



The UNIVERSITY of WESTERN ONTARIO

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

March 14, 2008

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

SENATORS: 67

M. Adamson	R. Harris	M. Milde
M.A. Andrusyszyn	E. Heersink	L. Miller
A. Awaysheh	C. Herbert	J. Nash
T. Baerg	T. Hewitt	K. Okruhlik
A. Barnfield	I. Holloway	R. Rajakumar
J. Barron	B. Hovius	A. Sauer
C. Beynon	M. Johnson	S. Schaffer
I. Birrell	C. Keep	L. Short
C. Busch	M. Khan	S. Sims
T. Carmichael	G. Killan	S. Spaulding
J. Cole	G. Knopf	R. Stainton
J. Corrigan	B. Kraatz	C. Stephenson
R. Coulter	R. Kulperger	B. Timney
K. Danylchuk	S. Lecce	T. Topic
P. Davenport	W. Lehmann	M. Usselman
N. Dyer-Witthford	S. Lofts	M. van Gaalen
N. Ecclestone	F. Longstaffe	D. Wardlaw
J. Etherington	R. Lumpkin	J. Weese
J. Fuller	B. MacLachlan	A. Willson
A. Gajaria	R. Macmillan	B. Wood
C. Gibson	P. Mahon	P. Woodford
R. Hall	L. McKechnie	T. Yurkewich
		G. Zeni

Observers: L. Bowman, A. Gopal, L. Gribbon, D. Jameson, D. Simmonds, G. Tigert

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MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of February 15, 2008 were approved as circulated.

S.08-54 **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

The President reported on new construction projects at Western and the March Break Open House. Overhead slides used to highlight his presentation are attached as **Appendix 1**.

Mr. Etherington asked about the provision of public parking for the new Student Services Building. Dr. Davenport took the question under advisement, stating that Ms. Kulczycki will provide a response at the next Senate meeting.

S.08-54a **Negev Dinner**

A statement concerning Dr. Davenport's decision to accept the invitation to be the 2008 Negev Dinner honoree was distributed at the meeting. Dr. Davenport stated that he received the invitation last December in recognition of his commitment to diversity, tolerance, and defending human rights. These are values that are part of the fabric at Western which he has worked diligently to promote and defend. The Negev Dinner also supports environmental projects, under the direction of the Jewish National Fund, which often involve reforestation, water treatment or rehabilitation of springs and other provisions of fresh water.

Under New Business, several Senators voiced dissent with Dr. Davenport's statement regarding the honor, acknowledging that although his decision was made in good faith there should have been further consultation prior to accepting the honor. Dr. Davenport acknowledged that the issue has generated criticism but he emphasized that he accepted the invitation as recognition of the commitment by Western and himself to celebrate diversity and promote tolerance and free speech. He also remarked that he did meet with a group representing the 35 signatories who disagreed with his decision.

OPERATIONS/AGENDA COMMITTEE [Exhibit I]

S.08-55 **Senate Membership: Faculty Constituencies**

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

That the following nominees be appointed to Senate to represent the constituencies shown for terms from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2010:

- Representing the Faculty of Health Sciences: Phil Doyle (Communication Sciences and Disorders); Sandi Spaulding (Occupational Therapy)
- Representing the Faculty of Law: Ben Hovius
- Representing the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry: Hiran Perinpanayagam (Dentistry)

CARRIED

S.08-56 **Senate Membership: Graduate Student Constituency**

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

That Rick Telfer (MA Sociology II) be appointed to Senate to represent the Graduate Student constituency for a one-year term (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009).

CARRIED

S.08-57 **Appointments Procedures for Senior Academic and Administrative Officers, Section Q**

It was moved by T. Carmichael, seconded by S. Sims,

That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors for approval, that the title of Section Q of *Appointments Procedures*, Vice-Provost (Graduate Studies) be revised to Vice-Provost (Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies) and that all references to the title in university documents and policies be revised to reflect this.

CARRIED

ACADEMIC POLICY AND AWARDS [Exhibit II]

S.08-58 **Faculty of Graduate Studies: PhD Program in Classics**

It was moved by M. Milde, seconded by K. Okruhlik,

That, pending OCGS approval, Senate approve the establishment of a new PhD program in Classics effective September 2008, detailed in Exhibit II, item 1.

CARRIED

S.08-59 **Faculty of Graduate Studies: Withdrawal of the Collaborative Graduate Program in Environmental Science** (S.07-19)

It was moved by M. Milde, seconded by A. Awaysheh,

That Senate approve:

- that admission to the Collaborative Graduate Program in Environmental Science be discontinued, effective August 31, 2007;
- that admission to the Collaborative Graduate Program in Environment and Sustainability commence September 1, 2007;
- that effective September 1, 2007, students enrolled on that date in this Collaborative Program, and having completed all degree requirements, be permitted to graduate in either Environmental Science or Environment and Sustainability;
- that Fall Convocation 2014 is the last convocation for which such students can elect to graduate in Environmental Science.

CARRIED

S.08-60 **Faculty of Science: Honors Specialization in Information Systems**

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

That an Honors Specialization in Information Systems, detailed in Exhibit II, item 3, be introduced in the Faculty of Science, effective May 1, 2008.

CARRIED

S.08-61 **Faculty of Health Sciences: Revision of Program Requirements for Kinesiology**

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

That effective September 1, 2008, and retroactive for all current students in the School of Kinesiology:

- a) the current requirement of completing 0.25 course in each of the following categories: one aquatic activity, one racquet activity, one individual-based activity, and one team-based activity, be eliminated, and,
- b) by April 30 of their third year, all Kinesiology students who do not complete an aquatic physical activity course that requires swimming ability be required to provide written evidence of being able to swim, prior to their progression into Year 4.

CARRIED

S.08-62 **Excellence in Teaching Award Winners for 2007-08**

The Subcommittee on Teaching Awards (SUTA) has chosen the following faculty members as recipients of Western's Awards for Excellence in Teaching for 2007-2008:

The Edward G. Pleva Award for Excellence in Teaching

Donald W. Barclay, Richard Ivey School of Business

Robert Lipson, Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Science

Richard Vernon, Department of Political Science, Faculty of Social Science

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

Fabian Gorodzinsky, Department of Paediatrics, Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry

The Marilyn Robinson Award for Excellence in Teaching

Nicole R.D. Haggerty, Richard Ivey School of Business

Christopher Viger, Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Arts and Humanities

S.08-63 **New Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries**

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

HBA '87 Scholarships (Richard Ivey School of Business)

Ella Strong Chinese Alumni MBA Scholarship (Faculty of Graduate Studies, Business Administration)

Ivey Alumni Association Toronto Chapter HBA Scholarship (Richard Ivey School of Business)

Ivey Alumni Association Toronto Chapter MBA Scholarship (Faculty of Graduate Studies, Business Administration)

John and Sabine Findlay Varsity Volleyball Scholarship (Any Undergraduate, Graduate or Affiliated University College Student - Athletic Award [Volleyball])

Fred Pattison Piano Award (Don Wright Faculty of Music)

Dr. Suzanne Bernier Memorial Award in Skeletal Biology (Faculty of Graduate Studies, Medicine)

Social Science Students' Council Leadership Awards (Faculty of Social Science)

Tim Wiggan Rugby Scholarship (Any Undergraduate, Graduate or Affiliated University College Student - Athletic Award [Men's Rugby])

Vaughan Peckham Volleyball Award (Any Undergraduate, Graduate or Affiliated University College Student - Athletic Award [Men's Volleyball])

125th Anniversary Alumni Award in Engineering (Faculty of Engineering)

Dean's Entrance Scholarship (Graduate Studies, Faculty of Arts and Humanities)

Provost's Entrance Scholarship (Graduate Studies, Faculty of Arts and Humanities)
President's Entrance Scholarship (Graduate Studies, Faculty of Arts and Humanities)
Faculty of Health Sciences Clinical Education Placement Travel Support Bursaries

S.08-64 **Faculty of Social Science: Effective Date of Withdrawal of Geography Modules**

At the May 18, 2007, meeting of Senate, a recommendation was approved that admission to the following modules be discontinued for new students, effective January 1, 2008, and that the modules be withdrawn, effective July 1, 2012. The modules listed were:

- a) Honors Specialization in Environment, Resources and Development
- b) Minor in Society, Space and Change
- c) Minor in Geographic Information Science
- d) Minor in Physical Geography
- e) Minor in Urban Development
- f) Minor in Watershed Processes and Management

The effective date of the withdrawal shown in the motion has been revised from July 1, 2012, to September 1, 2012. The Registrar's Office has noted that if the last convocation in which the students can graduate is October, the course requirements must be completed prior to September 1. If the program were to be withdrawn in July (during the middle of the summer term) students would not be able to complete course requirements in any summer session other than Intersession because none of the other sessions are finished by July 1. By requiring completion of requirements prior to September 1, all summer course offerings are available to the student.

For future proposals for the withdrawal of programs/modules, if the intent is to have the final convocation in June, the requirements must be completed prior to May 1.

UNIVERSITY PLANNING [Exhibit III]

Governance Structure - School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

S.08-65 **Creation of a School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies to replace the Faculty of Graduate Studies**

It was moved by M.A. Andrusyszyn, seconded by T. Baerg,

That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the creation of a School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies to replace the Faculty of Graduate Studies, effective July 1, 2008.

CARRIED

S.08-66 **Creation of a Graduate Education Council, Coordinating Committee and Standing Committees**

S.08-66a **Graduate Education Council**

It was moved by M.A. Andrusyszyn, seconded by S. Sims,

That subject to approval by the Board of Governors for the creation of the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, Senate approve the establishment of a Graduate Education Council to replace the Faculty of Graduate Studies Council, effective July 1, 2008, with the Terms of Reference and Composition shown in Exhibit III, Appendix 1, item 2a.

Senate accepted, as a friendly amendment, the following modification (shown in italics) to the Composition of the Graduate Education Council:

Six Graduate Chairs (*or equivalents*), chosen by the Graduate Chairs

In answer to a question about the disciplinary distribution of seats on the Graduate Education Council, Dr. Longstaffe noted that one of the responsibilities of the Operations/Nominating Committee would be to ensure broad representation across the disciplines.

Responding to a comment that the composition of the Graduate Education Council appears to be “top heavy”, i.e., that the regular graduate faculty members are under-represented, Dr. Longstaffe noted that the question of representation had been discussed in great detail, but given that 31 members of the 49 member council would be appointed or elected by the constituencies concerned, he contended that faculty and student voices would be heard.

The question was called and CARRIED.

S.08-66b **School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies Coordinating Committee**

It was moved by M.A. Andrusyszyn, seconded by C. Beynon,

That subject to approval by the Board of Governors for the creation of the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, Senate approve the establishment of a School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies Coordinating Committee, effective July 1, 2008, with the Terms of Reference and Composition shown in Exhibit III, Appendix 1, item 2b.

CARRIED

S.08-66c **Standing Committees of the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies**

Senate received for information the mandates and membership of the six standing committees of the Graduate Education Council of the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies detailed in Exhibit III, Appendix 1, Annex 1.

S.08-67 **Provost’s ad hoc Committee on Classroom and Common Space**

The Provost’s ad hoc Committee on Classroom and Common Space detailed in Exhibit III, Appendix 2, was received for information.

Mr. Lecce asked about student involvement on the Provost’s ad hoc Committee on Classroom and Common Space. Dr. Longstaffe replied that the ad hoc committee, under the leadership of Professor Duncan Hunter, will consult with various groups, including the students, to gather information concerning needs in classroom spaces as well as common spaces.

HONORARY DEGREES COMMITTEE [Exhibit IV]

S.08-68 **Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry - MD Convocation**

The Honorary Degrees Committee of Senate announced that Seymour Schulich will receive an honorary Doctor of Laws degree at the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry MD Convocation to be held on Friday, May 16, 2008.

Responding to Mr. Etherington’s question regarding the number of separate convocations, Dr. Davenport explained that Senate, on the recommendation of the Convocation Board, had approved the requests submitted by the Richard Ivey School of Business and the Schulich School of Medicine

& Dentistry to hold separate convocations because the nature of their graduates' professional commitments made it unlikely that they would be available to attend the June convocation. Dr. Davenport stated that he was not aware of other faculties requesting similar consideration. The Secretary stated that last year, Senate approved a recommendation from the Honorary Degrees Committee that, from time to time, the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry and the Richard Ivey School of Business may have an honorary degree recipient at their separate convocation ceremonies.

[Secretarial Note: The Honorary Degrees Committee had approved the conferral of a degree on Mr. Schulich in 2006, but it had not been possible to schedule the conferral before now. Mr. Schulich will be the first to receive an honorary degree at a Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry convocation ceremony.]

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Western's Hong Kong Convocation

John Meredith will be honored by conferment of an honorary Doctor of Laws degree at Western's Hong Kong Convocation which will be held on Sunday, March 30, 2008. Mr. Meredith is the group managing director of Hutchison Port Holdings in Hong Kong, one of the world's leading port operators. Senators received email notification of this honor on February 20, 2008.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

P. Davenport
Chair

I. Birrell
Secretary

The University of Western Ontario

President's Report to Senate

- New Construction at Western
 - Student Services Building
 - Advanced Facility for Avian Research (AFAR)
 - Physics & Astronomy
- March Break Open House

Dr. Paul Davenport
March 14, 2008



The University of Western Ontario

Student Services Building

- Groundbreaking February 15
- \$21 million facility south of UCC
 - Registrar's Office
 - Financial Aid
 - International Student Services
 - Services for Students with Disabilities
 - Indigenous Services
- Special Ceremony: First Nations Involvement
 - 24 foot tipi
 - Ceremonial fire to prepare ground by First Nations leaders



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Advanced Facility for Avian Research

- Groundbreaking February 28
- \$9 Million Research Facility
- Studies physiological dynamics of high altitude migratory flight
- Interdisciplinary approach: avian biology, wind engineering, environmental sciences
- Will develop analytical data on conservation, ecosystem health & disease, and physiological response to climate change
- \$4 million from CFI
 - Scott McDougall-Shackleton, PI



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Physics & Astronomy Renovations

- Announcement March 3
 - Hon. Deb Matthews, Hon. Chris Bentley
- \$9 million upgrade, focus on P&A
 - Western's second-oldest building (1924)
 - Classic Collegiate Gothic
- New Classroom, laboratories and enclosed courtyard spaces
- Home to leading research
 - MRI, Nanotechnology, Materials Science, Planetary Science and Astrophysics



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March Break Open House: March 8

- Winter's worst snow day
- 3214 registrants – approximately one-third attended – very personalized attention
- Mini-lectures, demonstrations, student panels, tours and drop-in centres
- Residence tours and meals
- President's welcome at all first-entry Faculties



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March Break Open House

- Tremendous volunteer effort
 - Nearly 900
 - 141 faculty, 285 staff, 457 students
 - All Faculties engaged
 - 28 Support units, including Registrar, Hospitality Services, Housing and others.

