



The UNIVERSITY of WESTERN ONTARIO

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

May 15, 2009

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

SENATORS: 61

I. Ajiferuke	C. Herbert	D. Pennee
A. Barnfield	T. Hewitt	H. Perinpanayagam
J. Berge	I. Holloway	J. Polgar
C. Beynon	B. Hovius	R. Rajakumar
I. Birrell	M. Johnson	G. Rowe
S. Camiletti	M. Jones	S. Schaffer
T. Carmichael	E. Karakacili	D. Shrubsole
A. Chant	C. Keep	S. Sims
J. Corrigan	G. Killan	C. Stephenson
R. Coulter	G. Knopf	A. Suksi
P. Davenport	B. Kraatz	R. Telfer
J. Doerksen	M. Lee	B. Timney
C. Dunbar	S. Lofts	J. Toswell
W. Dunn	S. Macfie	M. Usselman
H. El Naggar	R. Macmillan	H. Vander Laan
J. Etherington	A. Mandich	J. Weese
K. Galil	P. McKenzie	J. White
J. Garnett	L. Miller	C. Wilkins
T. Garrard	D. Noronha	R. Wood
C. Hanycz	J. O'Sullivan	R. Young
E. Heersink		

Observers: M. Carroll, G. Tigert, A. Weedon.

By Invitation: M. Milde

S.09-106 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting of April 17, 2009, were approved as circulated.

S.09-107 **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

The President's Report consisted of the following: AUCC Annual Meeting, G-13 Meeting, Premier's Discovery Award, Alumni Reception in London, England, and a dinner held in honor of the 50th anniversary of the Faculty of Law. Overhead slides used to highlight his presentation are attached as [Appendix 1](#).

REPORT OF THE OPERATIONS/AGENDA COMMITTEE [Exhibit I]

S.09-108 **Notice of Motion - Honorary Degrees Committee**

It was moved by T. Carmichael, seconded by A. Chant,

That Senate approve that the Operations Agenda Committee strike an ad hoc subcommittee to review the terms of reference, guidelines and criteria of the Honorary Degrees Committee.

CARRIED

S.09-109 **Autumn Convocation 2009 - Order of Ceremony**

The Order of Ceremony for Autumn Convocation 2009 was received for information.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC POLICY AND AWARDS (Exhibit II)

S.09-110 **School of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies: MSc in Management**

It was moved by C. Beynon, seconded by L. Miller,

That Senate approve, pending OCGS approval, that a new MSc Program in Management be established in July 2010.

In answer to questions about the title of the degree, Dean Stephenson noted that the designation of MSc for the program is in keeping with international practice. The degree is different from the MBA. The MBA is a professional degree; this program is more focused on research and is intended to lead to a PhD program.

The question was called and CARRIED

S.09-111 **Faculty of Arts and Humanities: Certificates in Practical Spanish, Italian and German**

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

That Certificates in Practical Spanish, Italian and German be introduced in the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, effective September 1, 2009.

CARRIED

S.09-112 **Faculty of Arts and Humanities: Certificate in Theatre Arts**

It was moved by D. Pennee, seconded by C. Keep,

That a Certificate in Theatre Arts be introduced in the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, effective September 1, 2009.

CARRIED

S.09-113 **Brescia University College: Major in French for Teaching**

It was moved by C. Hanycz, seconded by A. Chant,

That a Major in French for Teaching be introduced at Brescia University College, effective September 1, 2009.

CARRIED

S.09-114 **Faculty of Engineering: Mechanical Engineering Externship**

It was moved by G. Knopf, seconded by A. Chant,

That an optional Mechanical Engineering Externship program be introduced in the Department of Mechanical & Materials Engineering, effective September 1, 2009.

CARRIED

S.09-115 **Faculty of Engineering: Policy on Failed Courses**

It was moved by G. Knopf, seconded by C. Beynon,

That, effective September 1, 2009, a student registered in the Faculty of Engineering who has failed a first-term half course (September to December) may not repeat the course in the second term (January to April) of the same academic year.

It was moved by A. Chant, seconded by E. Heersink,

That the motion be referred back to SCAPA for further review.

Mr. Chant noted his concern that this policy could result in a student's being required to take an additional year of study in order to complete all requirements for the degree given the patterns in which courses, many of which are prerequisites for later required courses, are offered in Engineering. Dean Knopf explained that the addition of this note to the calendar would codify what has been practice in the Faculty for many years. The undergraduate engineering program is very intensive - students take 7 half courses per semester. Students who try to fit in a second attempt at a course in the second semester find that it causes problems with the second semester courses. Students who need to make up a failed first semester course are encouraged to retake it during the summer. About 10 percent of students run into some trouble in the first year. Most of them are able to resolve those problems using the summer term, but a few will see their time to degree extended.

The motion to refer back was called and DEFEATED.

The main motion was called and CARRIED

S.09-116 **Course Numbering Policy for Graduate and Undergraduate Courses**

S.09-116a **Revision to Remove Reference to Prefixes on Graduate Courses**

It was moved by B. Timney, seconded by J. Garnett,

That the Policy on Course Numbering with regard to graduate courses be revised to reflect practice in that courses are given four-digit 9000-level numbers with no prefixes.

CARRIED

S.09-116b **Revision to Add Reference to 0.75 "K" Courses for the Richard Ivey School of Business**

It was moved by C. Stephenson, seconded by G. Rowe,

That, effective September 1, 2009, the Policy on Course Numbering be revised to identify "K" courses as 0.75 weight courses (integrated curriculum of HBA 1 program) at the Richard Ivey School of Business.

CARRIED

S.09-117 **Extension of the Academic Year for Third-Year DDS Students and First -Year ITD DDS Students**

It was moved by S. Sims, seconded by C. Herbert,

That, effective August 31, 2009, the academic year for Year 3 and the Internationally Trained Dentist Program Year 1 be extended from 38 weeks to 43 weeks, with the additional five-week clinical session commencing the first Monday immediately following the final examination period.

In answer to a question, Dean Herbert noted that this extension would not mean a delay in graduation. Rather, students would now receive their certificate of completion at the same time as they graduate. Students in the program are unanimously in support of this change.

The question was called and CARRIED.

S.09-118 **Articulation Agreement: Lambton College and the Faculty of Science**

It was moved by J. White, seconded by D. Shrubsole,

That an Articulation Agreement between Lambton College of Applied Arts and Technology (Chemical Production and Power Engineering Technology program) and The University of Western Ontario be approved, as detailed in Exhibit III, Appendix 1, effective January 1, 2009.

CARRIED

S.09-119 **New Scholarships and Awards**

SCAPA had approved on behalf of the Senate the terms of reference for a new award, the Bounce Award (Faculty of Arts and Humanities, English), for recommendation to the Board of Governors through the President & Vice-Chancellor.

M. Usselman asked what initiatives were underway to create and enhance graduate scholarships? Professor Milde pointed out that a review of Senate minutes for the last few months would reveal that a considerable number of new graduate scholarships have been created. Dr. Usselman remarked that many of these were put forward through individual Faculties and were not highly visible; he suggested that something like a "President's Admission Scholarship" was desirable.

S.09-120 **Undergraduate Admission Scholarships Program Revisions**

Senate was informed of changes to the Admissions Scholarship Awards Program, outlined in Exhibit II, item 11. Approved by SCAPA and the Property & Finance Committee with an effective of May 1, 2010, eligibility for Western Scholarship of Distinction will be revised to require an 87.0% (rather than 85.0%), the value changed from \$1,500 to \$1,000 and international students will now be eligible. Additional editorial changes had also been made to bring the policy up to date.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY PLANNING [Exhibit III]

S.09-121 **Department of Otolaryngology - Proposed Name Change**

It was moved by C. Dunbar, seconded by C. Herbert,

That Senate approve that the name of the Department of Otolaryngology in the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry be changed to the Department of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery, effective July 1, 2009.

CARRIED

S.09-122 **Revenue/Expenditure Trends**

Senate received for information on Operating Budget Trends, outlined in Exhibit III, Appendix 1.

In response to questions from M. Carroll with respect to who would be affected by the "compensation restraints" and "employee reductions" mentioned in the document, the President remarked that no group of employees, including administrators, would be automatically exempt. Everything has to be

on the table. Referring to Table 1, Line 1, he noted that the rates of revenue growth that the University has seen in the last several years will not continue. Members of the university community need to recognize that things have changed with respect to revenue flows and that if the budget is to balance, we will need to focus on expenditures.

S.09-123 **Named Faculty Positions at Robarts Research Institute**

Senate received for information named faculty positions at Robarts Research Institute. Each of the positions listed below was established prior to the merger of Robarts and Western in 2007 and these names are being submitted for information purposes.

- **Martha G. Blackburn Chair in Cardiovascular Research**, currently held by Dr. Robert Hegele
Original contributors included: the Blackburn Group, J. Bruce Pearson, Royal Bank, Bank of Montreal and Canada Trust (Endowed fund)
- **Barnett/Ivey Chair for Heart & Stroke**, currently vacant
Original contributors included the Richard Ivey Foundation, Heart & Stroke Foundation, Richard M. Ivey and the Richard and Jean Ivey Foundation (Endowed fund)
- **Petro Canada Young Innovators Award**, awarded annually to a different Robarts Scientist
Original contributor was Petro Canada (Endowed fund)

UNIVERSITY RESEARCH BOARD [Exhibit IV]

S.09-124 **2009-2010 Academic Development Fund New Research and Scholarly Initiative Award Major Grants Competition**

Senate received for information the ADF Research and Scholarly Initiative Awards given in the Major Grants Competition for 2009-2010, as outlined in Exhibit IV and its Appendix.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

P. Davenport,
Chair

I. Birrell,
Secretary

The University of Western Ontario

President's Report to Senate

- AUCC Annual Meeting
- G-13 Meeting
- Premier's Discovery Award
- London, England Alumni Reception

Dr. Paul Davenport
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The University of Western Ontario

AUCC Annual Meeting – Charlottetown April 21-23 Key Issues in Research

- Foundation of research: talent, research funding, infrastructure, institutional costs
- Advocated cross-disciplinary approach
- CFI and Canada Graduate Scholarships
- New Knowledge Infrastructure Program: \$1 Billion Federal Commitment
- Acknowledged Federal investment in research, and stressed the need to continue even in difficult economic times



The University of Western Ontario

G-13 Meeting: Ottawa, April 24

- Focus on Interaction with Indian Universities
 - Joseph Caron, High Commissioner of Canada to India
 - Sam Pitroda, Chairman, National Knowledge Commission of India
 - Western has many strong research links, collaborations and exchanges with Indian Universities
- Federal Research Agenda
 - Working dinner with Hon. Gary Goodyear, Minister of State for Science and Technology



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Premier's Discovery Award

- Dr. David Bentley of Western's English Department is the first recipient of a Premier's Discovery Award for Arts and Humanities
- Over a 30-year career, Bentley has been a champion for 18th and 19th century Canadian poetry
- His scholarship and teaching have spread the reputation of Canadian poetry across Canada and around the world
- Research award of \$250,000



The University of Western Ontario

London Alumni Reception

- Trafalgar Square London: May 12
- Over 100 alumni attended
- Speakers from The University of Western Ontario UK Foundation
 - Michael Hamilton, BA '62
 - Max Steinlopf, LLB '78
- Organized by UK Alumni Branch
 - Jamil Jaffer, BA '01, President
 - Volunteers Erika Loch, BA '01, Keri McCreath, BA '00, Mayce Tam, BA '96
- Farewell Reception for President Davenport

