



The UNIVERSITY of WESTERN ONTARIO

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

May 19, 2006

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

SENATORS: 58

N. Alibhai	D. Jiang	A. Pitman
M. Bartlett	S. Kabene	J. Plug
I. Birrell	R. Keirstead	R. Robertson
M. Broadfoot	P. Klein	A. Sells
C. Brown	G. Kulczycki	R. Semmens
M. Carroll	D. Laird	S. Singh
A. Chant	L. Lawson-Hellu	J-L Suarez
D. Cribbs	G. Leckie	T. Sumsion
N. Crowther	D. Leighton	B. Timney
P. Davenport	F. Longstaffe	T. Topic
P. Doyle	R. Lumpkin	J. Toswell
N. Dyer-Witheford	R. Macmillan	S. Usprich
J. Etherington	L. McKechnie	T. Vandervoort
J. Floryan	M. Milde	S. Watt
T. Fulton	L. Miller	J. Weese
T. Garrard	K. Okruhlik	J. Weiler
T. Gorski	B. Osborne	B. Welling
C. Herbert	A. Pearson	J. White
T. Hewitt	K. Pister	B. Wood
		P. Woodford

Observers: S. Dea, J. Doerksen, F. Dolan, L. Gribbon, D. Jameson, G. Tigert, A. Weedon

By Invitation: M. Workentin

S.06-83 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of April 21, 2006 were approved as circulated.

S.06-84 REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

The President reported on: the Federal Budget - new support for universities; Provincial Government relations- May 2005 - May 2006; and University Accountability Agreements - consultation process. Handouts, attached as [Appendix 1](#), highlight his presentation.

OPERATIONS/AGENDA COMMITTEE [Exhibit I]

S.06-85 **Senate Membership**

S.06-85a **Faculty Constituency**

It was moved by A. Pearson, seconded by S. Usprich,

That the Senate seat held by Juan-Luis Suarez, elected representative for the Faculty of Arts and Humanities constituency, be declared vacant as a result of his resignation, and,

That David Darby (Modern Languages and Literatures) be elected to replace him (term July 1 to October 31, 2006).

CARRIED

S.06-85b **Graduate Student Constituency**

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

That Naqaa Abbas, elected representative for the Graduate Student constituency, be granted a leave of absence, and,

That Jon Weiler (PhD I, Engineering) be elected to serve as her alternate (term to August 31, 2006).

CARRIED

S.06-85c **Undergraduate Student Constituencies**

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

That the Senate seat held by Yu-Chi Kuo, elected representative of the Arts and Humanities and Music constituency, be declared vacant as a result of her resignation, and,

That Arthur Wright (Honors Performance Voice III) be elected to replace her (term to October 31, 2006).

That the Senate seat held by Fab Dolan, elected representative in the At Large constituency, be declared vacant as a result of his resignation (he continues on Senate as an official Observer as the President of the University Students' Council), and,

That Arzie Chant (Biology III) be elected to replace him (term to October 31, 2006).

That Jordan Green, elected representative to Senate in the At Large constituency, be granted a leave of absence, and,

That Nabila Alibhai (MOS/ICS II, Huron) be elected to serve as his alternate (term to August 31, 2006).

CARRIED

S.06-86 **Nominating Committee Membership**

K. Pisters was elected to the Nominating Committee to replace N. Abbas who has resigned (term to November 2006).

S.06-87 **Constitution of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities**

It was moved by A. Pearson, seconded by K. Okruhlik,

That effective July 1, 2006, the Constitution of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities be revised as outlined in Exhibit I, Appendix 1:

- a) to rename the Department of French as the Department of French Studies,
- b) to reflect the addition of the Department of Women's Studies and Feminist Research and the resulting increase in the maximum number of part-time faculty representatives on Council to 16, and to remove the reference to the Director of the Centre for Women's Studies and Feminist Research as an ex officio member of Council, and,
- c) to reflect the change in title of the D.B. Weldon Library representative from Director to Assistant University Librarian.

CARRIED

S.06-88 **Constitution of the Faculty of Social Science**

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

That effective July 1, 2006, the Constitution of the Faculty of Social Science be revised to include reference to the Aubrey Dan Program in Management and Organizational Studies and the Department of Women's Studies and Feminist Research, as outlined in Exhibit I Appendix 2.

CARRIED

S.06-89 **Convocation Dates 2007**

The 2007 Convocation dates are:

MBA Convocation - Friday, April 27

Huron University College Theological Convocation - Thursday, May 10

Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry - MD Program - Friday, May 18

Spring Convocation - Monday, June 11 to Friday, June 15

Trois Pistoles - Friday, August 10

Autumn Convocation - Thursday, October 18 and Friday, October 19

NOMINATING COMMITTEE [Exhibit II]

S.06-90 **Senate Committee on Academic Policy and Awards (SCAPA)**

D. Klimchuk was elected to SCAPA to replace J. Tennant who has resigned (term to December 31, 2006).

S.06-91 **Senate Review Board Academic (SRBA)**

J. Duncombe (undergraduate student) and S. Henry (graduate student) were elected to SRBA (term to November 30, 2006).

ACADEMIC POLICY AND AWARDS [Exhibit III]

S.06-92 **Faculties of Science and Social Science: Honors Specialization in Animal Behavior (BSc)**

It was moved by S. Singh, seconded by C. Brown,

That effective September 1, 2006, an Honors Specialization in Animal Behavior leading to a Bachelor of Science degree, detailed in Exhibit III, item 1, be introduced jointly in the Department of Biology, Faculty of Science, and the Department of Psychology, Faculty of Social Science.

CARRIED

S.06-93 **Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry: Major in Microbiology and Immunology**

It was moved by S. Singh, seconded by C. Herbert,

That effective September 1, 2006, a Major in Microbiology and Immunology, detailed in Exhibit III, item 2, be introduced in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology by the Faculty of Science and the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry.

CARRIED

S.06-94 **Faculty of Science: Minor in Game Development**

It was moved by M. Milde, seconded by S. Watt,

That effective September 1, 2006, a Minor in Game Development detailed in Exhibit III, item 3, be introduced in the Department of Computer Science by the Faculty of Science.

CARRIED

S.06-95 **Faculty of Social Science: Minor in Refugee and Migrant Studies**

Prior to considering the motion, Professor Workentin announced the following correction to the Admission Requirements: replace International and Comparative Studies 020E with International and Comparative Studies 021F/G, 022F/G, 023F/G.

It was moved by B. Timney, seconded by M. Carroll,

That effective September 1, 2006, an interdisciplinary Minor in Refugee and Migrant Studies, detailed in Exhibit III, item 4, be introduced in the Department of Anthropology by the Faculty of Social Science.

CARRIED

S.06-96 **Faculty of Law: Admission Requirements - General Category**

It was moved by S. Usprich, seconded by S. Kabene,

That the minimum LSAT requirements for applicants in the General category be changed from 152 (55th percentile) to 155 (65th percentile) in the Faculty of Law.

CARRIED

S.06-97 **New Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries**

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

The Third Year in Nice Study Abroad Award (Any Undergraduate Student)
Accolade Consulting Group Inc. Award (Faculty of Engineering, Chemical and Biochemical Engineering)
Phillip Nakahara MacLachlan Memorial Award (Faculty of Engineering, Chemical and Biochemical Engineering)
Patrick and Marley Carroll Family Scholarship (Faculty of Social Science)
Distance Clinical Placement Bursary in Occupational Therapy (Faculty of Graduate Studies, Occupational Therapy)
Distance Clinical Placement Bursary in Physical Therapy for First Year (Faculty of Graduate Studies, Physical Therapy)
Distance Clinical Placement Bursary in Physical Therapy for Second Year (Faculty of Graduate Studies, Physical Therapy)
Peter and Iris Clements Scholarship (Don Wright Faculty of Music)

S.06-98 **Consideration for Admission of Candidates from Accredited Degree-Granting Institutions**

The following statement will be added to the calendar for first and second-entry undergraduate programs. The purpose of the statement is to allow the University to consider candidates who come from degree-granting institutions where the issue of accreditation/recognition might be less than clear for various reasons. The statement gives Western the ability to consider such candidates for admission on an individual basis if their educational background is considered equivalent to that which we offer at Western and to the requirements of the program to which they are applying. It does not, however, guarantee admission which is always granted on a competitive basis.

Candidates with acceptable standing at accredited degree-granting institutions may be considered for admission provided that the content of studies completed is equivalent in content to the courses offered by Western, and to the requirements of the program to which the student has applied. The University will review other candidates on an individual basis. Admission in all cases is competitive.

S.06-99 **REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC COLLEAGUE** [Exhibit IV]

The report of the Academic Colleague on the 280th meeting of the Council of Ontario Universities, detailed in Exhibit IV, was received for information. Topics discussed at the meeting included: the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) and reports from several

organizations including AUCC, the Ontario Commission on University Athletes (OCUA) and the Task Force on Quality Measurement.

Professor Carroll noted that FIPPA comes into effect June 10th and asked about the impact on faculty teaching summer courses, particularly with respect to posting grades and e-mail retention. Professor Doerksen advised that efforts are underway at the University to address ongoing requirements associated with compliance with the Act. He explained that the individual who made the presentation at the COU meeting had indicated that the Provincial Information and Privacy Commissioner's Office would likely not view posting assignment or exam grades by student number as appropriate because the student number is a unique identifier that falls within the definition of personal information in the Act. One possible option to deal with this could be for faculty to place the marks on WebCT.

With respect to keeping correspondence for one year, Professor Doerksen stated that a communication with a student that reflects an opinion on the student's work could fall within personal information in the Act. Mr. Keirstead, a member of the FOIP Advisory Committee clarified that the Act states that information that is used and acted upon must be kept for one year. Faculties and budget units have identified liaison officers who will be trained to prepare for the new legislation and will provide faculty and staff information about how to translate the legislative provisions to the academic environment. The government acknowledges that a transition period will be required for universities to adapt to the legislative requirements. Further information can be found at www.uwo.ca/privacy.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNICATIONS [Exhibit V]

Announcements & Communications detailed in Exhibit V were received for information.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

P. Davenport
Chair

I. Birrell
Secretary

President's Report to Senate

- Federal Budget: New Support for Universities
- Provincial Government Relations: May 2005 – May 2006
- University Accountability Agreements: Consultation Process

Paul Davenport May 19, 2006

Federal Budget: New Support for Universities

- Post-secondary infrastructure trust: \$1 billion
 - Facilities renewal; possible \$26 m toward Western's capital plan
- Elimination of capital gains tax on gifts of securities
 - Leadership of Don Johnson
- Minister of Industry to prepare new Science and Technology Strategy

Federal Budget: Research

- \$40 million added for indirect costs, total envelope of \$300 million, rate now 27%
- NSERC and CIHR: additional \$17 m each
- SSHRC: additional \$6 million
- Leaders Opportunity Fund of CFI: \$20 m
- Urgent need for longer term commitment to granting councils and CFI

Federal Budget: Student Aid

- \$500 tax credit for textbooks
- Scholarship/fellowship/bursary funds exempt from federal income tax
- Canada Student Loan Program made more accessible
- Transit-user tax credit (bus passes)

Provincial Government Relations Since May 2005 Ontario Budget

- Unfunded students: Western received first \$4.5 M of steady-state \$13.5M base increase
- Matching for OTSS (Ontario Trust for Student Support): Western received \$4.3M of \$6.5M provincial total
- Special Accessibility Initiatives:
 - Aboriginal Access Initiative in Health Sciences: \$115,000
 - First generation access: \$100,000

Provincial Government Relations

- Accountability: Ministry will use appropriate performance indicators: NSSE, Graduate and Professional Student Survey, Student Retention Data Exchange
- Graduate Capacity: flexibility in Masters/PhD balance
- Student Aid: improving balance of provincial and institutional aid programs – Western test site

University Accountability Agreements

- Ministry holding regional stakeholder consultations
- Southwestern Ontario session held this morning at Fanshawe College
 - Western represented by: Fred Longstaffe, Marty England
 - Invitations to Constituency Groups