



The UNIVERSITY of WESTERN ONTARIO

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

September 23, 2005

The meeting was held at 1:30 p.m. in Room 1R40, Richard Ivey School of Business.

SENATORS: 78

S. Adams	R. Haines	K. Okruhlik
T. Adams	R. Harris	R. Parks
M. Bartlett	T. Hewitt	A. Pearson
I. Baruss	I. Holloway	A. Pitman
F. Berruti	I. Hramiak	R. Robertson
D. Bhui	W. Kennedy	C. Ross
I. Birrell	G. Killan	A. Sells
L. Bowman	P. Klein	P. Simpson
M. Broadfoot	D. Kneale	S. Singh
E. Cairns	M. Kreiswirth	C. Stephenson
S. Camiletti	G. Kulczycki	T. Sumsion
M. Carroll	D. Laird	J. Tennant
A. Chant	F. Longstaffe	B. Timney
A. Clark	R. Lumpkin	T. Topic
P. Davenport	S. Majhanovich	J. Toswell
P. Dean	L. McKechnie	S. Usprich
F. Dolan	K. McRae	T. Vandervoort
G. Donovan	P. Meilleur	S. Watt
C. Dudgeon	M. Milde	J. Weese
N. Dyer-Witheford	L. Miller	M.A. Wilkinson
N. Ecclestone	V. Miransky	M. Wilson
J. Etherington	B. Morrison	M. Witen
J-P. Farag	D. Morrow	B. Wood
J. Garnett	S. Munshi	P. Woodford
T. Gorski	J. Nash	E. Yanful
J. Green	J. Nisker	B. Zener

Observers: P. Dalton, J. Doerksen, R. Dunn, L. Gribbon, G. Tigert, A. Weedon

S.05-131

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of June 24, 2005 were approved with the inclusion of J. Green in the attendance list.

S.05-132 **Welcome To Senators**

Dr. Davenport, on behalf of Senate, welcomed new and continuing members to Senate.

S.05-133 **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

The President reported on the Class of 2009, Orientation Week activities, Strategic Planning Task Force, current Provincial Government issues and Western's response to the Provincial Budget. Overhead slides used to highlight his presentation are attached as **Appendix 1**.

As part of his presentation, Dr. Davenport flagged two capital projects that continue to advance through the approval route: the Science Building that is focused on Chemistry and Physics and Astronomy and the Support Services Building and Westminster renovation that will consolidate support services to free up space for academic units at the centre of the campus. These projects continue to progress through the approval process.

OPERATION/AGENDA COMMITTEE [Exhibit I]

S.05-134 **Senate Membership**

S.05-134a **Faculty Constituency**

On behalf of the Operations/Agenda Committee, it was moved by A. Pearson, seconded by C. Stephenson,

That the Senate seat held by Carole Farber, elected representative for the Faculty of Information and Media Studies constituency, be declared vacant as a result of her resignation, and

That Margaret Ann Wilkinson be elected to replace her (term to October 31, 2005).

CARRIED

S.05-134b **Undergraduate Student Constituency**

It was moved by A. Pearson, seconded by A. Chant,

That the Senate seat held by Veronica Granic, elected representative to Senate in the Undergraduate At Large constituency, be declared vacant as a result of her resignation, and,

That Paris Meilleur (Social Justice and Peace Studies II/King's) who has been serving as Ms. Granic's alternate (from May to August 31, 2005) be elected to complete her term (to October 31, 2005).

CARRIED

S.05-135 **Guidelines for the Appraisal of New Undergraduate Programs**

Dean Pearson presented the proposal for a new subcommittee of Senate. Prior to voting on the recommendation, Senate accepted, as friendly amendments, revisions to the composition and name of the subcommittee.

It was moved by A. Pearson, seconded by P. Dean,

That Senate approve the creation of a Subcommittee on New Undergraduate Programs (SUNUP) as a standing subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Academic Policy and Awards (SCAPA) with terms of reference and composition as set out below:

Subcommittee on New Undergraduate Programs

Terms of Reference:

To examine proposals for new undergraduate programs submitted by Faculties, Schools and Affiliated University Colleges to the Senate Committee on Academic Policy and Awards (SCAPA).

To review each proposal, including the recommendation, all supporting documentation, the results of consultation and calendar copy.

To engage external consultants if, in consultation, the Chair of SCAPA, members of SUNUP and the Provost concur. While it will not normally be the procedure of the University to engage external consultants in the review of proposed new undergraduate programs, external consultancy may be sought as to the viability, standards, or program design of such proposals.

To complete a standard checklist for each proposal (Appendix 1).

- i) Contingent on approval of the new program by SUNUP, the checklist will be included in the report to SCAPA for consideration.
- ii) Contingent on approval of the new program by SCAPA the checklist will be included in the SCAPA report to Senate for information.
- iii) Contingent on approval of the new program by Senate, a copy of the Senate proposal including the checklist will be forwarded to the Provost's Undergraduate Program Review Committee (PRC) for information.

Composition:

Two members of Senate elected by Senate, neither of whom may be a dean.

Three members of SCAPA elected by SCAPA, of whom one must be an undergraduate student and one an academic dean of an Affiliated University College.

Two members of the Provost's Undergraduate Program Review Committee, elected by the PRC.

Ex officio:

Chair of SCAPA, who shall be Chair
Vice-Provost (Academic Programs and Students)
University Librarian

Dean of Graduate Studies (non-voting)
Director of the Teaching Support Centre (non-voting)
Secretary of Senate (non-voting)

[ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES: Membership Cycle: Terms from July 1 to June 30
New Members: Elected or appointed in May/June. (Faculty/Staff: two years; Students: one year)]

The main motion incorporating the amendments was called and CARRIED

Dean Pearson noted that the checklist accompanying the terms of reference was subject to change and members were welcome to forward suggestions that would improve the process.

Dr. Lumpkin asked that the accompanying document be adjusted to include reference to the mission, direction, character and resources of the Affiliated University Colleges.

The main motion incorporating the amendments was called and CARRIED

S.05-136 **Appointment Procedures for Senior Academic and Administrative Officers of the University**

It was moved by A. Pearson, seconded by J. Garnett,

That the Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors:

That *Appointment Procedures for Senior Academic and Administrative Officers of the University* be amended by the deletion of Section Q - Associate Vice-President (Information Technology).

CARRIED

S.05-137 **University Convocation in Hong Kong**

It was moved by A. Pearson, seconded by B. Zener,

That the Senate-approved recommendation regarding the University Convocation in Hong Kong be amended as follows (shown in italics and strikeout):

That, starting in September 2005, there be a University-wide Convocation Ceremony in Hong Kong that involves, in addition to those who complete their Executive MBA degree in Hong Kong, any undergraduate or graduate student who was eligible to graduate at the ~~prior~~ Fall or the Spring Convocations *of that year or the Fall Convocations of the prior year* in London. ~~The latter group of Students~~ are required to apply to participate in the Hong Kong ceremony and will receive either their degree diploma (*only* if not collected at a prior London ceremony) or a Certificate of Participation.

CARRIED

S.05-138 **Order of Ceremony - Spring Convocation 2006**

In order to better balance the participation and attendance at some of the Spring Convocation ceremonies, and based on anticipated numbers, the order of ceremony is revised as detailed in Exhibit I, information item 1. Until July 2006, the Order of Spring Convocation 2006 will be posted on the Senate website: http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/senate/order_spring_2006.pdf

NOMINATING COMMITTEE [Exhibit II]

S.05-139 **Nominating Subcommittee to Elect a Senate Representative from the General Community**

D. Kneale, P. Woodford (terms to September 2006), F. Berruti and M. Broadfoot (terms to September 2007) were elected to the Nominating Subcommittee to Elect a Senate Representative from the General Community.

S.05-140 **Senate Committee on Academic Policy and Awards**

C. Dudgeon (term September 24 to December 31, 2005) was elected to complete the term on SCAPA of M. Witen.

ACADEMIC POLICY AND AWARDS [Exhibit III]

S.05-141 **Western's Initiative for Scholarly Excellence** (WISE)

It was moved by J. Tennant, seconded by M. Wilson,

That for applicants to Western's Initiative for Scholarly Excellence program:

- 1) the admission requirements for students applying under OSIS be removed, effective January 1, 2005, and
- 2) the admission requirements for students applying under OSS be revised to read as shown in Exhibit III, item 1, effective January 1, 2006.

CARRIED

S. 05-142 **Faculty of Registration for the Bachelor of Medical Sciences Degree**

It was moved by J. Tennant, seconded by B. Zener,

That effective September 1, 2005, the registration status of students in the BMSc degrees be revised to reflect that students enrolled in Basic Medical Sciences modules leading to a BMSc degree will be registered in the Faculty of Science in Year 2, and in the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry in Years 3 and 4, as recommended by the Faculty of Science and the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry.

CARRIED

S.05-143 **Additional Course Requirements for the Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Medical Sciences Degree**

It was moved by J. Tennant, seconded by P. Dean,

That effective September 2005,

- 1) the additional course requirements for the Honors Bachelor of Science degree be changed to include at least 11.0 course offerings from the Faculty of Science or approved* courses from the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry,
- 2) the additional course requirements for the Bachelor of Science Degree (Four-Year) be changed to include at least 11.0 course offerings from the Faculty of Science or approved* courses from the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry,
- 3) additional course requirements for the Honors Bachelor of Medical Sciences degree be introduced to include at least 11.0 course offerings from the Faculty of Science or approved* courses from the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, and

- 4) additional course requirements for the Bachelor of Medical Sciences degree be introduced to include at least 11.0 course offerings from the Faculty of Science or approved* courses from the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry.

*Approved courses are those offered by the Departments of Anatomy and Cell Biology, Biochemistry, Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Medical Biophysics, Microbiology and Immunology, Pathology, and Physiology and Pharmacology. Except for courses in Pathology and Epidemiology and Biostatistics completed prior to May 2005, these courses may be used to meet the science breadth requirement of any degree.

CARRIED

S.05-144 **Faculty of Arts and Humanities: Major in Art History**

It was moved by J. Tennant, seconded by M. Milde,

That effective September 1, 2005, a Major in Art History be introduced in the Faculty of Arts and Humanities.

CARRIED

*Secretarial Note: The first line of the Module should read: 1.0 course from: **Classical Studies**, not Computer Science.*

S.05-145 **Admission Requirements for the Faculty of Engineering**

It was moved by J. Tennant, seconded by F. Berruti,

That effective for September 2006, the admission requirements be revised for Ontario Secondary School applicants to the first-year Engineering program as shown in Exhibit III, item 4.

CARRIED

S.05-146 **Faculty of Science and Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry: Introduction of Honors Specialization and Specialization in Pathology and Toxicology, Withdrawal of Honors Specialization and Specialization in Toxicology and Pathology**

It was moved by J. Tennant, seconded by P. Dean,

That effective May 1, 2006,

- 1) the Honors Specialization in Toxicology and Pathology and the Specialization in Toxicology and Pathology, currently administered through the Department of Physiology and Pharmacology, be withdrawn, and
- 2) the Honors Specialization in Pathology and Toxicology and the Specialization in Pathology and Toxicology, to be administered through the Department of Pathology, be introduced.

CARRIED

S.05-147 **Awarding Double Degrees at Convocation**

The following policy statement has been approved by the Convocation Board.

Convocation - Awarding Double Degrees at Convocation

For students who are eligible to receive two awards at convocation:

1. If both degrees are to be awarded at the same convocation ceremony, the student may cross the stage only once, and must make a choice as to the degree grouping with which he or she will process. Both diplomas will be given to the graduate offstage.
2. If the two degrees are to be awarded at different convocation ceremonies, the student may cross the stage in one or both ceremonies. Both diplomas will be given to the graduate at the first of the ceremonies in which he or she participates.

This information will be included in the student graduation information sheet distributed to all graduating students and will be added to the Academic Handbook entry on “Convocation and Graduation Diplomas.”

S.05-148 **New Scholarships and Awards**

SCAPA has approved on behalf of the Senate the following Terms of Reference for new scholarships, awards and bursaries, for recommendation to the Board of Governors through the Vice-Chancellor:

Solomon Family Award in Planetary Science (Faculty of Science, Faculty of Arts and Humanities)

The following 10 bursaries will be established in Dentistry, Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry effective in the 2005-2006 year only. The criteria and value will be the same for each.

Scotiabank Dental Entrance Bursary

Pacific and Western Bank of Canada Dental Entrance Bursary

Neal, Pallett & Townsend, Chartered Accountants Dental Entrance Bursary

David Chong Yen, Chartered Accountant Dental Entrance Bursary

Septodont of Canada Inc. Dental Entrance Bursary

Wyeth Consumer Healthcare Dental Entrance Bursary

Pfizer Consumer Healthcare Dental Entrance Bursary

Royal Bank of Canada Dental Entrance Bursary

Dr. R.E. Jordan Clinical Research Dental Entrance Bursary

TD Canada Trust Dental Entrance Bursary

Fran Wigston Women's Basketball Award (Any Undergraduate Faculty)

Bank of Montreal PhD Scholarship (Faculty of Graduate Studies, Business Administration)

Chinese Student Assistance Fund Scholarship (Faculty of Information and Media Studies)

John C. Vander Hoeven Alumni Entrance Scholarship (Any Undergraduate Faculty)

Meds Class of 1958 Award (Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, Medicine)

Dr. Rob Tingley Class of '95 Developing Countries Award (Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, Medicine)

Alfred Poynt Award in Poetry (Any Undergraduate Faculty)

James F. Allen Memorial Award (Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, Medicine)

Waterloo Law Association Entrance Scholarship (Faculty of Law)

London 2004 Ontario Winter/Summer Games Legacy Awards (Any Undergraduate Faculty)

Margaret and Robert Frewin Award (Any Undergraduate Faculty)

Dan Smith Athletic Award (Any Undergraduate Faculty)

'82/'83 Men's Hockey Award (Any Undergraduate Faculty)

Professor Mel Poucher Award in Civil Engineering (Faculty of Engineering, Civil and Environmental Engineering)

UNIVERSITY PLANNING [Exhibit IV]

S.05-149 **Revisions to the Terms of Reference: ADF New Research and Scholarly Initiative Award Major Grants and Small Grant Competition**

S.05-149a **Major Grant Competition**

It was moved by S. Singh, seconded by M. Bartlett,

That the ADF Terms of Reference for major grants be revised as shown below:

Administration The Academic Development Fund was established in 1973. A portion of the distributable operating revenue of the University's budget is made available to the Academic Development Fund to support Special Projects set out in the attached guidelines. ~~Last year the total amount allocated was approximately \$1mill.~~ **The total allocation to the ADF is currently \$1.5 Mill.** ~~Of that total, at least 8% is available to fund projects awarded under the Small Grants Competition - this allocation is matched by a contribution from the Office of the Vice-President (Research and International Affairs).~~ **At least 8% of Academic Development Funds is to be awarded through a Small Grant Competition. This amount will be supplemented by a contribution from the Vice-President (Research and International Relations). In total, approximately \$100,000 will be available for allocation in the spring and fall of each year.** Separate guidelines and applications to the Small Grant Competition are available from the University Secretariat.

Section 7.1 Funding will normally be of a seed or start-up nature for one year. ~~but provisions can be made for carry forward for up to three years.~~

Section 8.0 Projects with budgets less than ~~\$7,500~~ **\$8,500** will not normally be considered.

CARRIED

S.05-149b **Small Grant Competition**

It was moved by S. Singh, seconded by M. Bartlett,

That the ADF Guidelines and Instructions for Application for small grants be revised as shown below:

INTRODUCTION The ADF New Research and Scholarly Initiative Awards - Small Grants Competition are to support the cost of research projects of modest scope. A maximum of ~~\$7,500~~ **\$8,500** is available to successful applicants for seed money, one-time requests, and projects of short duration. Applications may be made for new research initiatives. Requests for funds to supplement existing operating or research grants, to augment funds for larger projects (funded or applied for), or to attend conferences generally will not be accepted. Separate applications, for the same project, over several years, will not be funded.

Preference will be given to applications that offer a clear rationale for the proposed research, exhibit innovation, and

contain a budget explaining fully how the money will be spent. In addition, preference will be given to ~~junior or new faculty~~ those faculty members striving to get programs of research established and to those who, during the past three years, have not received funds through the ~~previous VP (Research) fund~~, SSHRC Internal Research competitions or the Academic Development Fund (ADF).

APPLICATION FORMS

Applications must be submitted on updated forms provided by the University Secretariat. Forms are available in electronic or print format. Applications considered difficult to read due to photo-reduction, small typeface, or being hand-written may be returned without review. Print standards for applications are single spaced type NO smaller than 11 point or 12 characters per inch. A maximum of 6 lines per inch is allowed. DO NOT change the application format including margins or print style of instructions and questions contained within the form. Documentation must be complete, and the original and required number of copies must be submitted to the Secretariat by the deadline.

FINAL REPORTS

Within three months of the termination of the award, awardees must submit to the University Secretariat a brief report (1 or 2 pages) on what was accomplished using the grant final report. Final report forms are available on the University Secretariat website [www.uwo.ca/univsec]. Failure to ~~do so~~ submit a Final Report may jeopardize a faculty member's eligibility for future internally funded competitions.

Subsistence

The maximum daily rate for subsistence will be \$125 \$175

CARRIED

S.05-150

Designated Chairs, Professorships and Faculty Fellowships Approved on behalf of Senate by SCUP

Senate received for information the report on Designated Chairs, Professorships and Faculty Fellowships approved on behalf of Senate by SCUP, detailed in Exhibit IV, Appendix 1.

Professor Dyer-Withford asked for clarification of the following note in the report. He voiced concern that it could be used inappropriately to approve recommendations that could be controversial.

On direction of the Provost, SCUP is asked to approve on behalf of Senate only those chairs, professorships, and faculty fellowships where their premature announcement at a meeting of Senate (which is public) would pre-empt a public announcement by the donor(s) and Faculty concerned.

Professor Doerksen noted that the guideline had been part of the report for some time. He believed it was meant to address timing issues with respect to the public announcements of Designated Chairs,

Professorships and Faculty Fellowships given that Senate meetings are public. Dr. Davenport asked that SCUP review the history of the policy and report back to Senate at the next meeting.

HONORARY DEGREES COMMITTEE [Exhibit V]

S.05-151 **Honorary Degree Recipients - Autumn Convocation 2005**
[Report distributed at the meeting]

The Honorary Degrees Committee of the Senate announced that the following persons will be honored by conferment of degrees *honoris causa* at the 285th Convocation of the University to be held Thursday and Friday, October 27 and 28, 2005, and the Hong Kong Convocation on October 9.

Sunday, October 9 - 3:00 p.m.	Simon L.K. Leung - LL.D.
Thursday, October 27 - 3:30 p.m.	Shanthi Radcliffe - LL.D.
Friday, October 28 - 10:00 a.m.	Richard Monette - LL.D.
Friday, October 28 - 3:30 p.m.	Ronald Logan - LL.D.

S.05-152 **ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNICATIONS** [Exhibit VI]

Announcements and Communications, detailed in Exhibit VI, were received for information.

ENQUIRIES AND NEW BUSINESS

S.05-153 **Aboriginal Candidates Admissions Policy and the Richard Ivey School of Business** [S.05-118c]

Professor Carroll recalled that Senate, at its meeting in June, approved a proposal reserving a certain number of spaces for aboriginal candidates in the Western-Fanshawe Collaborative BScN program. He asked if the Richard Ivey School of Business has a discretionary admissions policy for aboriginal students. Dean Stephenson responded that the School is currently working with the First Nations Services Office on this issue. In their view, the first step is to improve the visibility of Ivey's programs among potential applicants with a goal of increasing the number of aboriginal applicants. Ivey receives about one application for admission every two years from an aboriginal person. Once the demand for admission from aboriginal students increases, consideration can be given to reserving seats. She noted that it would also be important to ensure that an appropriate support structure is in place once these students were admitted.

S.05-154 **Ivey MBA Program Changes**

Professor Carroll asked for clarification of the changes to the Ivey MBA program, "Cross Enterprise Learning" and Senate's role in approving changes to graduate programs. He had been surprised to discover that, in accordance with a rule approved in 1964, Senate's authority with respect to graduate program changes had been delegated to the Faculty of Graduate Studies, in contrast to the detailed assessment of undergraduate programming.

Dean Kreiswirth reviewed the process for new and amended graduate programs noting that they were vetted both internally and externally. In all, 48-steps are associated with creating a new graduate program. Existing graduate programs are reviewed every 7 years. Any changes to an existing graduate program that fall within the Ontario Council of Graduate Studies (OCGS) regulations do not need OCGS approval. Changes that OCGS considers fundamental require OCGS approval. Fundamental changes are defined by OCGS as those affecting academic content and the

qualifications of faculty assigned to the program. Changes to the mode of delivery are not considered fundamental and are within the authority of individual universities to change. From an OCGS point of view the change to the MBA program is, thus, not considered a fundamental change because the basic academic elements of the program remain. The change in the MBA program from a four-term program to a three-term program is a change involving delivery not the academic substance of the program. In assessing proposals for graduate program changes, the Faculty of Graduate Studies follows the guidelines established by OCGS to determine whether a change is major enough to require full Senate consideration.

Professor Dyer-Witheyford commented on the difference between the magnitude of the changes to the program as described in the press and in Ivey advertisements and as described by the Dean of Graduate Studies. He wondered how the two very different perspectives could be reconciled. In response, Dean Stephenson concurred with Dean Kreiswirth's assessment that with respect to academic content there was not a lot of curricular change. Students would still receive the relevant instructions in accounting, management theory, organizational behaviour and other facets of management studies as they always have. What would be new and unique would be the mode of delivery, the way the subject matter was packaged and, most importantly from the point of view of the students, the time frame for delivery of the program.

Professor Carroll presented the following Notice of Motion:

That Senate ask SCAPA to discuss the feasibility of requiring that modifications to existing programs of the Faculty of Graduate Studies be scrutinized by Senate, SCAPA and/or DAP in the way that modifications to undergraduate programs are now scrutinized by Senate, SCAPA and/or DAP, and,

That SCAPA report back to Senate with recommendations on this issue on or before the Senate meeting in February.

The Provost and the Dean of Graduate Studies indicated that they did not object to SCAPA reviewing the current procedures. Dr. Longstaffe suggested that under "other business" at SCAPA meetings, a report from the Faculty of Graduate Studies on matters of interest could be submitted on a regular basis. Dean Kreiswirth noted that any review would need to consider carefully how to define major and minor modifications. Dr. Weedon added that in 1997, while he was Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, the Graduate Planning Policy Committee, a subcommittee of SCUP charged with assessing new graduate programs and major changes to existing graduate programs, was disbanded. Responsibility for reviewing major changes to graduate programs and recommending approval of new graduate programs was given to SCAPA. The issue in this matter is the level of changes that are brought to SCAPA, who makes the decisions as to what should be brought to SCAPA, and what constitutes a major change to a program.

S.05-155

Women's Studies at Western

Professor Carroll noted that the 2005-06 budget document under the section "Investing in a stable future for Women's Studies at Western" included a commitment to establish a Department of Women's Studies and to bring to SCUP and Senate for approval "... details of a governance structure and home Faculty (or Faculties) for the unit, a constitution, and a plan of transition ... before the end of June 2005."

He was concerned that that commitment had apparently not been met given that a Letter of Understanding on the matter had been signed by the administration and UWOFA. He was also concerned about the content of the Letter of Understanding. In his view the letter creates a

paternalistic structure, surrounding the unit with a degree of external control that is unprecedented. He presented the following Notice of Motion:

That Senators be provided with personal copies of the Letter of Understanding negotiated with UWOFA so that that document, and commentary on that document, can allow Senate to make an informed decision on the motion (whatever it is) that is brought forward with respect to the creation of the new Department of Women's Studies and Feminist Research.

Dr. Weedon replied that the University's budget recommended to the Board by Senate contained a commitment of funds for the establishment of such a department but that did not constitute approval of the department itself. The budget document did contain a promise to Senate that it would have the opportunity to approve the department's establishment, the governance structures and constitution. The development of the proposed governance structures and the constitution for the new department had taken longer than anticipated because of the need to accommodate variances in committees in the proposed new academic unit that are governed by the collective agreement. This was the reason for the Letter of Understanding. The Letter of Understanding is an agreement between the University administration and UWOFA representing the members of the Women's Studies community who are in the bargaining unit. The Letter of Understanding also contains language about what might be in the constitution of the new academic unit. The Letter of Understanding, signed by the parties, is now in the public domain and will be appended to the collective agreement which is published on the University's website. Consequently, Senators will have access to it. Once the members of the new academic unit, the Women's Studies and Feminist Research unit, have finalized their constitution, it will, as promised, be presented to Senate along with the recommendation to approve the new department.

Dr. Davenport noted that under The University of Western Ontario Act, Senate must approve the creation of a department before it is considered by the Board. The difficulty is that creating a new department involves provisions in which both Senate and UWOFA have interest. Senate must use caution that it does not engage in matters that are properly in the purview of UWOFA negotiations.

Dr. Davenport asked that the Operations/Agenda Committee review the Senate agenda item "Enquiries and New Business" to ensure that the President conducts this part of the meeting in a way that is consistent with Senate rules.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

P. Davenport
Chair

I. Birrell
Secretary



The University of Western Ontario

President's Report to Senate

- The Class of 2009
- Orientation Week Activities
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Projected Fall 2005 Full-Time Enrolments

	<u>2005-06p</u>	<u>2004-05</u>
Year 1 Constituent	4,380	4,596
Year 1 Affiliates	1,390	1,461
Total Undergraduate	26,105	25,668
Master's	2,355	2,307
Ph.D.	1,250	1,121

Orientation Week Highlights

- Canada's largest orientation event; largest event organized by USC
- Part of "Canada's best student experience"
- Made possible by 850 student volunteers (Sophs), chosen from 2,000 applicants
- Move-in day welcomed 4,000 first-year students to their new homes in nine campus residences

O-Week Highlights

- Shinerama: over \$2M raised for Cystic Fibrosis research by Western students since 1968 (more than any other Canadian university)
- Other major events included: Opening Ceremonies; charity awareness day; seminars on how to write exams; Sam Roberts concert host on UC Hill
- Congratulations to O-Week Coordinator Laura Burke and USC President Ryan Dunn



Strategic Planning Task Force

- Two meetings held to date
 - Identification of key issues beyond those in the mandate
 - Invited presentations
- Nine further dates scheduled through April 2006
- Task Force is eager to receive written submissions from the campus and external communities

Issues Identified by SPTF Members

- Western's relationship with the broader community
- Identification of important values for the Western community
- Creation of an environment for a high-quality graduate student experience
- Improvements in the Western experience as new provincial funding becomes available
- Improvements to student career counseling and mentorship

Current Provincial Government Issues

- Allocation of Graduate Growth Capacity Among Institutions
- Minister's Consultation Process on Future Tuition Policy
- Funding to Correct Problem of Unfunded Student Places
- Expansion of Medical Enrolment
- New Accountability Framework, Including new *Higher Education Quality Council*



Western's Response to the Provincial Budget of May 2005

- \$6.1 million in new operating expenditure in 2005-06 was presented to Senate last June.
- New Space in Support of Graduate Expansion presented to SCUP meeting of Sept. 12.
 - Science Building focused on Chemistry and Physics and Astronomy
 - Support Services Building and Westminster renovation to consolidate support services and free up space for academic units at the centre of the campus
- Additional space requests will be considered from Faculties and Support Units as part of the Planning Process



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