



The UNIVERSITY of WESTERN ONTARIO

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

March 15, 2002

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

SENATORS: 74

O. Abouali	W. Kennedy	S. Radcliffe
P. Ashmore	D. Kneale	S. Rich
P. Barker	A. Lee	C. Ross
R. Beaujot	F. Longstaffe	C. Sinal
A. Belcastro	R. Lumpkin	C. Smart
D. Bentley	S. Majhanovich	M. Speechley
R. Bohay	A. Makim	E. Stewart
E. Cairns	L. Mansinha	J. Thomas
T. Carmichael	R. Martin	C. Thomson
M. Carroll	D. McCarthy	B. Timney
R. Darnell	L. McKechnie	M. Timney
P. Davenport	P. Mercer	T. Tutkaluk
H. DeLasa	G. Moran	S. Usprich
J. Doerksen	J. Morgan	D. Vaillancourt
A. Esterhammer	S. Morgan	J. Van Fleet
T. Fulton	G. Nakhla	J. Wallace
J. Garland	P. Neary	C. Watson
J. Garnett	N. Nelson	A. Weedon
R. Harris	K. Okruhlik	G. Weese
C. Hall	S. Osborn	B. Welling
J. Haywood-Farmer	R. Parks	P. Werstine
C. Herbert	A. Pearson	B. Wood
I. Holloway	A. Percival-Smith	M. Workentin
R. Howse	N. Petersen	P. Yeoman
C. Iwasiw	C. Piper	

Observers: L. Gribbon, D. Jameson, D. Jorgensen

S.02-049

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes of the meeting of February 15, 2002, were approved with the inclusion of M. Workentin in the list of those in attendance.

S.02-050 **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

The President reported on Canada's Innovation Agenda and provided an update on the provincial environment regarding post-secondary education. Copies of overhead slides used to highlight his presentation are contained in [Appendix 1](#).

OPERATIONS/AGENDA COMMITTEE [Exhibit I]

S.02-051 **Senate Election Procedures: Students**

On behalf of the Operations/Agenda Committee, it was moved by A. Pearson, seconded by M. Workentin,

That the Senate Election Procedures for students be revised by:

- 1) removing an unnecessary reference to the first week of classes being "normally the third week in September"
- 2) removing the requirement that students validate signatures with the Office of the Registrar at least 24 hours prior to the official close of nominations.
- 3) changing the maximum number of consecutive days between the official date of the call for nominations and the closing of the "academic" undergraduate constituencies from 14 to 18.

Procedures:

The Secretary of Senate shall, each year during the first week of classes, ~~normally the third week in September~~, call for nominations for candidates to represent the undergraduate and graduate student constituencies.

Nomination of a candidate shall be on a prescribed form, available in the University Secretariat, signed by 10 members of the student constituency eligible to vote. Errors or irregularities in a nomination form constitute grounds for rejection of the nomination. ~~The onus is on the nominee to validate signatures with the Registrar's Office by presenting the nomination form to that office at least 24 hours prior to the official close of nominations.~~ The agreement of the nominee to allow his/her name to stand shall be shown by his/her signature on the nomination form or in an attached letter. The nominee may submit on the reverse side of this form a biographical statement or other comments up to a limit of 75 words."

The completed nomination form must be submitted to the Secretary of Senate not later than ~~14~~ 18 consecutive days from the official date of call for nominations in the case of undergraduate academic faculty constituencies and graduate student constituencies. In the case of the undergraduate student "at large" constituency, the completed nomination forms must be submitted to the Secretary of Senate within 21 consecutive days from the official date of call for nominations...

Mr. Yeoman asked if the University Secretariat will validate students' signatures on nomination forms if the Registrar's Office will no longer be involved. The Secretary of Senate stated that the Secretariat will randomly check to see if nominators are registered students and eligible to endorse a nomination.

The question was called and CARRIED

S.02-052 **Convocation Dates 2004**

The Chair of the Senate Operations/Agenda Committee withdrew the item concerning convocation dates for 2004 pending further review.

S.02-053 **Officers of Convocation**

The Operations/Agenda Committee approved, on behalf of Senate, the appointment of the following Officers of Convocation:

A.R. Mills, Chief Public Orator (term to October 31, 2004)
J. Thorp, Assistant Chief Public Orator (term to October 31, 2004)

S.02-054 **Fall 2002 Senate Election Schedule**

Senate received for information the Fall 2002 Senate Election Scheduled, detailed in Exhibit I.

ACADEMIC POLICY AND AWARDS [Exhibit II]

S.02-055 **Introduction of the Three-Year Bachelor of Health Sciences (BHSc) and Biology**

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

That a Three-Year Bachelor of Health Sciences (BHSc) and Biology program, detailed in Exhibit II, be introduced in the Faculty of Health Sciences, effective September 1, 2002.

CARRIED

S.02-056 **Introduction of the Honors Bachelor of Health Sciences (BHSc) with Biology**

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

That an Honors Bachelor of Health Sciences (BHSc) with Biology, detailed in Exhibit II, be introduced in the Faculty of Health Sciences, effective September 1, 2002.

CARRIED

S.02-057 **Admission Requirements for Non-OAC Applicants to the Western-Fanshawe Collaborative BScN Program**

It was moved by B. Timney, seconded by J. Haywood-Farmer,

That the admission criteria for non-OAC applicants to the School of Nursing's Western-Fanshawe Collaborative BScN Program be revised as outlined in Exhibit II, item 2.

CARRIED

S.02-058 **Articulation Agreements between Western and External Colleges**

It was moved by B. Timney, seconded by R. Howse,

That the procedures outlined in Exhibit II, item 3, be approved for agreements between external colleges and Western with regard to acceptable admission and transfer credit

CARRIED

S.02-059 **Articulation Agreement: Environmental Science Program at Western/Environmental Engineering Technology Program at Confederation College, Thunder Bay**

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

That qualified students from Confederation College be granted up to 7.0 transfer credits towards a three-year BSC in Environmental Studies, as detailed in Exhibit II, Appendix 1, effective September 1, 2002.

CARRIED

S.02-060 **Report of the Provost's Undergraduate Program Review Committee**

The Report of the Provost's Undergraduate Program Review Committee (PRC), detailed in Exhibit II, Appendix 2, was received for information.

S.02-061 **Editorial Revisions/Corrections to Academic Policies**

Senate received for information editorial revisions and corrections to the following academic policies:

- Removal of Reference to Grade Point Waiver in Policy on Student Academic Appeals: Deadlines for Requests for Relief
- Removal of Reference to Grade Points in Policy on Grade Reports
- Correction to the Policy on Letters of Permission: Transfer Credit to Western
- Policy on Course Credit

Details are contained in Exhibit II.

S.02-062 **Report on New Scholarships and Prizes**

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

- Dr. John Robinson – Government of Ontario Graduate Research Scholarship in Science & Technology (Faculty of Graduate Studies, Medicine)
- Lily Jay – Government of Ontario Graduate Research Scholarship in Science & Technology (Faculty of Graduate Studies, Medicine)
- Dr. Alfred Jay – Government of Ontario Graduate Research Scholarship in Science & Technology (Faculty of Graduate Studies, Medicine)
- London Air Show Prize (Faculty of Social Science, BACS/Commercial Aviation Management)
- Arts Scholarship (Faculty of Arts)
- PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP Dean's HBA Entrance Scholarship (Richard Ivey School of Business)
- Memorial Scholarship (Faculty of Arts/Faculty of Social Science)

UNIVERSITY PLANNING [Exhibit III]

S.02-063 **First-Entry Undergraduate Enrolment for 2002-2003**

Before considering the motion, Senate accepted editorial emendations to segments of the implementation section to read as follows:

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Offer will be made if:

- at least an **81%** average on 3 OAC's and a blended Grade 11/12 average of at least **76%**.
- at least an **81%** average in Grade 11 and at least an **81%** average in Grade 12, where fewer than 3 OAC's are available.

Top of page 2:

- at least an **86%** average on 3 OAC's, where no blended Grade 11/12 average is available.
- at least an **81%** average, where 6 OAC's are available.

The details of this matrix may vary slightly from program to program (e.g., in Music where auditions are an essential part of the admissions process).

On behalf of SCUP, it was moved by D. Bentley, seconded by B. Timney,

1.
 - a) That the first-entry undergraduate enrolment objective for 2002-2003 be set at 4,500 students and that the approximate program-specific objectives be as described in Exhibit III, Appendix 1.
 - b) That the 4,500 first-year student target be developed with an objective that 80% of the class be 'first-time' OAC students.
 - c) That the Provost be granted permission to alter this enrolment objective, following consultation and approval from SUEPP, as might be appropriate given the particulars of a government funding announcement.
 - d) That the entrance requirements be set by the Provost to achieve these objectives as a function of final admission numbers, qualifications of applicants, and estimates of the rate of offer confirmations in each program.
 - e) That no program-specific entrance requirement be set below 78% except where performance is a major element of the selection process. Confirmed admission to any program will be contingent upon a final average of no less than 74%.
2. That enrolment projections (Exhibit III, Attachment 1-6) be used for purposes of tuition revenue estimates in the 2002-2003 University Budget.

With reference to the information on implementation, Mr. Stewart asked for a rationale for the discrepancy between the requirement of at least an 81% on 3 OAC's when the student has a 76% average on a blended Grade 11/12 as compared to the requirement for an 81% average on 6 OAC's. Dr. Harris explained the first example is a benchmark for early offers of admission in March or April to OAC students who don't yet have a complete academic record. Based on historical patterns of

applicant qualities, these data provide a good indication as to whether or not the students are going to meet the standard admission average once their year is complete. Dr. Moran stated that a number of different algorithms lead to an early offer. In the first one an applicant who has 3 OAC's with over 81% and a blended 11/12 average of 76% and the last category is 6 OAC's thereby providing a greater basis for judgment. These are actuarially tested formulae used by Western over the last 2-3 years and tested against outcome. It has been demonstrated that by using these formulae Western can very accurately predict how well the students will do. The rationale for the difference is that in one case 6 OAC's are available while only 3 OAC's are available in the other case.

Dr. Davenport stated that the key recommendations concerning first-entry undergraduate enrolment for 2002-2003 relate to recommendations 1 a) and 1 b). The timing of the new application and offer process for OAC students which began in 1999-2000 is such that early offers are made in March/April when less information about applicants is available than was the case before 1999-2000. Dr. Moran emphasized that no program-specific entrance requirement will be set below 78% and confirmed admission to any program will be contingent upon a final average of no less than 74%.

Professor Piper observed that the first year enrolment objective for 2002-03 -- 4,500 students -- is less than the 4,542 students who enrolled in 2001-02. In his view this reduction is counter to the goal of accessibility. Dr. Moran responded that last year the enrolment target was exceeded, but 4,500 for 2002-03 is the target that was originally set. Enrolment expansion will take place over a number of years. Dr. Davenport stated that one should focus on the group of students that has the increased cohort which is Ontario high school graduates who in general constitute about 75% of the first year undergraduate class. Western admitted about 4,000 first year Ontario high school graduates in 1998-99 and have been planning for the last four years to increase that number substantially from 1998-99 base of 4,000 over three years, 2002, 2003, and 2004, by 2,400 first year students. The increases in enrolment are irregular: Western's enrolment last year was higher than the target. We intend to hit this year's target of 4,500. Dr. Davenport stated that Western is making a substantial increase in first year enrolments compared to the local demand, although the overall increase in percentage terms is not as great as the average for the province as a whole. Of the 4,500 first year student target for 2002-03, Western's goal is that 80% of the class will be "first-time" OAC students.

The question was called and CARRIED.

S.02-064

First-Entry Undergraduate Enrolment for 2002-2003 - Affiliated Colleges

It was moved by D. Bentley, seconded by O. Abouali,

The Senate approve the following entrance requirements and processes for the Affiliated Colleges for 2002-2003:

Brescia College. Brescia College is targeting a first year class of 275 students in 2002-2003. As is the case at the Constituent University, Brescia College will not set general entrance requirements until more complete information on applicant qualifications is available. On the basis of current information, however, the College tentatively is considering an entrance requirement of 74% for early offers in March- April 2002, and 72% for offers made in May 2002. Irrespective of final applicant qualification information, however, Brescia will set no program entrance requirement lower than 70%. The College will consider individual students with lower grades on the basis of supplementary information forms. No student will be admitted with a final OAC average of less than 68%.

Huron University College. Huron is targeting a first year class of 340 students in 2002-2003. As is the case at the Constituent University, Huron University College will not set general entrance requirements until more complete information on applicant qualifications is available. On the basis of currently available information, however, Huron is anticipating a minimum entrance requirement of 78% for early offers in March / April 2002. No student will be admitted with a final OAC average of less than 75%.

King's College. King's College is targeting a first year class of 895 students in 2002-2003. Timing of offers will follow the process set out by the Constituent University. On the basis of currently available information, and depending on the quality of the applicant pool, King's anticipates a minimum entrance average of 75% for Arts and Social Science and 80% for Childhood and Family Relations. No student will be admitted with a final OAC average of less than 70%.

All Affiliated Colleges will be bound to the entrance requirements established by the Constituent University for limited enrolment programs, including BACS, Media, Information and Technoculture, BHSc, and Kinesiology.

CARRIED

S.02-065 **Designated Chairs, Professorships, Fellowships**

It was moved by D. Bentley, seconded by J. Haywood-Farmer,

That the Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors, through the Vice-Chancellor, that the Economic Policy Research Institute (EPRI) associated Director/Fellow and post-doctoral fellowship be renamed as follows:

That the Royal Bank Financial Group Foundation Economic Policy Research Institute be renamed the **RBC Financial Group Economic Policy Research Institute** (commonly known as the Economic Policy Research Institute or EPRI).

That the Royal Bank Financial Group Foundation Fellow & Executive Director of the Economic Policy Research Institute (EPRI) be known as the **RBC Financial Group Fellow & Institute Director**

The Royal Bank Financial Group Foundation Post-Doctoral Fellow in Political Economy be known as the **RBC Financial Group Post-Doctoral Fellow in Political Economy**

CARRIED

S.02-066 **Siting and Design - Weldon Expansion Project**

The siting and design process for the proposed Weldon Library expansion project continues to develop. This project will be included in the 2002-03 Operating and Capital Plan budget. The two-storey facility will be joined at the south-facing side of the existing Library. With reference to funding for the project from the Library's acquisitions budget, Dr. Moran stated that a different funding model will be investigated to address concerns expressed by committees of Senate and the Board.

Professor Haywood-Farmer asked how many parking spaces will be removed to accommodate the expansion of the Weldon Library. Dr. Moran said that 50 spaces will be removed. Dr. Mercer stated that a parking plan will be developed by the Associate Vice-President (Physical Plant and Capital Planning) to accommodate parking spaces lost due to the construction of new buildings and to address the increased demand in parking experienced over the last year.

S.02-067 **REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC COLLEAGUE** [Exhibit IV]

The report of the Academic Colleague on the 259th meeting of the Council of Ontario Universities, detailed in Exhibit IV, was received for information. Topics discussed at the meeting included: enrolment predictions and funding commitments by the provincial government, capacity and choice, marks comparability, and the University of Ontario Institute of Technology.

S.02-068 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dr. Davenport announced the following:

- The winners of the 2002 Hellmuth Prize for Achievement in Research are Dr. Grant McFadden, Department of Microbiology and Immunology and Dr. Angela Esterhammer, Department of Modern Languages and Literatures.
- Dr. Brian Timney has been appointed Dean of the Faculty of Social Science for a five-year term commencing July 1, 2002.

ENQUIRIES AND NEW BUSINESS

S.02-069 **Thefts of Campus Equipment**

Mr. Yeoman referred to numerous thefts of audio/visual projectors from classrooms in the Social Science Centre and Somerville House in recent months. He asked what measures will be taken by the University to ensure that the audio/visual projectors once replaced will not be stolen again. Dr. Mercer stated that those incidents of theft are not isolated and that all members of the University community must become more vigilant in this regard. A continuing trade off exists between the need to provide extended hours access to buildings for staff and students and security. Western's security utilizes different patterns of patrolling but it is up to the Faculties to maintain controlled access, controlled keys, and to ensure that individuals who appear that they have no business in the building be reported. Dr. Timney advised that to address the issue of theft in the Social Science Centre, security cameras will be installed and hooked into a system developed in the Social Sciences Computing Laboratory. This will allow the monitoring of a number of cameras around the Social Science Centre and the University directly on an Internet site.

S.02-070 **Parking**

Professor Carroll expressed concern about two recent announcements about campus parking:

- the announcement that the Social Science parking lot will be converted to visitor parking.
Who originated this change and what is the rationale for it?
- the announcement that parking rates will be increased this year
What portion of the parking fee increase will flow to the general operating budget?

Dr. Mercer stated that the change to visitor parking in the Social Science parking lot is a function of the changes necessary because of the construction of the Advanced Technology Centre and the proposed addition to the Weldon Library. Dr. Mercer offered to provide Senate with a full report about plans for campus parking at the earliest opportunity.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

P. Davenport
Chair

J.K. Van Fleet
Secretary