



## The UNIVERSITY of WESTERN ONTARIO

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

MAY 16, 2003

The meeting was held at 1:30 p.m. in Room 1R40, Richard Ivey School of Business.

SENATORS: 59

S. Adams	J. Harrington	N. Petersen
C. Antolak	R. Harris	A. Pitman
M. Bartlett	J. Haywood-Farmer	S. Radcliffe
R. Beaujot	I. Holloway	S. Rich
F. Berruti	R. Howse	C. Ross
S. Brennan	I. Hramiak	N. Shupak
T. Carmichael	C. Iwasiw	S. Singh
C. Chapman	D. Kneale	E. Skarakis-Doyle
R. Ciriello	R. Lumpkin	P. Skidmore
P. Davenport	A. Margaritis	M. Speechley
P. Dean	D. McCarthy	L. Ste. Marie
J. Doerksen	G. Nakhla	J-L. Suarez
D. Dutrizac	J. Nash	S. Usprich
J. Etherington	J. Nisker	J. Van Fleet
C. Farber	E. Noble	L. Vaughan
M. Fong	K. Okruhlik	P. Werstine
T. Fulton	S. Osborn	J. White
A. Garcia	R. Parks	B. Wood
J. Garland	A. Pearson	S. Xaysy
C. Hall	A. Percival-Smith	

Observers: L. Gribbon, D. Jameson, A. Weedon, P. Yeoman

S.03-091

#### **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of April 11, 2003, were approved as circulated.

S.03-092      **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

The President's report covered:

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That Liz Butler and Dave Vaillancourt, elected representatives to the Senate undergraduate “At Large” constituency, be granted leaves of absence, and,

That Rohan Belliappa (HBA IV) and Casey Antolak (History and Political Science II) be elected to serve as their alternates (May 1 to August 31, 2003).

CARRIED

S.03-094 **SCUP Membership**

It was moved by A. Pearson, seconded by R. Howse,

That the non-voting position on SCUP currently held by the “Associate Director of Physical Plant” be revised to read “Director, Facilities Engineering”.

CARRIED

S.03-095 **Calling the Question vs Motion to Limit Debate**

Dean Pearson, Chair of the Senate Operations/Agenda Committee, recalled that at the Senate meeting of April 11, 2003, during debate on the 2003-04 Operating and Capital Budgets, on a motion to close debate, Senate voted by a 2/3 majority to do so. As a result, several Senators were unable to raise questions about the budget because there was no further opportunity to do so. The Operations/Agenda Committee recalled that this has occurred during Senate's consideration of several important items over the past few years.

While in every case it was entirely legal to introduce and adopt a motion to close debate, Operations/Agenda observes that it is regarded as the most drastic action a deliberative body can take to stop or indeed to prevent debate; and that, given the obligation of a body to hear minority views, members should be aware that there are alternatives to a motion to close debate. To this end, the Operations/Agenda Committee asks that the Chair of Senate, when a motion to end debate is presented, remind Senate of the options available, specifically, a motion to limit debate, for example, (1) to those still on the Chair's speakers list, (2) to a certain amount of time, or (3) to the time each speaker will stop speaking.

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S.03-096 **Candidates for Theological Degrees - Huron University College**

S.03-096a **Master of Divinity**

Senate was informed that on behalf of the Senate (S.96-125), the Provost approved the list of candidates who received the Master of Divinity degree at the 2003 Spring Convocation at Huron University College (May 8, 2003):

NANCY JEAN ADAMS  
TARA LYNN CORSTON  
MONA GENE GOULETTE  
ADRIENNE MARGARET JONES  
WAYNE HAROLD LARSON  
WENDY QUINTON-MURRAY

S.03-096b **Master of Theological Studies**

Senate was advised that on behalf of the Senate (S.96-125), the Provost approved the list of candidates who received the Master of Theological Studies degree at the 2003 Spring Convocation at Huron University College (May 8, 2003):

JOAN ELIZABETH HACOCK  
SHARON ANNE KIRKBY

**ACADEMIC POLICY AND AWARDS** (Exhibit II)

S.03-097 **Policy on Adding and Dropping Quarter Courses**

A revised exhibit outlining the Policy on Adding and Dropping Quarter Courses was distributed at  
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for dropping a course without academic penalty (or subsequently, if a petition is granted by the Dean) shall be recorded as "WDN".

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Some of the quarter courses offered by the Richard Ivey School of Business do not fit into the standard timelines. For these courses, the add date will be the second business day from and including the start date of the session and 0.501112811

S.03-099      **Honors Specialization and Major in Media and the Public Interest (MPI)**

It was moved by A. Pitman, seconded by A. Margaritis,

That an Honors Specialization in Media and the Public Interest and a Major in Media and the Public Interest, detailed in Exhibit II, item 3, be introduced in the Faculty of Information and Media Studies, effective September 1, 2004.

CARRIED

S.03-100      **BA/LLB Concurrent Degree Program: Bachelor of Arts Honors Media, Information and Technoculture (MIT)/Bachelor of Laws**

It was moved by A. Pitman, seconded by I. Holloway,

That a concurrent Bachelor of Arts Honors MIT/Bachelor of Laws program, detailed in

S.03-104 **Electrical Engineering Option: Power Systems Engineering**

It was moved by A. Pitman, seconded by A. Margaritis,

That, effective September 1, 2003, a Power Systems Engineering Option, detailed in Exhibit II, item 8, be introduced in the Electrical Engineering program of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Faculty of Engineering.

CARRIED

S.03-105 **Brescia University College: Introduction of Minor Programs in Women and Christianity, Religious Studies and Philosophy, Philosophy and Family Studies (Interdisciplinary)**

It was moved by A. Pitman, seconded by S. Rich,

That Senate approve that effective September 1, 2003, the following programs, detailed in Exhibit II, item 9, be introduced at Brescia University College: a) Minor in Women and Christianity, b) a Minor in Religious Studies and Philosophy, c) Minor in Philosophy, and d) Minor in Family Studies (Interdisciplinary).

CARRIED

S.03-106 **Undergraduate Program Reform: Programs Approved**

Senate received for information the list of programs approved under the Undergraduate Program Review process (Exhibit II, information item 1).

Professor Percival-Smith challenged SCAPA's authority to approve programs on behalf of Senate because the Committee's terms of reference state that new programs must be approved by Senate.

Ms. Cline, Associate Secretary of the University, explained that SCAPA approves and recommends to Senate the establishment of new programs and the discontinuation of existing programs. Changes to courses and programs are handled by the Deans: Academic Programs (DAP) "virtual" committee. The *ad hoc* Subcommittee on Undergraduate Program Reform (SUPR) reviews the structure of current undergraduate degree programs and proposals for changes to them in order to have them fit the matrix for undergraduate programs outlined in the proposal approved by Senate for the "Reform of the Undergraduate Program".

The Chair asked that the Operations/Agenda Committee propose to Senate at the June meeting a process for dealing with programs that fall between SCAPA and DAP.

S.03-107 **Report on Scholarships and Awards**

SCAPA has approved on behalf of the Senate the following Terms of Reference for new scholarships and awards for recommendation to the Board of Governors through the Vice-Chancellor:

- J. Armand Bombardier PhD Scholarship in Global Management (Faculty of Graduate Studies, Business)
- Jamey Swift Scholarship in Records Management (Faculty of Graduate Studies, Library and Information Science)
- R.A. Barford Graduate Scholarships (Faculty of Graduate Studies, Business)
- Kevin J. Comeau Continuing Scholarship (Faculty of Law)
- G. Mark Curry Doctoral Scholarship (Faculty of Graduate Studies, Business)
- HBA '92 Continuing Award (Richard Ivey School of Business)
- Cohen Highley LLP Aboriginal Law Scholarship (Faculty of Law)
- Kyle Dobrowolski Memorial Nursing Scholarship (Faculty of Health Sciences, Nursing)
- Cheryl Waldrum Award (Faculty of Law)
- Lawrence Mok Medical Mentor Award (Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry, Medicine)
- Jean Ann Maynard Scholarship (Faculty of Engineering, Electrical Engineering)



**UNIVERSITY PLANNING** [Exhibit III]

S.03-108 **Report of the Subcommittee on Priorities in Academic Development** (SUPAD)

Senate received for information the Report of the Subcommittee on Priorities in Academic Development (SUPAD), detailed in Exhibit III. The total budget for the Academic Development Fund New Research and Scholarly Initiative Award in 2003-2004 is \$1 million and the total amount of the awards recommended for 2003-2004 is \$963,605, excluding recommendations for multi-year projects. The awards are shown in Exhibit III, Appendix 1.

S.03-109 **REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC COLLEGE**