



The UNIVERSITY of WESTERN ONTARIO

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

November 16, 2007

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

SENATORS: 70

D. Abelson	J. Fuller	P. Markvoort
M. Adamson	T. Fulton	J. McMullin
Z. Armstrong	A. Gajaria	M. Milde
A. Barnfield	J. Garnett	L. Miller
J. Barron	K. Graham	K. Okruhlik
A. Beach	R. Harris	J. O'Sullivan
F. Berruti	E. Heersink	R. Rajakumar
C. Beynon	T. Hewitt	A. Sauer
I. Birrell	B. Hovius	S. Schaffer
M. Broadfoot	M. Johnson	L. Short
C. Busch	C. Keep	S. Sims
T. Carmichael	A.J. Khattana	D. Spencer
J. Cole	B. Kraatz	C. Stephenson
J. Corrigan	R. Kulperger	T. Topic
C. Crinklaw	S. Lecce	J. Toswell
K. Danylchuk	W. Lehmann	M. Usselman
P. Davenport	S. Lofts	M. van Gaalen
B. Diemert	F. Longstaffe	J. Weese
N. Dyer-Witthford	H. Luckman	A. Willson
N. Ecclestone	R. Lumpkin	B. Wood
C. Ellis	B. MacLachlan	P. Yu
A. El Damatty	R. Macmillan	T. Yurkewich
J. Etherington	P. Mahon	S. Zborovski
		G. Zeni

Observers: J. Doerksen, D. Jameson, G. Tigert

By Invitation: J. White

S.07-209

Welcome to Senators

Dr Davenport, on behalf of Senate, welcomed newly elected and re-elected Senators.

S.07-210 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting of October 26, 2007 were approved as circulated.

S.07-211 **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

The President report on the panel discussion of *Ivory Tower Blues*, the new Minister of MTCU, John Milloy, and key university issues for the Province as Premier McGuinty starts a second term. Overhead slides used to highlight his presentation are attached as [Appendix 1](#).

REPORT OF THE OPERATIONS/AGENDA COMMITTEE [Exhibit I]

S.07-212 **Senate Membership: Faculty Constituencies**

It was moved by T. Carmichael, seconded by J. Weese,

That the following nominees be appointed to Senate to represent the constituencies shown for terms from November 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008:

- Representing the Faculty of Information and Media Studies (1): David Spencer
- Representing the Faculty of Law (1): Ben Hovius
- Representing the Don Wright Faculty of Music (1): Ted Baerg

CARRIED

S.07-213 **Nominating Committee Membership**

R. Stainton and A. Sauer were elected to the Senate Nominating Committee (terms to June 30, 2008).

S.07-214 **Terms of Reference of the Subcommittee on Undergraduate Program Review (SUUPR)**

It was moved by T. Carmichael, seconded by M. Milde,

That Senate approve that the Terms of Reference of the Subcommittee on Undergraduate Program Review be revised as shown in Exhibit I, Appendix 1 so that membership on SUUPR and participation in review committees for existing programs/modules is possible for both appointed and elected faculty and administrative staff members who are voting members of SUUPR.

CARRIED

S.07-215 **Spring Convocation 2008 - Order of Ceremony**

Senate received for information the Order of Ceremony for Spring Convocation 2008, detailed in Exhibit I, Appendix 2.

S.07-216 **Senate Membership - Representative of the Alumni Association**

The Alumni Association has announced the reappointment of Nancy Ecclestone (BA '60, BSc '86 Computer Science) to Senate as a representative of the Alumni Association for a term from November 1, 2007, to June 30, 2008.

S.07-217 **Senate Regulations on Attendance, Confidentiality and Enquiries and New Business**

Members of Senate were reminded of Senate's Attendance Regulations, Confidentiality and Enquiries and New Business, as detailed in Exhibit I, items 6, 7 and 8.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE [Exhibit II]

S.07-218 **Selection Committee for the President & Vice-Chancellor**

This item was considered at the end of the meeting following Enquiries and New Business.

The following were elected to the Selection Committee for the President & Vice-Chancellor: V. Han, T. Isaacs, M. Reid, R. Wood and R. Young.

S.07-219 **Selection Committee for the Dean of Health Sciences**

The following were elected to the Selection Committee for the Dean of Health Sciences: T. Carmichael, L. Davies, and T. Straatman.

S.07-220 **Senate Committee on Academic Policy and Awards (SCAPA)**

A. Gajaria (term to June 30, 2008), D. Abelson and P. Yu (terms from January 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009) were elected to the Senate Committee on Academic Policy and Awards.

S.07-221 **Honorary Degrees Committee**

G. Zeni (term to June 30, 2008), I. Holloway (term to June 30, 2009) and M. Steele (Alternate: term to June 30, 2008) were elected to the Honorary Degrees Committee.

S.07-222 **Operations/Agenda Committee**

A. Beach and J. Corrigan (terms to June 30, 2008) were elected to the Operations/Agenda Committee.

REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC POLICY AND AWARDS
[Exhibit III]

S.07-223 **Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry: Retroactive Award of DDS to Previous Graduates of the Faculty of Dentistry Qualifying Program**

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

That graduates of the Dentistry Qualifying Program from 1999 to 2005 receive a University of Western Ontario DDS degree.

CARRIED

S.07-224 **Articulation Agreement between Onkwawenna Kentyohkwa and UWO**

It was moved by M. Milde, seconded by T. Fulton,

That an articulation agreement between Onkwawenna Kentyohkwa and The University of Western Ontario constituent campus, which allows for transfer credit for students who have completed first and/or second year of the Adult Immersion Program, be approved effective December 1, 2007 for an initial period of two years.

CARRIED

S.07-225 **New Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries**

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

Charles Alexander, Erma May and Nancy Elizabeth Stewart Award (Faculty of Social Science, Management and Organizational Studies)
Dr. Geno Francolini HBA Award (Richard Ivey School of Business)
Thomas P. Howard MBA Award (Faculty of Graduate Studies, Business Administration)
Barbara Fraser HBA Scholarship (Richard Ivey School of Business)
Thomas and Gertrude Wilensky Scholarship (Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, Medical Sciences)
The Honourable Company of Freeman of the City of London, England Scholarship (Any Undergraduate Program; Faculty of Graduate Studies)
Julie Ashford Scholarship (Faculties of Arts and Humanities and Social Science, Women's Studies)

S.07-226 **Family Day, 2008** [*Exhibit distributed at the meeting*]

An addendum to the SCAPA Report was received for information regarding the accommodation of the new statutory holiday, Family Day, starting on Monday, February 18, 2008. Senate was informed that for the 2008 Winter term, the number of teaching days would be reduced by one Monday to 62 days. At its next meeting SCAPA will be discussing a long-range plan for accommodating the new holiday in subsequent years, with a view to reporting back to Senate with its recommendations in December.

UNIVERSITY RESEARCH BOARD [Exhibit IV]

S.07-227 **Annual Report of the Vice-President (Research and International Relations)**

Senate received for information the annual report of the Vice-President (Research & International Relations), detailed in Exhibit IV. Overhead slides used to highlight his presentation are contained in Exhibit IV, Appendix 1.

Addressing a question about engaging undergraduate students in research, Dr. Hewitt noted that the Office of Research Services maintains a website which students can access for information on how to become involved in research, such as the NSERC student research awards.

Professor Abelson noted that the slide detailing publications provided an incomplete picture. There are many departments in the social sciences where the priority for publishing is not journal articles, but academic books. He asked if the V-Ps (Research) at the G13 universities might consider another measurement that could be used to augment the data available. Dr. Hewitt replied that discussions are ongoing about developing a data base that would provide not only journal publication data but book publication data in order to compare universities and benchmark performance.

S.07-228 **Report on Military-Related Research Issue**

Dr. Hewitt provided an update on the military-related research issue raised at the last Senate meeting. Last spring, the University Research Board (URB) discussed issues associated with military -related research at Western and had determined that, in the absence of national or other comprehensive guidelines for addressing ethical issues associated with military-related research, any discussion regarding the establishment of an ethical review body at Western for the express purpose of reviewing projects with military implications was premature. The URB did report two specific recommendations: that military-related research at Western continue to be undertaken in an open context, where the subject matter and objectives of the research are known and that the Vice-President (Research & International Relations) undertake to raise awareness of issues associated with military research with his counterparts in Ontario and with the G13 group of universities. The Office of the Vice-President (Research & International Relations) upholds the principle of openness. No secret research is conducted at Western.

Dr. Hewitt reported that he has led discussions regarding the issue of military research at both the provincial and national levels with his counterparts as requested. The discussions included practices at other universities with regard to military-related research, whether institutions were planning to institute some mechanism for review and whether or not there was a need to establish a set of national guidelines with respect to the review of military research. The letters received from the Ontario Vice-Presidents (Research) and the G-13 Vice-Presidents (Research) were circulated to Senate (Exhibit IV, Appendix 2). The URB believes that its recommendations have now been fully carried out but Dr. Hewitt stressed that in university settings debate and discussion on controversial issues are welcome and that any member of the University community should feel free to continue to raise these issues generally within the community or to forward a proposal to the URB for consideration.

Professor Dyer-Witheyford asserted that the university has become part of the “assembly line” for the U.S. military industrial complex by virtue of the military-related research being conducted. He argued that the university would in effect be complicit should the US move against Iran. In response, Dr. Hewitt stated that research done at Western is broad and complex and agreed that there could be cases where the end use of the research may be controversial. However, he could not support shutting down, limiting or prohibiting specific types of research because at some point in the future, the results might be used for controversial purposes.

S.07-229 **REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC COLLEAGUE ON THE 284TH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF ONTARIO UNIVERSITIES**

The Report of the Academic Colleague on the 284th Meeting of the Council of Ontario Universities, distributed at the meeting, was received for information. Several issues were discussed including: updates on a range of COU issues, a report from the Ontario University Registrar’s Association, and the Academic Colleagues’ working paper, “The Role of Academic Colleagues in the Council of Ontario Universities”.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

P. Davenport
Chair

I. Birrell
Secretary

President's Report to Senate

- Panel discussion of *Ivory Tower Blues*
- John Milloy, new Minister of MTCU
- Key university issues for the Province as Mr. McGuinty starts a second term

Paul Davenport
November 16, 2007

Panel Discussion of *Ivory Tower Blues*

- A book on Canadian universities by Professors Jim Coté and Anton Allahar of Western's Sociology Department.
- Nov. 5, 2007 Panel: Coté, Allahar, Rebecca Coulter, Nick Dyer-Witthford, Tom Stevenson, Paul Davenport
- A vigorous discussion, including questions from the audience, on a wide range of issues: grade inflation, expectations of students and parents, student-faculty ratios, workloads of faculty and staff, pressures from the commercial economy on universities, and many others.

John Milloy, new Minister of MTCU

- MPP Kitchener Centre
- First elected 2003, re-elected in 2007
- Served as Parliamentary Assistant, first to the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, and then to the Minister of Training, Colleges, and Universities
- Attended London School of Economics; doctorate in Modern History from Oxford
- Western looks forward to his first visit to campus

Key University Issues

- The Ontario Trust for Student Support
- Capital Funding for Graduate Expansion and for Facilities Modernization
- Increased Financial Aid for Graduate Students

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- Allocation of the Next Phase of Graduate Expansion Capacity (the next 2,000 places)
- Protecting Funds for Quality Improvement
 - Student-Faculty Ratios
- College – University Relationships