MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

May 17, 2024

The meeting was held at 1:30 via Zoom

SENATORS:

M. Adler
E. Ansari
G. Arku
K. Arora
P. Barmby
M. Bassnett
G. Beckett
J. Beecroft
F. Beier
I. Berry
M. Bordignon
N. Borradaile
A. Bryson
J. Campbell
E. Chamberlain
B. Cheadle
K. Choi
S. Clarke
M. Cleveland
K. Coley
R. DeKoter
S. Feagan
D. Ferri
A. Fremeth
T. Frost
E. Gillies
L. Graham
M. Green-Barteet
N. Harney
S. Hayne Beatty
L. Henderson
K. Henricus
J. Herrera
R. Heyden
A. Hodgson
S. Hodgson
J. Hutter
J. Ijam
J. Jin
M. Joanisse
A. Jokhu
E. Kalaydjian
Z. Kamal
K. Kirkwood
D. Kotsopoulos
J. Langille
C. Lengyell
J. Li
A. Liu
L. Logan
D. Malloy
C.A. Marshall
M. McGrath
M.H. McMurran
A. Meyer
K. Meyer
J. Minac
M. Modeski
P. Pexman
S. Pitel
J. Plug
S. Powell
A. Puvirajah
L. Rehmann
D. Robinson
M. Sanita Lima
L. Shaw
K. Siddiqui
A. Shepard
Z. Sinel
C. Steeves
F. Strzelczyk
J. Toswell
R. Ventresca
J. Welch
S. Whitehead
G. Wild
J. Yoo

Observers: C. Bressette, J. Doerksen, R. Isard, S. Lewis, M. Machado, M. McGlynn, O. Oloya, V. Sarkany, C. Waugh, J. Weststar.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

R. Ventresca offered a Land Acknowledgement.

MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING

ITEM 2.0 – Minutes of the Meeting of April 19, 2024

It was moved by D. Kotsopoulos, seconded by B. Cheadle,

That the minutes of the meeting of April 19, 2024, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

A. Shepard, President and Vice-Chancellor, referred to the written report provided to Senate in advance of the meeting, opened his remarks noting Western's rise on the QS World University Ranking.

Continuing his report, A. Shepard acknowledged the strong admissions for September based on preliminary data. He recognized the contributions of the faculty and staff throughout the recruitment process and extended gratitude to all volunteers. Additionally, A. Shepard commented on the upcoming Spring Convocation.

A. Shepard concluded his remarks by reminding Senators that Western is committed to maintaining an open environment where all members can freely express their opinions, as long as they do so in a peaceful manner.

REPORT OF THE PROVOST

F. Strzelczyk, Provost & Vice-President (Academic), reported on the updates and initiatives under her portfolio, beginning by providing an update on the status of the Brescia-Western integration. She expressed sincere gratitude to Senators for their contributions and service during the integration and welcomed new staff and faculty members to Western. Additionally, the Provost introduced the new Brescia School of Food and Nutritional Sciences within the Faculty of Health Sciences, created as part of the integration commitments.

F. Strzelczyk continued her report indicating successful resolution of the negotiation process with the University's Graduate Teaching Assistants (GTA). She extended gratitude to all colleagues who helped during the GTA strike to ensure the successful completion of the academic term for students.

F. Strzelczyk commented on the recent Science Rendezvous, a national science event designed to bring science out of the labs and into the community.

F. Strzelczyk concluded her report with a brief leadership update, including that searches were being launched for the Deans of Education, Health Sciences and Law. Additionally, the Provost announced that Nusha Keyghobadi has agreed to serve as Acting Vice-Provost (Academic Planning, Policy & Faculty) for a one-year term beginning July 2, 2024, while Margaret McGlynn is on leave.

REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT (RESEARCH)

P. Pexman, Vice-President (Research), provided an update on Western's research activities and began her remarks by providing comments on the research security profile. She reminded Senators that beginning May 1, 2024, the new requirements are now in effect for all grant applications in the field of sensitive technology research.

P. Pexman continued her report by sharing that the Western Institute for Neuroscience has become an Open Science Institute, a move that will help to eliminate barriers for collaboration and maximize impact of research.

P. Pexman concluded her report by informing Senators about the recent Canadian Conference on HIV/Aids Research, which took place in London and gathered over 500 researchers.

REPORT OF THE OPERATIONS / AGENDA COMMITTEE (OAC)

On behalf of the Operations/Agenda Committee, E. Chamberlain presented the report of OAC.

ITEM 6.1 – Membership – Nominating Committee

Kate Choi, Alfonso Nocilla and Susanne Schmid were acclaimed to the Senate Nominating Committee as members of Senate for terms from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2026.

Nica Borradaile and Daniel Robinson were acclaimed to the Senate Nominating Committee as members of Senate for terms from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

Alexandra Lukawski was acclaimed to the Senate Nominating Committee as a graduate student Senator for a term from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

Kathleena Henricus was acclaimed to the Senate Nominating Committee as an undergraduate student Senator for a term from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

ITEM 6.2 – Amendments to the Senate Election Procedures

It was moved by D. Kotsopoulos, seconded by B. Cheadle,

> That on the recommendation of the Operations/Agenda Committee, Senate approve that effective May 17, 2024, the Senate Election Procedures be revised as shown in Item 6.2.

CARRIED

REPORT OF THE SENATE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

On behalf of the Senate Nominating Committee, J. Toswell provided the report of the Nominating Committee.

ITEM 7.1 – Membership – Operations/Agenda Committee (OAC)

Anita Christie was acclaimed to the Operations/Agenda Committee (OAC) as a member of Senate for a term from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

ITEM 7.2 – Membership – Senate Committee on Academic Policy (Policy)

Xianbin Wang was acclaimed to the Senate Committee on Academic Policy as a faculty member for a term from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

ITEM 7.3 – Membership – Senate Committee on University Planning (SCUP)

Louise McEachern was acclaimed to the Senate Committee on University Planning (SCUP) as a postdoctoral representative for a term from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2026.

ITEM 7.4 – Membership – University Research Board (URB)

Manda Fischer was acclaimed to the University Research Board (URB) as a postdoctoral representative for a term from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2026.

Louise McEachern was acclaimed to URB as a postdoctoral representative for a term from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMICAL POLICY

On behalf of the Senate Committee on Academic Policy, WG Pearson presented the report from the Senate Committee on Academic Policy.

ITEM 8.1 – Revisions to the "Policy on Academic Consideration for Medical Illness – Undergraduate Students"

S. Lewis, Vice-Provost (Academic Programs), and M. Modeski, University Registrar, presented the Revisions to the "Policy on Academic Consideration for Medical Illness – Undergraduate Students" (Appendix A).

M. Modeski provided the rationale for the policy revisions and highlighted the gaps that the current policy does not address. She indicated that the proposed policy would address extenuating circumstances beyond medical issues, which limit a student's capacity to fulfil in-class academic requirements.

S. Lewis highlighted the main principles included in the policy, emphasizing its aim to address the needs of the members of the university community. She advised that the requests for

academic consideration be evaluated in a fair, timely, and consistent manner throughout the University. S. Lewis commented on the tools that would help to set a unified process across the campus, including self-attestation completed by students. Additionally, she emphasized that the revised policy includes a consistent mechanism for denying requests if they do not align with the outlined requirements.

It was moved by D. Kotsopoulos, seconded by B. Cheadle,

> That on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Policy, Senate approve that effective September 1, 2024, the “Policy on Academic Consideration for Medical Illness – Undergraduate Students” be renamed as the “Policy on Academic Consideration – Undergraduate Students in First Entry Programs” and that the policy be revised as shown in Item 8.1.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the proposed revisions. During the debate on the motion the following points were raised:

- Concerns with respect to the clarity of the policy's decision-making process, as there is currently no guidance on how decisions should be made. A Senator suggested that the policy should explicitly describe the process for denying requests.
- Concerns regarding the provision allowing one non-documented absence per course, as it will lead to a significant increase in the number of requests submitted by one student per academic year.
- A concern regarding the 48-hour submission window after a missed assessment, recognizing the necessity for a non-optional deadline.
- Concerns about the workload for contract faculty members, who have an end-date for their contracts and the amount of work that may arise at a later time.
- Concerns regarding the timeline for discussing this policy, as students could be away from campus in May.
- Some Senators spoke in favor of the proposed policy, as it will allow students to continue working on some academic components, if they are able to do so.
- Observations that this policy could lead to a reduction in the number of assessments, particularly midterm exams.

In response to the questions from Senators, S. Lewis explained that this policy allows for a course-specific approach rather than focusing on the duration of absence. She clarified that the process for managing requests after they are submitted to the central portal will remain unchanged. As well as there has been no change in the approach to the work of contract faculty.

M. Modeski highlighted that the proposed timeframe for submission aims to address the need for flexibility. Also, she explained that students will not be able to use the non-documented academic consideration request option if the assessment requires documentation.

A Senator spoke in favor of amending the policy to state that one non-documented absence per term should be allowed, rather than per course.

Student Senators expressed support for the proposed policy revision and emphasized the

importance of being able to fulfill certain components of their academic obligations. They believe that the changes will help address the current constraints regulated by the Policy on Academic Consideration for Medical Illness – Undergradate Students. Additionally, they indicated that the proposed policy would address what was missed in the previous policy and could introduce some flexibility.

Given the concerns regarding the workload for faculty members and the potential negative outcomes from the implementation of the proposed policy, a new motion was offered from the floor.

It was moved by J. Toswell, seconded by Z. Sinel,

> That the original motion be amended as follows:
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> "*Requests without supporting documentation are limited to one per term ~~per course~~*".

DEFEATED

Senators acknowledged the necessity of approving the policy but, considering the concerns raised during the discussion, proposed that the policy be approved with an amendment. A third motion was offered from the floor.

It was moved by M. Cleveland, seconded by S. Pitel,

> That the original motion be amended to include a request for a review in the 2026-2027 academic year.

CARRIED

It was moved by D. Kotsopoulos, seconded by B. Cheadle,

> That on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Policy, Senate approve that effective September 1, 2024, the "Policy on Academic Consideration for Medical Illness – Undergraduate Students" be renamed as the "Policy on Academic Consideration – Undergraduate Students in First Entry Programs" and that the policy be revised as shown in item 8.1 and the policy shall be revised in the 2026-27 academic year.

CARRIED

REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC CURRICULUM AND AWARDS

ITEM 9.1 – Faculty of Social Science, Department of Geography and Environment: Introduction of a Certificate in Climate Change and Society

On behalf of the Senate Committee on Academic Curriculum and Awards, S. Roland presented the Introduction of a Certificate in Climate Change and Society**.**

It was moved by D. Kotsopoulos, seconded by B. Cheadle,

That on the recommendation of ACA, Senate approve that effective September 1, 2024, a Certificate in Climate Change and Society be introduced by the Department of Geography and Environment in the Faculty of Social Science as shown in Item 9.1.

CARRIED

ITEM 9.2 – School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: Introduction of a Graduate Diploma (GDip) in Professional Practice, Clinical Leadership and Education

On behalf of the Senate Committee on Academic Curriculum and Awards, S. Roland presented the Introduction of a Graduate Diploma (GDip) in Professional Practice, Clinical Leadership and Education.

It was moved by D. Kotsopoulos, seconded by B. Cheadle,

That on the recommendation of ACA, Senate approve that effective January 1, 2025, a Graduate Diploma (GDip) in Professional Practice, Clinical Leadership and Education be introduced as shown in Item 9.2.

CARRIED

REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY RESEARCH BOARD (URB)

On behalf of the University Research Board (URB), P. Pexman presented the report of the URB.

ITEM 11.1 – New MAPP policy: Policy 7.17 – Establishment, Governance and Review of Core Research Facilities

It was moved by D. Kotsopoulos, seconded by B. Cheadle,

That on the recommendation of the University Research Board (URB), Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors, that effective July 1, 2024, the new MAPP 7.17 – Establishment, Governance and Review of Core Research Facilities be established as shown in Item 11.1.

CARRIED

ITEM 11.2 – Vice-President (Research) Annual Report

P. Pexman, Vice-President (Research), spoke to her annual report distributed with the agenda (Appendix B).

P. Pexman highlighted the significant achievements of the Western research community over the past academic year and reported on funding successes. She advised that this growth reflects the work of researchers and the efficient management of the Research Western team. Additionally, P. Pexman discussed the progress of key research initiatives and outlined the plans and goals for the upcoming year.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

REPORT FROM THE OPERATIONS / AGENDA COMMITTEE (OAC)

Information Items Reported by OAC on Unanimous Consent:

- ITEM 13.1(a) – Order of Ceremony – Autumn Convocation 2024
- ITEM 13.1(b) – Senate Membership – Vacancies Filled by Appointment

REPORT FROM THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC POLICY

ITEM 13.2(a)(i) – School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: Revisions to the Policy on "Registration"

It was moved by D. Kotsopoulos, seconded by B. Cheadle,

> That on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Policy, Senate approve that effective May 17, 2024, the Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies policy on "Registration" be revised as shown in Item 13.2(a)(i).

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

ITEM 13.2(a)(ii) – School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: Revisions to the Policy on "Program Design – Course Registration"

It was moved by D. Kotsopoulos, seconded by B. Cheadle,

> That on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Policy, Senate approve that effective May 17, 2024, the Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies policy on "Program Design – Course Registration" be revised as shown in Item 13.2(a)(ii).

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Information Items Reported by the Senate Committee on Academic Policy on Unanimous Consent:

- ITEM 13.2(b)(i) – Revisions to the Policy on "Academic Counselling for Undergraduate Students"
- ITEM 13.2(b)(ii) – Revisions to the Policy on "Academic Records and Student Transcripts"
- Revisions to the Policy on "Marks/Grades; Definitions of Grades; Grading Scale for Undergraduate Students"
- ITEM 13.2(b)(iv) – Revisions to the Policy on "Scholar's Electives Program and Western Scholars"
- ITEM 13.2(b)(v) – Revisions to the Policy on "Preliminary Year and Preliminary Year Plus at Brescia University College"
- ITEM 13.2(b)(vi) – Revisions to the Policy on "Definitions of Types of Examinations"

- ITEM 13.2(b)(vii) – Revisions to the Policy on "Dean's Honour List and Graduation "With Distinction""
- ITEM 13.2(b)(viii) – Revisions to the Policy on "Registration and Progression in Three-Year, Four-Year and Honours Programs"

REPORT FROM THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC CURRICULUM AND AWARDS (ACA)

ITEM 13.3(a) – Faculty of Science and Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry: Revisions to the Weighted Average Chart in the "Admission to the Bachelor of Medical Sciences (BMSc) Program" Policy

It was moved by D. Kotsopoulos, seconded by B. Cheadle,

> That on the recommendation of ACA, Senate approve that effective September 1, 2024, the Weighted Average Chart in the "Admission to the Bachelor of Medical Sciences (BMSc) Program" policy be revised as shown in Item 13.3(a).

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

ITEM 13.3(b) – Faculty of Social Science, Department of Sociology: Withdrawal of the Major in Criminology

It was moved by D. Kotsopoulos, seconded by B. Cheadle,

> That on the recommendation of ACA, Senate approve that effective September 1, 2025, admission to the Major in Criminology be discontinued, and
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> That students currently enrolled in the module be permitted to graduate upon fulfilment of the module requirements by August 31, 2029, and
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> That the module will be withdrawn effective September 1, 2029.

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

ITEM 13.3(c) – King's University College: Introduction of an Honours Specialization in Financial Economics

It was moved by D. Kotsopoulos, seconded by B. Cheadle,

> That on the recommendation of ACA, Senate approve that effective September 1, 2024, an Honours Specialization in Financial Economics be introduced by King's University College as shown in Item 13.3(c).

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

ITEM 13.3(d)(i) – Western Continuing Studies: Introduction of a Post-Degree Certificate in Human Resources Management (in partnership with the Faculty of Social Science)

It was moved by D. Kotsopoulos, seconded by B. Cheadle,

> That on the recommendation of ACA, Senate approve that effective September 1, 2024, a post-degree Certificate in Human Resources Management be introduced by Western Continuing Studies in partnership with the Faculty of Social Science as shown in Item 13.3(d)(i).

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

ITEM 13.3(d)(ii)– Western Continuing Studies: Introduction of a Post-Degree Certificate in Occupational Health and Safety Management (in partnership with the Faculty of Health Sciences)

It was moved by D. Kotsopoulos, seconded by B. Cheadle,

> That on the recommendation of ACA, Senate approve that effective September 1, 2024, a post-degree Certificate in Occupational Health and Safety Management be introduced by Western Continuing Studies in partnership with the Faculty of Health Sciences as shown in Item 13.3(d)(ii).

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

ITEM 13.3(d)(iii) – Western Continuing Studies: Introduction of a Diploma in Safety Management and Human Resources (in partnership with the Faculty of Health Sciences and the Faculty of Social Science)

It was moved by D. Kotsopoulos, seconded by B. Cheadle,

> That on the recommendation of ACA, Senate approve that effective September 1, 2024, a Diploma in Safety Management and Human Resources be introduced by Western Continuing Studies in partnership with the Faculty of Health Sciences and the Faculty of Social Science as shown in Item 13.3(d)(iii).

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

ITEM 13.3(e)(i) – School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: Major Modification to the Master of Clinical Science (MClSc) in Advanced Health Care Practice, Interprofessional Pain Management Field

It was moved by D. Kotsopoulos, seconded by B. Cheadle,

> That on the recommendation of ACA, Senate approve that effective September 1, 2024, the Master of Clinical Science (MClSc) in Advanced Health Care Practice, Interprofessional Pain Management Field be revised as shown in Item 13.3(e)(i).

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

ITEM 13.3(e)(ii) – School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: Major Modification to the Master of Environment and Sustainability (MES)

It was moved by D. Kotsopoulos, seconded by B. Cheadle,

> That on the recommendation of ACA, Senate approve that effective September 1, 2024, the Master of Environment and Sustainability (MES) be revised as shown in Item 13.3(e)(ii).

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

ITEM 13.3(e)(iii) – School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: Major Modification to the Master of Social Work (MSW)

It was moved by D. Kotsopoulos, seconded by B. Cheadle,

> That on the recommendation of ACA, Senate approve that effective September 1, 2024, the Master of Social Work (MSW) be revised as shown in Item 13.3(e)(iii).

Information Items Reported by ACA on Unanimous Consent:

- ITEM 13.3(f)(i) – New Donor-Funded Scholarships, Awards and Prizes
- ITEM 13.3(f)(ii) – New Western-Funded Scholarships, Awards and Prizes

REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY PLANNING

Information Items reported by the Senate Committee on University Planning on Unanimous Consent:

- ITEM 13.4(a) – Annual Report of the Working Group on Information Security (WGIS)

Information Items reported by the Honorary Degree Committee on Unanimous Consent:

- ITEM 13.5(a) – Revisions to “Principles and Criteria for Selecting Honorary Degree Recipients”

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The following items reported through Announcements and Communications were received for information by unanimous consent:

- ITEM 13.6(a) – Election Results – Senate Committees

ITEM REMOVED FRON THE CONSENT

ITEM 13.2(b)(v) – Revisions to the Policy on “Preliminary Year and Preliminary Year Plus at Brescia University College”

A Senator requested this item be removed from the Consent Agenda as they wanted to have more information regarding the implementation and operation of the Brescia Preliminary Year Program after its transfer to Western.

F. Strzelczyk advised that this program was originally created for international students. However, due to changes in the international educational landscape and the cap on study permits, the program requires major changes and a market analysis. Therefore, a decision was made to pause the program and reconsider it in the future, with an update to be presented later in the fall.

DISCUSSION AND QUESTION PERIOD

The full text of the questions submitted in advance of the meeting was posted in the Agenda at Item 15.0 prior to the meeting. The questions and responses are summarized below:

1. A Senator raised a question regarding naming of a student dormitory after Lord Elgin, given the university's strategic priority of decolonization.

The Chair noted that it should be investigated whether the Elgin Hall was named after Lord Elgin.

2. A Senator raised a question of clarification focused on the funding and status of the Western Sarnia-Lambton Research Park. Specifically, whether the Park, which had received limited funding, was also seeking additional financial support from Western.

D. Muir, Associate Vice-President (Innovation & Strategic Partnerships), confirmed that Western University has not received any funding requests from the Western Sarnia-Lambton Research Park and commented on operational matters related to the Western Research Park.

3. A Senator raised a question seeking clarification regarding the University's plans for building a new student residence on Richmond Street, in light of the article in the London Free Press.

L. Logan, Vice-President (Operations & Finance), addressed the questions concerning the capital project, providing detailed information about the main concept, architectural solutions, and anticipated pricing for students. Additionally, L. Logan commented on the consultation process, which involved both neighbors and students.

4. A Senator raised a question regarding Western’s official position with respect to the peaceful protest on campus, particularly in light of the recent release of the CAUT statement on police actions against peaceful protesters on campus.

F. Strzelczyk advised Senate that Westen supports the right to peaceful protest and commented on meeting with the student representatives on this matter.

A Senator followed up by asking a question regarding the encampment and potential rules violation. F. Strzelczyk stated that the ongoing negotiations aim to resolve the issue with the encampment.

A Senator requested more detailed information with respect to the Western funding categorized

under 'other' in the VPR Report. P. Pexman advised that she would review and address the question at the June Senate meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

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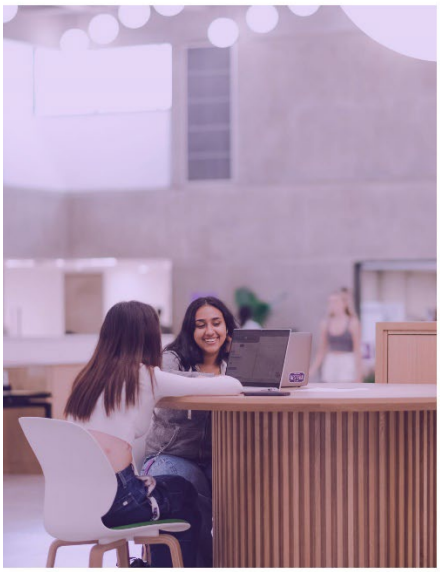
A. Shepard
Chair

A. Bryson
University Secretary



Western

Academic Consideration Policy

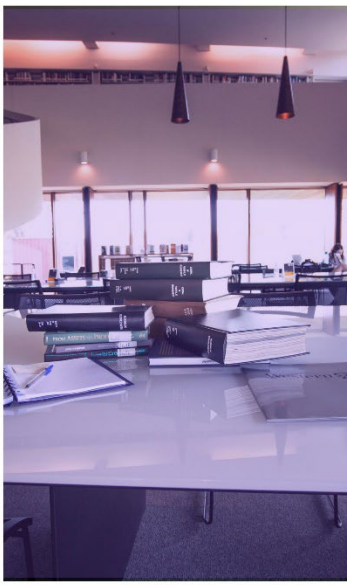
May 17, 2024

Presentation to Senate by:
Marisa Modeski (University Registrar)
Susan Lewis (Vice-Provost, Academic Programs)

Context

Current Policy

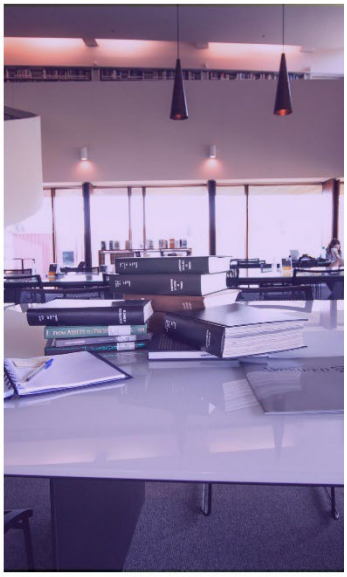
- Medical documentation required in all instances
- <10% addressed by instructions on course outline
- Requests made to academic advising units
- Submit request <48 hours after covered absence
- Flexible assessments are encouraged
- Dean's Office decision subject to appeal to SRBA



Why an updated policy?

Challenges with the current policy:

- limited to medical illness
- high volume of requests
- lack of standardization
- issues with medical documentation
- not aligned with evolving practices in Canadian higher education



In The News

Ontario scrapping sick notes to cut down on doctors' paperwork

- The province is expanding a pilot program that will see family doctors use artificial intelligence technology to transcribe and summarize patient visits

> Together these changes put patients before paperwork, allowing clinicians to spend more time with their patients, resulting in a more connected and convenient patient care experience.

Environmental Scan

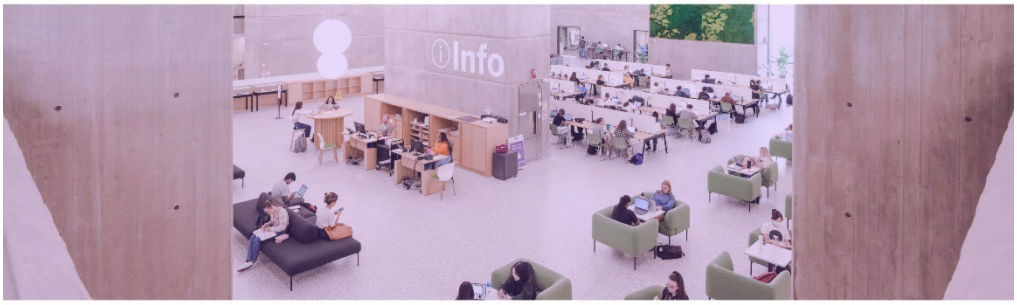
- U6 institutions have short-term absence without documentation
- Final exams require documentation
- Instructors have the final say
- No academic consideration where flexibility already exists (Queen's University)

Consultations Around Campus

Consultation Groups

- Health Sciences EPC
- Music EPC
- Arts & Humanities EPC
- Science Undergraduate Chairs Meeting
- Academic Advising Managers
- Engineering Undergraduate Committee
- Social Science
- Physician Team Lead, Health and Wellness Services
- Information & Media Studies Undergraduate Academic Committee
- Basic Medical Sciences Undergraduate Education Program Committee
- Huron University College EPC
- King's University College EPC
- University Student's Council Academic Roundtable
- UWOFA Executives
- Academic Advising Managers
- University Legal Counsel
- Associate and Academic Deans
- Associate and Academic Deans and Academic Advising Managers

Features of the Proposed Policy



Principles

- consistent and fair approach
- students empowered to take responsibility
- must not place undue hardship on instructors
- flexibility and options

Students - Requests for Academic Consideration

- ALL requests with self-attestation by the student
- Supporting documentation required for last week of classes and final exams
- Supporting documentation required for designated assessments
- One request without supporting documentation per course
- Requests submitted no later than 48 hours after missed work
- All requests submitted through a central portal

Example

Page 3: Review and Declaration
☑ I confirm that the information provided above is accurate and true, and I acknowledge that any fraudulent documentation or information will be treated as an academic offence.

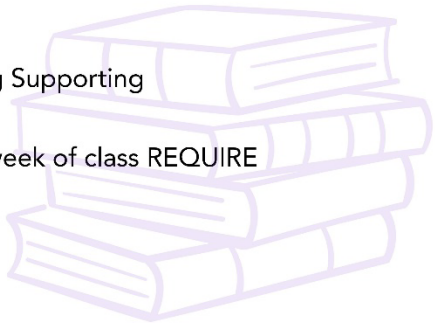
Instructors – Options for Assessments

1) Instructors can deny academic consideration

- Assessments not required for calculation of final grade
- Flexibility in submission time frame
- Must be included on course outline
- Centre for Teaching & Learning to support

2) Designate One Assessment as Requiring Supporting Documentation

3) All final exams and assessments in last week of class REQUIRE Supporting Documentation



Current	Proposed
No self-attestation	Self-attestation for all requests
Medical documentation	Broader scope
Flex assessment encouraged	Flex assessment = no academic consideration
None	1 request/course without supporting documentation
All requests require supporting documentation	Final exams, last week of classes, and 1 designated assessment require supporting documentation
Faculty by Faculty implementation	Central portal for requests
<10% goes to instructor	All requests through central portal
Submit request <48 hours after absence	Submit request <48 hours after missed work
SRBA	SRBA

Western
Senate
Year-in-Review :: 2024
Penny Pexman :: Vice-President (Research)
May 17, 2024

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Western
Recognizing Outstanding Researchers
Royal Society of Canada: Pierre Chauveau Medal & 6 Fellows
Canada Excellence Research Chair: Robyn Klein
Canada Research Chairs: 12 New, 3 Renewed
Early Researcher Awards: 10 of 53 Available
CIHR Chair in Public Health: Maxwell Smith
Killam Fellowship: Ryan Stevenson
80+
Awards & Distinctions

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Western
Tracking Progress on Major Initiatives
Research Institutes
Partnership Development
Research Security
Core Facilities
Bioconvergence Centre
International Research

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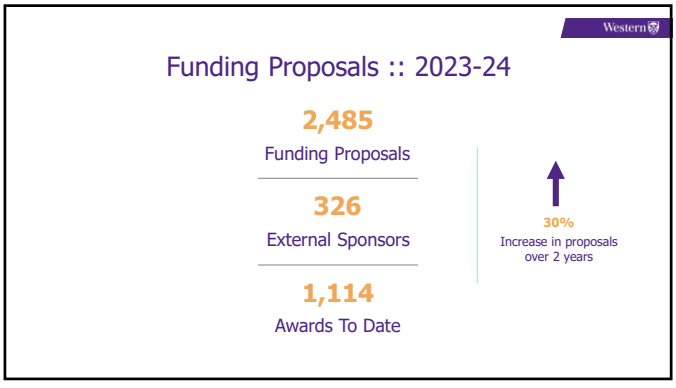
Western
Funding Proposals :: 2023-24
2,485
Funding Proposals
326
External Sponsors
1,114
Awards To Date
30%
Increase in proposals over 2 years

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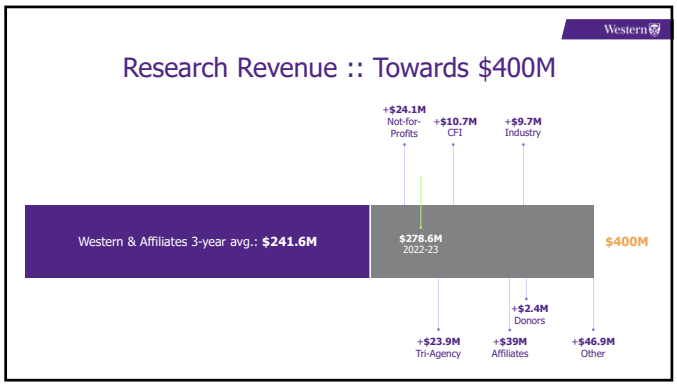
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Research Revenue :: Towards $400M
+$24.1M
Not-for-Profits
+$10.7M
CFI
+$9.7M
Industry
Western & Affiliates 3-year avg.: $241.6M
$278.6M
2022-23
$400M
+$2.4M
Donors
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Tri-Agency
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Affiliates
+$46.9M
Other

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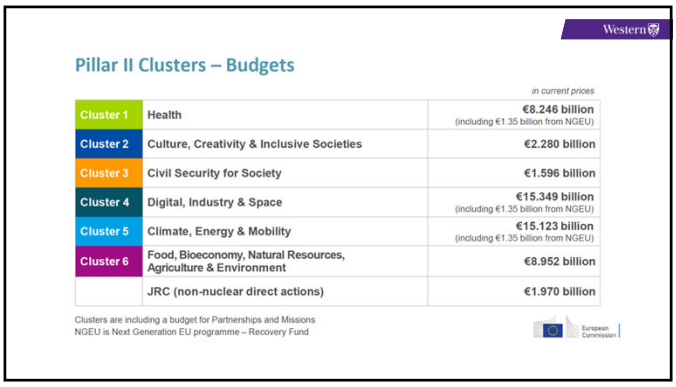
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Pillar II Clusters – Budgets
in current prices
Cluster 1 Health €8.246 billion (including €1.35 billion from NGEU)
Cluster 2 Culture, Creativity & Inclusive Societies €2.280 billion
Cluster 3 Civil Security for Society €1.596 billion
Cluster 4 Digital, Industry & Space €15.349 billion (including €1.35 billion from NGEU)
Cluster 5 Climate, Energy & Mobility €15.123 billion (including €1.35 billion from NGEU)
Cluster 6 Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture & Environment €8.952 billion
JRC (non-nuclear direct actions) €1.970 billion
Clusters are including a budget for Partnerships and Missions
NGEU is Next Generation EU programme – Recovery Fund

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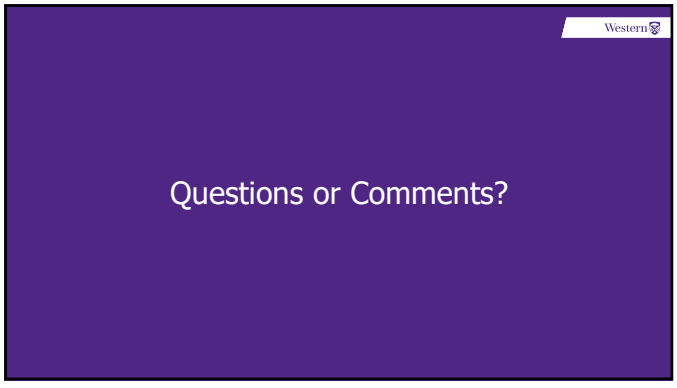
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