



The UNIVERSITY of WESTERN ONTARIO

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

April 21, 2006

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

SENATORS: 69

F. Angeletti

F. Berruti

I. Birrell

L. Bowman

M. Broadfoot

M. Carroll

A. Clark

D. Cribbs

N. Crowther

P. Davenport

P. Dean

P. Doyle

N. Dyer-Witheyford

J. Etherington

J. Floryan

T. Fulton

J. Garnett

R. Haines

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S.06-59 **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

The President reported on the Federal Government Throne Speech, AUCC's Advocacy Priorities and Provincial Government Funding Support. Overhead slides used to highlight his presentation are attached as [Appendix 1](#).

OPERATIONS/AGENDA COMMITTEE [Exhibit I]

S.06-60 **Senate Membership: Faculty Constituencies**

It was moved by A. Pearson, seconded by J. Weese,

That the Senate seat held by Dale Ives, elected representative for the Faculty of Law constituency, be declared vacant as a result of her resignation, and

That Bruce Welling be elected to replace her (term to October 31, 2006).

That Jeff Tennant (French), elected representative to Senate for the Faculty of Arts and Humanities constituency, be granted a leave of absence, and

That Laté Lawson-Hellu (French) be elected to serve as his Alternate (term May 1 to October 31, 2006).

CARRIED

S.06-61 **Appointment Procedures, Section G: Change in Title of the Vice-President (Administration)**

It was moved by A. Pearson, seconded by D. Shrubsole,

That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors:

That Appointment Procedures for Senior Academic and Administrative Officers of the University, be amended by changing reference in Section G and all other references in the policy and other university documents to the position of Vice-President (Administration) to Vice-President (Resources & Operations).

CARRIED

S.06-62 **Disbanding SCOHP and UCOSH and its Subcommittees**

It was moved by A. Pearson, seconded by E. Yanful,

That Senate approve that the University Council on Student Housing and its subcommittees on Glenmore Apartments, Residence Food and Residence Physical Plant, and the Senate Committee on Housing Policy be disbanded.

CARRIED

UNIVERSITY PLANNING [Exhibit II]

S.06-63

2006-07 University Operating and Capital Budgets

[Dean Pearson, Vice-Chair of Senate, assumed the Chair]

It was moved by F. Longstaffe, seconded by D. Shrubsole,

That Senate provide advice to the Board of Governors, through the Vice-Chancellor, recommending the approval of the 2006-07 University Operating and Capital Budgets (Exhibit II, Appendix 1 - *red cover*).

Dean Pearson reminded Senate that the operating and capital budgets and setting of tuition fees are in the purview of the Board of Governors. The Senate may provide its advice to the Board under the authority of Section 30.(f) of the *UWO Act*.

Dr. Longstaffe provided an overview of the 2006-07 Operating and Capital Budgets. The presentation included the planning and budgetary context, details regarding the operating budget, priorities being addressed, faculty budgets, support unit budgets, student aid, major budget items, and a summary of the capital budget. Overhead slides used to highlight his presentation are attached as **Appendix 2** to these minutes.

Professor Carroll voiced concern about the transfer of funds from the Faculty of Social Science to other units as shown on page 73, Figure L, Expenditures less Revenue by Faculty. Dr. Davenport stated that Western is the first and may be the only university in Canada to make information available in budget documents concerning comparative program costing. Beginning in 1995, data have been provided showing revenues (tuition and grant) and expenditure by Faculty. Historically, grant funding has been dependent on assigned BIU rates, which are not consistently reflective of the cost of instruction. Other factors, such as enrolment (and enrolment-contingent funding from the University) have made it possible to approach a more stable equilibrium across the Faculties, but Social Science continues as a net revenue-generator.

Referring to Table 9 (page 52), Corporate Expenditures and Employee Costs, Professor Carroll noted that last year the University generated \$7.8 million more than needed to pay for the benefit costs and that the surplus has increased over the past five years. Mr. Chelladurai stated that the budget for employee benefits is allocated to the Faculties and recovered back. Recoveries are tracking at higher than projected levels due to rapid increases in the University's total base salary. To address this, the recovery rate for full-time employees is being reduced from the current level of 28.5% to 27.5% in 2006-07. The result of the reduction is that recoveries will be lowered by \$2.9 million in 2006-07.

Ms. Zener noted that students who receive continuing scholarships are not receiving an increase in funding to offset the increased tuition. Dr. Harris stated that it is not Western's practice to make inflationary adjustments to scholarships, but in the coming planning cycle a review will be conducted on appropriate scholarship levels for students with 90%+ averages given that these individuals are highly recruited by many institutions.

Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry at The University of Western Ontario under the terms of reference shown in Exhibit II, item 2.

CARRIED

S.06-65

S.06-71 **Advisory Committee for the Ombuds Office**

K. Obright was appointed to the Advisory Committee for the Ombuds Office (term May 1, 2006 to April 30, 2008).

ACADEMIC POLICY AND AWARDS [Exhibit IV]

S.06-72 **Faculty of Science and Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry: Honors Specialization in Biochemistry of Infection and Immunity**

It was moved by J. Tennant, seconded by M. Carroll,

That effective September 1, 2006, an Honors Specialization in Biochemistry of Infection and Immunity, leading to a BMSc degree, detailed in Exhibit IV, item 1, be introduced by the Departments of Biochemistry, and Microbiology and Immunology, for the Faculty of Science and the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry.

CARRIED

S.06-73 **Huron University College: Honors Specialization in Finance and Administration**

It was moved by J. Tennant, seconded by M. Wilson,

That effective September 1, 2006, an Honors Specialization in Finance and Administration detailed in Exhibit IV, item 2, be introduced by the Department of Economics and Business at Huron University College.

CARRIED

S.06-74 **Huron University College, Faculty of Theology: Minors in Biblical Studies, Historical and Systematic Theology**

It was moved by J. Tennant, seconded by A. Clark,

That effective September 1, 2006, a Minor in Biblical Studies and a Minor in Historical and Systematic Theology, detailed in Exhibit IV, item 3, be introduced in the Faculty of Theology, Huron University College.

CARRIED

S.06-75 **Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry: Qualifying Program to Change to DDS Program for Internationally Trained Dentists**

It was moved by J. Tennant, seconded by S. Hatibovic-Kofman,

That Senate approve the following recommendation from the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry:

That effective May 1, 2006, the Dental Qualifying Program leading to a QP Certificate be withdrawn and replaced by a Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) degree program for Internationally Trained Dentists, with the same program requirements

as the certificate program, but with the new title of DDS Program for Internationally Trained Dentists, and,

That students enrolled in the Certificate program as of May 1, 2006, and students admitted to the Certificate program for September 2006, be transferred to the new DDS Program for Internationally Trained Dentists, and,

That effective immediately for Fall/Winter 2005, students in the Certificate Program who are graduating in June 2006 graduate with a DDS.

CARRIED

S.06-76 **Admission Criteria: Concurrent Degree Programs in Engineering and Medicine**

The Concurrent Degree Programs in Engineering and Medicine have been revised to add reference to the Grade Point Average (GPA) in the minimum standards required for admission.

S.06-77 **New Award**

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

Craig O'Hagan Memorial Award (Faculty of Engineering)

S.06-78 **Correction to Calendar Copy for Post-Degree Modules: Bachelor Degree (Four-Year)**

Students may upgrade to a Bachelor Degree (Four-Year) from either a Three or Four-Year degree. The change corrects an omission to the calendar copy (p. 28 of the 2006 academic calendar).

S.06-79 **Faculty of Graduate Studies Implementation Plan for Renumbering Courses**

The Implementation Plan outlined in Exhibit IV, page 8, was approved by SCAPA and will be posted on the Subcommittee on Renumbering Courses website <http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/SURC/> until implementation of the course renumbering plan is complete in March 2008.

HONORARY DEGREES COMMITTEE [Exhibit V]

S.06-80 **Honorary Degree Recipients - Spring Convocation 2006**

Senate received for information, detailed in Exhibit V, the list of the Spring 2006 honorary degree recipients who will be honored at the 286th Convocation to be held Monday - Friday, June 12 - 16, 2006.

S.06-81 **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS** [Exhibit VI]

Announcements and Communications, detailed in Exhibit VI, were received for information.

ENQUIRIES AND NEW BUSINESS

S.06-82

UWO Reputation in London

Professor Carroll submitted a question about the results of the community survey regarding Western's reputation in London, particularly what the administration thinks should be done to improve the ways in which Western's strengths in the area of teaching and research can be made more relevant to the London community. Dr. Davenport said that Western receives good coverage in the local press on research in medicine and health; people are generally interested in these areas. It is more difficult to get coverage on scholarship in other disciplines. Ms. Pocius commented that Western's Communications Department is developing a community relations plan with the results of the communications survey serving as the benchmark. The results

