



The UNIVERSITY of WESTERN ONTARIO

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

November 14, 2008

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

SENATORS: 82

T. Baerg	T. Garrard	J. Polgar
A. Barnfield	C. Gibson	R. Rajakumar
J. Barron	E. Heersink	S. Ray
A. Beach	I. Holloway	M. Reid
J. Berge	M. Hyland	G. Rowe
C. Beynon	B. Johnson	S. Schaffer
I. Birrell	M. Johnson	D. Shrubsole
B. Blumer	M. Jones	S. Sims
S. Brennan	E. Karakacili	S. Spaulding
C. Busch	G. Killan	R. Stainton
N. Caldwell	G. Knopf	A. Suksi
S. Camiletti	B. Kraatz	R. Telfer
T. Carmichael	G. Kulczycki	A. Thom
A. Chant	M. Lee	B. Timney
J. Corrigan	F. Longstaffe	M. Tithecott
R. Coulter	H. Luckman	J. Toswell
P. Davenport	R. Lumpkin	R. Van Gaalen
J. Doerksen	S. Macfie	D. Wardlaw
C. Dunbar	J. Mackie	J. Weese
W. Dunn	B. MacLachlan	J. White
H. El Naggar	R. Macmillan	C. Wilkins
C. Ellis	A. Mandich	B. Wood
J. Etherington	L. Miller	L. Wynant
M. Fan	M. Naish	R. Young
C. Farber	J. Nash	T. Yurkewich
N. Fassina	J. O'Sullivan	G. Zeni
K. Galil	D. Pennee	
J. Garnett	H. Perinpanayagam	

Observers: M. Carroll, L. Gribbon, D. Jameson, A. Weedon

By Invitation: M. Broadfoot, M. Milde

Welcome to New and Returning Senators

On behalf of Senate, Dr. Davenport welcomed the new and returning Senators.

S.08-197

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of October 17, 2008, were approved as circulated.

S.08-198 **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

The President's report consisted of the following items: University budgeting in uncertain financial times, Ivey Hong Kong: 10th Anniversary Celebrations, and recent Western successes in Research. Overhead slides used to highlight his presentation are attached as **Appendix 1**.

REPORT OF THE OPERATIONS/AGENDA COMMITTEE [Exhibit I]

S.08-199 **Senate Membership**

S.08-199a **Faculty Constituencies**

It was moved by T. Carmichael, seconded by T. Baerg,

That the following nominees be appointed to Senate to represent the constituencies listed for terms shown. Representing the:

- Faculty of Information and Media Studies: Isola Ajiferuke (Term: January 1 to June 30, 2009)
- Faculty of Law: Randal Graham (Term: November 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009)
- Don Wright Faculty of Music: Kari Veblen (Term: November 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009)
- Faculty of Science: Sheila Macfie (Biology - Term: November 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009)
- Brescia University College: Monika Lee (English - Term: November 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009)

CARRIED

S.08-199b **Undergraduate Student Constituencies**

It was moved by T. Carmichael, seconded by T. Garrard,

That the Senate seat in the Health Sciences and Medicine & Dentistry undergraduate student constituency be declared vacant as a result of the resignation of Greg Snyder, and,

That Geoff Zeni (Medical Sciences IV) be elected to replace him (term to June 30, 2009).

CARRIED

S.08-199c **Senate Membership: Representative from the General Community**

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

That Ruth Young be elected to serve on Senate (term November 1, to June 30, 2009) as a representative of the General Community.

CARRIED

S.08-200 **Nominating Committee Membership**

The following were elected to the Nominating Committee:

Members: E. Karakacili, M. Naish (terms to June 30, 2009)

Alternate: A. Suksi (term to June 30, 2009)

S.08-201 **By-Law Amendment - Speakers at Senate**

It was moved by T. Carmichael, seconded by R. Stainton,

That By-Law Number IV.6 be amended to read as follows:

Normally, only Senators or official Senate Observers may speak at Senate. However, the Operations/Agenda Committee or the Chair of Senate or the person

~~authorized to act in that capacity may invite to Senate meetings special guests, or other persons who they think could contribute to debate or discussion on any Senate matter to be discussed at a meeting~~ **to serve as a resource or to provide information on any Senate matter. In exceptional circumstances, Senate may also, by a two-thirds majority vote, elect to permit a guest to be heard at Senate.**

Asked who would determine when the circumstances are exceptional and why a two-thirds majority vote is needed rather than a simple majority, Dean Carmichael said that it would be Senate's determination that the circumstances were exceptional. Requiring a two-thirds majority vote shows that the request to permit a speaker has broad support from Senators. Professor Stainton reported that the Operations/Agenda Committee discussed this point and concluded that a two-thirds majority vote was appropriate given the procedural nature of the proposal. Many procedural motions require a two-thirds majority.

It was moved by A. Chant, seconded by R. Coulter,

- (e) professional librarian or archivist, elected by the full-time library staff
~~2~~ **3** members of faculty and 1 student, elected by Senate

CARRIED

S.08-203 **Revisions to the Terms of Reference and Composition of SUUPR**

S.08-203a **Terms of Reference**

ACADEMIC POLICY AND AWARDS [Exhibit III]

S.08-209 **Faculty of Social Science, Continuing Studies: Withdrawal of the Diploma and Certificate Programs in Organizational Development**

It was moved by A. Chant, seconded by R. Wood,

That the Diploma in Organizational Development and the Certificate in Organizational Development be withdrawn, effective September 1, 2008.

CARRIED

S.08-210 **Faculty of Science: Withdrawal of the Honors Specialization Module in Applied Quantitative Information Technology (AQIT)**

It was moved by A. Chant, seconded by R. Van Gaalen,

That effective September 1, 2008, admission to the Honors Specialization in Applied Quantitative Information Technology (AQIT) module be discontinued; and, that students enrolled in the module prior to September 1, 2008, be permitted to continue in the program with the understanding that they must complete the requirements prior to May 1, 2010, at which time the module will be withdrawn and all registration discontinued. *[The module may be withdrawn earlier if there are no students enrolled in the module prior to the stated*

Registrar will compile the information, by Faculty, and report annually to the Senate Committee on Academic Policy and Awards which will forward the report to Senate for information.”

The 2007-2008 Report on Scholastic Offences, covering the period from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008, detailed in Exhibit III, Appendix 3, was received for information.

UNIVERSITY PLANNING [Exhibit IV]

S.08-221 **MBA'80 Professorship in Entrepreneurship**

It was moved by C. Dunbar, seconded by J. Berge,

That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors, that the MBA'80 Professorship in Entrepreneurship be established at the Richard Ivey School of Business, for a five-year period based on an expendable gift, under the terms of reference shown in Exhibit IV, item 1.

CARRIED

S.08-222 **Update on University Operating Budget**

Dr. Longstaffe provided an update on the University operating budget including a review of the 2008-09 budget, reserves at year-end 2007-08, downturn in Equity Markets, downturn in equity markets and Western's endowments, impact of the downturn on the operating budget in the current year, dealing with longer-term constraints in the operating budget, looking beyond the current four-year plan, and aspirations with graduate expansion. Overhead slides used to highlight his presentation are attached as **Appendix 2**.

Asked about the impact the financial situation could have on student financial aid, Dr. Longstaffe said the administration is cautiously hopeful that the current market situation will not have a negative impact on student financial aid; however, the situation remains uncertain until February 2009. Planned payouts of endowed funds used to support student scholarships and bursaries have been made for 2008-09 and are not affected by the market turmoil.

A Senator asked if the province might put pressure on universities to increase undergraduate enrolment. Dr. Longstaffe replied that Western has spent considerable effort in achieving the right balance of undergraduate and graduate students but acknowledged that the province continues to be concerned about access to post secondary education. An increase in undergraduate enrolment would provide additional revenue, however, it would not be a wise investment given the possible negative impact on providing the best educational experience. Dr. Davenport assured Senate that he will continue to urge the Premier to “stay the course” regarding graduate growth.

Asked about the impact the financial situation will have on staffing, Dr. Longstaffe said that controlling expenditures will aid in protecting staff, but the initial budget reduction will create staffing challenges as to whether units can replace or hire faculty and staff.

Responding to a question as to what percentage of faculty budgets is committed to salaries, Dr. Longstaffe said he could not provide an exact figure but agreed to bring this information back to the next Senate meeting.

Dr. Davenport noted that he and Dr. Longstaffe would be updating Senate regularly on the financial situation but reminded Senators that the Board of Governors has the final say on budget matters.

S.08-223 **REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC COLLEAGUE** [Exhibit V]

The Report of the Academic Colleague on the 286th meeting of the Council of Ontario Universities, detailed in Exhibit V, was received for information.

S.08-224 **ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNICATIONS** [Exhibit VI]

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

P. Davenport
Chair

I. Birrell
Secretary