



The UNIVERSITY of WESTERN ONTARIO

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

FEBRUARY 13, 1997

The meeting was held at 2:00 p.m. in Room 38 of the Law Building.

SENATORS: 71

J. Adams	J.M. Good	P. Neary
M. Armstrong	S. Graham	A. Oosterhoff
D.E. Baer	C. Gural	A. Pearson
D.R. Bellhouse	T. Hessel	A. Prabhakar
D. Bevan	K.H.W. Hilborn	C. Quinlan
L. Bramwell	R. Hudler	M. Randall
W.A. Bridger	C. Iwasiw	C. Seligman
R. Brooke	C-Y. Kang	D. Semotiuk
R.N. Bryan	G. Killan	B. Singh
F.P. Cass	D. Kimura	D. Spencer
M. Cheesman	D. Kuntz	J.L. Stokes
W.R. Code	R. Lipson	A.W. Taylor
J.D. Cooke	T.C.Y. Lo	C. Thomson
R.P. Coulter	S. Martin	B. Thornton
T.C. Craven	R.M. Mathur	J. Thorp
J. Crimmins	G. McCarthy	B. Timney
C. Down	J. McKay	J. Topolski
C. Farber	R.Y. McMurtry	V. Tumanov
B. Garcia	K. McQuillan	J.K. Van Fleet
T. Garrard	P.P. Mercer	C. Walsh
P.M. Gaudet	G. Moran	L. Weiner
W. Gibson	P. Mueller	A.-M. Wilson
E.E. Gillese	D.G. Muñoz	

Observers: R. Chelladurai, D. Jameson, T. Lennon, C. Ross, R. Tiffin, D. Tompkins

By Invitation: N. Petersen

S.97-23

Chair of Senate

In the absence of the Chair of Senate, the Vice-Chair of Senate chaired the meeting. Dean Stokes explained that Dr. Davenport was attending a meeting with the Premier of Ontario on the day of the meeting.

S.97-24 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of January 16, 1997, were approved as circulated.

S.97-25 **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

[See also Appendix 1]

S.97-25a **Budget Update re 1997-98**

Dr. Moran provided an update on the 1997-98 budget. He highlighted his presentation with overheads, copies of which are attached as *Appendix 1* to these minutes.

ENQUIRIES

S.97-26 **London Free Press - Coverage of Western**

Professor Seligman expressed concern about coverage of University issues in the *London Free Press*. He observed that in recent articles, references to the University's accomplishments have been either understated or negative. Mr. Garrard advised that he and the President have met with the *London Free Press* editorial board and reporters for the purpose of preserving a positive relationship between the press and the University; these efforts will continue. He advised that he will contact the *London Free Press* to ask why the recent stories were positioned as they were and report back to Senate.

S.97-27 **GS 500 - Theory & Practice of University Teaching**

Mr. Armstrong asked if the course GS 500 - Theory & Practice of University Teaching - will become a pay-for-use course in the summer of 1998, Dr. Moran agreed to take the concern under advisement and provide a response at the next meeting.

REPORT OF THE OPERATIONS/AGENDA COMMITTEE

S.97-28 **Faculty of Health Sciences**

S.97-28a **Constitution of the Faculty of Health Sciences**

On behalf of the Operations/Agenda Committee, it was moved by C. Thomson, seconded by G. Moran,

That the Constitution of the Faculty of Health Sciences be approved as shown in Exhibit I, Appendix 1.

CARRIED

S.97-28b **Conditions of Appointment: Alternative Procedures, Faculty of Health Sciences**

It was moved by C. Thomson, seconded by S. Graham,

Whereas the Faculty of Health Sciences will be a non-departmentalized Faculty with discipline-based Schools, with respect to *Conditions of Appointment*, in recognition

2. That the Faculty operate as a non-departmentalized Faculty, with the following alternative procedures:
 - a. That the Faculty Appointments Committee's composition and procedure be structured as set out in Exhibit I, Appendix 2.

S.97-30

Senate Meeting Times - Guidelines

S.97-33

Officers of Convocation

The Operations/Agenda Committee reported the appointment of the following Officers of Convocation (terms to October 1999):

Director of Convocation: Bruce Lundgren
Assistant Director of Convocation: Donna Peterson

Marshal: Michael Owen

Chief Usher: Angela Schneider
Assistant Chief Usher: Steve Hicock

Chief Public Orator: Alan Mills
Assistant Chief Public Orator: John Thorp

S.97-34

Candidates for Degrees - Autumn Convocation 1995

On behalf of Senate, the Operations/Agenda Committee approved the following amendment to the list of candidates for degrees contained in Appendix A of the minutes of October 24, 1995:

Friday, October 27, 1995 FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE
 Bachelor of Arts

ADD: GERARD MCLAUGHLIN

S.97-35

Huron College Theological Convocation - 1998

The Operations/Agenda Committee reported that the Huron College Theological Convocation date

Professor Cheesman and Mr. Armstrong voiced concern that the program did not prepare students for entry into professional programs such as Occupational Therapy, Communicative Disorders, and Physical Therapy. As the program is structured, students will have an opportunity to explore these areas only in the final year, which is late and is not of a form to allow students to select options at other universities should they not be admitted into one of Western's professional health programs.

It was moved by K. Hilborn, seconded by R. Bryan,

That the motion be referred to SCAPA for appropriate consultation and reconsideration in light of the concerns raised at Senate.

Comments in favor of the Motion to Refer:

Four new health sciences courses are proposed but no outlines are provided except for the first year course.

The Senate debate imparts a general belief that the program requires more than just fine tuning.

Comments opposing the Motion to Refer:

The proposal was discussed at some length by the BHSc Committee and the Joint Transition Committee. The BHSc Committee, following wide consultation, considered and incorporated suggestions received.

The Committee believes the program in its current form is strong as a general program but acknowledges that the program will need to be modified and fine-tuned as time progresses.

The program is accepted as being good by Western's professional schools that were consulted during the development of the program.

Proper academic counselling of students in the BHSc program will aid students in identifying career goals and the subsequent course selections needed for entrance into one of Western's professional schools.

Referral of the program to SCAPA would not solve concerns about details, such as course titles. The principles on which the proposal is founded are acceptable.

The program must be approved now if it is to be advertised to next year's potential students; to delay advertising the program by a month would be detrimental to the success of the program.

SCAPA is prepared to consider adjustments to the program after the program has been approved by Senate.

Dean Lennon assured Senate that while the program will be housed in and administered by the new Faculty of Health Sciences, it is a University program that is largely dependent upon courses offered by other Faculties. The success of the program relies on the Educational Policy Committee and officers in the new Faculty who must oversee the program in a sensible and realistic way.

The motion to refer was called and was DEFEATED.

The main motion was called and CARRIED.

S.97-39

Bachelor of Arts in Media, Information and Technoculture

It was moved by B. Timney, seconded by G. Moran,

That the Faculty of Communications and Open Learning introduce a three-year Bachelor of Arts program with an Area of Concentration in Media, Information and Technoculture (MIT), and a Combined Honors BA in Media, Information and Technoculture, as outlined in Exhibit III, Appendix 2, effective September 1, 1997.

CARRIED

S.97-40

Faculty of Dentistry: Certificate of Qualification

It was moved by B. Timney, seconded by S. Graham,

That the Faculty of Dentistry establish a two-year qualifying program for graduates of non-accredited dental programs leading to a Certificate of Qualification, as outlined in Exhibit III, Appendix 3, effective August 1997.

CARRIED

S.97-41

Faculty of Law: Revision to Admission Requirements

It was moved by B. Timney, seconded by W. Gibson,

That the minimum criteria for applying to Law School in the Regular category be revised from at least 70%, or an LSAT score above the 48th percentile, to an average of at least 75% or an LSAT score above 152, as shown below:

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Regular Category (S.91-12.1, S.92-40, S.92-115)

1. At least two years of university level studies or of equivalent academic work are required. Candidates with only two years of university studies will be expected to achieve significantly higher results than those with more than two years. Candidates who are in their second year of study may be provisionally admitted.

S.97-42

Eligibility for Scholarships for Students in Combined Honors Programs

S.97-47

Alternate Methods of Graduate Study

It was moved by A.W. Taylor, seconded by M. Armstrong,

That Senate approve the Report of the Faculty of Graduate Studies Implementation Task Force on Alternate Methods of Graduate Study, as contained in Exhibit IV, Appendix 2.

CARRIED

S.97-48

Allocation of Seats on Senate

[Senate was given notice of the following motion on January 13, 1997 - S.97-22]

It was moved by J. Topolski, seconded by S. Martin,

That Senate direct the Operations/Agenda Committee to research the history of representation on Senate, take submissions from members of the University community with regards to future representation on Senate, and make a subsequent recommendation to Senate based on their findings no later than September of 1997.

Mr. Topolski, in support of his motion, provided the following rationale:

There is no available information regarding the composition of the Senate in regards to first principles, specifically addressing the numbers and ratios of voting seats.

For example, why is it that the Faculty of Engineering Science has only 2 seats on Senate and the Faculty of Medicine has 5? Or why do Graduate representatives equal the combined amount of Social Science and Science representatives?

Why does the LGIC have appointments on the Board of Governors but not the Senate?

Why must the Faculty elect their [representatives] but the Alumni Association can appoint theirs?

It is the duty of Senate to address issues regarding possible overlaps or discrepancies in mandates of representatives.

Dr. Mercer, on behalf of the Joint Senate/Board Committee to Review the UWO Act, spoke against the motion. He noted that Mr. Topolski referred to the alleged obligation of the Joint Board/Senate Committee to Review the UWO Act to recommend changes to the Act. The Review Committee did not see that as their obligation, but did entertain comments about representation on Senate. Debate on Senate representation was public and broad and commentary on the issue was contained in the Review Committee's final report. Many of the issues raised by Mr. Topolski at this meeting have been addressed through the Review Committee's work and the most recent debate at Senate surrounding the proposal to apply for a variance in the number of elected faculty and student Senators. He asked if it would be possible to answer Mr. Topolski's questions in ways other than assigning a task that was recently done to the Operations/Agenda Committee.

Dean Mathur observed that legitimate questions are posed which should be answered such as why the Faculty of Graduate Studies has ten seats on Senate.

Mr. Topolski asserted that the UWO Act Review Committee did not adequately answer some of the questions, such as representation of Deans on Senate, during its review. He believed that the Operations/Agenda Committee could propose recommendations for future Senate compositions as a result of a new review.

It was moved by J. McKay, seconded by L. Weiner,

That consideration of the motion be postponed to the next meeting of Senate.

In support of his motion to postpone, Professor McKay proposed that Mr. Topolski's questions be answered and transmitted as required before the motion is considered by Senate.

Dr. Moran spoke against the motion to postpone and the main motion because the questions raised can be answered by any number of individuals on campus. He said that the issue of representation on Senate was debated at length at the January Senate meeting and the willSe