



The UNIVERSITY *of* WESTERN ONTARIO

S.08-54 **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

The President reported on new construction projects at Western and the March Break Open House. Overhead slides used to highlight his presentation are attached as **Appendix 1**.

Mr. Etherington asked about the provision of public parking for the new Student Services Building. Dr. Davenport took the question under advisement, stating that Ms. Kulczycki will provide a response at the next Senate meeting.

S.08-54a **Negev Dinner**

A statement concerning Dr. Davenport's decision to accept the invitation to be the 2008 Negev Dinner honoree was distributed at the meeting. Dr. Davenport stated that he received the invitation last December in recognition of his commitment to diversity, tolerance, and defending human rights. These are values that are part of the fabric at Western which he has worked diligently to promote and defend. The Negev Dinner also supports environmental projects, under the direction of the Jewish National Fund, which often involve reforestation, water treatment or rehabilitation of springs and other provisions of fresh water.

Under New Business, several Senators voiced dissent with Dr. Davenport's statement regarding the honor, acknowledging that although his decision was made in good faith there should have been further consultation prior to accepting the honor. Dr. Davenport acknowledged that the issue has generated criticism but he emphasized that he accepted the invitation as recognition of the commitment by Western and himself to celebrate diversity and promote tolerance and free speech. He also remarked that he did meet with a group representing the 35 signatories who disagreed with his decision.

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S.08-61 **Faculty of Health Sciences: Revision of Program Requirements for Kinesiology**

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

That effective September 1, 2008, and retroactive for all current students in the School of Kinesiology:

Provost's Entrance Scholarship (Graduate Studies, Faculty of Arts and Humanities)
President's Entrance Scholarship (Graduate Studies, Faculty of Arts and Humanities)
Faculty of Health Sciences Clinical Education Placement Travel Support Bursaries

S.08-64 **Faculty of Social Science: Effective Date of Withdrawal of Geography Modules**

At the May 18, 2007, meeting of Senate, a recommendation was approved 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. The modules listed were:

- 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

The effective date of the withdrawal shown in the motion has been revised from July 1, 2012, to September 1, 2012. The Registrar's Office has noted that if the last convocation in which the students can graduate is October, the course requirements must be completed prior to September 1. If the program were to be withdrawn in July (during the middle of the summer term) students would not be able to complete course requirements in any summer session other than Intersession because none of the other sessions are finished by July 1. By requiring completion of requirements prior to September 1, all summer course offerings are available to the student.

For future proposals for the withdrawal of programs/modules, if the intent is to have the final convocation in June, the requirements must be completed prior to May 1.

UNIVERSITY PLANNING [Exhibit III]

Governance Structure - School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

S.08-65 **Creation of a School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies to replace the Faculty of Graduate**

& Dentistry to hold separate convocations because the nature of their graduates' professional

President's Report to Senate

- New Construction at Western
 - Student Services Building
 - Advanced Facility for Avian Research (AFAR)
 - Physics & Astronomy
- March Break Open House

Dr. Paul Davenport
March 14, 2008

Student Services Building

- Groundbreaking February 15
- \$21 million facility south of UCC
 - Registrar's Office
 - Financial Aid
 - International Student Services
 - Services for Students with Disabilities
 - Indigenous Services
- Special Ceremony: First Nations Involvement
 - 24 foot tipi
 - Ceremonial fire to prepare ground by First Nations leaders

Advanced Facility for Avian Research (AFAR)

Groundbreaking February 15, 2008

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