



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

November 14, 2014

The meeting was held at 1:30 p.m. in Room 56, University Community Centre.

SENATORS: 75

J. Aitken Schermer
M.A. Andrusyszyn
D. Belliveau
I. Birrell
P. Bishop
N. Brooks
L. Brown
J. Burkell
S. Camiletti
J. Capone
T. Carmichael
A. Chakma
M. Clapton
D. Coward
L. Crich
M. Crossan
J. Cuciurean
K. Danylchuk
J. Deakin
C. Dean
G. Dekaban
D. Dodgson
G. Dresser
J. Eberhard
A. El-Boraie

J. Faflak
C. Farber
A. Fedyk
J. Hatch
B. Hovius
Y. Huang
C. Jones
J. Knowles
G. Kulczycki
B. Leipert
A. Leschied
J. Malkin
S. McClatchie
C. McGarvey
K. Mequanint
R. Mercer
M. Milde
J.-F. Millaire
L. Miller
D. Mok
K. Moser
A. Nelson
D. Neufeld
C. Nolan
V. Nolte

C. O'Connor
C. Olivier
P.P. Pare
N. Pilo
M. Rothstein
P. St. Pierre
M. Salvadori
V. Schwean
K. Siddiqui
R. Sookraj
V. Staroverov
C. Steeves
N. Sussman
T. Sutherland
D. Sylvester
G. Tigert
B. Timney
J. Toswell
T. Townshend
N. Wathen
A. Watson
J. Weese
G. Westwood
C. Wilkins
B.A. Younker

Observers: E. Chamberlain, J. Doerksen, K. Godbout, L. Gribbon, M. Helfand, J. Inoue, A. Mandich, J. McMullin, K. Olson

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MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of October 17, 2014 were approved as circulated.

S.14-190 **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

The President's report consisted of the following items: London municipal election, Musculoskeletal Health Research Cluster, International Week, Global Ivey Day, government matters, and a Maclean's ranking analysis. Overhead slides used to highlight his presentation on the Maclean's ranking analysis are attached as [Appendix 1](#).

S.14-190a **Canada First Research Excellence Fund (CFREF)**

Responding to questions regarding the Canada First Research Excellence Fund (CFREF), the President said that the government has not announced the framework through which funding will be allocated. There is speculation that the government will issue a call for proposals on major projects – those supporting excellence on a large scale - that each institution will submit one proposal, that it should align with Canada's science and technology priorities, and that partnership and leveraging will be encouraged. It is believed that the timeline for application will be short. The Vice-President (Research) is currently doing an inventory to establish ahead of time where Western's areas of strength lie and where programs align with the government's science and technology priorities. It is thought that the government will be highly selective and will support only a few proposals.

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

S.14-191 **Richard Ivey School of Business: Revisions to the Honors Business Administration (HBA) Program Admission Requirements**

Prior to considering the motion, the Dr. Timney stated that the following phrase should be deleted from the last sentence in the background information: *and be free of any penalties in order to get admitted into the HBA program.*

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

That the Admission Requirements for the Honors Business Administration (HBA) program be revised as set out in Exhibit I, Appendix 1, for admissions starting in September 2015.

CARRIED

S.14-192 **Faculty of Law: Combining the January and Spring Terms into a "Winter Term"**

It was moved by B. Timney, seconded by P. Bishop,

That effective September 1, 2015, the existing January and Spring Terms be combined into a "Winter Term" in the Faculty of Law as set out in Exhibit I, item 2.

CARRIED

S.14-193 **School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, Faculty of Law: Withdrawal of the Western/NALSAR Dual-Credential Program**

It was moved by B. Timney, seconded by L. Miller,

That, effective January 1, 2015 the LLM/MPhil (Western/NALSAR) – LLM/LLM (NALSAR/Western) Dual-Credential Degree Program be discontinued.

CARRIED

S.14-194 **School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: Dual-Credential PhD Degree Agreement between Ghent University (Belgium) and The University of Western Ontario**

It was moved by B. Timney, seconded by T. Sutherland,

That effective September 1, 2014, SCAPA approve the introduction of a Dual-Credential PhD Degree Agreement between Ghent University (Belgium) and The University of Western Ontario as shown in Exhibit I, Appendix 2.

Asked why this agreement is limited to students in biology, Dr. Miller said that the agreement was brought forward by Biology to accommodate a student but if other departments are interested the agreement can be extended. She agreed to take under advisement the suggestion that a more generic agreement be developed in the future.

The question was called and CARRIED

S.14-195 **Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry and Faculty of Science: Renaming of Modules in Pathology and Toxicology and Revisions to the Modules**

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

That the Honors Specialization and Specialization in Pathology and Toxicology be renamed as Honors Specialization and Specialization in Pathology, as shown in Exhibit I, Appendix 3 effective September 1, 2015, and,

That students currently enrolled in the Pathology and Toxicology modules be allowed to finish their programs with the old designation by August 31, 2019.

CARRIED

S.14-196 **Faculty of Social Science: Revisions to the Admission Requirements of the Minor in Transitional Justice and Post-Conflict Reconstruction**

It was moved by B. Timney, seconded by T. Sutherland,

That the Admission Requirements of the Minor in Transitional Justice and Post-conflict Reconstruction be revised effective September 1, 2015 as shown in Exhibit I, item 6.

CARRIED

S.14-197 **King's University College: Revisions to the Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) Program**

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

That effective September 1, 2015, the Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) (Honors) program at King's University College be revised as shown in Exhibit I, item 7 and

That enrollment in the Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) (Honors) (non-modular) program be discontinued effective September 1, 2015, and

That students enrolled in the Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) (Honors) (non-modular) program prior to September 1, 2015, be permitted to change their registration to the Honors Specialization module permanently or continue in the old program with the understanding that they must complete the requirements prior to June 2019 as shown in Exhibit I, Appendix 4.

CARRIED

S.14-198 **King's University College: Withdrawal of and Revisions to French Modules**

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

That effective September 1, 2015, the French modules

- Honors Specialization in French Linguistics and Literature
- Honors Specialization in French Language and Linguistics
- Major in French Studies
- Minor in French Studies
- Minor in Francophone Studies

be withdrawn at King's University College, and

That, effective September 1, 2015, the French modules

- Honors Specialization in French Language and Literature
- Major in French Language and Literature
- Specialization in French Studies
- Minor in French Language and Literature

offered at King's be revised as shown in Exhibit I, Appendix 5.

CARRIED

S.14-199 **King's University College and Continuing Studies at Western: Withdrawal of the Certificate in Grief and Bereavement Studies; Introduction of a Certificate in Loss, Grief and Bereavement Studies at King's University College**

S.14-199a **Withdrawal of the Certificate in Grief and Bereavement Studies (offered with Continuing Studies)**

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

That enrollment in the Certificate in Grief and Bereavement Studies be discontinued effective September 1, 2014, and

That the Certificate be withdrawn effective September 1, 2015.

CARRIED

S.14-199b **Introduction of the Certificate in Loss, Grief and Bereavement Studies at King's University College**

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

That the Certificate in Loss, Grief and Bereavement be introduced at King's University College effective September 1, 2015 as shown in Exhibit I, Appendix 6.

CARRIED

S.14-200 **King's University College: Revisions to the Admission Requirements of the Honors Specialization, Specialization and Major in the World Religions and Cultures Modules**

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

That effective September 1, 2015, the admission requirements for the Honors Specialization, Specialization and Major in World Religions and Cultures be revised as shown in Exhibit I, Appendix 7.

CARRIED

S.14-201 **MAPP 2.10 – Scholarships, Awards and Prizes – Definitions and Approval Process**

It was moved by B. Timney, seconded by J. Aitken Schermer,

That SCAPA approve amendments to the Scholarships, Awards and Prizes – Definitions and Approval Process Policy (MAPP 2.10) as outlined in Exhibit I, Appendix 8.

CARRIED

S.14-202 **Policy Revision: Scheduling of Examinations and Responsibility for Printing**

It was moved by B. Timney, seconded by J. Aitken Schermer,

That the policy “Scheduling Exams and Responsibility for Printing” be revised as shown in Exhibit I, Appendix 9 effective September 1, 2014.

CARRIED

S.14-203 **Revisions to the 2 + 2 program for a Doctorate Degree (PhD) in Synchrotron Radiation Research with Soochow University, China**

SCAPA and Senate approved the 2+2 program in February 2014. (See at: http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/senate/minutes/2014/a1402sen_full.pdf). The Departments of Chemical and Biochemical Engineering and Physics and Astronomy were added to the agreement as partners and the agreement was revised to reflect this change. In addition, Canadian students or other international students meeting the admission requirements of participating doctoral programs at Western may also apply for the program. The revised agreement is shown in Exhibit I, Appendix 10.

S.14-204 **Policy Revision: Course Load**

The current policy is posted at:

http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/registration_progression_grad/courseload.pdf

SCAPA and Senate approved changes to the Course Load policy in October (see: <http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/senate/minutes/2014/October%2017%20Senate%20Agenda%20-%20all.pdf>). The reference to courses offered outside of the regular session included the wrong suffixes. Corrections were made to include the correct suffixes for these courses as shown below.

“In order to maintain a balanced course load, students may not take more than 2.5 courses in each of the Fall (September – December) and Winter (January – April) terms, unless the Dean of the student’s faculty provides an exemption, or the student is also registered in a course that is offered outside of a regular session (i.e. X, Y, U, Y and Z course)”.

S.14-205 **New Scholarships and Awards**

SCAPA has approved on behalf of the Senate, for recommendation to the Board of Governors through the President & Vice-Chancellor, the Terms of Reference for the new scholarships and awards as set out in Exhibit I, Appendix 11.

S.14-206 **REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC COLLEAGUE** [Exhibit II]

The Report of the Academic Colleague, detailed in Exhibit II, was received for information. Topics reported on included: COU strategic directions and priorities, funding review, program approvals and OUAC Acquisition of a new Application Management System (AMS).

ENQUIRIES AND NEW BUSINESS

S.14-207

Selection Committee for Associate Vice-President (Student Experience)

Responding to questions regarding the composition of the Selection Committee and status of the search for the Associate Vice-President (Student Experience), Dr. Deakin provided the membership of the selection committee stating that it includes two faculty members - an associate dean and a dean - as well as representation from students and student advising portfolios. The confidential search process is underway with meetings being held with the search consultant.

S.14-208

Research Cluster Funding

Responding to questions regarding the allocation of the remaining research cluster funds, Dr. Deakin recalled that Western's budget approved by the Board in April 2012, noted that the budgetary investments during the remaining three years of that cycle would focus on enhancing Western's research and scholarship profile on the global stage. The budget document outlined that the Provost and the Vice President (Research) would collaborate in development of programs to achieve the objectives. The Research Clusters Program and the WRC program are tools that were developed to deploy a portion of the research excellence funds. The uncommitted funds remain in the reserve and will be available for strategic research activities including matching funding if required. The Deans have been asked to comment on research priorities through the budgetary planning process and that will also inform how the remaining funds could be deployed in support of research excellence.

Asked if consideration had been given to using the funds to stabilize programs in financial difficulty, Dr. Deakin explained that the funds are ear-marked for research and not intended to be applied to any unit deficits.

Concern was expressed at the lack of interdisciplinary breadth of the members of the final adjudication committee for the research clusters program – all were scientists. Dr. Deakin agreed to take that concern under advisement but added that all the proposals were subject to external peer review.

It was suggested that Western, in identifying clusters of excellence or priorities, was perhaps losing sight of being a comprehensive institution, not one just focused on science disciplines. In response, a member noted that Senate's discussion has been distorted by the focus on clusters. The research cluster program is important but it does not define the entirety of Westerns' research program.

S.14-209

NOTICE OF MOTION

D. Belliveau presented a Notice of Motion that Senate establish an ad hoc Research Excellence Funding Committee to oversee the allocation of the one-time research excellence funding formerly tied to the Western Clusters of Research Excellence program. The Chair accepted the Notice of Motion and advised that it will be considered by the Operations/Agenda Committee at its next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

A. Chakma
Chair

I. Birrell
Secretary



Medical/Doctoral Rank

	Rank
2006	5
2009	9
2013	11
2015	8



Student Body

	Ent. Avg.	Retention	Int. UG
2006 (5)	87.9 (3)	96.5 (2)	6.5 (9)
2009 (9)	86.0 (11)	91.1 (4)	5.4 (25)
2013 (11)	87.6 (7)	93.2 (3)	6.9 (23)
2015 (8)	89.3 (2)	93.2 (3)	11.0 (17)



Student Awards

1	McGill	10.4
2	UBC	10.1
3	Queen's	7.7
4	Toronto	7.4
5	Dalhousie	6.6
6	Alberta	5.9
7	McMaster	5.7
8	Ottawa	5.2
9	Calgary	5.1
10	Montréal	4.9
11	Western	4.6
*12	Laval	4.4
*12	Sherbrooke	4.4
14	Manitoba	3.9
15	Saskatchewan	3.0



Student/Faculty Ratio

1	UBC	13.7	9	Alberta	21.4
2	Dalhousie	15.6	10	Laval	22.2
*3	Saskatchewan	16.0	11	Western	23.3
*3	Sherbrooke	16.0	12	Montréal	25.5
5	Manitoba	16.5	13	Ottawa	26.7
6	Calgary	16.8	14	Toronto	26.9
7	McGill	17.9	15	Queen's	28.0
8	McMaster	19.0			



Budget

1	Alberta	\$15,601
2	Saskatchewan	15,423
3	UBC	15,102
4	Dalhousie	14,611
5	Manitoba	14,242
6	Calgary	14,137
7	Toronto	13,465
8	McMaster	13,056
9	Ottawa	12,009
10	Western	11,455
11	Queen's	11,381
12	McGill	11,105



Total Research Grants

1	Toronto	\$457,063
2	McGill	281,433
3	Montréal	276,135
4	Alberta	249,556
5	Queen's	240,798
6	UBC	236,359
7	McMaster	234,547
8	Laval	228,467
9	Ottawa	228,209
10	Calgary	222,872
11	Western	206,540
12	Dalhousie	154,335



Faculty Awards

1	Toronto	10.4			
2	Queen's	9.5	*9	Calgary	3.3
3	Alberta	7.9	*9	Ottawa	3.3
4	McGill	7.7	*11	Laval	2.9
5	UBC	7.3	*11	Western	2.9
6	Montréal	6.2	13	Sherbrooke	2.3
7	McMaster	5.6	14	Saskatchewan	1.9
8	Dalhousie	5.2	15	Manitoba	1.7
1	Waterloo	5.7	1	Saint Mary's	4.9
2	Simon Fraser	4.9	2	Mount Allison	4.2
3	Victoria	4.2	3	Trent	4.1
4	Carleton	3.1	4	UNBC	3.2
*5	UQAM	3.0			
*5	York	3.0			



Faculty Awards Rank (#)

	Western	Ottawa	Calgary
2006	13 (3.2)	7 (5.5)	12 (3.5)
2009	10 (3.6)	6 (7.1)	11 (3.2)
2013	11 (3.2)	6 (5.6)	10 (3.3)
2015	11 (2.9)	9 (3.3)	9 (3.3)



SSHRC Awards

1	McGill	\$15,910	37.23	9	Queen's	7,312	20.33
*2	Ottawa	13,525	26.41	10	Alberta	6,966	17.94
*2	Toronto	11,688	30.05	11	Western	6,671	14.62
4	McMaster	14,934	22.74	12	Manitoba	7,056	11.90
5	Montréal	11,570	25.98	13	Saskatchewan	6,555	11.05
6	UBC	12,321	23.37	14	Calgary	4,418	14.39
7	Dalhousie	10,744	18.93	15	Sherbrooke	3,151	8.41
8	Laval	10,962	17.09				
1	Waterloo	\$13,785	27.91				
2	Simon Fraser	10,726	22.45				
3	Victoria	9,077	18.70				
4	York	8,775	14.86				
5	Carleton	7,084	17.86				



SSHRC Grants

	\$	#	Rank
2001	5,225	21.31	10
2006	10,873	21.13	8
2009	8,329	20.00	10
2013	6,736	17.20	11
2015	6,671	14.62	11

Toronto \$9825 (2001) to \$11,688 (2015) ;
UW \$4455 (2001) to \$13785 (2015)



Med/Sci Grants

1	Toronto	\$186,236	193.32
2	McGill	133,579	144.40
3	Queen's	132,257	134.97
4	UBC	118,767	128.29
5	Western	99,526	143.00
6	Laval	106,668	110.32
7	Alberta	89,227	120.32
8	Montréal	95,442	111.17
9	Ottawa	91,786	99.03
10	McMaster	81,718	66.41
11	Dalhousie	68,979	78.01
12	Calgary	53,527	73.54



Medical/Science Grants

	\$	#	Rank
2001	71971	140.25	7
2006	82330	128.52	10
2009	78972	127.8	9
2013	76517	113.51	9
2015	99526	143.00	5

Toronto \$95061 (2001) to \$186,235 (2015);
 Queen's \$72,153 (2001) to \$132,257 (2015)



Highest Quality

- 1 McGill
- 2 Toronto
- 3 UBC
- 4 Waterloo
- 5 Queen's
- 6 McMaster
- 7 Alberta
- 8 Western
- 9 Simon Fraser
- 10 Dalhousie
- 11 Victoria
- 12 Montréal



Most Innovative

- 1 Waterloo
- 2 Toronto
- 3 UBC
- 4 McMaster
- 5 McGill
- 6 Ryerson
- 7 Alberta
- 8 Queen's
- 9 Guelph
- 10 Western
- 11 Simon Fraser
- 12 Victoria



Leaders of Tomorrow

- 1 Waterloo
- 2 UBC
- 3 Toronto
- 4 McGill
- 5 Alberta
- 6 Ryerson
- 7 McMaster
- 8 Queen's
- 9 Simon Fraser
- 10 Montréal
- 11 Laval
- 12 Western



Best Overall

- 1 Waterloo
- 2 UBC
- 3 Toronto
- 4 McGill
- 5 Alberta
- 6 McMaster
- 7 Queen's
- 8 Ryerson
- 9 Western
- 10 Simon Fraser
- 11 Montréal
- 12 Guelph



Leaders of Tomorrow

	Western	Ryerson	Calgary
2001	18	10	12
2006	15	11	9
2009	16	14	13
2013	21	10	14
2015	12	5	13



