



The UNIVERSITY of WESTERN ONTARIO

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

September 25, 2009

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

SENATORS: 80

I. Ajiferuke	A. Gupta	H. Perinpanayagam
T. Baerg	C. Hanycz	J. Polgar
A. Barnfield	H. Hassan	R. Rajakumar
J. Barron	T. Hewitt	G. Rowe
J. Berge	B. Hovius	S. Schaffer
I. Birrell	A. Hrymak	P. Searle
B. Blumer	M. Hyland	B. Sherar
S. Brennan	T. Jarman	S. Sims
N. Caldwell	J.Y. Jiang	S. Spaulding
T. Carmichael	B. Johnson	R. Stainton
A. Chakma	M. Johnson	C. Stephenson
A. Chan	M. Jones	A. Suksi
A. Chant	E. Karakacili	D. Sylvester
H. Connell	C. Keep	R. Telfer
J. Corrigan	M. Kehler	B. Timney
J. Doerksen	G. Kopp	M. Tithecott
P. Doyle	G. Kulczycki	J. Toswell
C. Dunbar	S. Lofts	D. Ulbrych
D. Dutrizac	H. Luckman	M. van Gaalen
C. Ellis	S. Macfie	K. Veblen
J. Etherington	R. Macmillan	K. Wamsley
M. Fan	A. Mandich	J. White
C. Farber	P. McKenzie	C. Wilkins
K. Galil	L. Miller	A. Willson
J. Gautier	B. Neff	B. Wood
R. Graham	R. Park	R. Young
S. Greenberg	D. Pennee	

Observers: M. Blgrave, R. Darnell, D. Jameson, R. Lipson, A. Weedon

By Invitation: G. Pratt, R. Schincariol

S.09-168 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting of June 19, 2009, were approved as circulated.

S.09-169 **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

The President's report consisted of the following Higher Education Trends and Issues, Opportunities for Western, Issues on the National, Provincial and Local Scenes, Provincial Priorities, and the Campus Scene. Overhead slides used to highlight his presentation are attached as **Appendix 1**.

OPERATIONS/AGENDA COMMITTEE [Exhibit I]

S.09-170 **Senate Membership: Huron University College Constituency**

It was moved by T. Carmichael, seconded by R. Wood,

That the seat held by Trish Fulton, elected faculty representative on Senate for the Huron University College constituency, be declared vacant as a result of her resignation, and,

That William Danaher (Theology) be elected to complete her term (to June 30, 2010).

CARRIED

S.09-171 **Senate Membership: Brescia University College Constituency**

It was moved by T. Carmichael, seconded by R. Wood,

That the seat held by Monika Lee, elected faculty representative on Senate for the Brescia University College constituency, be declared vacant as a result of her resignation, and,

That Colleen Gobert (Food and Nutrition Sciences) be elected to complete her term (to June 30, 2011).

CARRIED

S.09-172 **Senate Membership: School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies Constituency**

It was moved by T. Carmichael, seconded by R. Wood,

That the seat held by Mel Usselman, elected faculty representative on Senate for the Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies - Sciences constituency, be declared vacant as a result of his resignation, and,

That Bryan Neff (Biology) be elected to complete his term (to June 30, 2010).

CARRIED

S.09-173 **Appointment of Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor for Western's Hong Kong Convocation - May 16, 2010**

It was moved by T. Carmichael, seconded by D. Pennee,

That Dr. Ted Hewitt, Vice-President (Research & International Relations) be authorized to perform the duties of Chancellor and Dean Carol Stephenson, Richard Ivey School of Business, be authorized to perform the duties of Vice-Chancellor at Western Hong Kong Convocation scheduled for May 16, 2010.

CARRIED

S.09-174 **Appointment Procedures for Senior Academic & Administrative Officers of the University - Associate Vice-Provosts**

It was moved by T. Carmichael, seconded by R. Wood,

That Section N - Associate Deans of the Appointment Procedures for Senior Academic Administrative Officers of the University be amended as outlined below to include Associate Vice-Provosts in the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies.

N. ASSOCIATE DEANS AND ASSOCIATE VICE-PROVOSTS

1. Each Faculty Council shall determine the procedure for the selection of an

Associate Dean. ***In the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (SGPS), the procedure for selection of an Associate Vice-Provost shall be determined by the Graduate Education Council.***

2. The position of Associate Dean ***or Associate Vice-Provost*** requires the incumbent to devote more than half time to decanal/***provostial*** duties and to be involved in setting policy, and to have management responsibilities.
3. Associate Deans ***and Associate Vice-Provosts*** shall be appointed for a specified term. In general it is not anticipated that persons will serve in these positions for long periods of time.
4. In the case of Associate Deans, the Dean shall undertake negotiations with prospective candidates. ***In the case of Associate Vice-Provosts in SGPS, the Vice-Provost (Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies) shall undertake negotiations.***
5. Initial appointments and changes in title shall be reported to Senate by the Dean/***Vice-Provost (Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies)*** through the Provost & Vice-President (Academic) and the President & Vice-Chancellor.

CARRIED

S.09-175 **Senate Meetings**

S.09-175a **Seating**

Senators are asked to highlight their names on the sign in sheet when they pick up their nametags from the table at the west door – and it would be helpful if Senators continue the tradition of raising their nametags to be recognized during the meeting.

Voting Senators should sit in the centre section and in the sections to the right of the stage, when seated facing the stage. There is no guarantee that Senators' attendance can be noted if they are seated in either the observer/press section or in the gallery section at the rear of the room. It is also more difficult to check attendance and to count votes when individuals are sitting outside the members' section.

S.09-175b **Enquiry Period Process**

Senators are asked to observe the following adopted procedure:

4. **Enquiry Period in the Agenda**

- c) In order to receive an answer to a question at a particular Senate meeting, members should submit questions in writing to the Secretary at least 48 hours in advance of the Senate meeting at which the question is to be raised. The Secretary will direct the question to the appropriate individual for preparation of a response. When possible, copies of the questions will be distributed at the meeting. Questions that are not provided in advance may be deferred to the subsequent meeting of Senate.

S.09-176 **Senate Election Schedule for Spring 2010**

The Senate Elections scheduled for Spring 2010, for representatives of the faculty, administrative staff, graduate and undergraduate student constituencies, detailed in Exhibit I, was received for information.

S.09-177 **Convocation Dates 2010**

Senate received for information the 2010 Convocation dates:

Huron University College Theological Convocation - Thursday, May 6
MBA Spring Convocation - Friday, May 7

Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry - MD Program - Friday, May 14
Hong Kong Convocation - Sunday, May 16
Spring Convocation (295th) - Monday to Friday, June 14 - 18
MBA Autumn Convocation - Friday, August 27
Autumn Convocation (296th) - Thursday afternoon, October 28 and Friday, October 29

S.09-178 **Notice of Motion re Senate Observership**

The following notice of motion was received at the June meeting of Senate.

That the President of the University of Western Ontario Staff Association (UWOSA) his/her designate be added as an official observer on Senate.

In accordance with Senate's Rules of Order, the motion was referred to the Operations/Agenda Committee as membership matters are within its terms of reference.

A request to be added to the list of Senate Observers was received from the President of UWOSA and considered by the Operations/Agenda Committee last February. At that time, the Committee determined that the request should not be granted. A copy of the letter sent to the UWOSA President by the Chair of Ops/Agenda was attached as Exhibit I, Appendix 1. The rationale for the Committee's decision was that those who currently have Observer status represent groups or organizations whose members have roles and responsibilities directly linked to the primary role of Senate to oversee and develop academic policies, regulations and programs. There are many members of UWOSA whose work does involve them directly in the academic enterprise; there are also many members whose work is related to non-academic functions of the University. Further, UWOSA does not represent the full range of staff. If this request were to be granted, then representatives from other staff groups would also need to be added.

The Committee's views on the matter remained unchanged since February and, therefore, it did not recommend the proposal to Senate for approval.

Dr. Carmichael noted that Senate's rules provided that the matter could still be discussed by Senate if it was moved by the original presenter of the notice of motion and succeeded in getting a seconder.

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

S.09-179 **School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: Proposed Graduate Program: American Studies**

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

That Senate approve that, pending OCGS approval, a Master of Arts Program: American Studies (supported by the Departments of History and Political Science), detailed in Exhibit II, item 1, be introduced by the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, effective September 1, 2010.

CARRIED

S.09-180 **Faculty of Science: Honors Programs in Geology, Environmental Geoscience, and Geophysics**

(Professors G. Pratt and R. Schincariol were present to respond to questions.)

It was moved by B. Timney, seconded by J.Y. Jiang,

That, effective September 1, 2009, three Honors Earth Science Programs, detailed in Exhibit II, item 2, be introduced in the Faculty of Science: a program in Honors Geology, in Honors Environmental Geoscience and in Honors Geophysics.

A member asked for confirmation that students in first year would be permitted to take the second year courses listed as required courses in the common first year of the program notwithstanding the general regulation that first year students not take upper year courses. Dr. Pratt stated that this would be permitted.

Asked why this is a program and not a module, Dan Timney explained that registration requirements for geoscientists parallel professional engineering requirements and are based on a four-year Earth Science program. The current specialization modules leave students about ten courses short of the knowledge requirements currently demanded for Professional Registration.

The question was called and CARRIED.

S.09-181 **Faculty of Social Science and Continuing Studies: Withdrawal of the Diploma and Certificate in Labour Relations**

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

That effective September 1, 2009, admission to the Diploma and Certificate in Labour Relations be discontinued by Continuing Studies, and

That students enrolled in the diploma or certificate programs prior to September 1, 2009 be permitted to continue with the understanding that they must complete the requirements prior to September 2012, and

That effective September 1, 2012, the Diploma and Certificate in Labour Relations be withdrawn and all registration discontinued.

CARRIED

S.09-182 **Faculty of Health Sciences: Western-Fanshawe Collaborative BScN Program: Changes to Mature and CAAT Admissions**

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

That effective September 1, 2010 for September 2011 admission, all non-secondary school and mature applicants to the Western-Fanshawe Collaborative BScN program must have completed the requirements as outlined in Exhibit II, item 4 to receive admission consideration.

CARRIED

S.09-183 **Faculty of Information & Media Studies: Revision to Admission Process for Media, Information and Technoculture**

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

That effective September 2009 for the admission process starting May 2010, the admission requirements to the Media, Information and Technoculture (MIT) program be revised as set out in Exhibit II, item 5.

Responding to concerns about the revision to the admission process for Media, Information and Technoculture (MIT), Dean Carmichael stated that the MIT program has undergone rapid expansion over 11 years of operation which has resulted in intense competition for the 180 spots in MIT's second-year. The revisions make the criteria for admission exact and transparent and will aid in relieving anxiety and uncertainty on the part of potential applicants. Setting aside a small number of spaces to allow students from other faculties admission to MIT re-instates past policy. The revisions will also ensure that at least a small number of students from other faculties can gain admission to the program.

The question was called and CARRIED.

S.09-184 **New Scholarships and Awards**

SCAPA has approved on behalf of the Senate the terms of references for following new scholarships and awards, for recommendation to the Board of Governors through the President & Vice-Chancellor:

Austin Conway Entrance Scholarships (Faculty of Arts and Humanities)
Stephen Cuddy Memorial HBA Award (Richard Ivey School of Business)
Clement Yung Award for Excellence (Faculty of Science; Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, Medical Sciences)

Science Students' Council Impact Award of Merit (BMSc) (Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, Medical Sciences)

Science Students' Council Impact Award of Merit (BSc) (Faculty of Science)

Science Students' Council Impact Award of Merit (BMSc or BSc) (Faculty of Science; Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, Medical Sciences)

MGPS Organizational Management Awards (Faculty of Social Science, MOS)

Norm and Kay Irwin Hockey Award (Any Undergraduate, Graduate or Affiliated University College Student - Athletic Award [Hockey])

William and Cecilia Davies Bursary (Faculty of Engineering; Don Wright Faculty of Music; Faculty of Science)

The Chair of SCAPA took under advisement the suggestion regarding the need for a more searchable scholarship database.

REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY PLANNING [Exhibit III]

S.09-185 **DanCap Private Equity Professorship in Marketing (Consumer Behaviour)**

It was moved by C. Dunbar, seconded by T. Baerg,

That the DanCap Private Equity Chair in Accounting be rescinded and that the DanCap Private Equity Professorship in Marketing (Consumer Behaviour), detailed in Exhibit III, item 1, be established in its place.

CARRIED

S.09-186 **The Christopher J. Grimes Faculty Fellowship in Microeconomic Theory**

It was moved by C. Dunbar, seconded by B. Timney,

That the Faculty Fellowship in Microeconomic Theory in the Faculty of Social Science be renamed The Christopher J. Grimes Faculty Fellowship in Microeconomic Theory and that the terms be revised, as detailed in Exhibit III, item 2 to reflect the name change and the change in sources of funding.

CARRIED

S.09-187 **Richard Ivey Chair of Surgery**

It was moved by C. Dunbar, seconded by R. Graham,

That the following terms for the Richard Ivey Chair of Surgery in the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, detailed in Exhibit III, item 3, be approved.

CARRIED

S.09-188 **William Shurniak Professorship in International Business or International Finance**

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

That the William Shurniak Professorship in International Business or International Finance be renewed as per the terms outlined in Exhibit III, item 4.

CARRIED

REPORT OF THE HONORARY DEGREES COMMITTEE [Exhibit IV]

S.09-189 **Autumn Convocation 2009 - Honorary Degrees Recipients**

The report of the Honorary Degrees Committee, announcing the individuals who will receive honorary degrees at the 294th Convocation of the University to be held on main campus Thursday afternoon, October 22 and Friday, October 23, detailed in Exhibit IV, was received for information.

S.09-190 **ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNICATIONS** [Exhibit V]

The report, Announcements & Communications, detailed in Exhibit V, was received for information.

ENQUIRIES AND NEW BUSINESS

S.09-191 **Recruitment Sessions/Career Services at Western**

Mr. van Gaalen's question regarding recruitment sessions at Western was distributed at the meeting.

Mr. van Gaalen asked why the invitation to recent recruitment sessions at Ivey was not expanded to include the general Western business studies community. Dean Stephenson, Richard Ivey School of Business, explained that the recruitment firms make particular requests about who they want to meet during a visit. Dr. Timney, Dean of the Faculty of Social Science concurred with Dean Stephenson but noted that joint sessions have been held with students enrolled in the BMOS and HBA programs. The HBA and BMOS programs are different and thus attract different recruiters. Dr. Doerksen said that the recruitment sessions are driven by the priorities and objectives of the participating firms.

Mr. van Gaalen noted that he, in fact, lauded Ivey for their efforts in introducing recruiters to their students. He thought this was a better use of University resources than the focus on things such as resume writing and interview skills that were the key components of the Career Centre's mandate. More needed to be done, in his view to assist students with finding real, discipline-related jobs after graduation.

Responding to Mr. van Gaalen's concerns about the mandate and finances of Career Services at Western, Dr. Doerksen agreed that the unit would welcome additional funding to cope with the increasing number of students and firms who use the service. 8,000 plus students attended programs hosted by Career Services, annually. However, he believed that the focus on career development and providing tools to assist in securing jobs throughout a person's lifetime is sound and provides a longer term impact on a student's future; Career Services is not a job placement agency. Dr. Sims, a member of the advisory panel for Career Services, said that the small staff is doing a great job given the limited resources. That did not mean that there was nothing to learn from other successful recruiting session models, such as those associated with Ivey.

S.09-192 **Remembrance Day Policy**

Mr. van Gaalen's question regarding Western's Remembrance Day Policy was distributed at the meeting. Dr. Doerksen advised that prior to Remembrance Day a campus-wide communication will be distributed to reiterate Western's Remembrance Day Policy that in addition to the regular services, a minute of silence will be observed at 11:00 a.m. throughout the University.

S.09-193 **Notice of Motion regarding Remembrance Day**

A notice of motion regarding the observance of Remembrance Day was distributed at the meeting. The Chair of SCAPA agreed to take the notice of motion to SCAPA for consideration. He also agreed to inform SCAPA that the current Remembrance Day policy should be revised to reflect the fact that two minutes of silence, rather than one minute, is the proper observance.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

A. Chakma
Chair

I. Birrell
Secretary

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President's Report Environmental Scan



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Higher Education Trends and Issues

- Learning environment is changing
- Explosion of Knowledge
 - Life long learning
- Globalization
- Complex issues and problems
 - Interdisciplinary, multi-institutional and international efforts may be required



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Opportunities for Western

- Educating leaders of tomorrow
 - Undergraduates, graduates and professionals
- Internationalization
- Undertake major research initiatives



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How do we move forward?

- Have high aspirations
- Strengthen the base
- Build towering pyramids
- Secure resources by diversifying income



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National Scene

- AUCC
- G-13
 - Full Cost of Research, Funding for Granting Councils
 - Meeting with the Clerk of the Privy Council and Deputy Ministers in October
 - Meeting with the Leader of the Opposition



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G5 Debate and Our Contribution

- Chronic underfunding must be addressed
- Granting council funding should be doubled with most of the new funds to be allocated in support of excellence
- Flexibility in tuition fee setting within a policy framework
- Donations to be matched by both the Province and Canada
- Enactment of a Smart Nations Act



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Provincial Scene

- Reaching Higher II
- COU
- Western's Advocacy
 - Increase grant/student to national average.
 - Flexibility on tuition fee with student access guarantee
 - OSAP ceilings to be indexed to CPI
 - Increased funding for Graduate Students through OGS etc.



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Provincial Priorities

- Accommodate enrollment growth in GTA
 - GTA universities can only take 50%.
 - Province desires the rest of the system to accommodate the rest.
 - Online learning as an option
- College-University transfer pathways
 - Province would like to see significant progress



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Local Scene

- Unemployment rate over 11%
- Community is looking to its PSE institutions to contribute to its future economic growth
- London Economic Summit
- South Western Economic Alliance



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Campus Scene

- A very successful O-week.
 - Total of 6000 students with 4500 students @ Western
 - First year class has representation from all provinces and territories.
 - 220 international students from over 40 countries.
- Ivey School Groundbreaking
 - \$50 million KIP funding for the Ivey Building



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Campus Scene

- VP Searches
- Welcome new Dean of Engineering
- Making a Difference Campaign Launch
 - Target to raise \$500 million.
 - Ivey family donates \$15 million
 - RBC Foundation donates \$2 million

