



# The UNIVERSITY of WESTERN ONTARIO

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

June 11, 2010

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

SENATORS: 58

I. Ajiferuke	J. Garnett	M. Naish
A. Barnfield	C. Gobert	D. Pennee
J. Barron	K. Goldthorp	H. Perinpanayagam
D. Bartlett	R. Graham	J. Polgar
J. Berge	A. Gupta	R. Rajakumar
I. Birrell	C. Hanycz	A. Raut
M. Blagrove	C. Herbert	C. Shah
C. Burns	T. Hewitt	S. Sims
T. Carmichael	I. Holloway	R. Stainton
A. Chakma	A. Hrymak	C. Stephenson
A. Chant	M. Johnson	A. Suksi
R. Coulter	M. Jones	D. Sylvester
J. Doerksen	G. Kulczycki	D. Ulbrych
P. Doyle	S. Lofts	K. Veblen
W. Dunn	F. Longstaffe	K. Wamsley
D. Dutrizac	H. Luckman	J. White
C. Ellis	S. Macfie	C. Wilkins
J. Etherington	R. Macmillan	B. Wood
J. Finegan	M. Milde	
K. Galil	L. Miller	

Observers: R. Darnell, L. Gribbon, R. Lipson, D. Sutherland, G. Tigert, A. Weedon

By Invitation: M. Workentin

### S.10-103 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of May 14, 2010 were approved as circulated.

### S.10-104 REPORT OF THE PROVOST

Dr. Chakma noted that, since this would be Dr. Longstaffe's last meeting of Senate as Provost and Vice-President (Academic), he had invited him to make a report to Senate in place of the usual Report of the President.

In his presentation, Dr. Longstaffe highlighted several areas of continued growth for the University:

- Graduate expansion initiative: This was, and continues to be, a very important step toward becoming a truly great research university;

- Undergraduate education and enrolment: The quality of undergraduates and the quality of the programs we offer them are at the core of the university's mission. There needs to be a strong student voice in developing programs. There are different ways to increase undergraduate enrolment (e.g., increased international student enrolment as an addition to the 4350 cap; enrolling sufficient numbers of students to achieve Western's notional share of accessibility funding which would result in an entering class of about 4900; creating spaces through mechanisms such as dual degrees and niche second-entry programs). SCAPA will need to turn its mind to all of these issues in the near future.
- Internationalization: Increasing the numbers of international students at the University is highly desirable but it needs to be recognized that it is an expensive proposition if it is to be done well. It is very important that the appropriate supports are provided to international students who choose to come here. There also needs to be more funds directed to recruitment of international students.
- Research excellence: Western is a centre of research excellence. More needs to be done to get the word out and gain the appropriate international recognition for what is already being done here.
- Faculty and Staff: The University needs a sustainable growth strategy. Revenue growth needs to be greater than 3% per annum or the University will be forced to shrink. The means to achieve those revenues need to fit the Western environment, but there should be partnerships between the central university and programs for revenue from new initiatives. The UPIF mechanism in the budget has served the university well in the past but needs a full scale review.
- Interdisciplinarity: The move to build more common spaces and meeting places in our physical environment will foster interdisciplinarity. The proposed Institute for Advanced Studies will also have interdisciplinarity as a key principle. The aim of the institute will be to bring together scholars from across disciplines and from across the world to work on short-term projects with defined goals or outcomes.
- Unifying factors: The University needs to continue to build on its scholarship and intellectual energy. We need a cultural framework, such as a performance hall space to help bring the community together and to bring the external community to the university.

In summing up, Dr. Longstaffe noted that a great university needs the support, hard work and good will of faculty, staff and students, all moving toward common goals. In short, we have to decide "what it is that we want to be."

#### **OPERATIONS/AGENDA COMMITTEE** [Exhibit I]

S.10-105

#### **Senate Membership**

Senate accepted the following recommendations for the appointment of representatives of Faculty constituencies to Senate in accordance with Senate election procedures for the filling of vacancies:

July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2012

Arts and Humanities	LAGERLUND, Henrik	Philosophy
Brescia	MITCHELL, John	
Health Sciences	ORANGE, Joseph B.	
Huron	HEAPY, Nelson	
Information and Media Studies	FARBER, Carole	
Law	TELFER, Tom	
Music	MOONEY, Kevin	Music Research and Composition
Science	BARRON, John	Computer Science
Science	SINGH, Mahi R.	Physics and Astronomy
Science	YU, Pei	Applied Mathematics

SGPS - At Large	MILDE, Michael	Philosophy
SGPS - Education	MACMILLAN, Robert	
SGPS - Health Sciences	POLGAR, Jan	Occupational Therapy
SGPS - Science	NEFF, Bryan	Biology

S.10-106 **Senate Membership - School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies - Arts and Humanities and Music Constituency**

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

That the seat held by Robert Stainton (Philosophy), elected faculty representative on Senate for the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies - Arts and Humanities and Music constituency, be declared vacant as a result of his resignation and that Russell Poole (English) be elected to complete his term (July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011).

CARRIED

S.10-107 **Candidates for Degrees - Spring 2010**

Senate was advised that, on behalf of the Senate, the Provost approved the list of Candidates for Degrees and Diplomas upon the recommendation of the Registrar [S.96-124]. The list of Candidates approved by the Provost are appended to the Official Minutes of the June 11, 2010 meeting of Senate.

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC POLICY AND AWARDS** [Exhibit II]

S.10-108 **Faculty of Education: Amendment to the English Language Proficiency Requirement**

It was moved by M. Milde, seconded by R. Macmillan,

That the English Language Proficiency requirement for the Faculty of Education be amended as set out in Exhibit II, item 1, effective September 1, 2010.

CARRIED

S.10-109 **Faculty of Music: Revised admission requirement for the BA with Specialization in Music Administrative Studies**

It was moved by R. Wood, seconded by M. Milde,

That effective September 1, 2010, the admission requirements for the BA with Specialization in Music Administrative Studies be changed to allow students to have one of three courses in mathematics instead of the single mathematics course currently prescribed.

CARRIED

S.10-110 **Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry: Revision to the Admission Requirements for the Modules Offered by the Bachelor of Medical Sciences (BMSc) Program**

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

That effective September 1, 2010, the Admission Requirements for the modules offered by the Bachelor of Medical Sciences (BMSc) program be revised so that the minimum mark in each of the Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics courses required for admission is lowered from 65% to 60%, with the exception of Biology 1201A and 1202B, in which a minimum mark of 70% will be required.

CARRIED

S.10-111 **Faculty of Science: Dual Degree Partnership: BSc (Honors Specialization Computer Science)(UWO) and Bachelor of Engineering (Computer Science & Technology) (Central South University, China)**

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

That a dual degree partnership leading to a Bachelor of Engineering (Computer Science and Technology) from Central South University, China, and a BSc (Honors Specialization Computer Science) from The University of Western Ontario, be established in the Faculty of Science, effective September 1, 2011.

CARRIED

S.10-112 **Faculty of Science: Revisions to Subject Requirements for Admission to Science (including Biological and Medical Sciences)**

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

That effective July 1, 2010, the subject requirements for admission to Science (including Biological and Medical Sciences) be revised to replace Computer and Information Science ICS4M with Computer Science ICS4U and to correct a minor typographical error.

CARRIED

S.10-113 **Faculty of Social Science: Introduction of Psychology/Ivey Combined Honors Degree Program**

It was moved by M. Milde, seconded by R. Stainton,

That a combined honors degree program, leading to a BA with Honors Specialization in Psychology and a BA Honors Business Administration, be introduced by the Faculty of Social Science and the Richard Ivey School of Business, effective September 1, 2010.

CARRIED

S.10-114 **Brescia University College: Introduction of an Honors Specialization in Community Development in a Global Context and an Honors Specialization in Crime and Communities**

S.10-114a **Introduction of an Honors Specialization in Community Development in a Global Context**

It was moved by M. Milde, seconded by C. Hanycz,

That an Honors Specialization in Community Development in a Global Context be introduced at Brescia University College, effective September 1, 2010.

CARRIED

S.10-114b **Introduction of an Honors Specialization in Crime and Communities**

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

That an Honors Specialization in Crime and Communities be introduced at Brescia University College, effective September 1, 2010.

CARRIED

S.10-115 **Revisions to the Policy on Graduate Student Academic Appeals**

It was moved by M. Milde, seconded by L. Miller,

That effective May 1, 2010, the Senate policy on Graduate Student Appeals of Academic Decisions be revised as set out in Appendix II, item 8.

CARRIED

S.10-116 **Revision to the Policy on Academic Probation**

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

That the policy on Academic Probation be amended as highlighted in Exhibit II, item 9, effective May 1, 2010.

CARRIED

S.10-117 **Renewal of the Articulation Agreement between Western and Fanshawe: Transfer Credit for Students in the General Arts and Science Program - Liberal Studies Major**

It was moved by D. Pennee, seconded by J. Doerksen,

That the renewal of the Articulation Agreement between The University of Western Ontario, constituent campus, and Fanshawe College of Applied Arts and Technology with regard to transfer credit for students in the Liberal Studies Major Arts to the Faculty of Arts and Humanities and the Faculty of Social Science be approved for a three-year period, effective September 1, 2010.

CARRIED

S.10-118 **3+1+1 Agreements between the Department of Statistical and Actuarial Science, South China University of Technology (SCUT), Nanjing University of Finance and Economics and Nanjing Audit University**

Senate was informed that academic partnerships between the Department of Statistical and Actuarial Science, The University of Western Ontario, and South China University of Technology (SCUT), Nanjing University of Finance and Economics, and Nanjing Audit University, will be established effective September 1, 2010. Students who successfully complete three years of study in China will be allowed to complete their fourth year of studies at Western and will receive a conditional offer of admission to Western's Master of Science (MSc) programs.

S.10-119 **School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: Electronic Submission of PhD Theses**

Senate was advised that effective August 1, 2010, the Thesis Regulation Guide will be revised as set out in Exhibit II, Appendix 4. This is a pilot project in which the electronic submission of PhD theses will be available on a voluntary basis. Current practices for MA theses will remain unchanged.

S.10-120 **New Scholarships and Awards**

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

Arts and Humanities Student Council Award (Faculty of Arts and Humanities)  
Haitian Student Scholarship (Undergraduate Faculties as detailed in Exhibit II, item 13.)

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY PLANNING** [Exhibit III]

S.10-121 **MAPP 1.48 - Environment and Sustainability**

It was moved by F. Longstaffe, seconded by D. Sylvester,

That the proposed MAPP 1.48 - Environment and Sustainability be approved.

CARRIED

S.10-122 **Report on Performance Indicators**

Mr. M. England provided an overview of the Report on Performance Indicators, detailed in Exhibit III, Annex 2.

S.10-123 **Enrollment Update for 2010-11 and Planning for Beyond**

The Provost provided an update on enrollment for 2010-11 and planning for beyond. The target intake for first year undergraduate enrollment has been 4350. This year's target was increased by 100 spaces for international students bringing the first year enrollment target to 4450 spaces. The international enrolment target will not be met this year; there simply has not been any time to put in place the recruitment resources needed. However, because of a very significant increase in the number of acceptances in the BMSc program, enrolment for 2010-11 will rise to about 4700.

S.10-124 **Vice-Provost's Annual Report on Faculty Recruitment and Retention**

Dr. Weedon provided an overview of the Vice-Provost's Annual Report on Faculty Recruitment and Retention detailed in Exhibit III, Appendix 3. The complete report can be found at [www.uwo.ca/senate/minutes/2010/r1006scup\\_app3](http://www.uwo.ca/senate/minutes/2010/r1006scup_app3).

S.10-125 **Upcoming Capital Projects**

The Provost provided an update on upcoming capital projects including the construction of the Wind Engineering, Energy and Environment Dome (WindEEE) at The University of Western Ontario Advanced Manufacturing Park and a new Family Medicine Building for the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry which is expected to be built on the Westminster site of campus.

**UNIVERSITY RESEARCH BOARD** [Exhibit IV]

S.10-126 **Introduction of the "Western Fellow" Designation**

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

That Senate approve that visiting scholars invited to Western under the Visiting University Scholar Program (VUSP) who intend to remain in residence at the University for a period of at least one week, receive the designation of "Western Fellow" during the period of their stay.

CARRIED

S.10-127 **Introduction of The University of Western Ontario Humanitarian Award**

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

That The University of Western Ontario Humanitarian Award be established in order to recognize faculty, staff and students who are engaged in a range of efforts directed towards improving the quality of life for individuals and groups around the world.

CARRIED

S.10-128 **2010-2011 Academic Development Fund New Research and Scholarly Initiative Award Major Grants Competition** (S.10-100)

Responding to a question asked at the May Senate meeting regarding the success rates for ADF major grants competition, Dr. Hewitt reported that 41% of the applicants are successful: Bioscience - 42%; Physical Sciences/Engineering - 43%; and Social Science, Arts and Humanities - 40%.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS** [Exhibit V]

S.10-129a **Reports on Promotion and/or Tenure - 2009-2010**

The Report on Promotion and/or Tenure 2009-2010, detailed in Exhibit V, Appendix 1 (Faculty) and Appendix 2 (Librarians and Archivists) was received for information.

S.10-129b **Appointment - Acting Provost**

Dr. Chakma announced that Dr. Alan Weedon will be the Acting Provost from July 1 to August 3, 2010.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

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A. Chakma  
Chair

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I. Birrell  
Secretary