



The UNIVERSITY of WESTERN ONTARIO

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

OCTOBER 17, 2008

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

SENATORS: 74

D. Abelson	C. Farber	L. Miller
M. Adamson	N. Fassina	M. Naish
M.A. Andrusyszyn	T. Fulton	J. Nash
T. Baerg	T. Garrard	D. Pennee
A. Barnfield	C. Gibson	S. Ray
J. Barron	T. Gorski	M. Reid
A. Beach	C. Hanycz	G. Rowe
J. Berge	E. Heersink	S. Schaffer
I. Birrell	C. Herbert	B. Sherar
B. Blumer	T. Hewitt	S. Spaulding
C. Busch	I. Holloway	R. Stainton
N. Caldwell	B. Hovius	M. Steele
T. Carmichael	M. Hyland	R. Telfer
A. Chan	B. Johnson	A. Thom
A. Chant	M. Johnson	T. Timney
J. Corrigan	C. Keep	M. Tithecott
R. Coulter	G. Killan	J. Toswell
K. Danylchuk	G. Knopf	M. Usselman
P. Davenport	B. Kraatz	R. Van Gaalen
B. Diemert	W. Lehmann	D. Wardlaw
J. Doerksen	S. Lofts	J. Weese
C. Dunbar	J. Mackie	B. Welling
W. Dunn	R. Macmillan	B. Wood
H. El Naggar	L. McKechnie	T. Yurkewich
J. Etherington	M. Milde	

Observers: M. Carroll, J. Cole, D. Jameson, R. Lipson, G. Tigert

S.08-184 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting of September 19, 2008, were approved as circulated.

S.08-185 **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

The President gave a report on Homecoming 2008, Regional Economic Partnerships and the Royal Society - Canada Research Chairs reception. Overhead slides used to highlight his presentation are attached as [Appendix 1](#).

OPERATIONS/AGENDA COMMITTEE [Exhibit I]

S.08-186 **Senate Membership: Faculty Constituencies**

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

That the following nominees be appointed to Senate to represent the constituencies shown for terms from November 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009. Representing the:

- Faculty of Arts & Humanities: Samantha Brennan (Philosophy)
- Faculty of Health Sciences (2): Doreen Bartlett (Physical Therapy) and Angie Mandich (Occupational Therapy)
- Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry (2): Khadry Galil (Anatomy & Cell Biology, Dentistry), Marjorie Johnson (Anatomy & Cell Biology)

CARRIED

S.08-187 **Senate Membership: Representative from the General Community**

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

That Bruce B. Johnson be elected to serve on Senate (term to June 30, 2010) as a representative of the General Community to complete the term of Cathee Crinklaw, who has resigned.

CARRIED

S.08-188 **Bylaw Amendment: Speakers at Senate**

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

That paragraph IV.6 of the Senate By-Laws be amended:

FROM: The Operations/Agenda Committee or the Chair of Senate or the person authorized to act in that capacity may invite to Senate meetings special guests, or other persons who they think could contribute to debate or discussion on any Senate matter to be discussed at a meeting.

TO: Normally, only Senators or official Senate Observers may speak at Senate. However, the Operations/Agenda Committee may invite to Senate meetings special guests or other persons to serve as a resource or to provide information on any Senate matter, and, in exceptional circumstances, to contribute to debate or discussion.

During debate of the recommendation, the following concerns were raised:

- the amendment would make it awkward for anyone to speak at Senate unless they knew the Senate procedures
- free exchange of ideas should be encouraged
- if an urgent matter arose at a Senate meeting, how the process would work

Responding to the concerns, Dean Carmichael stated that the by-law describes the normal process. Individuals could approach the Secretary and the Operations/Agenda Committee in advance of a meeting thereby allowing guests to be invited to speak in a resource capacity. The revised wording is an improvement over the current wording which puts the onus on the Chair of Senate to make an ad hoc decision. In urgent circumstances, Senate could still consider a motion to approve a speaker.

It was moved by A. Chant, seconded by J. Barron,

That the following sentence be added at the end of the paragraph: This permission may be extended by a simple majority vote at a Senate meeting.

A member remarked that, in general, he did not think it wise to fill general by-laws with exceptions. Another queried on what basis Senate would make a decision to allow an outside speaker.

It was moved by R. Coulter, seconded by A. Chant,

That the by-law amendment be referred back to the Operations/Agenda Committee for further consideration in light of the concerns presented.

CARRIED.

S.08-189 **Candidates for Degrees - Autumn Convocation 2008**

On behalf of the Senate the Provost approves the list of Candidates for Degrees upon the recommendation of the Registrar [S.96-124]. The list of candidates approved by the Provost will be appended to the Official Minutes of the October 17, 2008 meeting of Senate.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE [Exhibit II]

S.08-190 **Operations/Agenda Committee**

M. Hyland was elected to the Operations/Agenda Committee to complete the term of J. Mackie who has resigned (term to June 30, 2009).

ACADEMIC POLICY AND AWARDS [Exhibit III]

S.08-191 **Faculty of Law: Change in Degree Title from Bachelor of Laws (LLB) to Juris Doctor (JD)**

It was moved by M. Milde, seconded by I. Holloway,

That Senate approve that in the Faculty of Law, the Bachelor of Laws degree (LLB) be replaced by the Juris Doctor (JD) degree:

- 1) that effective September 1, 2009, admission to the LLB program be discontinued and students be admitted to the JD program,
- 2) that students enrolled in the LLB program prior to September 1, 2009 be permitted, upon request to the Registrar's Office, to continue in the LLB program with the understanding that they must complete the requirements for that degree prior to September 2011,
- 3) that effective October 2011, the LLB program be withdrawn and all registration discontinued, and,
- 4) that all previous graduates of the LLB program be permitted to exchange their LLB diploma for a JD diploma, upon payment of an administrative fee for the replacement diploma.

Responding to questions regarding the change in degree title, Dean Holloway said that the JD designation is becoming the standard as noted in the background information provided. A referendum of the law students and a poll by email of the alumni proved that both groups were in favor of the change.

A Senator asked about the impact the change in degree title to Juris Doctor will have on combined programs. The end date for completion of the requirements (September 2011) may not provide sufficient time for students in combined programs to finish their law degree portion of the program, notably because some of the programs take 6 years to complete. Dean Holloway noted that it was the intent of the proposal that those in joint programs with the LLB name would be permitted to complete with that title. Professor Milde took the question under advisement.

The question was called and CARRIED.

S.08-192 **Sessional Dates for 2009-2016**

It was moved by M. Milde, seconded by D. Abelson,

That Senate approve the undergraduate sessional dates for 2009 to 2016, detailed in Exhibit III Appendix 1, and the additional information in support of the Guidelines for the Structure of the Academic Year, outlined in Exhibit III, Appendix 2, and,

That the last day to drop a second-term half course or a second-term full course without academic penalty be revised from February 15, 2009, to February 23, 2009.

CARRIED

S.08-193 **Scheduling Out-of-Class Tests**

It was moved by M. Milde, seconded by G. Knopf,

That the policy on Scheduling Tests and Examinations be revised to include reference to the fact that classes will not be held on Sundays, but for sound academic or administrative reasons, out-of-class tests could be scheduled.

Responding to concerns regarding the scheduling of out-of-class tests on a Sunday, Professor Milde stated that this is a very old policy that did not take into account the increased enrolment and multiple sections of courses. Adding the option of scheduling out-of-class tests on Sunday provides flexibility. The timing of tests/exams is mostly in the hands of the faculty and it is the instructor that would decide that a test should be held on a Sunday.

The question was called and CARRIED

S.08-194 **Admission Requirement: BA Music Administrative Studies**

It was moved by M. Milde, seconded by D. Abelson,

That effective January 1, 2009, the following be deleted from the admission requirements for the Bachelor of Arts (Music Administrative Studies), "Keyboard proficiency of at least Conservatory Grade VI level for applicants whose principal instrument is not piano must be fulfilled prior to second year."

CARRIED

S.08-195 **New Scholarships and Awards**

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 President & Vice-Chancellor:

London Life Actuarial Career Scholarship, Three Year Continuing (Faculty of Science, Statistical and Actuarial Sciences)
London Life Actuarial Career Scholarships, Two Year Continuing (Faculty of Science, Statistical and Actuarial Sciences)
Walter and Jean Badun MBA Award (School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, Business Administration)
Alzheimer Society of London and Middlesex Graduate Awards in Alzheimer-Related Research (School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies)
ZSA Legal Recruitment Entrance Scholarship (Faculty of Law)
Philip Downs Scholarship in Music History (School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, Don Wright Faculty of Music)
Eddy Wallman Piano Scholarship
Doug and Laretta Hayes Mustang Basketball Award (Any Undergraduate, Graduate or Affiliated University College Student - Athletic Award [Basketball])
Bess A. Hewitt Scholarship in Visual Arts (Faculty of Arts and Humanities, Visual Arts)
Station Park All Suite Hotel 125th Anniversary Alumni Award (Any Undergraduate Faculty)
Station Park All Suite Hotel 125th Anniversary Alumni Athletic Award (Any Undergraduate Faculty)

S.08-196 **Admission Requirements for the Major in Catholic Studies for Teachers**

At the last meeting of Senate, Honors Specialization, Major and Minor modules in Catholic Studies for Teachers were approved. It should be noted that the Admission Requirements for the Major were not included in the calendar copy in the exhibit, however, they are identical with the Admission Requirements for the Honors Specialization. The official copy of the exhibit in the Senate minute book and the web version of the Exhibit have been corrected and the academic calendar will be updated with this information.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

P. Davenport
Chair

I. Birrell
Secretary

The University of Western Ontario

President's Report to Senate

- Homecoming 2008
 - October 2-5
- Regional Economic Partnerships:
 - SWEA –Sarnia, September 24
- Royal Society-Canada Research Chairs Reception

Dr. Paul Davenport
October 17, 2008



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Western Homecoming 2008

- Thursday, October 2: Homecoming
 - Kickoff and Alumni Western AGM
 - Chance for alumni to meet and network



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Friday, October 3: 34th Annual Alumni Awards Dinner

- Awards of Merit:
 - John Nash, Christine Elliot, Louise Pitre, Stephen Moccio
- Women's Athletic Association:
 - Marion Munro, Patricia Kitchen, Stacey Allaster, Natasha Wesch
- "W" Club Hall of Fame:
 - Joe Dell'Aquila, Barry Mitchelson, Jens Kraemer, Ted Hessel



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Saturday, October 4

- Homecoming Parade
- Hospitality tent and end-zone lunch
- Homecoming Football Game
 - Western 58, Windsor 5
- Class of 1958 Golden Anniversary Dinner
- An Evening with Jazz Vocalist Sonja Gustafson at Maggie's Supper Club



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Sunday, October 5

- Homecoming Golf Tournament
 - Firerock Course in Komoka
- President's Homecoming Reception at Gibbons Lodge



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Homecoming Events in the Faculties


- Arts & Humanities: writing, film and drawing
- Education: Alumni Breakfast
- Engineering: Open house – students' design projects
- FIMS: Homecoming tent with faculty and staff
- Health Sciences: pregame BBQ, Nursing Alumni Brunch
- Ivey: Golf tournament, Distinguished Service Awards



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Homecoming Events in the Faculties

- Law: Reunion lunch
- Music: Hospitality tent (with live music)
- Schulich: Dentistry symposium, Dean's lunch at Great Hall
- Science: Dean's Homecoming BBQ
- Social Science: Open House, Homecoming Brunch
- Special Homecoming Activities at Affiliated University Colleges



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Regional Economic Partnerships - SWEA

- Sarnia Conference September 24-25 "Bridges to the Future"
- Building on Ivey Conference on "Ontario-Quebec Continental Gateway and Trade Corridor" (March 2008)
- Ivey Professors Guy Holburn and David Conklin
- Reception at Western's Sarnia-Lambton Research Park



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SWEA


- Launching of "Bioindustrial Innovation Centre" - \$50 Million Project
- Partnerships: Sarnia / Lambton, City of London and LEDC, Lambton College, local corporate and industrial sponsors and the Government of Ontario



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Royal Society-Canada Research Chairs Reception

- October 14, Gibbons Lodge
- Western has 46 Fellows of the Royal Society of Canada and 65 Canada Research Chair holders



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Royal Society and Canada Research Chairs – New Members

Royal Society of Canada

- Jonathan Vance (History) CRC in Conflict and Culture, authority on war and remembrance and Canadian public institutions

Canada Research Chairs

- François Lagugné-Labarthe – Nanomaterials and Photonics
- Peter Rogan – Genome Bioinformatics

