



The UNIVERSITY of WESTERN ONTARIO

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

January 29, 2009

The meeting was held at 1:00 p.m. in Room 330 Stevenson-Lawson Building.

PRESENT: Ms. M. Noble, Chair
Ms. I. Birrell, Secretary

Mr. F. Angeletti
Dr. D. Bentley
Mr. J. Berge
Mr. J. Bitove
Dr. P. Davenport
Mr. T. Garrard
Ms. L. Gribbon
Ms. S. Grindrod
Dr. T. Hewitt
Mr. H. Kelly
Mr. J. Knowles
Ms. G. Kulczycki

Dr. F. Longstaffe
Dr. L. Miller
Ms. J. Moss
Mr. J. Nash
Mr. C. Sinal
Dr. S. Singh
Ms. J. Vanderheyden
Mr. H. Vander Laan
Dr. J. White
Mr. R. Wong
Mr. K. Zerebecki

By Invitation: R. Chelladurai, H. Connell, L. Logan, J. O'Brien

BG.09-01 REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

The President's report consisted of four items: Trip to India, December 11 - 13, 2008, Visit to Ottawa, Mayor's "State of the City Address", and activities of the President during the months of December 2008 and January 2009. Overhead slides used to highlight his presentation are attached as [Appendix 1](#).

BG.09-01a Federal Budget Announcement

Dr. Davenport reported that the federal budget includes \$2 billion for university and college infrastructure. Western's share could be approximately \$50 million. The funding will allow the University to proceed quickly with work on a number of key research and teaching facilities such as the Physics & Astronomy department. Also the Government continued its funding commitment to the Canada Foundation for Innovation and will provide additional funding for the Canada Graduate Scholarship program.

Dr. Longstaffe noted that the infusion of capital resources will not resolve the shortfalls in operating funds that Western is experiencing so budget reductions will still be needed.

BG.09-02 UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGENDA [Appendix I]

It was moved by S. Singh, seconded by F. Angeletti,

That the 16 items listed in Appendix I, revised, be approved and/or received for information by the Board of Governors by unanimous consent.

CARRIED

BG.09-03 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the open session of the meeting of November 27, 2008, were approved as circulated.

REPORT OF THE PROPERTY & FINANCE COMMITTEE [Appendix II]

BG.09-04 **Revisions to 2008-2009 University Operating Budget**

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

That the Board of Governors approve the following changes to the University's Board-approved 2008-09 Operating Budget:

1. That the \$18.55 million Investment Income Allocation (i.e., from non-endowed fund earnings) into the Operating Budget in 2008-09 be withdrawn.
2. That to offset this reduction in revenue, the following expenditure allocations be withdrawn:
 - the \$12.2 million one-time transfer to the Capital Budget to support the University's Long-Range Space Plan;
 - the \$6.0 million one-time allocation to fund the University's match for successful Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) initiatives

Mr. Knowles asked if matching funds would need to be found over the next few months if the government allocated funds for CFI initiatives. Dr. Hewitt stated that the money used to match government grants is not always drawn from Western sources but is acquired through fund raising, "in-kind" contributions from industry, discounts, etc.

Professor White asked why it had been determined that the renovations to the Physics & Astronomy Building could be put on hold. Ms. Kulczycki stated that unlike some other projects, this project could be delayed without unduly disrupting the academic program.

The question was called and CARRIED.

BG.09-05 **Western Fund Allocation 2008-09**

It was moved by S. Singh, seconded by F. Angeletti,

That the income available in 2008/09 from the Western Funds held at Foundation Western—\$75,500—be allocated to the Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) and the Ontario Graduate Scholarships in Science and Technology (OGSST) programs.

CARRIED by Unanimous Consent.

BG.09-06 **Information Items Reported by the Property & Finance Committee**

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

- Investment Committee Membership
- Update on Endowed and Non-Endowed Funds
- Quarterly Financial Report (Operating)
- Investment Committee Report
- Stephen Dattels Chair in Corporate Finance
- Ancillary Financial Report
- Quarterly Ratio Report on Non-Endowed Funds
- Annual Report on Trademark Licensees
- Scholarships/Awards/Prizes

- (c) No program-specific entrance requirement be set below 80% in 2009-10 except where an audition is a major element of the selection process. Although the exact value will ultimately be determined by this initial admission minimum, confirmed admission to any program will be contingent on a final average grade of no lower than 77%, except in those programs involving performance criteria and in particular limited enrolment programs where the value may be higher.
 - (d) The enrolment projections (Appendix IV, Annex 3) be used for purposes of tuition revenue estimates in the University's budget projections.
4. The process for the Affiliated University Colleges includes the following elements for 2009-10:
- (a) General entrance requirements will not be set until more complete information on applicant qualifications is available.
 - (b) Offers will be extended to current Ontario high school students using the same process as described for the Constituent University.
 - (c) Each College will determine its own timelines for extending offers of admission and response dates
 - (d) No student will be admitted to first-year study directly from the Ontario secondary school system with final grades below 75%, unless detailed academic assessment deems this appropriate.
 - (e) All Affiliated University Colleges will be bound to the minimum entrance requirements established by the Constituent University for limited enrolment programs, where applicable, including Media, Information & Technoculture, BHSc, and Kinesiology.

The question was called and CARRIED.

The Board received for information the following Implementation Notes for 2009-10 for the Constituent University

1. Given the experience of recent years, we expect that minimum entrance requirements will continue to be above 80%.
2. Students receiving offers at Ontario universities will now be required to accept their offer by May 28th and pay various deposits (tuition, residence, etc) or lose their place. The timing of the application and offers process for current Ontario secondary school students will begin with offers of admission in January on a rolling basis to exceptional students, made largely on the basis of performance prior to Grade 12.

The subsequent rounds of offers will begin in February/March as soon as the first term or mid year Grade 12 grades are available. Specific minimum grades **required for an offer will be set as a function of final information regarding applicant numbers and qualifications in each program.**

Marks used for early offers in February/March 2009 will be determined by the size and quality of the applicant pool.

3. Every effort will be made to maintain single minimum standard of admission across all programs. However, a higher standard may be necessary in some programs to avoid exceeding program capacity.
4. As indicated in the Senate resolution of past years, consideration may be given in the admissions process to factors such as performance in program-relevant courses (e.g., mathematics and sciences in Science and Engineering), and the academic record of the secondary school. As well, consideration will be given to students based on special circumstances and extraordinary extracurricular activities and/or contributions to citizenship and on the recommendation of the Principal of the school for demonstrated leadership ability.

5. As was the case in past years, the period between the availability of initial application information (still not including final year, winter semester applicant grades) and the offer date, does not permit an admissions proposal that includes detailed program-specific admissions criteria to be brought to Senate for consideration before initial offers are made.
6. A final round of offers, based on complete grade information, will be made in May 2009. Criteria used for those offers will be set as a function of additional information on applicant qualifications, historical program-specific patterns of acceptance of early offers, and student responses to date, but will observe the general entrance requirements established in this recommendation.

The graduate enrolment plan, detailed in Appendix IV, Annex 4, was also received for information.

BG.09-11 **Annual Report of the Vice-President (Research & International Relations)**

Dr. Hewitt presented the annual report of the Vice-President (Research & International Relations). Overhead slides used to highlight his presentation were distributed with the agenda as Appendix IV, Annex 5. Issues covered included research funding, technology transfer activity, contract research, journal publications, international engagement, and future steps.

BG.09-12 **Information Items Reported by Senate**


Appendix IV, Items Reported by Senate, contained the following items that were received for information by unanimous consent.

- Stephen Dattels Chair in Corporate Finance
- 2007-08 Survey of Student Finances
- Academic Administrative Appointments

The meeting adjourned to the confidential session.

M. Noble
Chair

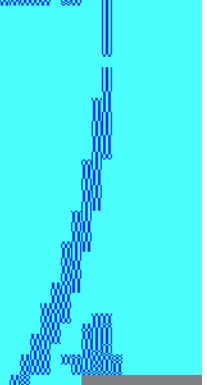


I. Birrell
Secretary

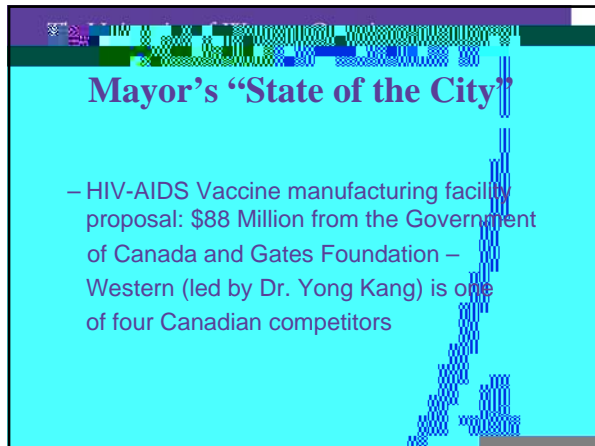


President's Report to the Board

- Trip to India
 - December 11-13, 2008
- Ottawa Visit
 - January 19, 2009
- Mayor's "State of the City" Address
 - January 22, 2009

Dr. Paul Davenport
January 29, 2009





Mayor's "State of the City"

- HIV-AIDS Vaccine manufacturing facility proposal: \$88 Million from the Government of Canada and Gates Foundation – Western (led by Dr. Yong Kang) is one of four Canadian competitors