



The UNIVERSITY of WESTERN ONTARIO

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

October 26, 2007

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

SENATORS: 59

D. Abelson	B. Diemert	W. McKercher
M. Adamson	P. Doyle	J. McMullin
M.A. Andrusyszyn	D. Dutrizac	M. Milde
Z. Armstrong	N. Ecclestone	
T. Baerg	A. El Damatty	
D. Barclay	J. Etherington	
I. Birrell	J. Floryan	
L. Bowman	T. Fulton	
M. Broadfoot	J. Garnett	
C. Brown	T. Gorski	
T. Carmichael	D. Jiang	
A. Chan	R. Keirstead	
A. Clark	G. Killan	
D. Cooney	G. Kulczycki	
J. Corrigan	R. Kulperger	
R. Coulter	S. Lecce	
N. Crowther	W. Lehmann	
K. Danylchuk	F. Longstaffe	
P. Davenport	H. Luckman	
P. Dean	L. McKechnie	

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

S.07-186 **Agency of Record**

In Mr. Garrard's absence, Dr. Davenport responded to questions previously raised by Senators about Western's Agency of Record, The Marketing Department. The Marketing Department will support external communications, branding and marketing efforts by providing strategic advice on how Western can best promote its mission, will develop creative concepts for our external advertising and promotional materials, will design promotional materials such as recruitment publications, alumni and fundraising publications and will ensure consistency in how the University visually represents itself. There is value in having an Agency of Record to help coordinate Western's external communications and advertising and he encouraged Faculties and Department to use its services, but stressed that no one is compelled to so do. Dr. Davenport asked that Senators contact Mr. Garrard with any further questions about this matter.

S.07-187 **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

Dr. Davenport reported on the Globe & Mail University Report Card 2007 and Faculty and Staff Award Nominations. Overhead slides used to highlight his presentation are attached as [Appendix 1](#).

In Vice-President Hewitt's absence he provided an update on discussions at the University Research Board (URB) with respect to military-related research. This issue first came to Senate's attention in December 2004 as a result of a research contract between the Faculty of Engineering and General Dynamics. Dr. Davenport acknowledged that faculty at Western are involved in a great deal of research that one could deem controversial but Western's pledge to its faculty is that as long as the research falls within Western's research guidelines and the laws of Canada and Ontario, they are free to do whatever research they want. This is a cornerstone of academic freedom. Those who disagree with a particular research project or finding are equally free to criticize it or the faculty member involved. Western does not as an institution stop research because one party or another deems it controversial.

Professor Dyer-Witthford had made a presentation on the issue of military research to the University Research Board (URB) on May 8, 2007 and as a result of that presentation asked Dr. Hewitt to raise this issue with his colleagues at the Ontario Council of University Research and at a meeting of the G13 Vice-Presidents (Research). Dr. Hewitt has met with the Ontario Council on University Research. The meeting of the G13 Vice-Presidents Research is today. Consequently, Dr. Hewitt will be reporting on this matter to the URB at its next meeting and subsequently to Senate.

REPORT OF THE OPERATIONS/AGENDA COMMITTEE [Exhibit I]

S.07-188 **Senate Membership: Faculty Constituencies**

It was moved by T. Carmichael, seconded by J. Weese,

That the following nominees be appointed to Senate to represent the constituencies shown for terms from November 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008:

- Representing the Richard Ivey School of Business (1): Mitch Rothstein
- Representing the Faculty of Education (1): Robert Macmillan
- Representing the Faculty of Engineering (1): Jerzy Floryan (Mechanical & Materials Engineering)

- Representing the Faculty of Health Sciences (2): Phillip Doyle (Communication Sciences and Disorders) and Sandi Spaulding (Occupational Therapy)
- Representing the Faculty of Science (3): John Barron (Computer Science), Bernie Kraatz (Chemistry), and Pei Yu (Applied Math)
- Representing Brescia University College (1): Anne Barnfield
- Representing Huron University College (1): Trish Fulton

CARRIED

S.07-189 **Senate Membership: Representative from the General Community**

It was moved by T. Carmichael, seconded by D. Abelson,

That Cathee Crinklaw be elected to serve on Senate (term from November 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008) as a representative of the General Community.

CARRIED

S.07-190 **Candidates for Degrees and Diplomas - Autumn Convocation 2007**

On behalf of the Senate (S.96-124), the Provost approved the list of Candidates for Degrees and Diplomas awarded at Autumn Convocation 2007, as recommended by the Registrar. The list of candidates is appended to the Official Minutes of this Senate meeting.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE [Exhibit II]

S.07-191 **Board of Governors**

S. Singh was re-elected by the Senate to serve on the Board of Governors for a term from November 15, 2007 to June 30, 2008.

S.07-192 **Selection Committee: Dean of Engineering**

K. Clark, A. Leschied and D. Wardlaw were elected to the Selection Committee for the Dean of Engineering.

S.07-193 **Operations/Agenda Committee**

J. O'Sullivan was elected to the Operations/Agenda Committee to replace T. Carmichael who is attending in an *ex officio* capacity as Vice-Chair of Senate (term to June 30, 2009).

S.07-194 **Senate Committee on Academic Policy and Awards**

C. Symmonette was elected to the Senate Committee on Academic Policy and Awards to replace N. Abbas who has resigned (term to June 30, 2008).

S.07-195 **Faculty Scholars Selection Committee**

M. Cottam was elected to the Faculty Scholars Selection Committee to complete the term of R. Secco who has resigned (term to June 30, 2008).

S.07-196

Distinguished University Professor Selection Committee

D. Bentley was elected to the Distinguished University Professor Selection Committee to replace J. Mc,termPto rJune 30 20079)

President's Report to Senate

- Globe and Mail University Report Card 2007
- Faculty and Staff Award Nominations

Paul Davenport
October 26, 2007

Globe and Mail University Report Card Feature Story: How Western Stays on Top

"In each annual University Report Card survey, this is the one large university that consistently earns top marks from its students for combining a great campus life with a top-tier education"

In the "large universities" Group, Western is #1 in 13 of 19 categories

- Most Satisfied Students
- Quality of Education
- Quality of Teaching
- Quality of Technology
- Campus Atmosphere
- Course Variety and Availability

Western #1

- Libraries
- Buildings and Facilities
- Students Services
- Extracurricular Activities
- Food Service
- Student Residences
- Career Preparation (tied for first)

Western Tied for Second Place

- Academic Reputation
- Student - Faculty Interaction
- Recreation and Athletics
- Campus Pubs and Bars

Western Tied for Third Place

- Ease of Course Registration
- Class Size

No score lower than third place