MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

September 18, 2015

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

SENATORS: 87

N. Bhatia
I. Birrell
P. Bishop
M. Blagrave
J. Capone
T. Carmichael
A. Chakma
B. Cheadle
M. Cheesman
K. Clark
K. Cole
R. Collins
D. Coward
M. Crossan
J. Cuciurean
J. Deakin
C. Dean
G. Dekaban
G. Dresser
N. Dyer-Witheford
J. Eberhard
A. Engineer
J. Faflak
C. Farber
A. Grzyb
D. Hooper
B. Hovius
A. Hrymak
T. Hunt
G. Hunter
L. Jackson
R. Kennedy
J. Knowles
G. Kopp
A. Kothari
G. Kulczycki
D. Laird
B. Leipert
G. Lucas
S. Macfie
J. Malkin
C. Manjunath
S. McClatchie
M. McDayter
M. McGlynn
L. McKivor
T. McMurrough
R. Mercer
M. Milde
J.-F. Millaire
L. Miller
J. Mitchell
V. Nielsen
C. Nolan
V. Nolte
K. Olson
P.P. Pare
G. Parraga
W. Pearson
C. Phelps
A. Rice-Hoyt
S. Rodger
D. Rogers
S. Roland
L. Rosen
M. Rothstein
V. Schwean
K. Siddiqui
Z. Sinel
A. Singh
R. Soulodre-LaFrance
C. Sprengler
V. Staroverov
C. Steeves
M. Strong
L. Sunseri
A. Sussman
D. Sylvester
S. Taylor
M. Thomson
G. Tigert
J. Toswell
T. Townshend
Z. Turner
J. Weese
M. Wilson
N. Wolfe

Observers: E. Chamberlain, J. Doerksen, T. Hinan, K. Hoffmann, J. Luker, J. McMullin, C. Waugh, K. Campbell

By Invitation: A. Nelson

S.15-140 **Welcome to New/Returning Senators**

Dr. Chakma, on behalf of Senate, welcomed the new and returning Senators.

S.15-141 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting of June 5, 2015 were approved as circulated.

S.15-142 **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

The President's report consisted of the following: Western's response to the Syrian Refugee crisis, including the Refugee Sponsorship Fund, Syrian Refugee Awards, Scholars at Risk program; recently named Fellows to the Royal Society of Canada – Kathryn Brush, John Leonard and Jesse Zhu; 31 finalists in the 2015 edition of the International Undergraduate Awards competition; celebration of Dentistry's 50th anniversary.

REPORT OF THE OPERATIONS/AGENDA COMMITTEE [Exhibit I]

S.15-143 **Senate Membership: Brescia University College Constituency**

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

> That the Senate seat held by Colleen O'Connor, representative of the Brescia University College constituency, be declared vacant due to her sabbatical leave and that Lina Sunseri be elected to take her seat until June 30, 2016.
>
> CARRIED

S.15-144 **Distribution of Undergraduate Student Senate Seats**

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

> That the Senate Election Procedures be revised effective September 1, 2015 as shown in Exhibit I, Appendix 1.
>
> CARRIED

S.15-145 **Nominating Committee Membership**

K. Clark and B. Cheadle were elected to serve as alternate Members on the Senate Nominating Committee for Y. Huang and J-F. Millaire (terms: September – December 31, 2015).

S.15-146 **2016 Convocation Dates**

Senate received for information the 2016 Convocation Dates:

- Huron University College Theological Convocation
  Thursday, May 12
- Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry - MD Program
  Friday, May 13
- MBA Spring Convocation – Friday, June 10
- Spring Convocation (307) - Tuesday, June 14 to Friday, June 17 and Monday, June 20 to Wednesday, June 22
- Autumn Convocation (308) - Thursday, October 27 and Friday, October 28

S.15-147 **2016 Senate Election Schedule**

Senate was advised that the 2016 Senate Election Schedule can be found at:
See http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/senate/election/election_schedule_senate_2016.pdf

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE [Exhibit II]

S.15-148 **Operations/Agenda Committee Membership**

The following were elected to the Operations/Agenda Committee: S. Roland (term July 1, 2105 – June 30, 2016) and V. Staroverov (term September 1 – December 31, 2015).

S.15-149 **Nominating Subcommittee to Nominate a Senator from the General Community - Membership**

J. Faflak was elected to the Nominating Subcommittee to Nominate a Senator from the General Community (term July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016).

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

S.15-150 **Faculty of Arts and Humanities, Department of Modern Languages and Literatures: Introduction of the Minor in Intercultural Communications for Arabic and the Minor in Intercultural Communications for Japanese**

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

That effective September 1, 2015 the Minor in Intercultural Communications for Arabic and the Minor in Intercultural Communications for Japanese be introduced by the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures in the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, as shown in Exhibit III, Appendix 1.

CARRIED

S.15-151 **Faculty of Arts and Humanities, Department of Modern Languages and Literatures: Introduction of New Certificates in Intercultural Communications**

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

That effective September 1, 2015 the
Certificate in Intercultural Communication for Arabic
Certificate in Intercultural Communication for German
Certificate in Intercultural Communication for Italian
Certificate in Intercultural Communication for Japanese
Certificate in Intercultural Communication for Spanish

be introduced in the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures in the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, as shown in Exhibit III, Appendix 2.

CARRIED

S.15-152 **Faculty of Arts and Humanities, Department of Modern Languages and Literatures: Introduction of a New Subject Area and New Courses in "Intercultural Communications"**

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

That effective September 1, 2015 the new subject area and new courses in "Intercultural

Communications" be introduced in the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures in the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, as shown in Exhibit III, Appendix 3.

CARRIED

S.15-153 **School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: Introduction of a New Field (Spoke) in the Master in Management of Applied Science (MMASc) Program - Global Health Systems in Africa (GHS-A)**

It was moved by S. Macfie, seconded by A. Singh,

That effective September 1 2015, a new field (spoke) in Global Health Systems in Africa be introduced in the Master in Management of Applied Science (MMASc) Program, as shown in Exhibit III, Appendix 4.

CARRIED

S.15-154 **School of Graduate and Post-Doctoral Studies, Richard Ivey School of Business, Executive MBA Program: Introduction of Two New Fields**

S.15-154a **Introduction of a New Field in Globalization**

It was moved by S. Macfie, seconded by L. Miller,

That, effective September 1, 2016 a new field "Globalization" be introduced in the Executive MBA (EMBA) program at the Richard Ivey School of Business, as shown in Exhibit III, Appendix 5.

CARRIED

S.15-154b **Introduction of a New Field in Financial Services and Insurance**

It was moved by S. Macfie, seconded by P. Bishop,

That, effective September 1, 2016 a new field "Financial Services and Insurance" be introduced in the Executive MBA (EMBA) program at the Richard Ivey School of Business, as shown in Exhibit III, Appendix 6.

CARRIED

S.15-155 **Faculty of Education: Major and Minor Modifications to the Doctoral and Master Programs**

S.15-155a **Revisions to the PhD in Education**

It was moved by S. Macfie, seconded by L. Miller,

That effective September 1, 2015 the new Field "Applied Linguistics" be introduced in the PhD in Education Studies program, and

That courses in the Curriculum Studies Field be revised, and

That the "Educational Policy Studies" and "Equity and Social Justice" Fields be eliminated and replaced by the new "Critical Policy, Equity and Leadership Studies" Field, as shown in Exhibit III, Appendix 7.

CARRIED

S.15-155b **Revisions to the Doctor of Education (EdD) Program**

It was moved by S. Macfie, seconded by P. Bishop,

That effective September 1, 2015 the requirement for a thesis and defence be eliminated in the EdD Program, in lieu of the completion of a substantial capstone project (Organizational Improvement Plan) in year three, as shown in Exhibit III, Appendix 7.

CARRIED

S.15-155c **Revisions to the MA in Education Program**

It was moved by S. Macfie, seconded by L. Miller,

That effective September 1, 2015 the new Fields “Applied Linguistics”, “Critical Policy, Equity and Leadership”, “Applied Psychology in Schools” and “Curriculum Studies” be introduced in the MA in Education Program, and

That effective September 1, 2015 the “Educational Studies” Field be eliminated, as shown in Exhibit III, Appendix 8.

CARRIED

S.15-155d **Revisions to the Master of Professional Education (MPEd) Program**

It was moved by S. Macfie, seconded by V. Schwean,

That effective September 1, 2015 students enrolled in the two-year (post-undergraduate) Bachelor of Education (BEd) Program who complete specific advanced courses in the BEd. Program be given advanced standing for up to three half-courses or equivalent (i.e., a maximum of 1.5 FCEs) in the MPEd related to their BEd cohort or specialty focus, as shown in Exhibit III, Appendix 8.

CARRIED

S.15-156 **School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: Renaming the Collaborative Graduate Program in Planetary Science**

It was moved by S. Macfie, seconded by L. Miller,

That effective September 1, 2015 the name of the existing collaborative graduate program in Planetary Science be changed to Planetary Science & Exploration;

That admissions into the collaborative graduate program in Planetary Science be discontinued effective September 1, 2015; and

That students enrolled in the collaborative graduate program on September 1, 2015 who have completed all degree requirements of both their home program and the collaborate graduate program be allowed to graduate with the new degree name.

CARRIED

S.15-157 **Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry: Revisions to the Admission Requirements of the MD Program**

It was moved by S. Macfie, seconded by M. Strong,

That the MD program's Admission Requirements be revised effective October 1, 2015, as shown in Exhibit III, Appendix 9.

CARRIED

S.15-158 **Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry: Revisions to the Admission Requirements of the DDS Program**

It was moved by S. Macfie, seconded by M. Strong,

That the DDS program's Admission Requirements be revised effective October 1, 2015, as shown in Exhibit III, Appendix 10.

CARRIED

S.15-159 **Revision to the "Marks/Grades; Definitions of Grades; Grading Scales for Undergraduate Students" Policy**

Senate was informed that the Marks/Grades; Definitions of Grades; Grading Scales for Undergraduate Students policy was revised to delete reference to an annual report from SCAPA to Senate showing average grades and distribution by Faculty and the entry average of incoming students. This requirement was included in the policy in November 1999 (see Senate approval here: http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/senate/minutes/1999/m9911sen.html)

Since 2004, the Provost provides an annual report about entering averages to Senate (see the latest report here: http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/senate/minutes/2015/a15mar13sen_all.pdf). Similarly, information about average undergraduate grade distribution by Faculty can be accessed in Western's Databook and published annually on-line http://www.uwo.ca/ipb/databook/ . Minor editorial amendments were also made to the policy to avoid duplication of information and provide more clarity.

The revised policy is attached as Exhibit III, Appendix 11.

S.15-160 **Revisions to the Trois-Pistoles Sessional Dates**

In June 2015 Senate approved changes to the policy regulating the Sessional Dates of Trois-Pistoles. The chart showing exact dates for Sessional Dates was removed from the Academic Calendar and will be published only on the Trois-Pistoles website. For the most up to date Sessional Dates please visit the Trois-Pistoles website: http://frenchimmersion.uwo.ca/courses/five_week.html

S.15-161 **Revisions to the Western Teaching Award (SUTA) Regulations**

In June 2015 Senate approved the creation of the Western Award for Innovations in Technology Enhanced Teaching - http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/senate/minutes/2015/a15jun5sen_all.pdf

The SUTA regulations posted here http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/senate/teaching_awards.html were updated to include this new award and minor editorial amendments were made to the wording as well.

S.15-162 **SUPR-G Report: Cyclical Reviews of the Migration and Ethnic Relations (MER) Collaborative Graduate Program and Music and Popular Music Graduate Programs**

Senate was informed that the following cyclical reviews were approved by SCAPA:

Faculty/Affiliates	Program	Date of Review	SUPR-G recommendation
	Migration and Ethnic Relations (MER) Collaborative Graduate Program	March 18, 2015	Good quality
Music	Graduate Programs	April 1 - 2, 2015	Good quality with Report due in June 2016
Music and Information and Media Studies	Popular Music and Culture	April 1 – 2, 2015	Good Quality

The detailed Final Summary Reports for these reviews are attached as Exhibit III, Appendix 12.

S.15-163 **SUPR-U Report: Cyclical Review of the King's University College Psychology Program**

SCAPA approved the recommendations of the Subcommittee on Program Review – Undergraduate (SUPR-U) with respect to the cyclical review of the King's University College Psychology Program.

The detailed Final Assessment Report is attached as Exhibit III, Appendix 13.

S.15-164 **New Scholarships and Awards**

SCAPA approved on behalf of the Senate, the Terms of Reference for the new scholarships and awards shown in Exhibit III, Appendix 14 for recommendation to the Board of Governors through the Vice-Chancellor.

REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY PLANNING

S.15-165 **Provost's Report**

Dr. Deakin provided an update on several items, including the following:

- Discussions began on the budget model and planning guidelines for 2016-17 at the Deans Retreat held the end of August
- The Task Force on Budget Models will hold two town hall meetings between now and the end of the calendar year – dates to be announced. A website for the Task Force has been created and is found on the Provost's website.
- The Task Force assigned a subcommittee to explore the graduate student funding portion of its mandate
- The fifth round of Western's Interdisciplinary Development Initiatives program (IDI) is underway with proposals due to Deans on November 1 and to the Office of the Provost on December 1. At that point, a selection committee will be struck to evaluate the projects, with membership determined by the proposals received.
- First-year student applications to the university remained flat compared to last year. The incoming first-year class is projected to be 5,160 students. Most programs hit enrolment targets.
- Engineering targeted 550 students this fall, but the incoming class is 680. Western is looking to expanding Engineering enrolment from its current 550-student target to 580. The 20-year plan will allow the University to self-fund a new building, undertake renovations and increase faculty.
- The appointment of Sheldon Levy as the Deputy Minister at MTCU is well received given

his experience and knowledge in the postsecondary education sector and in light of MTCU's plan to revamp its post-secondary funding formula.

REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY RESEARCH BOARD [Exhibit IV]

S.15-166 **Mission and Terms of Reference: URB Task Force Steering Committee – Support for Research in the Social Science, Arts, and Humanities at Western**

The University Research Board has established a task force to review support for research in social science, arts, humanities, and related disciplines at Western. A steering committee was struck in the summer to draft terms of reference and a work plan for the task force, which were approved by the URB at its September meeting. The Membership, Mission and Terms of Reference of the Task Force, detailed in Exhibit IV, Appendix 1, were provided for information.

A member asked why an Arts and Humanities faculty member had not been selected to fill the seat of the member of that faculty who had resigned. Dr. A. Nelson, Chair of the Task Force Steering Committee, remarked that in order to get work underway after the summer, the group appointed by the URB had determined that it would function as a steering committee. The work of the review would be done by a series of working groups that would involve additional members from across the academy, including associate deans research in the relevant faculties.

REPORT OF THE HONORARY DEGREES COMMITTEE [Exhibit V]

S.15-167 **Honorary Degree Recipients – Autumn Convocation 2015**

The following individuals will receive honorary degrees at Autumn Convocation 2015:

- Lord John Krebs, DSc
- J. Robert S. Prichard, LLD
- Rebecca Jamieson, LLD

S.15-168 **REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC COLLEAGUE** [Exhibit VI]

The Report of the Academic Colleague on the meeting held in September 2015, detailed in Exhibit VI, was received for information. Topics covered included: new President and CEO, Mr. David Lindsay; Survey of Recent University Graduates; Communication Plan regarding the value of a university education; Ontario Online Initiative; and Priorities for 2015-16.

S.15-169 **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS** [Exhibit VII]

Exhibit VI, Announcements and Communications, detailing academic administrative posts, was received for information.

OTHER BUSINESS

S.15-170 **Senate ad hoc Committee on Renewal Membership**

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

That Senate receive and consider by email the report of the Nominating Committee with respect to a replacement member on the Senate ad hoc Committee on Renewal.

Earlier this week, a member of the ad hoc Committee on Renewal stepped down from the Committee. The Committee has done a considerable amount of preparatory work over the summer and is about to embark on a heavy schedule of town halls and consultations with campus

groups. It is important, therefore, that a new member be appointed as soon as possible. The next meeting of the Senate Nominating Committee is October 2nd. Rather than wait until October 16th to have its recommendation approved, the ad hoc Committee asked that Senate permit the recommendation for a replacement member be dealt with by email.

The question was called and CARRIED

S.15-171 **Academic Freedom**

Senator Olson referenced the email notice that Western's senior administration circulated confirming their obligation to respect academic freedom on campus and apologizing for the violation of faculty members' academic freedom during the April 10 and 17 Senate meetings, and asked if the apology extended to student and community members as well. Dr. Deakin said the apology was to all academic faculty and in response to concerns expressed by UWOFA concerning the academic freedom of the individuals it represents. Academic freedom applies only to faculty members. However, she asked that the minutes record that the apology extends to those who are not faculty but who felt that their freedom of expression was hindered. She also noted Western's policy regarding picketing and the University's obligation to ensure the rights and safety of all persons attending campus events.

S.15-172 **NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

Senator N. Dyer-Witheford presented the following Notice of Motion:

> Under the Adopted Policies and Procedures of Senate, that Western's Senate institute a 30-minute open question/discussion period after the committee reports but before the report of the academic colleague and other business. This will serve as opportunity to bring to the attention of Senate issues that are of concern to our constituencies.

Senator J. Toswell presented the following Notice of Motion:

> That Western, following due procedures as established by Senate, approve in principle the appointment of four pro-chancellors with staggered terms to serve as Chancellor when the Chancellor is unavailable for convocation.

The Chair noted that both motions would be forwarded to the Operations/Agenda Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

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A. Chakma
Chair

I. Birrell
Secretary