



## *The* UNIVERSITY of WESTERN ONTARIO

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

January 26, 2006

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

PRESENT: Ms. H. Connell, Chair  
Ms. I. Birrell, Secretary

Mr. S. Adams  
Mr. F. Angeletti  
Mr. T. Brown  
Ms. L. Burke  
Dr. P. Davenport  
Ms. G. Dybenko  
Mr. T. Garrard  
Mr. T. Gosnell  
Ms. L. Gribbon  
Ms. S. Grindrod  
Dr. T. Hewitt

Mr. E. Holder  
Mr. H. Kelly  
Ms. G. Kulczycki  
Dr. F. Longstaffe  
Dr. K. McQuillan  
Mr. J. Nash  
Mr. G. Raymer  
Dr. S. Singh  
Mr. H. Vander Laan  
Dr. J. White  
Mr. R. Yamada

By Invitation: R. Chelladurai, D. Riddell, A. Weedon

BG.06-02

#### REMARKS OF THE CHAIR

Ms. Connell thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as Chair for the upcoming year. She acknowledged Mr. McDougall, former Chair of the Board, for his contributions to the Board during his eight year membership stating that much of the Board's work in the coming year will be based on the foundation that he helped build. She also recognized Mr. Vander Laan for agreeing to serve as Vice-Chair.

She addressed the Board:

“Education is my passion and I feel privileged to be part of a place where tradition and the future meet head on. This is a particularly exciting time to be part of Western and also one of the most challenging times you will find to be a member of the Board of Governors. After

have. So, while we have a wonderful opportunity, we will have challenges and tough decisions on where the money is best invested not only for today but for the future. During this year too, the Board will also be asked to approve a new strategic plan for Western that will set its future direction for the next five years. The current plan chartered Western to be able to lay claim to being the best student experience among research intensive universities. That has been independently affirmed a number of times now and it is something to be proud of; but it is also no secret that Western wants to continue to entrench its position in research nationally and internationally and as part of that plan, Western plans to double its graduate students in the next few years. To succeed we will not only need the best and the brightest students but the highest calibre of faculty and staff. We should never lose sight that as high as our ambitions are, other universities are looking to do the very same thing and will be after the very same group of people. The Board will be required to make astute decisions on how we invest in infrastructure that will attract the kinds of leaders, students and researchers that we need. We must find ways to do it without sacrificing what we have built in terms of the undergraduate student experience.

BG.06-05      **UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGENDA** [Appendix I]

It was moved by S. Adams, seconded by H. Kelly,

That the 22 items listed in Appendix I, excluding item 4. Update on Additions to the University's 2005-2006 Operating Expenditures Approved by the Board of Governors and item 8. Report on Construction Projects Greater than \$1 Million, be approved or received for information by the Board of Governors by unanimous consent.

CARRIED

BG.06-06      **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the open session of the meeting of November 24, 2005 were approved as circulated.

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

BG.06-07      **Update on the Additions to the University's 2005-06 Operating Expenditures Approved by the Board of Governors**

The Update on the Additions to the University's 2005-06 Operating Expenditures Approved by the Board of Governors, detailed in Appendix II, Annex 1, was received for information.

Mr. Yamada, referring to Table 1 of Appendix II, Annex 1, Faculty Positions recommended by the Provost, asked several questions: has the administration factored into the cost a provision for providing support from a spousal/partner standpoint; what progress has been made towards mentoring, networking and providing support for female faculty, and has that been factored into the faculty attraction formula. Dr. Longstaffe stated that costs associated with spousal/partner support are factored in. The Office of Faculty Relations provides assistance to spouses and partners of faculty who are hired by Western by helping them to seek employment and by providing information about housing, schools, etc. Western works with the Deans in cases where a spouse/partner is interested in and qualified for an academic position by providing one-time funds to assist with the hiring. Dr. Weedon stated that 70 new full time faculty will be hired and frequently the individual Western attempts to hire has a spouse/partner who needs employment and frequently the spouse/partner has advanced educational qualifications or professional qualifications of a type that makes finding employment in the London region challenging. Western continues to develop a network with the human resource directors at the major employers in the City of London. Mentoring female faculty continues to be challenging particularly in those disciplines where women are not well represented, such as Science and Engineering and to some extent, Medicine. A Western funded conference was held a year ago on the career track for women faculty in under-represented disciplines and a host of recommendations are forthcoming from a symposium held for female faculty, chairs, deans, and academic leaders at Western.

BG.06-08      **Report on Construction Projects Greater than \$1 Million**

The report on Construction Projects Greater than \$1 Million, detailed in Appendix II, Annex 4, was received for information.

Mr. Yamada suggested that it would be useful to indicate on the report the impact of the expenditures on deferred maintenance and to provide an update on the total cost of deferred maintenance. Mr. Riddell stated that the largest part of the \$10 million/year allocated to deferred maintenance is

addressed in smaller projects, i.e., less than \$1 million. Two-thirds of the costs associated with two large projects currently underway addresses deferred maintenance. About \$2.4 million of the housing budget is spent, annually, to address major maintenance items. He noted that the total cost of deferred maintenance is approximately \$150 million.

Dr. Davenport agreed that information regarding deferred maintenance should be added to the expenditure report.

BG.06-09 **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:

- Award of Contract - B&G Building
- Support Services Building
- Quarterly Financial Report (Operating and Ancillary Budgets)
- Quarterly Ratio Report on Non-Endowed Funds
- Report on Research Funded Purchases Greater than \$1 Million
- Loan-Based Capital Financing Program
- Scholarships, Bursaries, Awards, Prizes

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

BG.06-10 **Report on Official Logos**

It was moved by S. Adams, seconded by H. Kelly,

That the Board of Governors approve that the Tower logo be filed with the Registrar of Trade marks under section 9 of the Act as an official logo of The University of Western Ontario;

and

That the Board of Governors approve the Terms of Use for the Coat of Arms and Crest, attached as Appendix III, Annex 2.

CARRIED by unanimous consent.

BG.06-11 **Policy on Release of Information to the Media – MAPP 3.33**

It was moved by S. Adams, seconded by H. Kelly,

That the *Policy on Release of Information to the Media* be revised to read as follows:

**Release of Information to the Media**

The University will endeavour to provide prompt and accurate information to the media.

Media requests regarding the affairs/administration of the University and/or the President's Office are coordinated through the Department of Communications & Public Affairs (C&PA). C&PA is also responsible for:

- Issuing media releases regarding University affairs/administration
- Assignment of spokesperson(s) on matters related to University affairs/administration
- Communications with the media during times of crisis

When provision of information to the media involves release of University records or the release of personal information, current privacy and access to information legislation, and regulations and/or policies

**ITEM REFERRED BY SENATE** [APPENDIX V]

BG.06-16

**Student Membership on Decanal Selection Committees**

It was moved by S. Adams, seconded by H. Kelly,

That the Board of Governors approve that the composition of Section L. of Appointment Procedures for Senior Academic and Administrative Officers of the University, be revised to read as shown below:

L. DEANS OF OTHER FACULTIES

Composition of Selection Committee

A committee to select a Dean of a Faculty other than Graduate Studies shall consist of:

- (a) the Provost & Vice-President (Academic), who shall be Chair
- (b) the Vice-President (Research & International Relations)
- (c) 5 persons, one of whom shall be an undergraduate student enrolled in the Faculty or a graduate student enrolled in a program housed in the Faculty, elected by the Council of the Faculty concerned
- (d) 3 persons elected by Senate, who are not faculty, staff or students of the Faculty concerned, and only one of whom may be a Dean,
- (e) for Medicine & Dentistry, one President of a London teaching hospital affiliated with the University, named by the Hospital Presidents;  
for Engineering, one member of the Advisory Council on Western Engineering, named by the Advisory Council;  
for Business, two members of the Ivey Advisory Board, named by the Advisory Board;

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H. Connell  
Chair

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I. Birrell  
Secretary