



The UNIVERSITY of WESTERN ONTARIO

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

JUNE 19, 1997

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

SENATORS: 59

J. Adams
M. Armstrong
D.E. Baer
D.R. Bellhouse
W.A. Bridger
R. Brooke
R.N. Bryan
G.S.P. Castle
P. Chandarana
M. Cheesman
W.R. Code
J.D. Cooke
R.P. Coulter
T.C. Craven
C. Cummins
P. Davenport
L. Dos Santos
C. Down
J. Erskine
D. Fairbairn

C. Farber
B. Forster
B.P. Frohmann
B. Garcia
T. Garrard
P.M. Gaudet
W. Gibson
E.E. Gillese
J.M. Good
R. Harris
K.H.W. Hilborn
R. Hudler
N. Huner
D. Jacobson
W. Kennedy
G. Killan
D. Kimura
R. Lipson
T.C.Y. Lo
S. Martin

R.M. Mathur
G. McCarthy
K. McQuillan
P.P. Mercer
G. Moran
P. Mueller
D. Muñoz
P. Neary
A. Oosterhoff
A. Osler
A. Pearson
C. Seligman
B. Singh
J.L. Stokes
J. Topolski
J.K. Van Fleet
C. Walsh
A. Weedon
L. Weiner

Observers: T. Kennedy, R. Parks, H. Roos

By Invitation: C. Baird, N.O. Petersen

S.97-129

Closed meeting of Senate

In compliance with the University Act [S.31(2)], Senate met in closed session to consider a personnel issue. Minutes for this portion of the meeting are provided to Senators only as **Appendix 1** to these minutes.

S.97-130

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Mr. Armstrong expressed his opinion that the minutes of the meeting of May 15 reporting the debates on the issues of "honors vs honours" and "master/magisteriate" do not accurately reflect what happened during the meeting. He contended that the minutes do not contain some points which were germane to the debate, such as the comment he made about the term "technoculture", nor do they reflect the jocular tone of the debates. He stated that some visitors left the Senate meeting with the impression that Senate did not consider the motions seriously because they were supported by students.

The Secretary of Senate explained that the minutes are intended to be a summary of discussion, rather than a script, and that it is not standard practice to report in the minutes that Senators were amused at various points during discussion. Although Mr. Armstrong did not propose a specific amendment to the minutes, the Secretary agreed to take his concerns under advisement.

The minutes of the meeting of May 15, 1997, were approved as circulated.

S.97-131

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

The President's Report included information on the following topics:

- Progress Report - *Leadership in Learning* [tabled at the May 15, 1997, Senate Meeting]
- PACFED Report and Recommendations for Implementation: The Provost will hold an open meeting on Tuesday, June 24, 1997, to discuss the PACFED process.
- Discussion Paper - Expansion of Undergraduate Programs in the Summer Term: An open meeting will be held in September to discuss the issue of expansion of undergraduate programs in the summer term.

Dr. Davenport encouraged all Senators to contact the Provost with comments or concerns about the PACFED report and the Summer Term discussion paper.

Professor Seligman questioned the presentation to Senate of issues such as PACFED that at some point could become part of negotiations between the administration and the UWO Faculty Association. In his view, this scenario could be seen as premature Senate endorsement of the senior administration's position. The Provost disagreed, pointing out that the PACFED report is a discussion document. The

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they are engaged in private conversations who are nonetheless overheard by others who are not otherwise privy to them may find that the view of privacy and publicity held by the respective parties changes. Because of the element of privacy, a truly private conversation is not one that the administration could act upon.

Dr. Kimura gave the example of a professor and her graduate students having a private conversation in the lab wherein the professor uses "colorful language". She asked whether she could assume that there would be no repercussions of any kind, providing the professor was not violating Senate policy. Dr. Mercer responded that if there is no policy that otherwise applies, her assumption is correct; however, the use of colorful language could attract attention and the pursuit of sanction through legal means.

S.97-133 Academic Offerings of the University [S.97-105c]

Dean Neary referred to discussion at the May meeting of Senate which focused on an article in the *London Free Press* that questioned the integrity of certain courses offered by the University, one of which was "Geography of Gender". Dean Neary defended the validity of the course, which was approved through the normal process. It will be offered for the first time in 1997-98 and will be taught by two highly qualified professors of Geography. He stated that the course deals with important and substantial subject matter and is based upon a significant body of scholarship. It is not a compulsory course and, like many other courses, "will rise or fall in the marketplace of ideas and student choice".

REPORT OF THE OPERATIONS/AGENDA COMMITTEE [Exhibit I]

S.97-134 Senate Membership

S.97-134a Alternates and Filling of Vacancies

On behalf of the Operations/Agenda Committee, it was moved by J.L. Stokes, seconded by L. Weiner,

That, pursuant to Senate regulations for the Filling of Vacancies, the following be approved:

Faculty of Arts

That the Senate seat held by V. Tumanov, elected representative for the Faculty of Arts constituency, be declared vacant as a result of his resignation, and that G.M. Eramian be elected to complete Professor Tumanov's term (to October 31, 1997), as recommended by the Faculty of Arts.

King's College

That the Senate seat held by G. Killan, elected representative of King's College, be declared vacant effective July 1, 1997, when he begins his term as Principal of King's College (at which time he will become an *ex officio* member of Senate), and that J. Snyder be elected to complete Professor Killan's term (to October 31, 1997), as recommended by King's College.

CARRIED

S.97-134b New Seats on Senate

It was moved by J.L. Stokes, seconded by R. Bryan,

That, subject to approval of the new seats on Senate by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, the following be elected to Senate to serve from July 1 (or as soon as LGIC approval is granted) to October 31, 1997:

Arts:	Richard Hillman (English)
Business:	Claude Lanfranconi
Communications & Open Learning:	(1) Tim Craven (2) Andrew Osler
Education:	Margaret McNay
Engineering Science:	J.M. Floryan (Mechanical and Materials Engineering)
Graduate Studies:	(1) Tilottama Rajan (Theory and Criticism) (2) John Sheasby (Mechanical and Materials Engineering)
Health Sciences:	(see S.97-134c below)
Law:	Robert Hawkins
Medicine & Dentistry:	(see S.97-134d below)

Music: Robert Toft (Music History)
Science: Rob Corless (Applied Mathematics)
Social Science: Stephen Lupker (Psychology)
Brescia College: Alicia Garcia (Home Economics)
Huron College: Mark Cole (Psychology)
King's College: Ken McKellar (Modern Languages)

Undergraduate _____*
Students: _____*
Graduate Students: _____*

* *The nominees for the undergraduate and graduate seats will be brought to Senate in September.*

CARRIED

S.97-134c Faculty of Health Sciences

It was moved by J.L. Stokes, seconded by R. Bryan,

That the following members of faculty be elected to represent the Faculty of Health Sciences on the Senate for terms beginning July 1, 1997 (subject to LGIC approval by that date):

Margaret Cheesman (Comm. Sci. & Disorders) to October 31, 1998
Darwin Semotiuk (Kinesiology) to October 31, 1998
Carroll Iwasiw (Nursing) to October 31, 1998

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S.97-136 **Senate Membership within Constituencies**

S.97-136a **Faculty of Graduate Studies**

Referring to an Addendum to Exhibit I, it was moved by J.L. Stokes, seconded by D. Baer,

Pursuant to section 24.(1)(b) of the *University of Western Ontario Act* (1982), and subject to the approval by the LGIC that 10 members of the Faculty of Graduate Studies be elected to Senate, that, *starting with the Senate elections to be conducted in the fall of 1997*, Senate resolution S.3321.02 (July 1982) be rescinded and that the following constituencies comprise the Faculty of Graduate Studies representation on Senate, as recommended by the Council of the Faculty of Graduate Studies:

2 members elected by members of the Faculty of Graduate Studies holding faculty appointments in the Faculties of Music, Arts, Social Sciences

2 members elected by members of the Faculty of Graduate Studies holding faculty appointments in the Faculties of Medicine & Dentistry, Science, Health Sciences

2 members elected by members of the Faculty of Graduate Studies holding faculty appointments in the Faculties of Engineering Science, Education, Communications and Open Learning, and the Richard Ivey School of Business

1 elected by members of the Faculty of Graduate Studies who are members of interdisciplinary or collaborative graduate programs

3 elected by the members of the Faculty of Graduate Studies at large

and that the following incumbent Senators complete their terms on Senate representing the Faculty of Graduate Studies to October 31, 1998, in the constituencies outlined below:

C. Thomson (Arts) representing the constituency for members of the Faculty of Graduate Studies holding faculty appointments in the Faculties of Music, Arts, Social Sciences [Prof. Thomson was elected in the Fall 1996 elections to represent the Arts Division];

1 member elected from and by the School of Dentistry

4 members elected from and by the Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry at large

CARRIED

S.97-137 **Senate Committees - Terms of Reference and Composition**

S.97-137a Senate Committee on Academic Policy and Admission (SCAPA)

It was moved by J.L. Stokes, seconded by A. Pearson,

That the composition of SCAPA be revised as follows:

- (a) eight members of Faculty, at least five of whom ar

One graduate and one undergraduate student are to be appointed by the Society of Graduate Students and the University Students' Council respectively for one-year terms.

CARRIED

S.97-138

Nominating Committee - Membership

T. Lo and M. Randall (terms to November 1998) were elected to the Senate Nominating Committee

A committee to select a **Resident Director of the Trois-Pistoles French Immersion School** shall consist of:

- (a) the Dean of the Faculty of Communications and Open Learning, who shall be Chair
- (b) the Chair of the Department of French
- (c) 2 persons elected by the Council of the Faculty of Communications and Open Learning

Director of Continuing Studies

If the proposed Director has an academic appointment with tenure, he/she shall be appointed for a term of five years, which may be renewed; if the proposed Director does not have an appointment with tenure, the term shall be for an indefinite period.

Resident Director of the Trois-Pistoles French Immersion School

Dependent upon the status and qualifications of the successful candidate, the Director of the Trois-Pistoles French Immersion School shall be either a tenured faculty member, appointed as a Director for a term of three to five years (renewable); a limited-term faculty member, teaching one course for the Department of French, with a term of three years (renewable); or a member of staff with an indefinite term, concurrently teaching one course for the Department of French on a part-time basis.

CARRIED

S.97-141b Director of Animal Care and Veterinary Services

It was moved by J.L. Stokes, seconded by W.A. Bridger,

That section X. of *Appointments Procedures*, dealing with the composition of a selection committee for a Director of Animal Care and Veterinary Services, be amended by deleting "the Vice-Provost Health Sciences". The Selection Committee would therefore consist of:

- (a) the Vice-President (Research), who shall be Chair
- (b) the Chair of the University Council on Animal Care
- (c) 4 persons elected by the University Council on Animal Care
- (d) 3 persons elected by Senate, who are not members of the University Council on Animal Care, and only one of whom may be a Dean.

CARRIED

S.97-142 Senate Election Procedures

S.97-142a Candidate and Voter Eligibility - Representatives of the Faculty

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

That the Senate Election Procedures for Representatives of the Faculties, Schools, and Affiliated Colleges [*Senate Manual, pp. 10-2 and 10-3*] be revised as shown below with respect to Candidate and Voter Eligibility for faculty members with joint appointments:

Candidate and Voter Eligibility

Pursuant to Section 25(1) and 25(2),

- 25.(1) The election of a member of the Senate under clause 24(1)(b) or (d) shall be by secret ballot of the members of the academic unit or affiliated college to be represented who hold the rank of assistant professor or higher, but in all other respects such an election shall be in accordance with the manner and procedures established and determined by the Senate.
- 25.(2) To be eligible for election to the Senate under clause 24(1)(b) or (d), a person must be a member of the academic unit or constituent parts thereof as designated by the Senate or affiliated college

- (4) Emeritus Professors who are members of the Faculty of Graduate Studies are eligible to vote for representatives of the Faculty of Graduate Studies to the Senate. Ballots will be mailed to the Emeritus Professors' home Departments. (S.96-58)

CARRIED

S.97-142b Senate Election Procedures - Representatives of the Students

It was moved by J.L. Stokes, seconded by R. Bryan,

That the following sections of Senate Election Procedures - Representatives of the Students [*pp. 10-5 and 10-6 of the Senate Manual*] be amended as shown below:

In the case of part-time on-campus undergraduate students and full-time graduate and undergraduate students (except undergraduate students enrolled in the Faculty of Education), balloting will be conducted during a designated period at polling stations established on campus. The Secretary of Senate is authorized to delegate to the University Students' Council and the Society of Graduate Students and the MBA Association such authority as is necessary for the distribution and collection of ballots. *The Secretary of the Senate may employ the USC Election Committee to supervise campaigning by candidates, to conduct on-campus elections of students to the Senate and to count the poll, but any decision that a candidate be disqualified may be appealed to the Secretary of Senate by 4:00 p.m. of the second working day following the date of the letter notifying the candidate of the Election Committee's decision that the candidate be disqualified.*

might be consumed if OAC had let the original motion be debated on its own merits.

The question was called and was DEFEATED.

S.97-143b

It was therefore moved by D. Muñoz, seconded by C. Walsh,

That a committee be struck by Senate to study the impact of academic programs on the public image of this University. The committee would be expected to make recommendations to

¹ Rory Leishman, "Integrity of university scholarship corrupted", the *London Free Press*, May 15, 1997, B.11.

S.97-144

Senate Election Schedule

Senate received for information the Senate Election Schedule as follows:

Faculty and Administrative Staff Constituencies

Call for Nominations	September 11 (Western News)
Nominations Open	September 12
Nominations Close	4:00 p.m., September 25
Posting of Nominations	September 26
Distribution of Ballots	September 30
Balloting	October 1 - 16
Polls Close	4:00 p.m., Thursday, October 16
Posting of Results	October 17
Publication of Official Results	October 23 (Western News)

Student Constituencies

Call for Nominations Advertised	September 11 (Western News & Gazette)
Nominations Open	September 12
Nominations Close	
- All constituencies but At Large	4:00 p.m., September 25
- At Large constituency	4:00 p.m., October 2
Posting of Nominations and Mandatory All Candidates' Advisory Meeting	5:00 p.m., October 2
Distribution of Mail Ballots*	October 7

S.97-149

University Research Board (URB)

S.97-161 **New Graduate Fellowships and Awards**

Senate was informed that SCUP approved on behalf of the Senate the Fellowships and Awards for graduate study, shown in **Appendix 5**. These will be recommended to the Board of Governors through the Vice-Chancellor.

S.97-162 **REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC COLLEAGUE**

The Report of the Academic Colleague on the 236th meeting of the Council of Ontario Universities, detailed in Exhibit V, was received for information. Topics covered at the meeting included the President's Report, Ontario Universities' Application Centre - Application and Supplementary Fees, COU Budget for 1997-98, Report from the Committee on the Relationships between Universities and Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology, Report from the Credit Transfer Implementation Committee, Report from the Ontario Commission on Interuniversity Athletics, Report from the Committee on Nominations and the AUCC Report.

[Dean Stokes assumed the chair.]

Dr. Davenport responded to Mr. Walsh's concerns about COU's position on the Income Contingent Loan Repayment Plan (ICLR) as the solution to the student aid problem. He stated that he was not comfortable characterizing COU's position because COU is at a phase where it is working with the provincial/federal authorities to institute a workable student loan program. He could provide only his own views because COU has not taken an official position on the AUCC document. There is strong support for the principles set out in the document which states that part of the solution for the student loan problems is additional, upfront, government grants. More money must be put into the system at an earlier stage. Supporters of the AUCC document believe that such principles are partly inconsistent with ICLR, but Dr. Davenport stated his belief that COU and the provincial government must work together by using the ICLR method to collect the loans and utilize other elements to ensure that a workable loan system is in place.

Mr. Walsh asked if it is the position of COU and Western that tuition deregulation should be allowed regardless of whether an appropriate student aid system is in place. Dr. Davenport stated that he would not speak on behalf of COU because there are many perspectives on this issue. He maintained that Western's Board of Governors has a responsibility to the students whether or not an ICLR system is in place.

Referring to the paragraph contained in the Report about the Ontario Universities' Application Centre application fee increase, Mr. Topolski asked for justification of the increase given that COU's planned operating deficit for 1997-98 will be funded by the accumulated carry-forward operating reserve from 1996-97. Dr. Kennedy explained that the increased application fee is needed to fund additional costs confronted by the Application Centre due to the expanded services it provides to universities. These costs include the need for additional staff, hardware and software services. Commenting on the accumulated carry-forward contained in COU's budget, Dr. Kennedy advised that there is always a planned carry-forward. The accumulated surplus is the result of considerable restructuring within the secretariat. He said that the Application Centre disperses funds to the universities but he could not confirm whether the costs incurred by the universities in term of sending out material to the applicant are covered.

Responding to Mr. Parks' question about the amount of funding Western receives from the Ontario Universities' Application Centre, Dr. Kennedy could not quote a definite figure because the Centre uses a very complex formula, but he agreed to provide the funding formula.

S.97-163 **ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNICATIONS**

Announcements and communications appear in Exhibit VI.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

P. Davenport
Chair

J.K. Van Fleet
Secretary