

S.08-226a **Financial Update** (S.08-222)

Dr. Longstaffe gave an update on Western's financial situation:

- units are asked to proceed with mission critical new hirings and to review carefully other expenditures.
- the initial budget adjustment for fiscal years 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 is still to be determined, but will likely be 5% rather than 3%.
- revenue from investments is still anticipated to be \$0 given that the markets have not seen a significant rally.
- the impact of the market turmoil on the University's endowments continues to be reviewed and recommendations regarding payouts will be presented to Senate and the Board in the new year.

Responding to a question from the previous Senate meeting as to what percentage of faculty budgets is committed to salaries and benefits, Dr. Longstaffe said that 78.6% of the University's \$360 million operating budget is dedicated to salaries and benefits for full-time and part-time faculty, staff and graduate teaching assistants, while the percentage range from faculty to faculty for salaries and benefits is between 55% - 92%.

S.08-235b **Honors Specialization and Major in Philosophy and Religion**

It was moved by S. Lofts, seconded by G. Killan,

That effective September 1, 2009, Honors Specialization and Major modules in Philosophy and Religion, detailed in Exhibit II, item 4b, be introduced at King's University College.

CARRIED

S.08-235c **Major in Thanatology**

Before presenting the recommendation, Dr. Milde stated that the following phrase (shown in italics) should be added to Admission Requirements: Completion of first-year requirements with a minimum average of 60% *in 3.0 principal courses*.

It was moved by S. Lofts, seconded by S. Cameletti,

That effective September 1, 2009, a Major in Thanatology, detailed in Exhibit II, item 4c, be introduced at King's University College.

CARRIED

S.08-235d **Minor in Catholic Studies**

It was moved by S. Lofts, seconded by G. Killan,

That effective September 1, 2009, a Minor in Catholic Studies, detailed in Exhibit II, item 4d, be introduced at King's University College.

CARRIED

S.08-236 **School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: Dual PhD Engineering Programs with: 1) Instituto de Computação, Universidade Estadual De Campinas, Brazil, and, 2) Politecnico Di Milano, Italy**

S.08-236a **Double Degree (PhD) Program between the Universidade Estadual de Campinas, São Paulo, Brazil and The University of Western Ontario (Engineering)**

It was moved by G. Knopf, seconded by S. Lofts,

That effective January 1, 2009, Senate approve the introduction of a dual PhD degree program leading to the "Doutor em Ciência da Computação" from the Instituto de Computação, Universidade Estadual de Campinas, São Paulo, Brazil, and the "Doctor of Philosophy" from programs offered by Electrical and Computer Engineering at The University of Western Ontario as detailed in Exhibit II, item 5a.

CARRIED

S.08-236b **Double Degree (PhD) Program between Politecnico di Milano, Milan, Italy, and The University of Western Ontario (Engineering)**

It was moved by G. Knopf, seconded by S. Lofts,

That effective January 1, 2009, Senate approve the introduction of a dual PhD degree program leading to a "Dottorato di ricerca in" by the Politecnico di Milano, Italy, and a "Doctor of Philosophy" from programs offered in Engineering at The University of Western Ontario, as detailed in Exhibit II, item 5b.

CARRIED

S.08-237 **Submitting Examinations to Examination Services for Accommodated Examinations**

It was moved by S. Lofts, seconded by J. Doerksen,

That the following policy on submitting examinations to Examination Services for accommodated examinations be approved and added to the Policies on Administration of Examinations in the Academic Handbook.

Submitting Examinations to Examination Services for Accommodated Examinations

All instructors must submit examinations to Examination Services a minimum of two business days prior to the scheduled accommodated examination. Where Braille text is needed, the exam must be received a **full week** prior to the scheduled examination.

Missing the two business day submission deadline could result in one or more of the following:

1. The instructor and/or department may become responsible for administering all aspects of the student's examination accommodations. This would be possible only when extra time and a quiet space environment are identified as the student's recommended accommodation from the Student Development Centre.
2. The department may be billed for the costs associated with Examination Services administering the exam on a last-minute basis, i.e., costs associated with staff overtime or special weekend staffing.
3. The examination may be cancelled and rescheduled for a future timeframe. The instructor would then potentially be responsible for the creation of a new examination paper. The timeline for the rescheduled exam would incorporate the Examination Services two business day submission deadline.

Responding to questions regarding Examination Services (ES) for Accommodated Examinations, Dr. Milde stated that Examination Services is a consolidation of services and that the policy will address issues that have occurred in this past such as receiving exams outside the requested one-week submission period. Notification will be given to instructors and undergraduate assistants regarding the guidelines.

The question was called and CARRIED

S.08-238 **New Scholarships and Awards**

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

Michael Bean Society of Actuaries' Undergraduate Scholarship (Faculty of Science, Actuarial Sciences)
Michael Bean Society of Actuaries' Graduate Scholarship (School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, Statistics)
Rural Community Student Nursing Bursary (Faculty of Health Sciences, Nursing)
Nicolaas and Regina Veenboer Foundation Ontario Graduate Scholarships (School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies)

S.08-239 **New Programs and Modules to be approved by SUUPR prior to consideration by SCAPA**

The Senate Committee on Academic Policy and Awards (SCAPA) has determined that proposals for all Honors Specialization, Major, and Specialization Modules, and Degree and Combined Degree Programs, must be approved initially by the Subcommittee on Undergraduate Program Review (SUUPR) prior to consideration by SCAPA. The only exceptions are Minor modules and modules which are being introduced by either the Constituent University or the Affiliated University Colleges which are identical to those already offered at the AUCs or CU.

UNIVERSITY RESEARCH BOARD [Exhibit III]

S.08-240

Annual Report of the Vice-President (Research & International Relations)

Dr. Hewitt presented the annual report of the Vice-President (Research & International Relations). Overhead slides used to highlight his presentation were distributed with the agenda as Exhibit III. He explained that the rationale behind the annual report is three-fold: Western's Strategic Research Plan calls for performance metrics of this kind to be developed and disseminated; data needs to be in place to justify the statement that Western is a top research-intensive Canadian university; and through the generation of these data Western is able to identify gaps, in terms of funding and/or areas where additional efforts are needed to assist faculty in sourcing funding for their research programs.

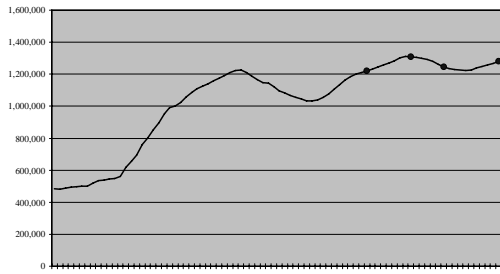
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

P. Davenport
Chair

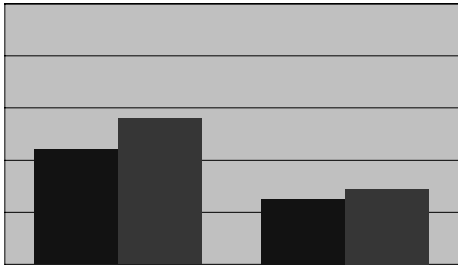
I. Birrell
Secretary

Ontario Population Age 18 – 24 Projection



Source: Ontario Ministry of Finance

Full-Time **Weighted** Enrolments
% Change in Actual and Projected -- Western and Ontario




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