



The UNIVERSITY of WESTERN ONTARIO

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

May 19, 2006

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

SENATORS: 58

N. Alibhai	D. Jiang	A. Pitman
M. Bartlett	S. Kabene	J. Plug
I. Birrell	R. Keirstead	R. Robertson
M. Broadfoot	P. Klein	A. Sells
C. Brown	G. Kulczycki	R. Semmens
M. Carroll	D. Laird	S. Singh
A. Chant	L. Lawson-Hellu	J-L Suarez
D. Cribbs	G. Leckie	T. Sumsion
N. Crowther	D. Leighton	B. Timney
P. Davenport	F. Longstaffe	T. Topic
P. Doyle	R. Lumpkin	J. Toswell
N. Dyer-Witheyford	R. Macmillan	S. Usprich
J. Etherington	L. McKechnie	T. Vandervoort
J. Floryan	M. Milde	S. Watt
T. Fulton	L. Miller	J. Weese
T. Garrard	K. Okruhlik	J. Weiler
T. Gorski	B. Osborne	B. Welling
C. Herbert	A. Pearson	J. White
T. Hewitt	K. Pister	B. Wood
		P. Woodford

Observers: S. Dea, J. Doerksen, F. Dolan, L. Gribbon, D. Jameson, G. Tigert, A. Weedon

By Invitation: M. Workentin

S.06-86 **Nominating Committee Membership**

K. Pisters was elected to the Nominating Committee to replace N. Abbas who has resigned (term to November 2006).

S.06-87 **Constitution of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities**

It was moved by A. Pearson, seconded by K. Okruhlik,

That effective July 1, 2006, the Constitution of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities be revised as outlined in Exhibit I, Appendix 1:

- a) to rename the Department of French as the Department of French Studies,
- b) to reflect the addition of the Department of Women's Studies and Feminist Research and the resulting increase in the maximum number of part-time faculty representatives on Council to 16, and to remove the reference to the DirfWomen's Studies and Feminist Research as an ex officio member of Council, and,
- c) to reflect the change in title of the D.B. Weldon Library representative from Dir Librarian.

CARRIED

S.06-88 **Constitution of the Faculty of Social Science**

It was moved by A. Pearson, seconded by B. Timney,

That effective July 1, 2006, the Constitution of the Faculty of Social Science be revised to include reference to the Aubrey Dan Program in Management and Organizational Studies and the Department of Women's Studies and Feminist Research, as outlined in Exhibit I Appendix 2.

CARRIED

S.06-89 **Convocation Dates 2007**

The 2007 Convocation dates are:

MBA Convocation - Friday, April 27
Huron University College Theological Convocation - Thursday, May 10
Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry - MD Program - Friday, May 18
Spring Convocation - Monday, June 11 to Friday, June 15
Trois Pistoles - Friday, August 10
Autumn Convocation - Thursday, O-5, O-5

NOMINATING COMMITTEE [Exhibit II]

S.06-90 **Senate Committee on Academic Policy and Awards (SCAPA)**

D. Klimchuk was elected to SCAPA to replace J. Tennant who has resigned (term to December 31, 2006).

S.06-91 **Senate Review Board Academic (SRBA)**

J. Duncombe (undergraduate student) and S. Henry (graduate student) were elected to SRBA (term to November 30, 2006).

ACADEMIC POLICY AND AWARDS [Exhibit III]

S.06-92 **Faculties of Science and Social Science: Honors Specialization in Animal Behavior (BSc)**

It was moved by S. Singh, seconded by C. Brown,

It was moved by B. Timney, seconded by M. Carroll,

That effective September 1, 2006, an interdisciplinary Minor in Refugee and Migrant Studies, detailed in Exhibit III, item 4, be introduced in the Department of Anthropology by the Faculty of Social Science.

CARRIED

S.06-96 **Faculty of Law: Admission Requirements - General Category**

It was moved by S. Usprich, seconded by S. Kabene,

organizations including AUCC, the Ontario Commission on University Athletes (OCUA) and the Task Force on Quality Measurement.

Professor Carroll noted that FIPPA comes into effect June 10th and asked about the impact on faculty teaching summer courses, particularly with respect to posting grades and e-mail retention. Professor Doerksen advised that efforts are underway at the University to address ongoing requirements associated with compliance with the Act. He explained that the individual who made the presentation at the COU meeting had indicated that the Provincial Information and Privacy Commissioner's Office would likely not view posting assignment or exam grades by student number as appropriate because the student number is a unique identifier that falls within the definition of personal information in the Act. One possible option to deal with this could be for faculty to place the marks on WebCT.

With respect to keeping correspondence for one year, Professor Doerksen stated that a communication with a student that reflects an opinion on the student's work could fall within personal information in the Act. Mr. Keirstead, a member of the FOIP Advisory Committee clarified that the Act states that information that is used and acted upon must be kept for one year. Faculties and budget units have identified liaison officers who will be trained to prepare for the new legislation and will provide faculty and staff information about how to translate the legislative provisions to the academic environment. The government acknowledges that a transition period will be required for universities to adapt to the legislative requirements. Further information can be found at www.uwo.ca/privacy.

S.06-100

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNICATIONS [Exhibit V]

Announcements & Communications detailed in Exhibit V were received for information.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

P. Davenport
Chair

I. Birrell
Secretary

Facilities renewal; possible \$26 m toward
Western's capital plan

Elimination of capital gains tax on gifts of
securities

a Leadership of Don Johnson

Minister of Industry to prepare new Science
and Technology Strategy

Federal Budget: Student Aid

\$500 tax credit for textbooks

Scholarship/fellowship/bursary funds
exempt from federal income tax

Canada Student Loan Program made
more accessible

Transit-user tax credit (bus passes)

Provincial Government Relations

Accountability: Ministry will use
appropriate performance indicators:
NSSE, Graduate and Professional
Student Survey, Student Retention
Data Exchange

