

The UNIVERSITY of WESTERN ONTARIO



BG.08-29 **UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGENDA**

It was moved by F. Angeletti, seconded by M. Reid,

That the 21 items listed in Appendix 1, excluding item 10, Code of Student Conduct - Report on Misconduct and Sanctions, be approved and/or received for information by the Board of Governors by unanimous consent.

CARRIED

BG.08-30 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the public session of the meeting of January 24, 2008 were approved as circulated.

REPORT OF THE PROPERTY & FINANCE COMMITTEE [Appendix II]

BG.08-31 **Operating and Capital Budgets, Tuition and Fees**

It was moved by J. Moss, seconded by R. Wong,

That the Board of Governors approve the 2008-09 University Operating and Capital Budgets and the Program Specific Fees and Other Supplemental Fees for 2008-09.

Ms. G. Kulczycki presented a comprehensive overview of the budget documents. Slides used in her presentation are attached as Appendix 2. The presentation included the 2008-09 budgetary information comprising: the Operating and Capital Budgets 2008-09; Tuition and Fees 2008-09; Budgets for Student Fee-Funded Units, Ancillaries, Academic Support Units and Associated Companies and budget summaries for the same.

In answer to questions and comments it was noted that

- Western's budget process covers a four year horizon, which will see the reserve decline but still projected to be near the Board-mandated level of \$2.5 million at the end of the four-year planning period (2010-11). The Board policy requires that a market value of investments relative to obligations must be at a minimum level of 1.08% and at the end of March 2008 that level was 1.29 % - i.e., approximately \$50 million above the required minimum level. This year's one-time allocations amount to approximately \$20 million, which is significantly greater than in previous years.
- With respect to the increase in tuition fees and future tuition fee levels, Ms. Kulczycki noted that the increases in the 2008-2009 budget reflect the two-year commitment regarding tuition fee levels. The current framework takes Western to 2009-10, the third year of the four year plan. The assumption is that the tuition fee level will remain in the same range throughout the four year budget.
- Starting in 2006-07, 77% of all graduate student tuition revenue is directed to the Graduate Student Scholarship and Training Fund. A 4% increase in tuition fees is projected for planning purposes. Discussions about tuition fee levels are ongoing, but it is not known what tuition fee framework will be put in place by the government at the conclusion of the current commitment. Discussions continue regarding what can be done financially for graduate students in Categories I and II. Thesis-based program students generally receive direct support in various forms from the Faculty of Graduate Studies and departments.

Funds will be available for students in professional graduate programs, but will be allocated differently.

- Economic assumptions underlying the budget include the government grant allocations, the

service without paying a fee, would contribute 30% of the fees this year, moving to 60% next year. This increase in fees has allowed the unit to hire an additional staff psychologist.

The question was called and CARRIED.

BG.08-35 **MAPP 1.45 - E-Mail Policy**

It was moved by T. Gosnell, seconded by K. Meighen,

That the E-Mail Policy, MAPP 1.45, contained in Annex 5, be approved effective May 1, 2008.

CARRIED

BG.08-36 **MAPP 1.46 - Safe Campus Community Policy**

It was moved by S. Grindrod, seconded by A. Awaysheh,

That the Safe Campus Community Policy, MAPP 1.46, contained in Annex 6, be approved effective May 1, 2008.

CARRIED

BG.08-37 **Information Items Reported by the Property & Finance Committee**

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

BG.08-39 **Notice of Amendments to By-Law No. 1**

The Board received for information by unanimous consent the notice of amendments to By-Law No. 1, detailed in Appendix III, Annex 4.

REPORT OF THE SENIOR OPERATIONS COMMITTEE [Appendix IV]

BG.08-40 **Code of Student Conduct: Report on Misconduct and Sanctions**

The Code of Student Conduct, detailed in Appendix IV, Annex 1, was provided for information.

Mr. Abudi referred to the incidents occurring on September 30 and December 19 and whether the events occurred on or off campus. If they occurre

ITEMS REFERRED BY SENATE [Appendix VI]

BG.08-44 **Creation of a School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies to replace the Faculty of Graduate Studies**

It was moved by F. Angeletti, seconded by J. Nash,

That the Board of Governors approve the creation of a School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies to replace the Faculty of Graduate Studies, effective July 1, 2008, as recommended by Senate.

CARRIED

BG.08-45 **Name Change for Department of Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine**

President's Report to the Board of Governors

- First Year Engineering Design Showcase
- Campus Renewal Announcement
- G13 Meeting with Minister Jim Prentice
- Ontario Research Fund Performance