



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

December 6, 2013

The meeting was held at 1:30 p.m. in Room 56, University Community Centre.

SENATORS: 61

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| J. Aitken Schermer | C. Gobert | M. Rothstein |
| M.A. Andrusyszyn | R. Graham | P. Ryan |
| N. Banerjee | J. Hatch | A-M. Santos |
| C. Beynon | A. Hrymak | S. Saravanabaran |
| I. Birrell | Y. Huang | C. Schnurr |
| S. Camiletti | G. Hunter | I. Scott |
| J. Capone | G. Jim | R. Sookraj |
| A. Chakma | R. Keirstead | T. Sutherland |
| M. Clapton | R. Kennedy | Z. Syed |
| A. Conway | M. Khalkhali | D. Sylvester |
| J. Deakin | G. Kulczycki | B. Timney |
| C. Dean | A. Lalka | E. Tithecott |
| J. Dickey | J. Lamarche | J. Toswell |
| J. Doerksen | C. Lee | N. Wathen |
| S. Doshi | A. Leschied | J. Weese |
| N. Dyer-Witthford | J. Litchfield | G. West |
| L. Elliott | M. Milde | S. Wetmore |
| J. English | K. Moser | P. Woodford |
| J. Etherington | N. Pilo | B.A. Younker |
| B. Garcia | B. Prajapati | |
| S. George | D. Rogers | |

Observers: L. Gribbon, K. Okruhlik, A. Weedon

By Invitation: H. Connell, S. Gajic-Bruyca, J. MacLean

S.13-176 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting of November 15, 2013 were approved as circulated.

S.13-177 **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

Dr. Chakma reported on the recent National Scholars luncheon that was attended by 37 students, three of whom were international students.

He proudly announced the establishment of the Alice Munro Chair in Creativity, noting that Western will provide \$1.5 million of the \$3 million required to fund the Chair. The balance of the money will be raised through a fundraising campaign that will be launched December 11, 2013.

Dr. Deakin provided an update on the Strategic Mandate Agreement process noting that government's submission deadline is December 21. She also advised that Western's Strategic Planning process continues with the expectation that the plan will be presented to Senate and the Board of Governors in January 2014.

REPORT OF THE OPERATIONS/AGENDA COMMITTEE [Exhibit I]

S.13-178 **Annual Report of the Senate Review Board Academic – 2012-13**

Senate received for information the Annual Report of the Senate Review Board Academic – 2012-13, detailed in Exhibit I, Appendix 1.

S.13-179 **Annual Report from the Convocation Board**

Senate received for information the 2013 Annual Report from the Convocation Board, detailed in Exhibit I, Appendix 2 and 3.

S.13-180 **Election Schedule Spring 2014**

Senators were reminded that the Election Schedule for Spring 2014 is found at <http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/senate/elections.html>.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE [Exhibit II]

S.13-181 **Review Committee for the Provost & Vice-President (Academic)**

The following Senators were elected to the Review Committee for the Provost & Vice-President (Academic): N. Pilo, T. Bansal, A. Bowlus, C. Dean, H. Lagerlund.

S.13-182 **Selection Committee for the University Librarian**

Professor L. Capretz was elected to the Selection Committee for the University Librarian.

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

S.13-183 **Faculty of Arts and Humanities: Withdrawal of the Minor in Museum and Curatorial Studies**

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

That the Minor in Museum and Curatorial Studies be withdrawn from offerings in the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, effective September 1, 2014; and,

That registration in this module be discontinued, effective September 1, 2014; and,

That students currently registered in the module be allowed to graduate with this Minor by the spring of 2017.

CARRIED

S.13-184 **School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: Renaming of the “Master of Clinical Sciences - Pathology Assistant” Program to “Master of Clinical Sciences - Pathologists’ Assistant” Program**

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

That effective September 1, 2013, the “Master of Clinical Sciences – Pathology Assistant” program be renamed the “Master of Clinical Sciences – Pathologists’ Assistant” program; and,

That students enrolled in the program as of September 1, 2013, who have completed all degree requirements, graduate with the “Master of Clinical Sciences –Pathologists’ Assistant” degree.

CARRIED

S.13-185 **School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: Withdrawal of the Theoretical Physics Collaborative Graduate Program**

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

That the Theoretical Physics Collaborative Graduate Program be withdrawn effective September 1, 2013; and,

That admission into the program be discontinued effective September 1, 2013; and

That, students currently enrolled in the program be permitted to elect to graduate in Theoretical Physics by the Autumn 2017 Convocation at the latest, if they completed all degree requirements.

CARRIED

S.13-186 **Revisions to the Guidelines for the Structure of the Academic Year**

It was moved by B. Timney, seconded by G. Jim,

That the Guidelines for the Structure of the Academic Year be revised as set out in Exhibit III, Appendix 1 to include the academic years 2016-2017 to 2020-2021.

CARRIED

S.13-187 **Change to the First-Year Start Date of the Internationally Trained Dentist (ITD) Program**

It was moved by B. Timney, seconded by B. Garcia,

That the School of Dentistry Sessional Dates for 2014 be revised to reflect that, effective for January 1, 2014, the start date for Year 1 of the ITD (Internationally Trained Dentist) program will be the first Monday in May rather than the first Monday in June.

CARRIED

S.13- 188 **Undergraduate Sessional Dates for 2015**

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

That the undergraduate sessional dates for 2015 be approved, as outlined in Exhibit III, Appendix 2.

CARRIED

S.13-189 **Introduction of the Western eLearn Program**

It was moved by B. Timney, seconded by M.A. Andrusyszyn,

That effective January 1, 2014, the eLearn Program be introduced at Western as outlined in Exhibit III, item 7.

Responding to a question regarding assessment tools, Dr. Doerksen said that there will be a review of the means of assessment for all e-learning courses in the next cycle.

The question was called and CARRIED.

S.13-190 **Report of the Subcommittee on Program Review – Graduate (SUPR-G): Cyclical Review**

Senate received for information the recommendations of the Subcommittee on Program Review – Graduate (SUPR-G) with respect to the cyclical review of the Graduate Program in Family Medicine, as detailed in Exhibit III, Appendix 3.

S.13-191 **Report of Scholastic Offenses for the period July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013**

The Report of Scholastic Offenses for the period July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013, prepared by Angie Mandich, Associate Vice-Provost (Academic Programs & Students), as set out in Exhibit III, Appendix 4 was received for information.

Responding to a concern about the number of scholastic offenses, Dr. Doerksen stated that 1 case involved 120 students. He urged faculty to use the scholastic offense process rather than dealing with matters informally within the faculty to bring a level of fairness across the campus. Western participated in a national academic integrity survey which will be provided to Senate at a later date.

S.13-192 **School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: Changes to General Thesis and SGPS Membership Regulations**

Revisions to the General Thesis regulations and the SGPS Membership regulations in the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, as set out in Exhibit III, Appendix 5, were received for information.

S.13-193 **New Scholarships and Awards**

SCAPA has approved on behalf of the Senate, for recommendation to the Board of Governors through the President & Vice-Chancellor, the Terms of Reference for the new scholarships and awards set out in Exhibit III, Appendix 6.

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

S.13-194 **StarTech.com Professorship in Customer Insights**

It was moved by B.A. Younker, seconded by R. Kennedy,

That Senate approve the establishment of the StarTech.com Professorship in Customer Insights in the Richard Ivey School of Business, detailed in Exhibit IV, Appendix 1.

CARRIED

S.13-195 **Performance Indicators Report**

Dr. J. Deakin gave a presentation on Performance Indicators detailed in Exhibit IV, Appendix 2. The indicators produced relate to areas of significant achievement and areas that require improvements. Overhead slides used to highlight the presentation are attached as [Appendix 1](#).

Dr. Chakma said that the correct endowment value in figure 43, page 67, is \$431 million.

REPORT OF THE HONORARY DEGREES COMMITTEE [Exhibit V]

S.13-196 **President's Medal for Distinguished Service**

It was moved by M.A. Andrusyszyn, seconded by C. Beynon,

That Senate approve the establishment of the President's Medal for Distinguished Service with terms of reference as contained in Exhibit V, Appendix 1.

Dr. Chakma provided a brief overview of the Medal described in Exhibit V, Appendix 1. A member asked if the Committee considered honouring other groups. Dr. Chakma responded that he will take the question to the Honorary Degrees Committee for consideration.

The question was called and CARRIED.

S.13-197 **REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC COLLEAGUE** [Exhibit VI]

The report of the Academic Colleague, detailed in Exhibit VI, was received for information. Dr. Okruhlik advised that the differentiation framework changed since writing her report. Universities must identify 10 areas/programs of strength and 5 areas for strategic focus. Also approval of new programs is temporarily suspended until the Strategic Mandate Agreement process is complete.

ENQUIRIES & NEW BUSINESS

S.13-198 **Campus Wifi Connection**

A member stated that there is a decline in the quality and availability of the Wi-fi connection on campus and asked if there are plans to address this issue.

Mr. Grieve, Director, Information Technology Services, acknowledged the concern. ITS continues to work with Communications to leverage better feedback mechanisms and encouraged the students to provide feedback. There can be a number of factors that lead to Wifi problems such as physical spaces, devices, software upgrades, consequently getting to the root of the problem is difficult. ITS has received funding in the last two years for infrastructure upgrades and have been working with the vendor partner to improve the situation.

S.13-199 **Student Senators Website/Twitter Account**

Senate was informed that the Student Senators have a new website: studentsenators.com and twitter account: @studentsenators.

S.13-200 **Western Student Senators**

The Western Student Senators thanked the administration for their cooperation during the first semester and look forward to working together in the new year.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

A. Chakma
Chair

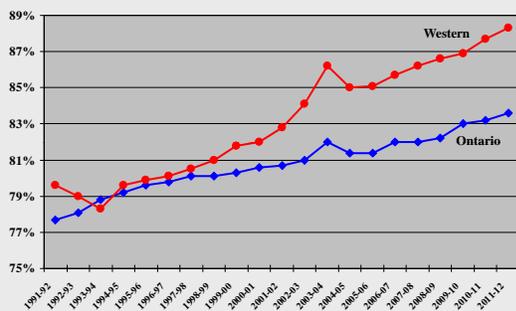
I. Birrell
Secretary

General Comments

- Annual Report – started in 2005
- Format has remained the same
- Not a PR document
 - highlights strengths, identifies areas needing improvement and priorities
- Each indicator has a reference to our Strategic Plan
- Format will be reviewed after New Strategic Plan is Approved

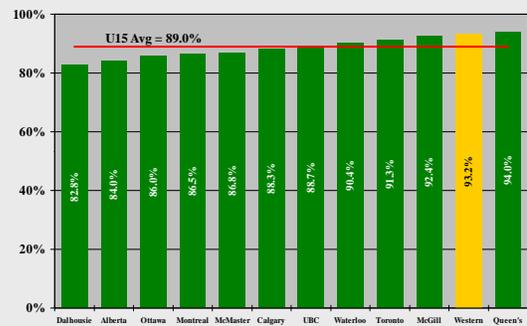
Areas of Strength

Average Entering Grades
of New Full-Time First-Year Ontario Secondary School Students



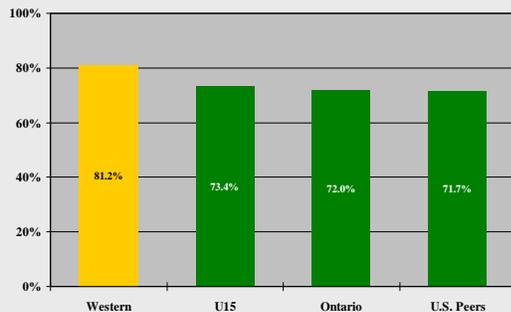
Source: Council of Ontario Universities and Western University

U15 Universities: Year 1 to Year 2 Retention Rates
2010-11 Entering Cohort



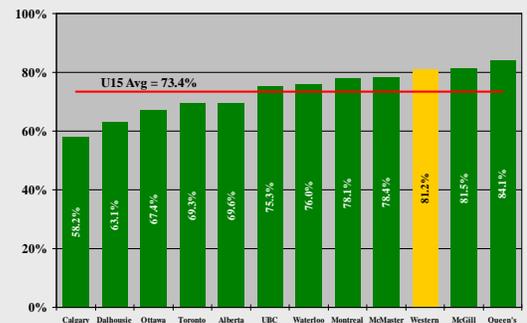
Source: August 2012 CSRDE Peer Institutional Reports

Undergraduate Student Graduation Rates
2005-06 Entering Cohort
Six Years After Entry

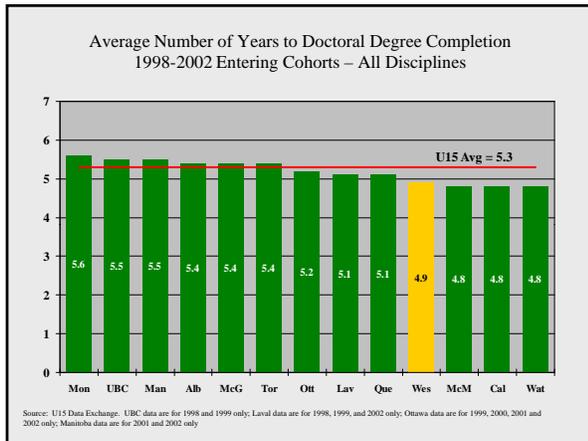
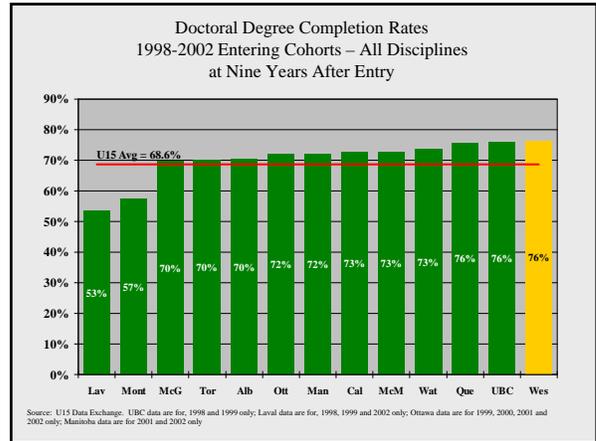
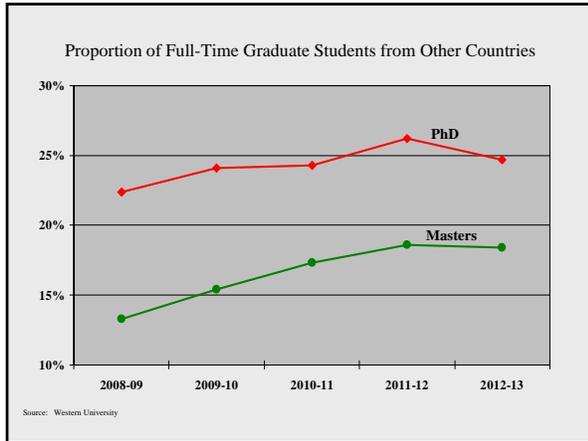


Source: August 2012 CSRDE Peer Institutional Reports. U.S. Peers include the University of Arizona, University of Iowa, Michigan State University, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and Ohio State University

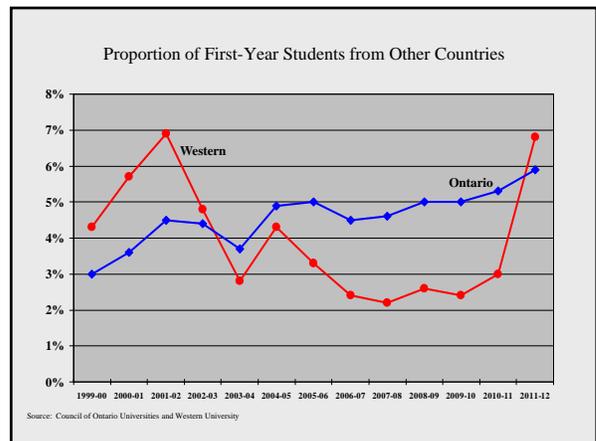
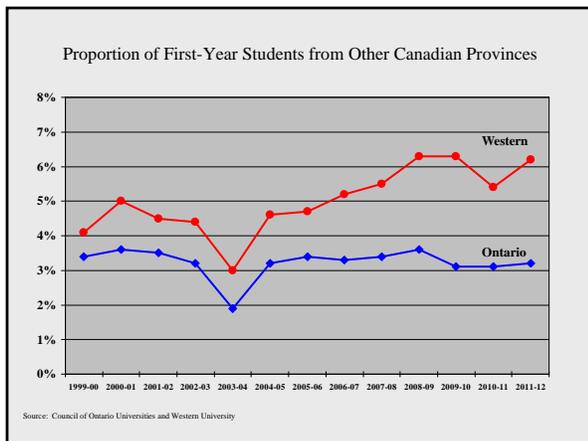
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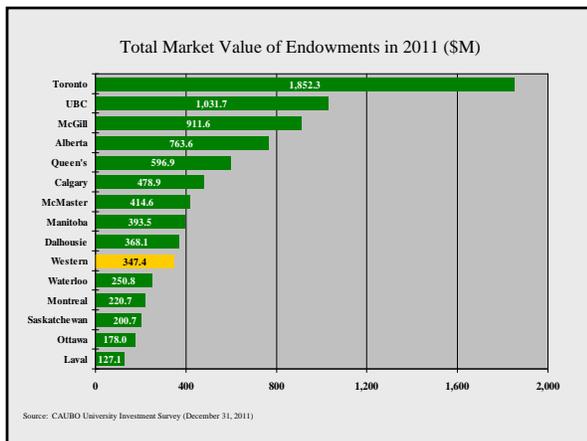
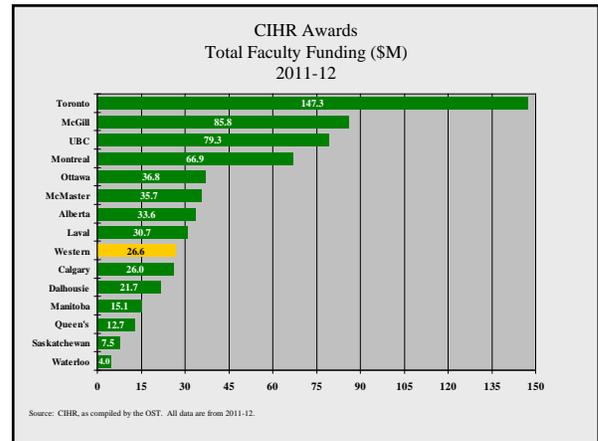
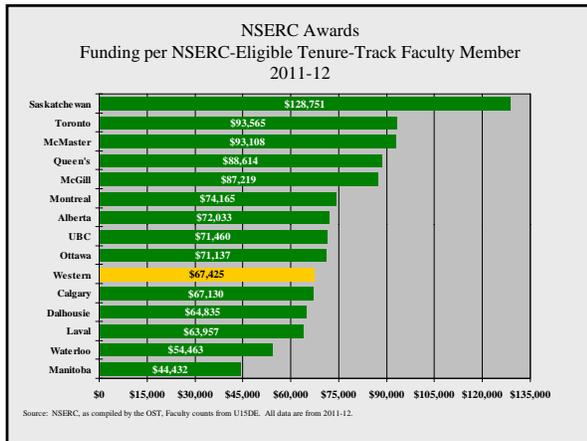
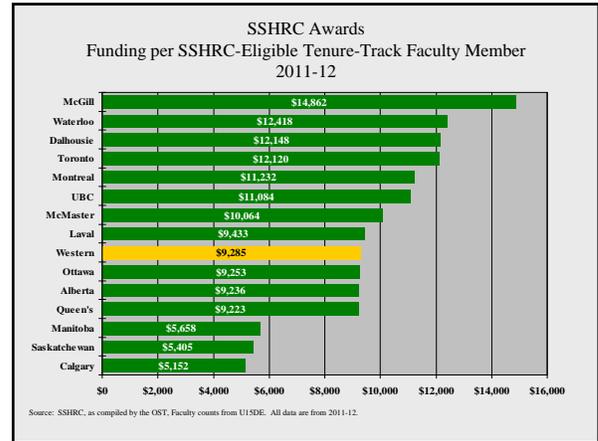
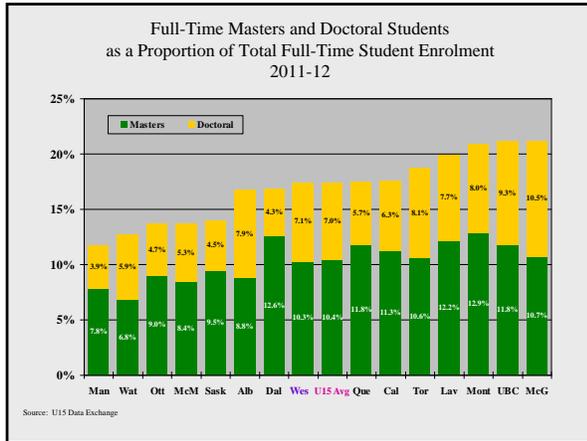


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Areas Needing Improvement





Priorities

