



# The UNIVERSITY of WESTERN ONTARIO

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

September 22, 2006

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

SENATORS: 70

T. Baerg	A. Hearn	K. Pister
P. Barker	D. Heinrichs	A. Pitman
M. Bartlett	C. Herbert	J. Plug
I. Birrell	S. Heywood	R. Rajakumar
C. Brandl	E. Holder	C. Ross
M. Broadfoot	D. Jiang	A. Sells
C. Brown	S. Kabene	R. Semmens
S. Camiletti	R. Keirstead	D. Shrubsole
M. Carroll	S. Kerr	S. Spaulding
A. Chant	G. Killan	B. Timney
A. Clark	P. Klein	T. Topic
D. Cribbs	G. Kulczycki	J. Toswell
D. Darby	L. Lawson-Hellu	S. Usprich
P. Davenport	F. Longstaffe	D. Wardlaw
P. Dean	I. Luginaah	S. Watt
B. Diemert	R. Macmillan	J. Weese
P. Doyle	P. Markvoort	B. Welling
N. Dyer-Witheyford	W. McKercher	J. White
J. Etherington	M. Milde	M. Wilson
J. Garnett	L. Miller	P. Woodford
T. Gorski	B. Millman	A. Wright
A. Gray	J. Nisker	B. Zener
R. Harris	K. Okruhlik	
S. Hatibovic-Kofman	A. Pearson	

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

By Invitation: M. England, G. Kidder, M. Workentin

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### MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of June 23, 2006 were approved as circulated.

## **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

The President reported on a reception held on September 7, 2006 to welcome new faculty and staff, orientation week, the campus master plan and his Priorities for 2006-07 (which are found at website: <http://www.uwo.ca/pvp/priorities.htm>). Overhead slides used to highlight his presentation are attached as **Appendix 1**.

## **OPERATIONS/AGENDA COMMITTEE** [Exhibit I]

S.06-136 **Senate Membership**

S.06-136a **Faculty Constituencies**

It was moved by A. Pearson, seconded by S. Clark,

That the Senate seat held by Dale Laird, elected representative for the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry constituency, be declared vacant as a result of his resignation, and,

That Chris Brandl (Biochemistry) be elected to replace him (term to October 31, 2006).

That the Senate seat held by Margaret Ann Wilkinson, elected representative for the Faculty of Information and Media Studies constituency, be declared vacant as a result of her resignation, and,

That Alison Hearn be elected to replace her (term to October 31, 2007).

That Lorna Bowman, elected representative for the Brescia University College constituency on Senate, be granted a leave of absence, and,

That Paul Barker (Social Science) be elected to serve as her alternate (term to December 31, 2006).

CARRIED

S.06-136b **Undergraduate Student At Large Constituency**

It was moved by A. Pearson, seconded by M. Wilson,

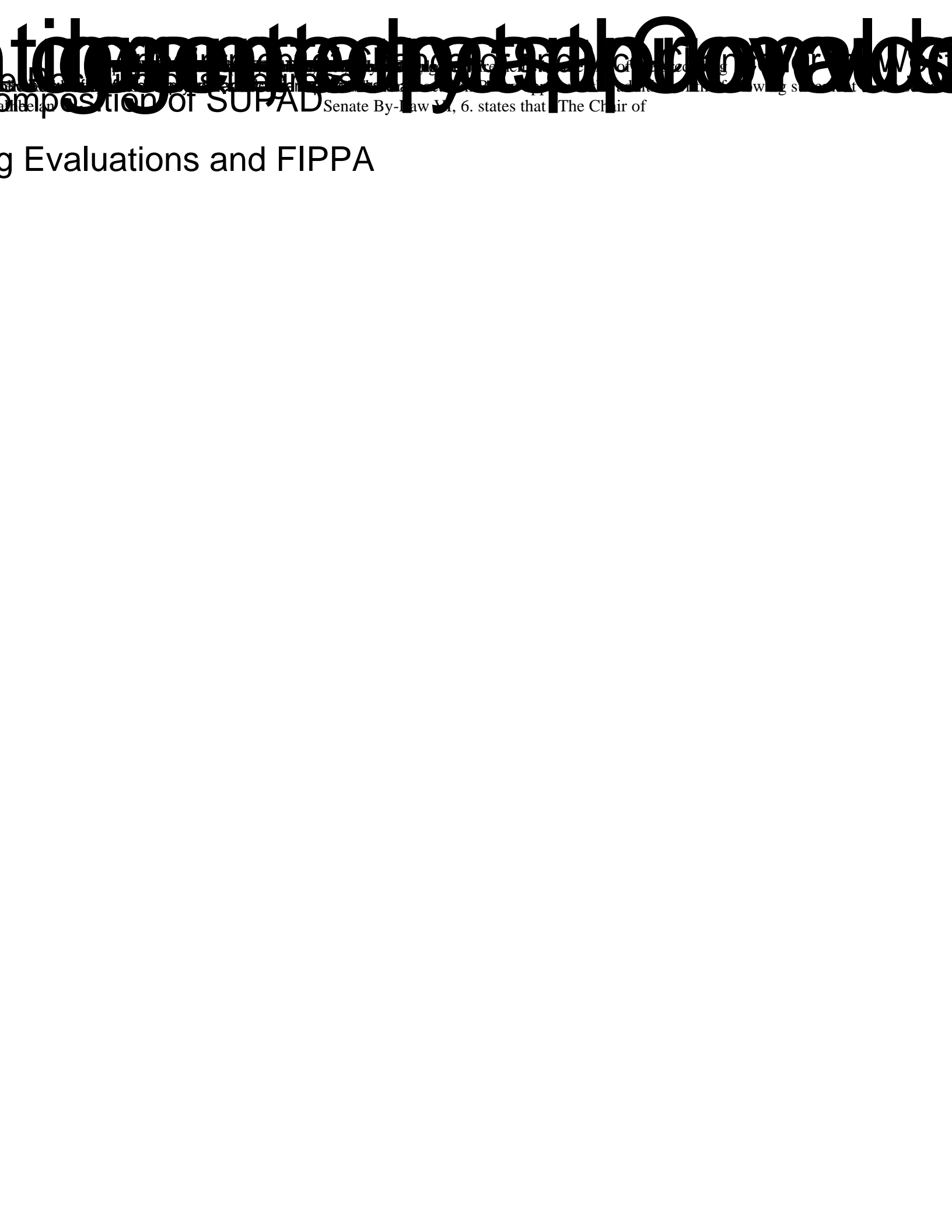
That the Senate seats held by David Peacock and Matthew Sparks, elected representatives for undergraduate student At Large constituency, be declared vacant as a result of their resignations, and,

That Shane Heywood (HBA II/Ivey) and Alice Gray (Biology IV/Science) be elected to replace them (term to October 31, 2006).

CARRIED

S.06-137 **In Absentia Convocation for February**

It was moved by A. Pearson, seconded by M. Milde,



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student has three examinations between 9:00 a.m. one day and 9:00 a.m. the next, with the third examination beginning rather than being completed at 9:00 a.m. on the second day.

An amendment, duly moved and seconded, to include the phrase “for the Fall 2006 only” was defeated.

Asked what the impact would be if the policy allowed alternative arrangements to be made through the Dean’s office if a student is scheduled to write more than two examinations within a twenty six hour period, rather than a twenty-three hour period, Dr. Harris explained that the examination schedule is already difficult to complete with minimal conflicts for the student in the time available. Extending the definition of a conflict to include two exams within 26 hours would result in too many conflicts, making alternative arrangements unmanageable.

The main motion was called and CARRIED.

S.06-152

**Change in name of the Diploma and Certificate Programs in Gallery and Museum Practice**

It was moved by M. Milde, seconded by J. White,

That the names of the Diploma and Certificate Programs in Gallery and Museum Practice be revised to “Diploma in Gallery and Art

Department of Classical Studies Scholarship for Honors Double Major Second Year (Faculty of Arts and Humanities)  
Department of Classical Studies Scholarship for Honors Double Major Third Year (Faculty of Arts and Humanities)  
Christopher and Patricia Atkin 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Alumni Bursary (Any Undergraduate Faculty)  
Sydenham Hall - Jean Dunlop Residence Bursaries - OSOTF II (Any Undergraduate Faculty)  
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Senior Alumni Award - OSOTF II/OTSS (Any Undergraduate Faculty)  
Western's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Alumni Awards - OTSS (Any Undergraduate Faculty)  
Helen Reid Bursaries (Any Undergraduate Faculty)  
Brock Scholarships (Faculty of Graduate Studies, Business Administration)  
TALL 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Award (Faculty of Graduate Studies, Library and Information Science)  
AstraZeneca Scholarship (Faculty of Science)  
Ogilvy Renault LLP Award (Faculty of Law)  
Siskinds Prize in Intellectual Property (Faculty of Law)  
125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Hong Kong Student Award (Any Undergraduate Faculty)  
Shad Valley Ivey Entrance Scholarship (Richard Ivey School of Business)  
Shad Valley Ivey HBA Scholarship (Richard Ivey School of Business)

Dean Timney stated that informal discussions in the History Department about whether a Jewish Studies Program or an Islamic Studies Program should be developed are ongoing. Currently the History Department offers courses in the cultural mosaic - History of the Holocaust, Introduction to Islamic History, Christianity in Western Society - that relate to specific religious groups. The Jewish Studies Program currently under discussion is



- Is the acknowledgment of part-time faculty (added to the original text) to be linked with the discussion of faculty fulfillment and aspirations for “building satisfying and rewarding careers”?
- Are staff who serve in a teaching capacity identified in the context of the Plan as faculty or staff?
- Should diversity commitments go beyond the specific initiatives aimed at Aboriginal and first-generation-at-university students to recognize other under-represented groups? (reflected also in Multi-Year Agreement). Finding ways of increasing the participation of under-represented groups is important but affirmative action programs are not necessarily desirable.
- Study-abroad and exchanges must ensure that partner institutions are of high calibre.
- Work-life balance is a serious issue at the University and should be addressed in the plan.

Dr. Davenport advised that Senate’s input will be forwarded to the Task Force for consideration.

*[Dr. Davenport resumed the Chair]*

S.06-159

**Multi-Year Agreement with Ontario Government**

Senate received for information the Multi-Year Agreement with the Ontario Government detailed in Exhibit IV, Appendix 2. Mr. England, Executive Policy Advisor to the President, provided an overview of the multi-year agreement which is paraphrased or directly extracted from the draft report of the Strategic Planning Task Force.

Asked if there is a commitment to increasing faculty to accommodate the increase in graduate student enrolment, Mr. England stated that the document does acknowledge a growth in faculty complement, but it is not feasible to make a commitment to increasing faculty numbers without knowing what resources are available.

Asked how the Affiliated University Colleges factor into this plan, Mr. England reported that meetings are ongoing during the consultative process with the Principals of the Affiliated University Colleges.

A member noted that on page 3 of the document the University was asked to outline its plans to support increased participation by aboriginal, first generation and students with disabilities. The draft response referred only to aboriginal students. M. England agreed that additional information needed to be provided in this section.

Asked how Western plans to expand study-abroad opportunities, Dr. Harris said that the challenge in offering a student-exchange program is the need for reciprocity - there must be a balance of students from Western and from the partner institution involved in the exchange. A recent restructure in the internationalization portfolio to tie more directly the activities into the research portfolio will increase the appeal of the exchange program, given that Western has many research partnerships. In terms of promoting internationalization for undergraduate students the study-abroad programs are more manageable than exchanges.

**UNIVERSITY RESEARCH BOARD** [Exhibit V]

S.06-160

**Academic Development Fund Guidelines**

It was moved by J. Toswell, seconded by B. Timney,

That Senate approve the revised guidelines for the Academic Development Fund New Research and Scholarly Initiatives Award for the Major Grants Competition (Exhibit V, Appendix 1) and Small Grants Competition (Exhibit V, Appendix 2).

CARRIED

**HONORARY DEGREES** [Exhibit V]

S.06-161

**Honorary Degree Recipients - Autumn Convocation 2006**

The Honorary Degrees Committee of the Senate announces the following persons who are to be honored by conferment of degrees *honoris causa* at the 287<sup>th</sup> Convocation of the University to be held on main campus on Thursday 5/19/06 (5:30-7:00 p.m.) and 5/19/06 (3:30-5:00 p.m.)



# President's Report to Senate

- Welcome to New Faculty, Staff, and Students
- Orientation Week
- Campus Master Plan
- President's Priorities 2006-07

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# Welcome to Western

- New Faculty Reception – September 7, Gibbons Lodge
  - 99 invitations sent out
- Western's Welcome to New Staff – August 15, Michael's Garden – 40 participants
- Welcoming Assembly – September 4, University College Hill
  - 4,400 entering students at Western
  - 1,440 Affiliated University Colleges

# Orientation Week

- Dry O-Week
- Move-in and Residence Programming
- UC Hill Opening: Fab Dolan, Paul Davenport, Orientation Leaders
- Faculty-based and Affiliate Programming
- Shinerama/Terry Fox BBQ
- Charity and Student Services Awareness Days
- Carnival and Dance Parties
- Football Game: Western Mustangs Defeat York 49-26
- Coordinated with USC and hundreds of Student

Volunteers

# Campus Master Plan

- ***Engaging the Future:*** commitment 10.1
  - New Campus Master Plan by end of 2006
  - Committee meeting since July
  - Chaired by Duncan Hunter
  - To discuss campus and space planning, university lands and adjoining neighbourhoods, traffic and parking issues, quality of campus life

Extensive consultation

# President's Priorities 2006 - 2007

- Setting directions: *Engaging the Future*
- Putting Academic Priorities First:  
Supporting Excellence in Teaching and Research
- Ensuring Open Administration and Effective Communication
- Strengthening Ties with the External Community

Approved by the Board of Governors, June 27, 2006



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