'22), **Adam Kidd** (BESc'22), and **Parth Vachharajani** (BESc'22) named *Undergraduate Awards Global Winner* for their top research paper in the engineering category.
- Alumnus **Leighton Schreyer** (BSc'22) named *Undergraduate Awards Global Winner* for his top research paper in the medical sciences category.
- Alumnus **Rory Gilliland** (BSc'22) named *Undergraduate Awards Regional Winner* for his research paper in the medical sciences category.
- Fourth-year Science student **Riley Cousins** named *Undergraduate Awards Regional Winner* for his research paper in the nursing, midwifery and allied care category.
- The late **Dr. Stephen Blizzard** (MD'63) and former Dean of Schulich Medicine & Dentistry **Dr. Carol Herbert** named inductees to the *Canadian Medical Hall of Fame*.

Leadership update: **Prof. Janis Oram Cardy** has been named Acting Associate Vice-President (Research), effective November 1. Janis most recently served as Associate Dean (Research) for the Faculty of Health Sciences where she is a professor of Communication Sciences & Disorders and a principal investigator at the National Centre for Audiology. She also currently holds academic appointments as a member of the Western Institute for Neuroscience and as a scientist in the division of children's health and therapeutics at the Children's Health Research Institute.

Prof. Tracy Isaacs has been named Special Advisor to the Provost on Gender-Based & Sexual Violence, effective January 1, 2023. In this role, Tracy will establish and lead a GBSV Advisory Committee to help implement recommendations made earlier this year by the GBSV Action Committee and independent reviewers. She is a professor of Philosophy who has served in various administrative roles, including Graduate Chair of Philosophy, Chair of Women's Studies & Feminist Research, and Associate Dean (Academic), Faculty of Arts & Humanities.

Searches remain underway for the Dean of the Faculty of Arts & Humanities, Vice-Provost & Associate Vice-President (International), University Registrar, and Vice-President (Research).

ITEM 5.0 – Unanimous Consent Agenda

ACTION: APPROVAL INFORMATION DISCUSSION

Recommended: That the items listed on the consent agenda be approved or received for information by the Board of Governors by unanimous consent.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Board’s parliamentary authority - *American Institute of Parliamentarians Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure* (formerly called *Sturgis Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure*) - explains the consent agenda:

Organizations having a large number of routine matters to approve often save time by use of a *consent agenda*, also called a *consent calendar* or *unanimous consent agenda*. This is a portion of the printed agenda listing matters that are expected to be non-controversial and on which there are likely to be no questions.

Before taking the vote, the chair allows time for the members to read the list to determine if it includes any matters on which they may have a question, or which they would like to discuss or oppose. Any member has a right to remove any item from the consent agenda, in which case it is transferred to the regular agenda so that it may be considered and voted on separately. The remaining items are then unanimously approved *en bloc* without discussion, saving the time that would be required for individual votes.

A number of Canadian university governing bodies have employed the consent agenda format to include not only routine approval items, but also information items. One reason for using this format is to allow the governing body to focus on major items of business. While approval of an omnibus motion saves time at meetings, Board members will want to review the agenda materials carefully in order that they properly discharge their responsibilities.

How it works:

The Secretary identifies action and information items that are routine and/or likely non-controversial. In so doing, they may consult with the Chair of the Board, the relevant committee chair, and principal resource persons. In each Committee’s report, these items are noted in the list of items at the beginning of the report. Action and information items on the agenda that are not noted on the consent agenda will be presented singly for discussion and voting (when appropriate).

When members receive their Board agendas, they should review all reports in the usual manner. **If any member wants to ask a question, discuss, or oppose an item that is marked for the consent agenda, they can have it be removed from the consent agenda** by contacting the Secretary of the Board of Governors prior to the meeting or by asking that it be removed before the Chair calls for a mover and seconder for the motion to approve or receive, by unanimous consent, the items listed.

At the Board meeting, before the unanimous consent motion is presented for approval, the Chair of the Board (1) will advise the Board of items that are to be removed from the list, based on prior requests from Board members; and (2) will ask if there are any other items that should be removed from the list. The remaining items are then unanimously approved *en bloc* without discussion saving the time that would be required for individual presentation and voting. Those matters that have been struck from the consent agenda will be handled in the usual way as each Committee's report is presented.

The minutes of the Board meeting will report matters approved as part of the consent agenda as "carried by unanimous consent". Information items received as part of the consent agenda will be reported as received.

ITEM 5.1(a) – New Scholarships, Awards, and Prizes

ACTION: APPROVAL INFORMATION DISCUSSION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Scholarships, Awards, and Prizes are funded in two different ways, through donor funding and through operating funding. Donor-funded scholarships, awards, and prizes are recommended by the Senate for approval by the Property and Finance Committee on behalf of the Board in accordance with the Property and Finance Committee Terms of Reference. These scholarships, awards, and prizes are shown in Item 5.1(a).

ATTACHMENT(S):

[New Scholarships, Awards, and Prizes](#)

New Scholarships, Awards and Prizes

Any Undergraduate Program

Mara Hitchins Performance Award

Awarded to full-time undergraduate students in any faculty based on academic achievement and performance excellence. Preference will be given to candidates completing a Minor in Dance. If no Dance student is eligible, Voice students in the Don Wright Faculty of Music may also be considered. The Don Wright Faculty of Music will select the recipients.

Value: 1 at \$2,000

Effective Date: 2022-2023 to 2026-2027 academic years inclusive

This award was established by Mara Hitchins, to reflect her passion to encourage the next generation to follow their dreams and goals in the world of dance/performance. Enjoying many forms of dance, including ballet, line dancing and as an aerobics instructor, Mara was thrilled to create the first dance award for Western University, in support of students who excelled in dance.

Berk Family Hockey Award

Awarded annually to full-time undergraduate or graduate students in any year of any degree program at Western, including the Affiliated University Colleges, who are making a significant contribution as a member of the Men's Hockey team. As per OUA and U SPORTS regulations, an entering student athlete must have a minimum admission average of 80% and a non-entering student must have an in-course average of 70%. Candidates must be in compliance with current OUA and U SPORTS regulations. Evaluation is based on academic performance/potential (20%) and the written recommendations from the Head Coach assessing athletic performance/potential and team/campus leadership (weighted as 60% and 20%, respectively). The Western Athletic Financial Awards Committee will select the recipients. This award was established through a generous donation from Douglas Berk, MBA '85.

Value: 1 at \$2,000, awarded annually

Effective Date: 2022-2023 to 2026 -2027 academic years inclusive

Sean De Muynck Memorial Award

Awarded annually to full-time undergraduate or graduate students in any year of any degree program at Western, including the Affiliated University Colleges, who are making a significant contribution as a member of the Men's Hockey team. As per OUA and U SPORTS regulations, an entering student athlete must have a minimum admission average of 80% and a non-entering student must have an in-course average of 70%. Candidates must be in compliance with current OUA and U SPORTS regulations. Evaluation is based on academic performance/potential (20%) and the written recommendations from the Head Coach assessing athletic performance/potential and team/campus leadership (weighted as 60% and 20%, respectively). The Western Athletic Financial Awards Committee will select the recipients. This award was

established by teammates of the 2009 Championship Team in memory of Sean De Muynck.

Value: 1 at \$2,000, awarded annually (or as funds permit)
Effective Date: 2022-2023 to 2028 -2029 academic years inclusive

Ivey Business School

Knowlton Family Rural Alberta HBA Award

Awarded to full-time undergraduate students in first year of any program at Western based on academic achievement who are from Alberta, except from the cities of Calgary or Edmonton. Candidates will have an interest in attending the Ivey Business School, enroll in Business 1220E, and demonstrate experience in competition through activities such as, student government, sports, debating, agricultural clubs, music festivals, and entrepreneurship. Applications including a statement detailing involvement in activities such as, student government, sports, debating, agricultural clubs, music festivals, and entrepreneurship must be submitted to the Office of the Registrar by September 30. The award will continue in second year if recipients maintain full-time status and a minimum 70% average. The award will continue for third and fourth year if recipients are enrolled in the HBA Program at the Ivey Business School. If a recipient does not retain the award, no replacements will be selected. This award was established by Gerald L. Knowlton (HBA 1955) and family.

Value: 1 at \$30,000 (\$5,000, continuing for years 1 & 2, and if the student continues on to the HBA program at Ivey Business School \$10,000 continuing for years 3 & 4), awarded annually.
Effective Date: 2023-2024 academic year

Novacap Women in Finance Scholarship

Awarded annually to a self-identified woman who is a full-time student and has completed Year 1 of the HBA program at the Ivey Business School. The recipient will have an interest in the financial services industry, preferably in the asset or wealth management field, and will have received a minimum final grade of 78% in the HBA1 Finance course. An influencing factor in the selection of the recipients should be their varied work and/or extracurricular experience in the investment industry. To be considered, candidates must submit a short statement by October 31. Eligible applicants include Canadian citizens, permanent residents, and international students. The HBA Scholarship Committee will make the final selection of the recipient. At a Donor's request, recipients will have the opportunity to interview for an employment placement with Novacap. This scholarship was established with a generous gift from the Donor.

Value: 1 at \$5,000
Effective Date: 2022-2023 to 2026-2027 academic years inclusive

Faculty of Engineering

Danny Ho Software Engineering Graduate Scholarship

Awarded to full-time graduate students in the Faculty of Engineering based on academic achievement. Preference will be given to international students in an Electrical or Computer Engineering Master's or PhD with a field of research in Software Engineering. Only Master's candidates in a thesis-based or project-based program will be considered. Students must be supervised or co-supervised by at least one professor with a research focus in Software Engineering. A committee in Electrical or Computer Engineering will select the recipients. At least one representative of the committee must hold membership in the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. This award was established through a generous donation from Danny Ho, BSc '84, MSc '85.

Value: 1 at \$6,000, awarded annually
Effective Date: May 2023

Faculty of Law

Aird & Berlis LLP Award

Awarded to full-time undergraduate students in the Faculty of Law based on academic achievement. Preference will be given to candidates who obtain the highest standing in Year 1 of the JD program. The Office of the Registrar will select the recipients. This award was established by Aird & Berlis LLP.

Value: 1 at \$3,000, awarded annually
Effective Date: 2022-2023 to 2026-2027 academic years inclusive

Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry

Dr. P.C. Raju & Jyoti Shah Resident Research Prize

Awarded to the Pathology resident in the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry with the best original or research article published in a peer-reviewed scientific journal by the resident as first author. Residents in Anatomical Pathology or Neuropathology PGY2 through PGY5 are eligible to apply. Candidates should apply through the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine by January 31. The Residency Training Committee in the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine will select the recipient.

Value: 1 at \$1,000, awarded annually
Effective Date: 2022-2023 academic year

Dr. P.C. Raju & Jyoti Shah Resident Research Prize was established in 2016 through a generous gift from Dr. P.C. Raju and Jyoti Shah. Dr. Shah was a pathologist at the Strathroy hospital and a member of Western's Pathology Faculty from 1990 to 2012. He is a benefactor of the department and is an advocate of pathology education.

Faculty of Science

Gary Williams Earth Sciences Field School Award

Awarded to full-time undergraduate students in the Department of Earth Sciences, Faculty of Science based on academic achievement. Preference will be given to candidates completing a field course offered through the Department of Earth Sciences. The Department of Earth Sciences will select the recipients. This award was established by a generous gift from Gary Williams (BSc '77).

Value: 1 at \$1,000, awarded annually
Effective Date: 2022-2023 academic year

ITEM 5.1(b) - Semi-Annual Ratio Report on Non-Endowed Funds

ACTION: APPROVAL INFORMATION DISCUSSION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The semi-annual report presents the quarterly activity of the non-endowed funds and monitors the ratio of investments to obligations against the target ratio of 1.08. As at September 30, 2022, the ratio is 1.24, exceeding the target ratio.

ATTACHMENT(S):

[Semi Annual Ratio Report on Non-Endowed Funds](#)

Semi-Annual Ratio Report on Non-Endowed Funds

The attached report shows the non-endowed fund activity from 2009/2010 to September 30, 2022. The balance in the Undistributed Investment Returns Account at September 30, 2022 was \$81.7 million. At September 30, 2022, the 12-quarter moving average of non-endowed investments to the obligations of the portfolio was 1.24 (column 10), well above the target ratio of 1.08.

- ❑ Net losses (column 1) amounted to \$47.3 million for the period.
- ❑ Allocations to accounts (column 2) were \$3.9 million and represents income distributed to the non-endowed funds. The non-endowed rate is based on the 30-day Treasury bill rate less administrative and management fees of 0.42%. The rate is adjusted quarterly and is applicable to non-endowed fund balances with the exception of Robarts. The non-endowed rate for the second quarter of fiscal 2022/2023 was 0.42%. In the case of Robarts, in accordance with the operating agreement, the long-term portion of their fund balance earned the rate of return generated by the Operating & Endowment portfolio.
- ❑ The allocation to the operating budget (column 3) for fiscal 2023 is zero as approved by the Board.
- ❑ Other Allocations (column 4) for the period ending September 30, 2022 were zero.
- ❑ The non-endowed investments decreased \$67.2 million (column 6).
- ❑ The total market value of the non-endowed fund's portion of the externally managed portfolio at September 30, 2022 amounted to \$728.6 million (column 7).
- ❑ The obligations of the portfolio totaled \$646.9 million at September 30, 2022 (column 8).
- ❑ The ratio of investments to obligations stood at 1.13 (column 9) at September 30, 2022.

Western University Non-Endowed Funds: Quarterly Values										
Quarter	Net Returns (1)	To Accounts (2)	Allocations To Operating Budget (3)	Other (4)	Change in amount Owed (5)	Net Change (6)	Total Investments (7)	Total Obligations (8)	Ratio of Investments to obligations (9)	Ratio of Investments to obligations Average for 12 Quarters (10)
2009/2010	10.5	(0.7)	0.0	(0.6)	(3.6)	5.7	219.1	181.2	1.21	1.20
2010/2011	6.9	(0.5)	0.0	(0.4)	(1.0)	5.1	234.5	174.5	1.34	1.22
2011/2012	1.2	(0.2)	0.0	(0.4)	9.9	10.6	260.9	194.4	1.34	1.30
2012/2013	10.7	(0.8)	0.0	(0.9)	3.7	12.7	315.1	223.7	1.41	1.37
2013/2014	15.4	(1.0)	0.0	(1.6)	8.8	21.6	384.4	240.4	1.60	1.46
2014/2015	14.2	(0.9)	0.0	(0.9)	(2.8)	9.7	446.0	254.3	1.75	1.60
2015/2016	0.7	(0.1)	0.0	(0.5)	13.9	14.1	489.0	275.5	1.77	1.72
2016/2017	21.4	(0.8)	0.0	(0.1)	(4.8)	15.7	569.1	307.4	1.85	1.80
2017/2018	10.4	(0.7)	0.0	(12.5)	3.4	0.6	582.7	275.8	2.11	1.92
2018/2019										
July 2018 Q1	21.8	(0.5)	0.0	0.0	5.5	26.8	609.1	305.5	1.99	1.94
October 2018 Q2	(19.2)	(0.5)	0.0	0.0	(7.5)	(27.2)	581.9	298.0	1.95	1.95
January 2019 Q3	10.7	(0.6)	0.0	0.0	(15.2)	(5.1)	576.8	282.8	2.04	1.97
April 2019 Q4	34.6	(4.3)	0.0	(4.4)	1.3	27.2	604.0	284.1	2.13	2.00
2019/2020										
July 2019 Q1	5.1	(0.9)	0.0	(255.0)	259.9	9.1	613.1	544.0	1.13	1.96
October 2019 Q2	15.6	(1.8)	0.0	0.0	(4.3)	9.5	622.6	539.7	1.15	1.92
January 2020 Q3	31.6	(1.9)	0.0	0.0	(13.9)	15.8	638.4	525.8	1.21	1.86
April 30 2020 Q4	(50.2)	6.6	0.0	(4.9)	(12.3)	(60.8)	577.6	513.5	1.12	1.77
2020/2021										
July 2020 Q1	38.1	(0.7)	0.0	0.0	21.6	59.0	636.6	535.1	1.19	1.70
October 2020 Q2	4.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	(2.4)	1.9	638.5	532.7	1.20	1.62
January 2021 Q3	64.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	(13.5)	51.1	689.6	519.2	1.33	1.53
April 2021 Q4	46.5	(7.0)	0.0	(72.3)	50.6	17.8	707.4	569.8	1.24	1.47
2021/2022										
July 2021 Q1	48.9	(2.3)	0.0	0.0	26.0	72.6	780.0	595.8	1.31	1.42
October 2021 Q2	28.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	(10.1)	18.0	798.0	585.7	1.36	1.37
January 2022 Q3	3.4	(1.9)	0.0	0.0	(3.7)	(2.2)	795.8	582.0	1.37	1.31
April 2022 Q4	(27.6)	(3.1)	0.0	(47.3)	47.4	(30.6)	765.2	629.4	1.22	1.24
2022/2023										
July 2022 Q1	(0.9)	(2.0)	0.0	0.0	33.5	30.6	795.8	662.9	1.20	1.24
Sept 2022 Q2	(47.3)	(3.9)	0.0	0.0	(16.0)	(67.2)	728.6	646.9	1.13	1.24

[A] General notes:
For 2009/2010 through to 2017/2018 the figures are the average for the four quarters.

Columns (1) to (6) refer to changes during the quarter, column (7) to (10) refer to the end of each quarter.
All figures are millions of dollars, except columns (9) and (10). Column (9) is the ratio of column (7) to column (8).
Column (10) is the average of the ratios in column (9) over 12 quarters (i.e. over 3 year period).

Notes:

- (1) Net investment returns, including changes in unrealized capital gains, net of consulting and investment management fees. This total includes returns on internally managed funds and other sundry investment earnings less overdraft interest and interest paid to employee benefit accounts.
- (2) Allocations from the fund to all accounts and associated companies, except the Operating budget and Other allocations (column 4). In 2022 the allocations primarily include 2.1 to the supplemental pension accounts and .6 to Roberts fund balances Allocations to the Operating budget.
- (3) Allocations to the Operating budget.
- (4) April 2022 includes the following: allocation of investment income to MSOF and Sinking Funds (21.7); special allocation to capital (0.8), special allocation to restricted funds (18.5) and mark to market adjustment on RBC Swap interest agreement and debenture cost to carry (6.3)
- (5) The change in the amount owed to other funds for the quarter is the net cash flows into the accounts less any transfers to Western's bank account.
- (6) Quarterly net change, is the sum of columns (1) to (5) and is the change in the value of the fund in column (7), which is the change in the market value of investments during the quarter.
- (7) Total non-endowed externally managed funds. Endowed funds are not included.
- (8) Total of the non-endowed externally managed funds that are owed to University accounts and other creditors.
- (9) The ratio of column (7) to column (8).
- (10) The average of this ratio over the previous 12 quarters. The Board target for this ratio is an average of 1.08.

ITEM 5.1(c) - Annual Report on Underwater Endowments

ACTION: APPROVAL INFORMATION DISCUSSION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The annual report summarizes endowments where the market value is less than the original donated capital (termed ‘underwater’). The historical information is presented as at April 30, and is a risk management practice to monitor the long-term health of University endowments.

During fiscal 2022, the quantity and value of underwater endowments increased to 44 and \$2.0M, respectively (2021 - 4 and \$1.3M), mainly driven by poor market returns in the latter half of the year. Year-to-date returns for fiscal 2023 are -5.9%.

ATTACHMENT(S):

[Annual Report on Endowments \(Underwater\)](#)

Annual Report on Endowments (Underwater)

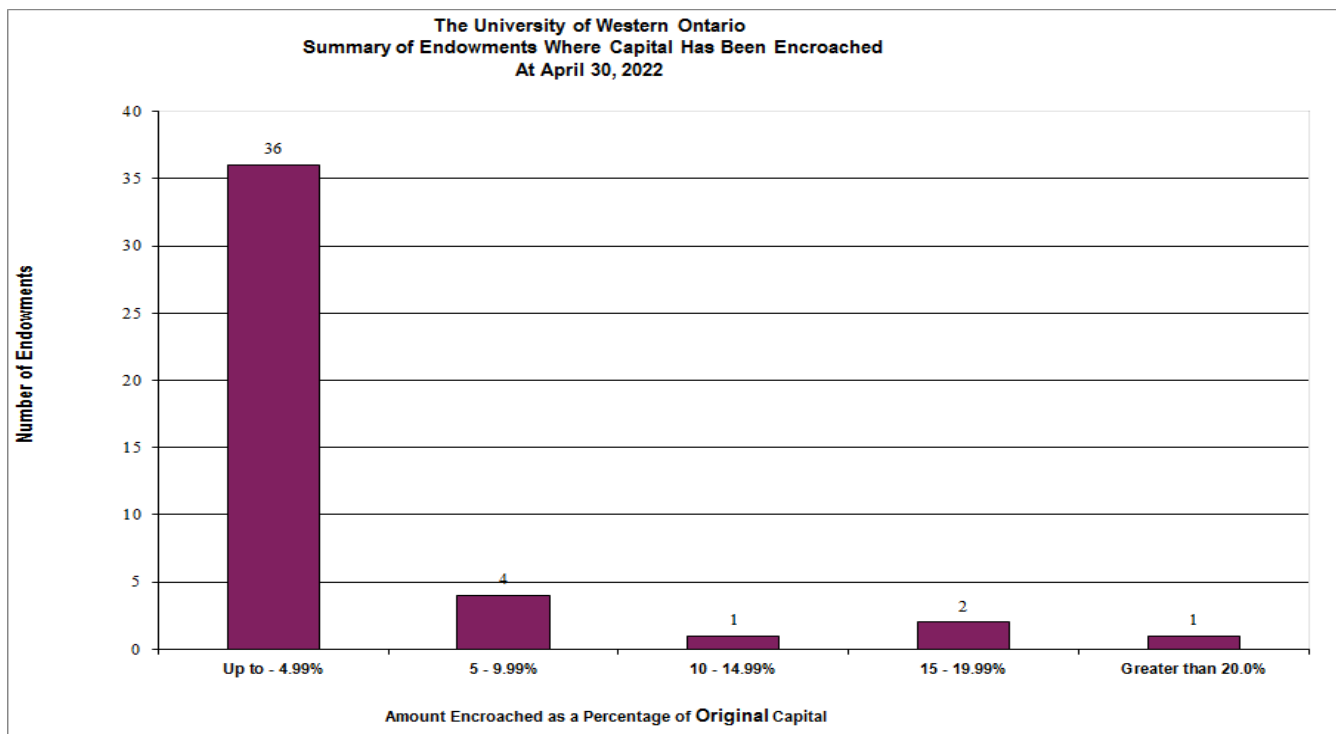
The University’s policy with respect to the management of endowments permits a temporary draw down of endowment capital outlined in policy number 2.11, as follows:

“In any particular year, should accumulated investment returns of any individual endowment be insufficient to fund the amount made available for spending, endowment capital will be used, with the expectation that such amounts will be recovered from future investment returns.”

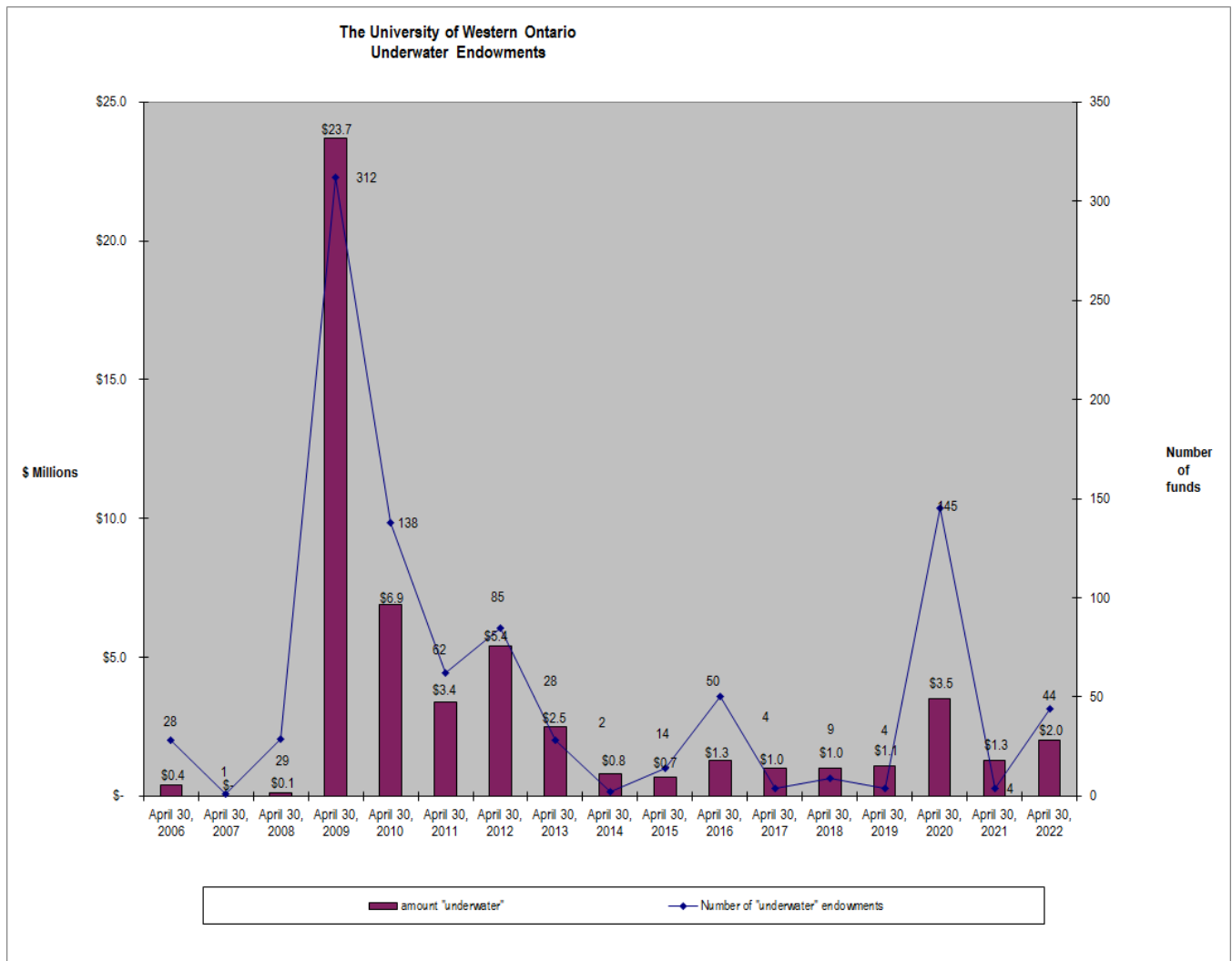
An endowment becomes underwater when the current market value of the fund is less than the original donated amount.

Western now administers 2,310 endowed accounts with a market value of \$1.044 billion as at April 30, 2022 (2,252 and \$989.3 million at April 30, 2021, respectively). Of the 2,310 endowments, there are 44 that are underwater by a total of \$2.0 million (0.19% of the endowed market value). Of the 44 endowments that are underwater, 3 are part of the Schulich group of endowments and are administered outside of the Investment Payout Policy (MAPP 2.11). These 3 endowments represent \$1.5 million of the \$2.0 million underwater amount and are the 3 endowments with encroachment exceeding 15% of original capital in the chart below. The remaining 41 endowments are underwater by \$0.5 million. Any endowment received in the latter half of fiscal 2022 will be underwater due to poor market returns during that period.

The chart below provides a breakdown of the underwater endowments by the level of encroachment as a percentage of original capital.



The following chart shows the number and amount of underwater endowments for fiscal years 2006 – 2022



Fiscal 2023 is off to a rough start with the Operating & Endowment Fund earning -5.9%, before fees, as at September 30, 2022.

ITEM 5.2(a) – Board of Governors Election Schedule for 2023

ACTION: APPROVAL INFORMATION DISCUSSION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Board Election Schedule for Spring 2023 is provided for information. For 2023, the schedule applies to the following constituencies:

- Elected by Faculty (S. Trosow)
- Elected by Administrative Staff (W. Boye)
- Elected by Undergraduate Students (K. Arora)

In addition, and for information:

The following seat on the Board of Governors remains vacant:

- Appointment by the Lieutenant Governor-in-Council

The terms of several Board members are concluding in 2023 as follows:

- B. Ross – term ends April 14, 2023 (Elected by the Board)
- D. Simmonds – term ends December 31, 2023 (Appointed by the Alumni Association)
 - May be appointed for a second term.
- K. Gibbons – term ends December 31, 2023 (Appointed by the Alumni Association)
 - The Alumni Association will be asked to extend his term to June 30, 2024.

ATTACHMENT(S):

[Election Schedule for 2023](#)

BOARD OF GOVERNORS ELECTION SCHEDULE FOR 2023

Elections will be held for **one faculty representative, one administrative staff representative, and one undergraduate student representative**, as outlined below.

The terms of the faculty and administrative staff representatives will be four years (July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2027). The term of the undergraduate student representative will be two years (July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2025).

Faculty and Administrative Staff Constituencies	
Nominations Open	12:00 a.m., Monday, January 16
Nominations Close	4:00 p.m., Friday, January 27
Posting of Nominations	Monday, January 30
Balloting – Polls Open	8:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 14
Balloting – Polls Close	8:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 15
Posting of Results	Thursday, February 16

Undergraduate Student Constituency	
Nominations Open	12:00 a.m., Monday, January 16
Nominations Close	11:59 p.m., Friday, January 20
Mandatory All Candidates' Advisory Meeting for Undergraduate Student Candidates (<i>organized by the USC</i>)	Two options: Saturday, January 21, time TBD Sunday, January 22, time TBD
Posting of Nominations	Monday, January 23
Campaign Period begins	12:00 a.m., Monday, January 23
Balloting – Polls Open	8:00 a.m., Thursday, February 9
Balloting – Polls Close / Campaign Period Ends	8:00 p.m., Friday, February 10
Posting of Results	Monday, February 13

ITEM 5.3(a) – University Discipline Appeals Committee (UDAC) Membership

ACTION: APPROVAL INFORMATION DISCUSSION

Composition:

The Board of Governors shall appoint a Chair and 15 members: 7 members of faculty and 8 students (5 undergraduates and 3 graduate students).

- a.) No more than two of the faculty members shall be from the same Faculty.
Undergraduate students shall be appointed from a broad range of Faculties and no more than two of the graduate students shall be from the same division.

Current Elected Members:

Terms continuing to June 30, 2023:

Chair: Chris Sherrin (Law)
Faculty: Clare Robinson (Engineering), Ken Yeung (Sci)
Undergraduates: Orlando Scarlett (SS), Abigail Scott (SS), Karanvir Tiwana (Sci)
Graduates: Dana Broberg (Schulich), Heidi Steeves (AH)

Terms continuing to June 30, 2024:

Faculty: Jane Toswell (AH)

Terms continuing to June 30, 2025:

Faculty: Aaron Hodgson (Music)

Required: Three (3) members of faculty (one term to June 30, 2023, one term to June 30, 2024, and one term to June 30, 2025)

Nominees:

<u>Maya Shatzmiller (SS)</u>	(Faculty)	Term to June 30, 2023
<u>Mi Song Kim (Edu)</u>	(Faculty)	Term to June 30, 2024
<u>Amy Horton (HSci)</u>	(Faculty)	Term to June 30, 2025

Required: One (1) graduate student (term to June 30, 2023) **Nominees:**

_____ (Student, GRAD) Term to June 30, 2023

Required: Two (2) undergraduate students (terms to June 30, 2023)

Nominees:

<u>Owen Robson (SS)</u>	(Student, UNDG)	Term to June 30, 2023
<u>Devon Golding (Sci)</u>	(Student, UNDG)	Term to June 30, 2023

UDAC Committee Members

Amy Horton

Faculty of Health Sciences

Amy Horton is a full-time faculty member in the School of Nursing within the Faculty of Health Sciences and teaches in the undergraduate nursing programs as well as the graduate Nurse Practitioner program. She is currently the Associate Director of the undergraduate BScN programs within the School and is an active member on a number of School of Nursing Committees over the past 7 years. As an educator, Amy has been awarded the University Student Council Excellence in Teaching Award, Iota Omicron Excellence in Clinical Practice award, and most recently the Marilyn Robinson Excellence in Teaching Award.

Mi Song Kim

Faculty of Education

As a curriculum expert and a learning sciences researcher, I have engaged in rich collaborations with culturally and linguistically diverse students, educators and policy makers in designing technology-enhanced curricula. I have successfully developed transdisciplinary research projects and courses with international collaborators. Of particular note is the number of projects funded a total of more than 5 million through which I have provided training opportunities for 56 HQP. Such design research to promote ethical practice in schools, my teaching/supervision, and related service experiences such as faculty representative of Student Council have provided me with the background necessary to assume UDAC responsibilities.

Maya Shatzmiller

Faculty of Social Science

Maya Shatzmiller was appointed Professor of Islamic History at Western in 1985, since which time she has served on the editorial board for seven journals, held several prestigious research fellowships (SOAS, Princeton, UCLA, Pennsylvania), was elected Fellow of the Royal Society in 2003, and was awarded the Hellmuth Prize in 2018. Since 1976 she has produced a stream of publications, articles, books, databases, and research-based projects. Some of her publications are now considered classics and have been issued in numerous editions. In 2022, the University of Chicago held a conference on her 1994 book *Labour in the Medieval Islamic World*.

Devon Golding

Undergraduate Student

I am a third-year student in biology and micro immunology. I'm interested in joining UDAC because I am concerned about the health and safety of students. Being in the senior years of my undergrad I think it is important to keep Western as safe as possible for the younger students. I am especially passionate about this as I have a sister who just started her first year. It would be interesting to join this committee to observe how decisions of this nature are made, and providing a service to fellow students and to the school is important to me.

Owen Robson

Undergraduate Student

Owen is a 1st year BMOS student, and available to serve until June 30, 2023. He is interested in becoming a candidate for the Senate later this year, and this opportunity would allow him to build experience valuable to being effective representative, while also serving the community. As a bi-racial, dual-national international student at the university, Owen would contribute diversity to the committee.

ITEM 5.4(a) – Report of the Council of Universities (COU) Academic Colleague

ACTION: APPROVAL INFORMATION DISCUSSION

The COU Academic Colleagues met on October 11 and 12, and with the full COU Council on October 13, 2022. Both meetings included an extensive discussion of proximal and distal teaching modalities including benefits (access, accessibility), challenges (engagement, workload) and considerations for strategic decisions.

The following additional items may be of interest to Senators:

In sector advocacy, COU continues its two-pronged approach with meetings with government, both the political and civil service, and public-facing communications that highlights the sector's value proposition, demonstrating universities' role in developing highly skilled talent across disciplines, such as STEM, humanities and social sciences, and ground-breaking research around key areas, including health care, life sciences and high-growth fields. COU will be highlighting the services universities provide to international students, particularly in the context of concerns about international students' experiences in private career colleges, and their work to alleviate the housing shortage through investment in new student housing. These communications demonstrate the vital role universities play in ensuring student success and Ontario's economic recovery. The other aspect of advocacy involves outlining the financial challenges the university sector faces, indicating how this may impact universities' ability to help the province deliver on its goals.

The provincial government is discussing launching a blue-ribbon panel to discuss the university sector. While many details about the panel are not yet clear, including timeline and its mandate, it presents an opportunity to highlight the university sector's priorities, particularly the need for a multi-year financial plan for universities. There are also risks associated with the panel, including the possibility of delaying a decision around the tuition framework and possible recommendations that would encroach on institutional autonomy.

COU is monitoring potential recommendations that could be included in the Auditor-General's final report on Laurentian University. Imposing more financial controls or consolidating university budgets with the province's budget (as happens in some other provinces) would be a major threat to university autonomy. The Auditor-General's audits of other universities may buttress calls for more oversight of and intervention in universities, with a narrow focus on value for money and relatively little attention to broader student experience.

The Council approved a recommendation that COU launch a review of its constitution. This is needed to ensure compliance with either the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act or the Canada Not-for-Profit Corporation Act and because of the provisional membership granted last year to l'Université Hearst and the Northern Ontario School of Medicine.

ITEM 6.0 - Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

ACTION: APPROVAL INFORMATION DISCUSSION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This is a placeholder for any items removed from consent.
