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BG.23-87 **Adoption of Agenda – Open Session**

Moved by W. Boye, seconded by M. McGrath:

That the agenda for the open session be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

BG.23-88 **Approval of the Open Session Minutes of the Meeting of April 27, 2023**

Moved by S. Trosow, seconded by M. Banik:

That the open session minutes of the meeting of April 27, 2023, as amended, be approved.

CARRIED

Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

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on the support of the Deans in both departments.

In responding to questions, R. Chelladurai clarified that the proposed tuition rate increases only apply to new/incoming students. With respect to the increased rates, he advised that 10% of the incremental domestic tuition revenue goes toward needs-based student financial aid. He further advised Western uses a formula whereby 50% of the incremental tuition revenue goes back to the Faculties that teach the students.

Moved by S. Trosow, seconded by A. Chant:

That the decision regarding the increase to the tuition rates proposed in item 4.1(b) be deferred to the 2024 – 2025 budget process.

DEFEATED

K. Yeung declared a conflict of interest.

In speaking in favour of the motion to defer, members described their preference for the proposed tuition rate increases to go through the budget process to allow for broader consultation, the opportunity for Senate and the affected departments to consider the implications of the decision (i.e., academic policy), and to have a better understanding of the distribution of revenues.

Those speaking against the motion to defer raised concerns regarding the impact the delay in approval would have on implementation and suggested moving forward with the decision would not preclude the provision of additional information on the distribution of revenues.

In responding to questions about the main motion, R. Chelladurai provided information on the comparators the Ontario provincial government used in its determination of the tuition rate increases for Western; he provided information on Western's budget for student bursaries; and he advised on the process whereby Deans would be looking at their staff/faculty complements. It was further clarified that existing students in the program will not be impacted by the tuition rate increase, the increase is for incoming students only.

Moved by G. Dick, seconded by S. Bennett:

That, on the recommendation of the Property and Finance Committee, the Board of Governors approve the implementation of tuition rate increases for domestic students in undergraduate Computer Science and undergraduate

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undergraduate Computer Science and undergraduate MOS tuition rates – resulting in an increase to \$6,504 in 2023-24 from \$6,050 in 2022-23;

2. Given the late timing of the Government’s announcement and in order to allow the University adequate time to communicate to students and develop the necessary procedures/systems for implementation of the increased tuition rates, students will not be charged the increased tuition rates until 2024-25; and
3. T

P. Eluchok advised on the new legislation from the Ministry of Colleges and Universities requiring explicit policies on the sexual misconduct between employees and students. He advised the proposed changes to the policy reflect the requirements of the legislation.

Moved by M. Banik, seconded by M. McGrath:

That, on the recommendation of the Senior Policy and Operations Committee, the Board of Governors approve the amendments to
as
outlined in Item 4.2(c).

CARRIED

BG.23-95 **Introduction of Electronic Monitoring Policy and Related Procedures**

P. Eluchok presented for approval the new Electronic Monitoring Policy. He advised there is a requirement under the Employment Standards Act for employers to have an Electronic Monitoring Policy that identifies whether the employer is electronically monitoring its employees, and if so, how and why.

P. Eluchok and J. O'Brien, Associate Vice-President (Human Resources) responded to questions of clarification.

Moved by A. Chant, seconded by S. Poloz:

That, on the recommendation of the Senior Policy and Operations Committee, the Board of Governors approve the Electronic Monitoring Policy as outlined in Item 4.2(d).

CARRIED

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

BG.23-96 **Annual Report of the Working Group on Information Security (WGIS)**

S. Shortreed commended the team on the level of maturity reached over the last 12 months with respect to information security.

REPORT FROM SENATE

BG.23-97 **Global Engagement Plan**

K. Gibbons referred to the presentation received by the Board at their annual retreat on Western's Global Engagement Plan. Appreciation was extended to F. Strzelczyk. There were no additional questions.

Moved by S. Trosow, seconded by L. Higgs:

That, on the advice of Senate, the Board of Governors approve Western's Global Engagement Plan as set out in Item 4.4(a).

CARRIED

BG.23-98 **UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGENDA**

The quarterly activity of the non-endowed funds and report on the ratio of investments to obligations against the target ratio was received for information in item 5.1(d).

BG.23-103 **Report of the Investment Committee**

An update on the activities of the Investment Committee, a subcommittee of the Property and Finance Committee, was received for information in item 5.1(e).

BG.23-104 **Faculty Scholar Awards**

A report from the Property and Finance Committee recommending to the Board of Governors the approval of an additional four (4) Faculty Scholar awards as outlined in item 5.1(f) was received and approved by unanimous consent.

ITEMS FROM THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

BG.23-105 **Western Retirement Plans Report**

The report on the Western Retirement Plans presented to the Audit Committee was received for information in item 5.2(a)

ITEM FROM THE SENIOR POLICY AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

BG.23-106 **University Discipline Appeals Committee Membership**

On recommendation of the Senior Policy and Operations Committee in the report received in item 5.3(a), and by unanimous consent, the Board of Governors approved the appointment of Joel Welch to the University Discipline Appeals Committee for the term July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

ITEMS REFERRED BY SENATE

BG.23-107 **Honorary Degree Recipients - Spring 2023**

A report listing the Honorary Degree recipients and the Spring 2023 convocation ceremonies at which they were awarded their degree was provided for information in item 5.4(a).

BG.23-108 **Annual Report of the Office of Academic Quality and Enhancement (OAQE)**

The first annual report presented to Senate from the Office of Academic Quality and Enhancement (OAQE) was received for information in item 5.4(b).

BG.23-109 **Report of the Academic Colleague**

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The report from the May meetings of the COU Academic Colleagues was received for information in item 5.4(c).

BG.23-110 **Academic Administrative Appointments**