



The UNIVERSITY of WESTERN ONTARIO

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

MARCH 25, 2011

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

SENATORS: 69

J. Aitken Schermer	K. Galil	M. Milde
I. Ajiferuke	J. Gautier	L. Miller
J. Barron	K. Goldthorp	K. Mooney
D. Bartlett	R. Graham	B. Neff
J. Bend	C. Hanycz	S. Nemirovsky
I. Birrell	H. Hassan	J. O'Brien
M. Blagrave	N. Heapy	J. Orange
L. Briens	T. Hewitt	R. Poole
T. Carmichael	B. Hovius	C. Rice
A. Chakma	A. Hrymak	G. Rowe
J. Corrigan	M. Jones	P. Searle
R. Coulter	G. Keller	B. Sherar
J. Deakin	R. Klassen	P. Simpson
J. Doerksen	G. Kulczycki	S. Sims
C. Dunbar	J. Leonard	A. Slivinski
W. Dunn	S. Lofts	C. Stephenson
D. Dutrizac	H. Luckman	B. Timney
C. Ellis	S. Lupker	D. Ulbrych
J. Etherington	M. Machado	K. Veblen
J. Faflak	R. Macmillan	J. Weese
C. Farber	J. Matthews	J. White
N. Ferris	P. McKenzie	C. Wilkins
T. Fulton	M. McNay	M. Wilson

Observers: R. Chelladurai, J. Compton, K. Okruhlik, G. Tigert, A. Weedon

By Invitation: D. Jones

S.11-33 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting of February 18, 2011 were approved as circulated.

S.11-34 **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

The report of the President consisted of the following topics: March 22 Federal budget, March 29 Provincial budget, March 12 Open House, residences and student success and research successes. Overhead slides used to highlight his presentation are attached as [Appendix 1](#).

REPORT OF THE OPERATIONS/AGENDA COMMITTEE (Exhibit I)

S.11-35 **Postdoctoral Involvement in Senate**

S.11-35a **University Research Board - Revision to the Composition**

It was moved by T. Carmichael, seconded by S. Lofts,

That the composition of the University Research Board be amended, as detailed in Appendix 1, to include a Postdoctoral representative in the Board's membership.

CARRIED

S.11-35b **Postdoctoral Association at Western – Observer Seat on Senate**

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

That the President of the Postdoctoral Association at Western (PAW), or designate, be assigned an Observer seat on Senate, effective April 1, 2011.

CARRIED

S.11-36 **Revisions to the Richard Ivey School of Business Constitution**

It was moved by T. Carmichael, seconded by C. Stephenson

That the Constitution of the Richard Ivey School of Business be revised as shown in **Appendix 2**.

CARRIED

S.11-37 **Senate Election 2011 - Student Constituencies**

In response to an error in the ballot for the At-Large and Affiliate student constituencies in the recent Senate elections (with respect to the number of candidates for which students could vote), the Operations/Agenda Committee met on March 1 to consider whether there should be a re-vote in those constituencies. The Committee decided that the results of the original vote would stand. In coming to that conclusion, the Committee considered the comments from six of the candidates, each of whom (without knowing the results of the original vote) expressed the view that there should not be another vote. The Committee was also mindful that the original election could not be replicated and that candidates would have very little time in which to acquaint voters with their platforms. The Operations/Agenda Committee will be reviewing the Senate Election Procedures to ensure that a similar error does not occur in future.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Exhibit II)

S.11-38 **Electoral Board for Chancellor**

The following were elected to the Electoral Board for Chancellor: S. Brennan, C. Dunbar, K. Goldthorp, D. Sutherland and B. Timney.

REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC POLICY AND AWARDS (Exhibit III)

S.11-39 **Faculty of Health Sciences: Revised Dean's Honor List Policy for Nursing Programs**

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

That effective September 1, 2010, the “Dean’s Honor List – Undergraduate Students” policy be revised so that it will apply to professional programs in the Faculty of Health Sciences, and that the Arthur Labatt Family School of Nursing suspend its program-specific Dean’s Honor List policy.

CARRIED

S.11-40 **Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry and Faculty of Science: Introduction of Honors Specialization in Chemical Biology**

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

That effective September 1, 2011, an Honors Specialization in Chemical Biology, detailed in Exhibit III, item 2, be introduced in the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry (Biochemistry) and the Faculty of Science (Chemistry), to be completed only within the Bachelor of Medical Sciences (BMSc) Honors degree offered jointly by the Faculty of Science and Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry.

CARRIED

S.11-41 **Huron University College: Management and Organizational Studies (MOS): Introduction of New Modules; Withdrawal of Global Studies, and Organizational and Human Resources Modules; Revised Admission and Progression Requirements**

S.11-41a Introduction of Honors Specialization and Specialization in Organizational Studies, Policy, and Ethics

It was moved by B. Timney, seconded by D. Ulbrych,

That effective September 1, 2011, an Honors Specialization and a Specialization in Organizational Studies, Policy, and Ethics, detailed in Exhibit III, item 3a, be introduced at Huron University College.

CARRIED

S.11-41b Withdrawal of Global Studies, and Organizational and Human Resources Modules

It was moved by B. Timney, seconded by D. Ulbrych,

That effective September 1, 2011, admission to modules in Global Studies, and Organizational and Human Resources, be discontinued; that students enrolled in those modules prior to September 1, 2011 be permitted to continue with the understanding that they must complete the requirements prior to September 1, 2016; and that effective September 1, 2016, the MOS modules in Global Studies, and Organizational and Human Resources, be withdrawn.

CARRIED

S.11-41c Revised Admission and Progression Requirements

It was moved by B. Timney, seconded by D. Ulbrych,

That effective September 1, 2011, the admission and progression requirements for the Management and Organizational Studies (MOS) Program at Huron University College be revised as set out in Exhibit III, item 3c.

CARRIED

S.11-42 **Huron University College: Alignment of French Studies with Constituent University Offerings**

It was moved by B. Timney, seconded by M. Wilson,

That effective September 1, 2011, French Studies at Huron University College be aligned with Constituent University offerings:

- that a Minor and a Major in French Language and Literature, and a Major in French Language and Linguistics, identical to those offered at the Constituent University, be introduced at Huron University College;
- that the Specialization, Major and Minor in French be renamed the Specialization, Major and Minor in French Studies, to reflect that they are identical to modules offered by the Constituent University; and,
- that the current Minor in French Studies be withdrawn from offerings at Huron University College.

CARRIED

S.11-43 **Guidelines for Establishing International Dual-Credential Degree Programs**

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

That the "Guidelines for Establishing International Dual-Credential Degree Programs (Undergraduate)", detailed in Exhibit III, item 5, be approved.

CARRIED

S.11-44 **New Scholarships**

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:

Walker Wood Foundation Continuing Scholarship in Management and Organizational Studies
(Faculty of Social Science, Management and Organizational Studies)

The following new scholarships will be funded from the Operating Budget:
Faculty of Arts and Humanities Entrance Scholarship of Excellence (Faculty of Arts and Humanities)
Dean's Entrance Scholarship (Faculty of Arts and Humanities)

SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY PLANNING (Exhibit IV)

S.11-45 **Fall 2011 Entrance Standards for Undergraduate First-Year Admissions**

It was moved by C. Dunbar, seconded by L. Briens,

That Senate approve the targets and processes for first-year, first-entry undergraduate enrolment for the Constituent University and Affiliated University Colleges as outlined in Exhibit IV, Appendix 1.

CARRIED

S.11-46 **Five-Year Enrolment Projections**

It was moved by C. Dunbar, seconded by D. Dutrizac,

That the five-year enrolment projections presented in Exhibit IV, Appendix 2, be used for

purposes of tuition revenue estimates in the University's budget projections.

CARRIED

S.11-47 **Report on Year One Class Entering Averages and First-Year Grades**

Senate received for information the Report on Year One Class Entering Averages and First-Year Grades detailed in Exhibit IV, Appendix 3.

S.11-48 **Vice-Provost's Report on Faculty Recruitment and Retention**

Senate received for information the Vice-Provost's Report on Faculty Recruitment and Retention detailed in Exhibit IV, Appendix 4. Dr. Weedon provided an overview of the report including additional information on women faculty members. Of the total 1,075 faculty members at Western, women occupy 335 positions (31.2%) among probationary and tenured faculty as of January 2011. Ten years ago, Western had 182 women faculty members (20.5%).

[Secretarial Note: A revised version of Appendix 4 can be found at the following website:
http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/senate/minutes/2011/r1103scup_app4.pdf]

S.11-49 **Annual Report of the Working Group on Information Security**

The Annual Report of the Working Group on Information Security, detailed in Exhibit IV, Appendix 5, was provided for information.

S.11-50 **Update to the 2011–12 University Operating Budget**

The Provost & Vice-President (Academic) provided an oral report on the 2011-2012 University Operating Budget:

- A new four-year budget cycle is underway and planning meetings with Faculties and Support Units are completed.
- Faculty revenues will be based on a new revenue-sharing mechanism. Allocations to Faculties will be based on several assumptions, including Faculty enrolment projections.
- Government's decisions about tuition are uncertain as well as the level of funding for the increased number of students anticipated in the system by 2014-15.
- Revenue increases might be limited in each of the next four years
- Provisions for expenses will include university-wide expenses, maintenance of core services, University priorities and fundraising campaign expenses.

HONORARY DEGREES COMMITTEE (Exhibit V)

S.11-51 **Western's Hong Kong Convocation 2011 – Honorary Degree Recipient**

Senate was advised that an honorary Doctor of Laws degree will be conferred on Mr. Wilfred Ng at Western's Hong Kong Convocation which will be held on Sunday, May 22, 2011.

S.11-52 **REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC COLLEAGUE** (Exhibit VI)

The Report of the Academic Colleague on the February meeting, detailed in Exhibit VI, was received for information. Topics discussed include: 2011 Provincial Pre-Budget Submission by COU, other matters relating to the Provincial Government, Online Institute, Student Financial Assistance, and the Aboriginal File.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

A. Chakma
Chair

I. Birrell
Secretary

The University of Western Ontario

President's Report to Senate
 Friday, March 25, 2011



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March 22 Federal budget

- \$37M increase for Tri-Council grants
- \$10M increase for indirect costs of research
- 10 new CERC positions
- \$200M in other programs for student assistance, international research and collaborations



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March 29 Provincial budget

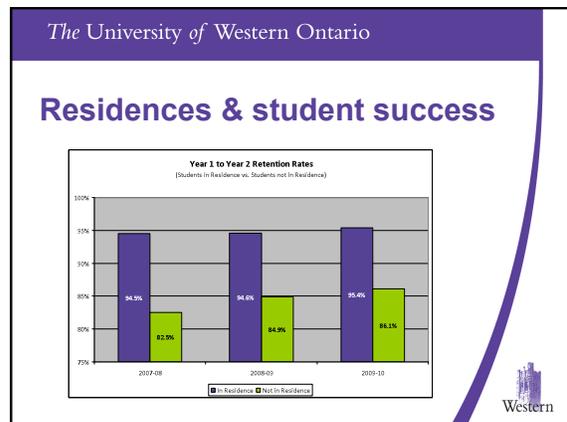
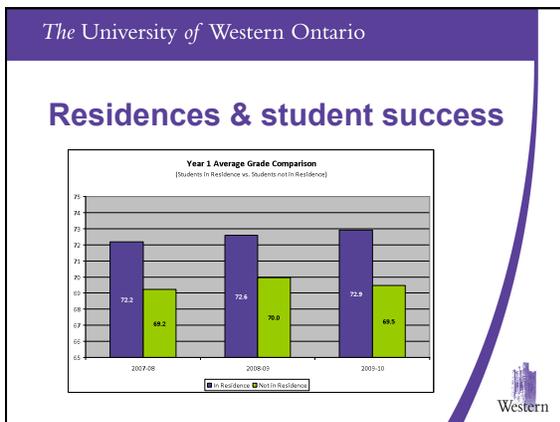
- *Reaching Higher* program has ended
- future priority is increased access to PSE; demand expected to rise by 50,000 by 2015
- Premier aiming for 70% PSE participation
- funding linked to UG enrolment growth



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March 12 Open House

- 4,868 registered guests; 1,000 volunteers
- follows record-breaking attendance of 10,000 @ November's Fall Preview
- special thanks to PPD for preparing campus following snow storm

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Research successes

- \$1M from Community-University Research Alliance (CURA) for multi-partner team led by **Cheryl Forchuk (Nursing)** looking at mental health, poverty, and social inclusion
- \$2.3M from Atlantic Innovation Fund for team including **Kevin Shoemaker (Kinesiology)** looking at professional truck driver performance



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Research successes

- \$165K from SSHRC for **Patrick Mahon (Visual Arts)** for research/creation grant in the Fine Arts
- **Faculty of Education** played lead role in agreement signed with the Kettle and Stony Point First Nations to undertake research of mutual interest

