



## *The* UNIVERSITY of WESTERN ONTARIO

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

November 24, 2005

The meeting was held at 1:30 p.m. in the Cherry Room, Spencer Conference Centre.

PRESENT: Mr. D. McDougall, Chair  
Ms. I. Birrell, Secretary

Mr. S. Adams  
Dr. D.M.R. Bentley  
Mr. T. Brown  
Ms. L. Burke  
Ms. H. Connell  
Dr. P. Davenport  
Ms. G. Dybenko  
Mr. T. Garrard  
Mr. T. Gosnell  
Ms. L. Gribbon  
Ms. S. Grindrod  
Dr. T. Hewitt  
Mr. E. Holder

Ms. R. Ivey  
Mr. H. Kelly  
Ms. G. Kulczycki  
Mr. A. Labatt  
Dr. F. Longstaffe  
Dr. K. McQuillan  
Mr. J. Nash  
Ms. M. Noble  
Mr. M. Pickard  
Mr. G. Raymer  
Dr. S. Singh  
Mr. H. Vander Laan  
Mr. R. Yamada

By Invitation: A. Birch, D. Burgess, L. Koza

### REMARKS OF THE CHAIR

BG.05-126

#### Board Membership

The Chair welcomed the newly elected Board members to their first meeting: Professor David Bentley, elected by Faculty, Professor Jerry White, elected by Senate, Mr. Graydon Raymer, elected by the Graduate Students, Ms. Laura Burke, elected by the Undergraduate Students.

The Chair announced the Alumni Association reappointed Ms. Michele Noble to a second term (to December 2009).

BG.05-127 **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

The President reported on the University Report Card, Maclean's Ranking, Provincial issues, Federal Economic Update, his course "In the Footsteps of the Impressionists," and his activities during the months of October and November. Overhead slides used to highlight his presentation are attached as [Appendix 1](#).

BG.05-128 **UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGENDA** [Appendix I]

Prior to considering the Unanimous Consent Agenda, the Board accepted as a friendly amendment the addition of the Board Retreat Summary to the Report of the Senior Operations Committee.

It was moved by G. Dybenko, seconded by M. Pickard,

That the 24 items listed in Appendix I as amended, excluding item 12. Auditor General of Ontario Update and item 16. Annual Report of the Joint Pension Board, be approved and/or received for information by the Board of Governors by unanimous consent.

CARRIED

BG.05-129 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the open session of the meeting of September 29, 2005 were approved as circulated.

**REPORT OF THE PROPERTY & FINANCE COMMITTEE** [Appendix II]

BG.05-130 **Information Items from the Property & Finance Committee**

The Report of the Property & Finance Committee contained the following items that were received for information by unanimous consent:

- Biotron Project - Award of Contract
- Bank of Montreal Faculty Fellowship
- The Bill and Anne Brock Family Professorship in Child Health
- Investment Committee Membership
- Scholarships Bursaries, Awards, Prizes

**REPORT OF THE SENIOR OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** [Appendix III]

BG.05-131 **Information Items from the Senior Operations Committee**

The Report of the Senior Operations Committee contained the following items that were received for information by unanimous consent:

- New and Re-appointed Board Members
- Administrative Appointments
- Board Retreat Summary

**REPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT & FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE** [Appendix IV]

BG.05-132 **Revision to Gift Acceptance Policy**

It was moved by G. Dybenko, seconded by M. Pickard,

That the Board of Governors approve the amendment of the Gift Acceptance Policy (Policy 2.1) by the addition, after the third paragraph in section 2.00, "Types of Gifts Accepted," of the following new paragraph:

From time to time, donors may make gifts to the University that have aspects or characteristics that do not conform with other current University policies—for example, the University investment policy. These gifts will be reviewed by the President, on a case-by-case basis, and will be subject to the approval of the committee or governing body responsible for oversight and approval of the areas of non-conformity—for example, in the case of non-conformity with the University investment policy, the gift would be subject to approval by the University Investment Committee and in turn the Property & Finance Committee. In approving these gifts, consideration will be given to the opinion of the Development & Fund Raising Committee, the size of the gift, its impact at the University and the financial liability (if any) to the University raised by the gift. Case-by-case decisions will not be considered as setting precedent for the next occasion.

CARRIED by unanimous consent.

BG.05-133 **Quarterly Report on Fundraising**

The quarterly report on Fundraising, detailed in Appendix IV, Annex 1, was received for information by unanimous consent.

**REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE** [Appendix V]

BG.05-134 **Auditor General of Ontario Update**

The Board received an update, detailed in Appendix V, Annex 1, on a recent meeting with staff from the Auditor General's Office regarding the impact of the Auditor General's expanded mandate.

Mr. McDougall asked if the outcomes of the audit conducted by the Auditor General's Office affect the scope of Board's accountability. Ms. Kulczycki advised that the legislation passed in November 2004 expanded the Auditor General's mandate to include organizations in the broader public sector, such as school boards, university, colleges and hospitals. The Auditor General's office informed the Ontario universities that it is their intention to audit a process, financial or operational, at several universities to compare best practices. It is unknown at this time how such an audit will affect the independence of the Board of Governors. Mr. McDougall cautioned that the Board and the administration be alert to findings that result in changes to behaviour involving governance issues. Dr. Davenport advised that the administration will be vigilant but wishes to be seen as enthusiastic supporters of accountability. Western already benchmarks many activities as can be seen in the annual report on performance indicators. Ms. Noble noted that the Auditor General is charged with assessing whether public resources are well administered, whether government and broader public-sector activities are managed with due regard to economy and efficiency, and whether procedures

to measure and report on the effectiveness of programs and organizations have been established and are operating satisfactorily. This is often referred to as the "value-for-money mandate" of the Auditor General.

BG.05-135 **Information Items from the Audit Committee**

The Report of the Audit Committee contained the following information items that were received by unanimous consent.

- Equity Services - Annual Report 2003-04
- Risk Management and Internal Audit Update
- Information Security - Graduate Studies

**REPORT OF THE CAMPUS & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE** [Appendix IX]

BG.05-136 **Annual Reports: Code of Student Conduct**

The Board received for information the Annual Report on the Code of Student Conduct which consists of findings of misconduct in the University (Appendix IX, Annex 1a) and appeals to the University Discipline Appeal Committee (Appendix IX, Annex 1b).

**REPORT OF THE JOINT PENSION BOARDS** [Appendix VI]

BG.05-137 **Joint Pension Boards Report - November 2005**

Ms. Koza presented the Joint Pension Boards Report - November 2005, detailed in Appendix VI. Overhead slides used to highlight her presentation are attached as **Appendix 2**. The report covers the calendar year January 1 to December 31, 2004 as well as ongoing initiatives of the Pension Boards in 2005, including member education and participation.

Responding to Mr. Yamada's question about comparing Western's pension plan with other universities, Ms. Kulczycki stated that currently a consultant firm is obtaining measures from several Ontario universities to facilitate the comparison of the value of pension and benefits plans. This information will be shared with representatives of in 26RDSp

BG.05-139 **Guidelines for International Research Partnerships**

It was moved by G. Dybenko, seconded by M. Pickard,

That the Board of Governors approve the Guidelines for International Research Partnerships, detailed in Annex 2, effective January 1, 2006.

CARRIED by unanimous consent.

BG.05-140 **Information Items Reported by the Senate**

Appendix VII - Items Referred by the Senate - contained the following information items that were received by unanimous consent:

- Planning for 2006-07: Guidelines for the Faculties
- Report of the Academic Colleague on the 277<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Council of Ontario Universities
- Annual Progress Report on Strategic Research Plan
- Annual Report on Strategic Plan for Internationalization
- Academic Appointments

BG.05-141 **SELECTED CLIPPINGS** [Appendix VIII]

The Board received for information selected media clippings about the University, detailed in Appendix VIII.

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D. McDougall  
Chair

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I. Birrell  
Secretary

















