



The UNIVERSITY of WESTERN ONTARIO

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

March 16, 2007

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

SENATORS: 68

D. Abelson	T. Fulton	A. Pearson
M. Adamson	T. Garrard	R. Rajakumar
M.A. Andrusyszyn	K. Graham	C. Ross
F. Angeletti	J. Harmer	S. Sdao
Z. Armstrong	R. Harris	A. Sells
T. Baerg	A. Hearn	P. Senra
F. Berruti	D. Heinrichs	P. Simpson
L. Bowman	C. Herbert	S. Sims
M. Broadfoot	T. Hewitt	S. Smeltzer
C. Brown	D. Jiang	M. Steele
C. Callander	M. Johnson	C. Stephenson
T. Carmichael	R. Keirstead	T. Stevenson
A. Clark	M. Khan	J. Tennant
J. Cole	P. Klein	B. Timney
J. Corrigan	W. Lehmann	T. Topic
R. Coulter	F. Longstaffe	N. Turrin
K. Danylchuk	I. Luginah	S. Usprich
P. Davenport	R. Lumpkin	D. Wardlaw
P. Dean	B. Millman	J. Weese
P. Doyle	D. Morrow	M. Wilson
N. Dyer-Witheford	K. Okruhlik	B. Wood
C. Ellis	M. Oliva	C. Yung
J. Etherington	E. Paulson	

Observers: K. Clark, S. Dea, L. Gribbon, D. Jameson, G. Tigert, A. Weedon

By Invitation: M. Bartlett, S. Ferguson, J. Voogt

S.07-051

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of February 16, 2007 were approved with the inclusion of the following correction (shown in *italics*) to the second sentence of S.07-46: Possible Integration of Robarts Research Institute into the Western Family: “The overview included: Information about the importance of *Robarts’ science.*”

BUSINESS ARISING

S.07-052 **Update on Discussion with the Robarts Research Institute**
[Dean Pearson assumed the Chair]

Dr. Longstaffe reported that discussions continue between UWO and Robarts representatives regarding the integration of Robarts Research Institute into the Western family. While financial details continue to be worked out, it is anticipated that an agreement will be presented to Senate at the April meeting.

S.07-053 **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**
[Dr. Davenport resumed the Chair]

The President reported on Western's March Break Open House and the Graduate Student Mini Conference. Overhead slides used to highlight his presentation are attached as [Appendix 1](#) to these minutes.

S.070-054 **Review of the Faculty of Graduate Studies**

Dr. Longstaffe recalled that Senate created an ad hoc committee in January to consult with the Western community as part of the process of reviewing the Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS). According to the mandate, the review shall include an examination of the role and operations currently provided by FGS, suggestions for alternate approaches, and consideration of the level of academic leadership (e.g., Dean or Vice-Provost) best suited to the graduate education portfolio in the future. He asked that comments be received by the committee before April 1 and noted that all comments would be considered confidential.

REPORT OF THE OPERATIONS/AGENDA COMMITTEE [Exhibit I]

S.07-055 **Revised Terms of Reference for the Subcommittee on Research Ethics Policy**

It was moved by A. Pearson, seconded by C. Brown,

That the Subcommittee on Research Ethics Policy (SUREP) be renamed the University Council on Research Ethics Involving Humans (UCRE) and its Terms of Reference and Composition revised as shown in Exhibit I, Appendix 1, and,

That the Terms of Reference and Composition of the University Research Board (URB) be revised as shown in Exhibit I, Appendix 2.

It was moved by Professor Dyer-Witthford, seconded by R. Coulter,

That the terms of reference be amended to include a fifth clause to say:

“Provide advice regarding the ethics review of research conducted for military purposes.”

Professor Dyer-Witthford stated that the amendment arises out of discussions that have occurred on campus around the issue of military research. The aim of the amendment is to suggest that the Research Ethics Board's mandate be broadened to consider the ethics of military research. He expressed concern about research for countries that promote torture, invade other countries and

commit human rights violations.

Dean Pearson stated that the proposed amendment to the terms of reference of UCRE may not be appropriate because such research might not involve humans. The amendment might better be directed to the terms of reference of the University Research Board. The Terms of Reference of the University Research Board include “to review and recommend to Senate for approval, new or revised research policies and procedures and to report regularly on its activities to Senate.” Dr. Hewitt agreed with Dean Pearson’s view, that the amendment is not appropriate given that UCRE’s mandate is to advise on policy related to the conduct of research involving human subjects.

Professor Dyer-Witthford asked when would it be procedurally appropriate for a discussion to occur at Senate regarding the ethics of research for military purposes. Dr. Hewitt suggested that this matter could be considered at an upcoming meeting of the University Research Board. Subsequently, the URB could report to Senate on the deliberations. Given Dr. Hewitt’s agreement to bring this matter to the attention of the University Research Board and subsequently to Senate, Professors Dyer-Witthford and Coulter agreed to withdraw the amendment.

Professor Coulter remarked on two aspects of the membership of both URB and UCRE: first, that both had a significant number of senior administrators as opposed to regular faculty among the membership and second, that while all deans are members of UCRE, only 7 of the 12 deans are members of URB. She asked whether there was a role for more faculty participation and why there was the imbalance in decanal representation. Dr. Hewitt noted that the membership of the URB had been revised and approved by Senate last year and the choice of deans was reflective of the level of research activity within particular areas. With respect to the membership of UCRE, he noted that the URB had, at his prompting, discussed the issue of the relative numbers of ex officio and elected members and had increased the number of elected faculty members from that originally proposed.

Professor Coulter remarked that the Faculty of Education at Western, despite its small size relative to other faculties of education in Canada, was one of the most research intensive in the country and should be recognized as such by representation on the URB. Dr. Hewitt explained that there was no intent to exclude any faculty from membership on the Board; there are six elected seats available. The intent was to ensure representation from those faculties with the largest number of researchers.

The question on the main motion was called and CARRIED.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC POLICY AND AWARDS [Exhibit II]

S.07-056 **Faculty of Graduate Studies: Master of Science in Foods and Nutrition (MScFN)**

It was moved by J. Tennant, seconded by T. Topic,

That, pending approval by the Ontario Council on Graduate Studies, Senate approve the introduction of a new Master of Science in Foods and Nutrition (MScFN) program, to be housed in Brescia University College, effective September 1, 2007.

CARRIED

S.07-057 **Faculty of Graduate Studies: Collaborative MA/MSc/PhD Programs in Migration and Ethnic Relations**

It was moved by B. Timney, seconded by S. Sims,

That, pending approval by the Ontario Council on Graduate Studies, Senate approve the introduction of new collaborative MA, MSc and PhD programs in Migration and Ethnic Relations, effective September 1, 2007.

Professor Coulter asked if, when these kinds of collaborative, interdisciplinary programs are developed, consideration is given to the future of the students taking these programs. Currently some graduates encounter difficulty finding jobs because Universities hire on the basis of the old disciplines (for example appointments committees at Universities continue to look for a sociologist and the applicant may not be a pure sociologist).

Dr. Davenport noted that in some cases, the graduates of interdisciplinary programs do not pursue academic careers. Professor Voogt stated that in this particular program the discipline expertise is preserved as there is a home department and the core program is not diluted. The collaborative program is strengthened by mandating that faculty with particular expertise be on the comprehensive committees. Other collaborative programs offer more breadth versus depth. Dr. Longstaffe said that one of the strengths of an interdisciplinary program is having a real understanding of the market being served. Through the program itself, students receive help with the development of their dossiers, including explanatory notes that describe what they have achieved for the outside world. He agreed that this issue would be discussed at the ad hoc Committee to Review the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

The question was called and CARRIED

S.07-058 **Residency Program In Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, MSc and MD Concurrent (OMFS) Program**

It was moved by J. Tennant seconded by A. Clark,

That a limited enrolment concurrent degree program leading to completion of the requirements for Dental Specialty certification in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, an MSc in Pathology, and an MD degree, after six years of academic study, detailed in Exhibit II, item 3, be introduced by the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, the Faculty of Graduate Studies and The University of Western Ontario affiliated Teaching Hospitals, effective July 1, 2007.

CARRIED

S.07-059 **Faculty of Arts and Humanities: Certificate and Diploma Programs in Technical and Professional Communication**

It was moved by K. Okruhlik, seconded by J. Tennant,

That a Certificate and a Diploma Program in Technical and Professional Communication, detailed in Exhibit II, item 4, be introduced in the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, effective September 1, 2007.

CARRIED

S.07-060 **Faculty of Arts and Humanities: Major and Minor Modules in Spanish and Linguistics**

It was moved by J. Tennant, seconded by C. Brown,

That a Major and a Minor module in Spanish Language and Linguistics, detailed in Exhibit II, item 5, be introduced in the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, effective September 1, 2007.

CARRIED

S.07-061 **Brescia University College and the Faculty of Health Sciences: Honors Specialization in Community Rural Health Development**

It was moved by J. Tennant, seconded by J. Weese,

That an Honors Specialization in Community Rural Health Development, detailed in Exhibit II, item 6, be introduced jointly by the Department of Sociology, Brescia University College, and the Faculty of Health Sciences, effective September 1, 2007.

CARRIED

S.07-062 **Faculty of Health Sciences: Admission Requirements for Nursing Programs**

S.07-062a **Mature Candidate Admission Requirements for the Western-Fanshawe Collaborative BScN Program**

It was moved by J. Tennant, seconded by J. Weese,

That all mature applicants to the Western-Fanshawe Collaborative BScN program must have completed the requirements outlined in Exhibit II, item 7a to receive admission consideration, effective September 1, 2007.

CARRIED

S.07-062b **English Language Proficiency Requirements for Applicants to Undergraduate Programs in Nursing**

It was moved by J. Tennant, seconded by J. Weese,

That all applicants to undergraduate programs in the School of Nursing be required to satisfy the criteria for English Language Proficiency outlined in Exhibit II, item 7b.

CARRIED

S.07-063 **Policies on Accommodations for Religious Holidays and Structure of the Academic Year**

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

That the Policy on Accommodations for Religious Holidays be revised as highlighted in Exhibit II, item 8 and,

That the Policy on the Structure of the Academic Year be revised as highlighted in Exhibit II, item 8, and,

That the Guidelines for Implementation of the Policy on Accommodations for Religious Holidays be rescinded.

CARRIED

S.07-064 **Policy on Breadth Requirements for Undergraduate Degrees**

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

That the Policy on Breadth Requirements for Undergraduate Degrees be revised:

- 1) with editorial revisions to articulate better the difference between breadth requirements for first year and for graduation.

- 2) to add Thanatology to Category A, Various.
- 3) to add notes on Writing and Speech courses, which count towards fulfilling graduation requirements, but which do not count towards fulfilling breadth requirements (unless taken before September 1, 2005 and 2008, respectively).

CARRIED

S.07-065 **Excellence in Teaching Award Winners for 2006-2007**

The Subcommittee on Teaching Awards (SUTA) has chosen the following faculty members as recipients of Western's Awards for Excellence in Teaching for 2006-2007:

The Edward G. Pleva Award for Excellence in Teaching:

Garry Lapenskie, School of Kinesiology, Faculty of Health Sciences
Susan Pepper, Department of Psychology, Faculty of Social Science
Anthony G. Straatman, Department of Mechanical and Materials Engineering, Faculty of Engineering
Martin W. Westmacott, Department of Political Science, Faculty of Social Science

The Angela Armit Award for Excellence in Teaching by Part-Time Faculty:

Khoa Nguyen, Department of Applied Mathematics, Faculty of Science

The Marilyn Robinson Award for Excellence in Teaching:

Cynthia E. Dunning, Department of Mechanical and Materials Engineering, Faculty of Engineering

S.07-066 **New Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries**

Senate received for information the Terms of Reference for new scholarships and awards, for recommendation to the Board of Governors through the Vice-Chancellor as outlined in Exhibit II, item 11 of the SCAPA report.

Don Wright Undergraduate Entrance Award (Don Wright Faculty of Music)
Sunstar/G-U-M Clinical Proficiency Award (Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, Dentistry)
Dr. Max Taylor Nathan Memorial Award in Paediatrics (Undergraduate) (Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, Medicine)
Jeanne Deinum OSOTF II Bursary (Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, Medicine)
Dr. Betty Bandeen Undergraduate Award in English (Faculty of Arts and Humanities, English)
Dr. Betty Bandeen Graduate Award in English (Faculty of Graduate Studies, English)
I.A.M. Award in the School of Nursing (Faculty of Health Sciences, Nursing)
Alberta O'Neil Award in Physical Education (Faculty of Education)
Harold Crabtree Foundation Graduate Scholarship (Faculty of Graduate Studies, Economics)
Mervin Wass Scholarship (Faculty of Science, Mathematics)
Westeinde Family Continuing Award in Environmental Engineering (Faculty of Engineering, Civil and Environmental Engineering)
Faculty of Health Sciences - Honors Baccalaureate Gold Medal
Faculty of Health Sciences - Baccalaureate Degree Gold Medal
Bachelor of Science in Nursing - Compressed Program

SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY PLANNING [Exhibit III]

S.07-067 **Faculty of Social Science - Faculty Fellowship in Microeconomic Theory**

[Distributed via e-mail prior to the Senate meeting]

Prior to considering the recommendation regarding the Faculty Fellowship in Microeconomic Theory, Professor Bartlett announced that the second sentence in "Donor and Funding", paragraph 3, should read: *Once the endowment is secured, this successor Fellowship will continue to be used to supplement the salary of a microeconomic theorist.*

It was moved by C. Brown, seconded by F. Angeletti,

That the Faculty Fellowship in Microeconomic Theory, detailed in Exhibit III, distributed electronically, be created in the Faculty of Social Science.

Professor Coulter asked how anonymous donors are vetted, whether the fellowship is a top-up to salary or market supplement to a salary, and, if so, if it is reported as such. Mr. Garrard stated that the Board of Governors approved the Gift Acceptance Policy that delegates authority to the Vice-President (External) to vet all donors. Were there any conditions associated with the gift that called into question the integrity of the donor it would be the responsibility of the VP(External) to take such to the Board. In this case, the anonymous donor meets the full test of integrity. Dean Timney stated that this fellowship is a market supplement. In competitive areas these fellowships are used to retain or recruit exceptional faculty members. These funds are treated as stipends, consequently taxes are paid but not benefits as funding is independent of the base salary. The Chair of UWOFA confirmed that such stipends do attract union dues.

The question was called and CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES AND NEW BUSINESS

S.07-068 **Ivory Tower Blues** (by James Côté and Anton Allahar)

Professor Dyer-Witheyford suggested that Professor Côté be invited to make a presentation to Senate on his recent publication "Ivory Tower Blues." This book deals with issues of student and faculty disengagement from the teaching process, and the role of the university in career training. Dr. Davenport suggested that such a presentation could be scheduled in the Fall.

It was moved by R. Coulter, seconded by N. Dyer-Witheyford,

That the Operations/Agenda Committee consider inviting Professor Côté to make a presentation to Senate regarding his recent publication "Ivory Tower Blues."

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

P. Davenport
Chair

L.E. Cline
Associate University Secretary

President's Report to Senate

- March Break Open House
- Graduate Student Mini Conference

Dr. Paul Davenport
March 16, 2007

March Break Open House 2007

- 3631 guests
- Dr. Davenport welcomed students and families at all first-entry faculties
- mini-lectures, demonstrations, displays, student panels, faculty tours and drop-in centers
- bus and walking tours of campus
- residence tours and meals
- 22 support units participated
- approximately 961 volunteers (159 faculty, 295 staff, 507 students)

March Break Open House 2007

Faculty/Support Units	Students	Staff	Faculty
Arts and Humanities	45	3	40
Engineering	30	5	13
FIMS	14	5	2
Health Sciences	35	12	18
Music	11	4	4
Social Science	50	15	40
Science	90	16	34
Second-Entry Schools	20	8	8
Registrarial Services	95	24	
Hospitality Services		122	
Housing	117	13	
Other ancillaries		68	
Total	607	295	159

The Graduate Student Experience

- First ever graduate student recruitment mini-conference event at Western on March 10th.
- 270 prospective students attended from: UBC, U of T, U of Michigan, U of Guelph, U of Waterloo, Queen's, York, McGill, U of Windsor, U of Ottawa, Carleton, Brock, Trent and many others.
- Sessions: Getting Mentored in Graduate School, Financing Your Graduate Education, The 360° Graduate Student Development Initiative and Housing Opportunities
- 20 graduate programs ran morning program-specific information sessions.
- 22 volunteers (staff, grad students and faculty) helping to run the afternoon conference and countless additional volunteers in individual programs in the morning.
- Some prospective graduate students accepted their offers of admission on the spot.