



# The UNIVERSITY of WESTERN ONTARIO

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

May 18, 2007

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

### SENATORS:

N. Abbas	T. Garrard	E. Paulson
D. Abelson	J. Harmer	J. Plug
M. Adamson	A. Hearn	C. Ross
M.A. Andrusyszyn	C. Herbert	S. Sdao
D. Barclay	T. Hewitt	A. Sells
I. Birrell	S. Kabene	D. Shrubsole
L. Bowman	R. Keirstead	S. Sims
M. Broadfoot	P. Klein	M. Steele
T. Carmichael	G. Knopf	C. Stephenson
J. Cole	G. Kulczycki	T. Stevenson
J. Corrigan	W. Lehmann	B. Timney
P. Davenport	H. Luckman	S. Usprich
B. Diemert	R. Macmillan	T. Vandervoort
P. Doyle	L. McKechnie	D. Wardlaw
C. Dunbar	W. McKercher	J. Weese
D. Dutrizac	M. Milde	B. Welling
N. Dyer-Witheford	B. Millman	M. Wilson
N. Ecclestone	D. Morrow	B. Wood
H. El Naggar	K. Okruhlik	P. Woodford
J. Etherington	M. Oliva	C. Yung
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Observers: K. Clark, L. Gribbon, D. Jameson, D. Jacques, G. Tigert, A. Weedon\*(P. Woodford)TjT\*0.0014 TdOb



Andrew David Downs	With Distinction
F. Jean Doyle	With Distinction
Karine Alice Farmer	With Distinction
Christopher Michael Kelly	With Distinction
Brian Henry Laidler	
Patricia Margaret O'Neil	
Marrigje Cornelia Stewart	With Distinction
Jessica Leslie Worden	With Distinction

S.07-95b Master of Theological Studies

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 2007 Theological Convocation at Huron University College (May10, 2007):

Michael Eldon DeKay	With Distinction
Barbara Jane Graham	With Distinction
Marjorie Arlene Reid	With Distinction

S.07-96 Autumn Convocation 2007 - Order of Ceremony

Senate received for information the following order of ceremony for Autumn Convocation 2007:

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18 - 3:30 P.M.**

- Faculty of Graduate Studies\*
- Faculty of Education
- Faculty of Engineering
- Faculty of Health Sciences
- Faculty of Law
- Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry
- Don Wright Faculty of Music
- Richard Ivey School of Business

\* = students in programs hosted by the Don Wright Faculty of Music, Faculties of Education, Engineering, Health Sciences, and Law, the Richard Ivey School of Business and the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19 - 10:00 A.M.**

- Faculty of Graduate Studies\*
- Faculty of Arts and Humanities
- Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE** [Exhibit II]

S.07-97 **Electoral Board for Chancellor**

C. Brown, T. Carmichael, J. Etherington, T. Garrard and M. Wilson were elected to the Electoral Board for Chancellor.

S.07-98 **Selection Committee for the Vice-Provost (Academic Planning, Policy & Faculty)**

J. Garland, K. Okruhlik and D. Shrubsole were elected to the Selection Committee for the Vice-Provost (Academic Planning, Policy & Faculty).

S.07-99 **Senate Committee on University Planning**

M-A. Andrusyszyn, M. Broadfoot (terms July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2010, and E. Paulson (term July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008) were elected to the Senate Committee on University Planning.

S.07-100 **University Research Board**

K. Baines and R. Puddephatt (terms July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2010) and K. Byers (term July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008) were elected to the University Research Board.

S.07-101 **University Council on Animal Care**

C. Iwasiw and T. Kennedy were elected to the University Council on Animal Care (terms to June 30, 2009).

S.07-102 **Distinguished University Professors Selection Committee**

J. McMullin and R. Patel were elected to the Distinguished University Professor Selection Committee (terms July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2009).

S.07-103 **Faculty Scholars Selection Committee**

M. Kellow and J. Rylett were elected to the Faculty Scholars Selection Committee (terms July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2009).

S.07-104 **McIntosh Gallery Committee**

J. Faflak was elected to the McIntosh Gallery Committee (term to May 2009).

S.07-105 **Senate Review Board Academic**

J. Doerksen (term July 1 - November 30, 2007), B. Mok (term June 11 - November 30, 2007) and S. Delorme (term June 1 - November 30, 2007) were elected to the Senate Review Board Academic.

S.07-106 **FIMS Faculty Council**

J. Etherington was re-elected to serve on the Council of the Faculty of Information and Media Studies (term June 30, 2009).

S.07-107 **Faculty of Health Sciences School of Kinesiology Advisory Committee on Sports and Recreation Services**

D. Abelson was elected to serve on the Advisory Committee on Sports and Recreation Services (term September 1, 2007 - August 31, 2009).

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC POLICY AND AWARDS** [Exhibit III]

S.07-108 **Brescia University College: Major in Food Management**

It was moved by M. Milde, seconded by M. Oliva,

That a Major in Food Management, detailed in Exhibit III, item 1, be introduced at Brescia University College for students enrolled in the [Hons] BSc (FN) modules, effective September 1, 2007.

CARRIED

S.07-109 **Faculty of Social Science: Major in Geographic Information Science**

It was moved by M. Milde, seconded by D. Shrubsole,

That a Major in Geographic Information Science, detailed in Exhibit III, item 2, be introduced in the Faculty of Social Science, effective September 1, 2007.

CARRIED

S.07-110 **Faculty of Social Science: Withdrawal of Geography Modules**

It was moved by M. Milde, seconded by D. Abelson,

That admission to the following modules be discontinued for new students, effective January 1, 2008, and that the modules be withdrawn, effective July 1, 2012, as detailed in Exhibit III, item 3.

- a) Honors Specialization in Environment, Resources and Development
- b) Minor in Society, Space and Change
- c) Minor in Geographic Information Science
- d) Minor in Physical Geography
- e) Minor in Urban Development
- f) Minor in Watershed Processes and Management

CARRIED

S.07-111 **New Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries**

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



S.07-114 **DAP Report on Items Recently Received from Engineering, Health Sciences and Law**

S.07-114a **Faculty of Engineering: Policy on Undergraduate Students taking Graduate Courses**

Effective September 1, 2007, the Faculty of Engineering will require that students have a minimum 80% average to take graduate courses as detailed in Exhibit III, item 7a.

S.07-114b **Faculty of Health Sciences: Withdrawal of the Concurrent Program leading to a BA (Kinesiology) and an LLB; Introduction of the Combined Program Leading to an Honors Specialization in Kinesiology - BA and a Bachelor of Laws**

Effective September 1, 2008, in the Faculty of Law and Faculty of Health Sciences, (1) the name of the “Concurrent” degree program will be revised to “Combined,” (2) admission to the “combined” programs will be after three years of the Honors Specialization in Kinesiology-BA, (3) the calendar copy will be amended to reflect the adjusted curriculum to complement the change in date of entry, and (4) eligibility for the Dean’s Honor List will be revised, as detailed in Exhibit III, item 7b. (Current Calendar Copy is on Pages 99 and 120 of the 2007 Academic Calendar.)

S.07-115 **Faculty of Graduate Studies: Master’s Degree for Nursing Practitioners: Change in Implementation Date**

*[Exhibit distributed at the meeting]*

At its meeting on January 19, 2007 Senate approved a motion (S.07-10) that, pending approval by the Ontario Council on Graduate Studies (OCGS), a M

Discussion:

In recent weeks there has been discussion about a proposal to raise the flood line from the 100-year to the 250-year level. The proposals in the Campus



payment being made on or before December 31, 2012.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2007  
**Purpose:** The gift from Mr. Waks will support the establishment of the Waks Family Chair in Jewish History, in the Department of History in the Faculty of Social Science. This Chair will provide the University with the ability to recruit and/or retain a professor of international standing in the field of Jewish History, further strengthening the University's scholarship and teaching in this area.

The Chair will be valued at \$135,000 per year over a period of five years, after which time, the position will cease to exist.

The administration of the spending of resources will be the responsibility of the Dean of Social Science.

**Criteria:** Appointments to the Chair will be conducted in accordance with the relevant policies and procedures of the University. The appointment will be for a period of five years.

**Reporting:** The University, through the Faculty of Social Science, will from time to time report to Mr. Waks regarding the activities of the Chair.

CARRIED

S.07-118 **Faculty Fellowship in Jewish History Name Change to London Jewish Federation Fellowship in Jewish History**

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

That the name of the Faculty Fellowship in Jewish History be changed to the London Jewish Federation Fellowship in Jewish History.

CARRIED

**UNIVERSITY RESEARCH BOARD** [Exhibit V]

S.07-119 **2006-2007 Academic Development Fund New Research and Scholarly Initiative Award Major Grants Competition**

Senate received for information, the results of the 2006-2007 Academic Development Fund New Research and Scholarly Initiative Award Major Grants Competition detailed in Exhibit V, Appendix 1 (Successful Grants by Group) and Exhibit V, Appendix 2 (Successful Grants by Project).

S.07-120 **Military-Related Research**

Dr. Hewitt, Vice-President (Research & International Relations), informed Senate that Professor Nick Dyer-Witthford, Faculty of Information and Media Studies, had met with the University Research Board to discuss the ethics of conducting military research at universities. His presentation had touched on four points, noting specifically that: 1) military research conducted at universities raises special issues given that researchers have no control over how the products of their research are applied; 2) limitations on academic freedom already exist and in some cases additional limitations may be warranted; 3) it is possible for universities to establish practical means to review and approve

projects with military implications, with the participation of community members; and 4) review of military-related projects is appropriate and required given the points raised above. Professor Dyer-Witthford had proposed that the University Research Board consider establishing a research ethics review board specifically designed to assess and approve military and military-related projects.

In its deliberations on the matter, members of the Board found Professor Dyer-Witthford's presentation to be clear and thoughtful. The Board agreed that this constitutes an important matter, and that broad discussion on the merits of military and military research is both welcome and desirable in a university setting. Given the absence of national or other comprehensive guidelines for the conduct of university research with potential military applications, however, the Board thought that discussion of the establishment of an ethical review body on campus for the express purpose of assessing the impact of military and military-related research was premature. The Board recommended that: 1) any military and military-related research at Western be undertaken in an open context where the subject matter and objectives of the research are known; and 2) the Vice-President (Research & International Relations) undertake to raise awareness of issues associated with military and military-related research with his counterparts in Ontario and the G-13 group of universities.

In response, Professor Dyer-Witthford clarified the first summary point of his presentation remarking that military research raises special ethical issues because militaries are the only social institutions mandated to exercise deadly force. Given this fact it is important that there be ethical review of such projects, especially when the knowledge gained from such research might be used by governments and forces other than our own for purposes that might be viewed by the international community (including our own government) as unjustifiable or illegal.

He voiced concern about the Board's reluctance to institute a review process. He stated that there are a number of bodies applying international law that have existing standards that could be adapted to the University context.

Asked to clarify the Board first recommendation, Dr. Hewitt stated that the University will not conduct secret research. All research must be conducted with a view to publication.

Responding to questions about contracts with General Dynamics or other companies, Dr. Hewitt asked that he be contacted with questions as he can provide information about what partners Western has and who is involved in that research.

Dr. Hewitt stressed that he will be raising the issue with his counterparts in Ontario and the G-13 group of universities.

#### **HONORARY DEGREES COMMITTEE** [Exhibit VI]

##### S.07-121 **Honorary Degree Recipients - Trois- Pistoles French Immersion School**

The Honorary Degrees Committee of the Senate announced that Dr. David Suzuki ( DSc) and Dr. Jean-Pierre Proulx ( LLD) will be honored by conferment of degrees *honoris causa* at the Trois-Pistoles French Immersion School's 75th Anniversary Convocation to be held on Friday, August 10, 2007.

##### S.07-122 **ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNICATIONS** [Exhibit VII]

Announcements & Communications, detailed in Exhibit VII, were received for information.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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P. Davenport  
Chair

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I. Birrell  
Secretary

