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September 18, 2015

The meeting was held at 1:30 p.m. in Room 56, University Community Centre.

SENATORS: 87

N. Bhatia	G. Hunter	W. Pearson
I. Birrell	L. Jackson	C. Phelps
P. Bishop	R. Kennedy	A. Rice-Hoyt
M. Blagrave	J. Knowles	S. Rodger
J. Capone	G. Kopp	D. Rogers
T. Carmichael	A. Kothari	S. Roland
A. Chakma	G. Kulczycki	L. Rosen
B. Cheadle	D. Laird	M. Rothstein
M. Cheesman	B. Leipert	V. Schwean
K. Clark	G. Lucas	K. Siddiqui
K. Cole	S. Macfie	Z. Sinel
R. Collins	J. Malkin	A. Singh
D. Coward	C. Manjunath	R. Soulodre-LaFrance
M. Crossan	S. McClatchie	C. Sprengler
J. Cuciurean	M. McDayter	V. Staroverov
J. Deakin	M. McGlynn	C. Steeves
C. Dean	L. McKivor	M. Strong
G. Dekaban	T. McMurrough	L. Sunseri
G. Dresser	R. Mercer	A. Sussman
N. Dyer-Witheford	M. Milde	D. Sylvester
J. Eberhard	J.-F. Millaire	S. Taylor
A. Engineer	L. Miller	M. Thomson
J. Faflak	J. Mitchell	G. Tigert
C. Farber	V. Nielsen	J. Toswell
A. Grzyb	C. Nolan	T. Townshend
D. Hooper	V. Nolte	Z. Turner
B. Hovius	K. Olson	J. Weese
A. Hrymak	P.P. Pare	M. Wilson
T. Hunt	G. Parraga	N. Wolfe

Observers: E. Chamberlain, J. Doerksen, T. Hinan, K. Hoffmann, J. Luker, J. McMullin, C. Waugh, K. Campbell

By Invitation: A. Nelson

S.15-140 **Welcome to New/Returning Senators**

Dr. Chakma, on behalf of Senate, welcomed the new and returning Senators.

S.15-141   **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting of June 5, 2015 were approved as circulated.

S.15-142   **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

The President's report consisted of the following: Western's response to the Syrian Refugee
crisis, including the Refugee Sponsorship Fund, Syrian Refugee Awards, Scholars at Risk
program; recently named Fellows to the Royal Society of Canada – Kathryn Brush, John Leonard
and Jesse Zhu;   31 finalists in the 2015 edition of the International Undergraduate Awards
competition; celebration of Dentistry's 50th anniversary.

REPORT OF THE OPERATIONS/AGENDA COMMITTEE [Exhibit I]

S.15-143   **Senate Membership: Brescia University College Constituency**

It was moved by M. Milde, seconded by A. Singh,

> That the Senate seat held by Colleen O'Connor, representative of the Brescia University
> College constituency, be declared vacant due to her sabbatical leave and that Lina Sunseri
> be elected to take her seat until June 30, 2016.

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S.15-147 **2016 Senate Election Schedule**

Senate was advised that the 2016 Senate Election Schedule can be found at:

Communications" be introduced

S.15-155b   **Revisions to the Doctor of Education (EdD) Program**

It was moved by S. Macfie, seconded by P. Bishop,

> That effective September 1, 2015 the requirement for a thesis and defence be eliminated
> in the EdD Program, in lieu of the completion of a substantial capstone project
> (Organizational Improvement Plan) in year three, as shown in Exhibit III, Appendix 7.

CARRIED

S.15-155c   **Revisions to the MA in Education Program**

It was moved by S. Macfie, seconded by L. Miller,

> That effective September 1, 2015 the new Fields "Applied Linguistics", "Critical Policy,
> Equity and Leadership", "Applied Psychology in Schools" and "Curriculum Studies" be
> introduced in the MA in Education Program, and

> That effective September 1, 2015 the "Educational Studies" Field be eliminated, as shown
> in Exhibit III, Appendix 8.

CARRIED

S.15-155d   **Revisions to the Master of Professional Education (MPEd) Program**

It was moved by S. Macfie, seconded by V. Schwean,

> That effective September 1, 2015 students enrolled in the two-year (post-undergraduate)
> Bachelor of Education (BEd) Program who complete specific advanced courses in the
> BEd. Program be given advanced standing for up to three half-courses or equivalent (i.e.,
> a maximum of 1.5 FCEs) in the MPEd related to their BEd cohort or specialty focus, as
> shown in Exhibit III, Appendix 8.

CARRIED

S.15-156   **School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: Renaming the Collaborative Graduate
Program in Planetary Science**

It was moved by S. Macfie, seconded by L. Miller,
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S.15-157   **Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry: Revisions to the Admission Requirements of the MD Program**

It was moved by S. Macfie, seconded by M. Strong,

That the MD program's Admission Requirements be revised effective October 1, 2015, as shown in Exhibit III, Appendix 9.

CARRIED

S.15-158   **Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry: Revisions to the Admission Requirements of the DDS Program**

It was moved by S. Macfie, seconded by M. Strong,

That the DDS program's Admission Requirements be revised effective October 1, 2015, as shown in Exhibit III, Appendix 10.

CARRIED

S.15-159   **Revision to the "Marks/Grades; Definitions of Grades; Grading Scales for Undergraduate Students" Policy**

S.15-162 **SUPR-G Report: Cyclical Reviews of the Migration and Ethnic Relations (MER) Collaborative Graduate Program and Music and Popular Music Graduate Programs**

Senate was informed that the following cyclical reviews were approved by SCAPA:

Faculty/Affiliates	**Program**	

groups.   It is important, therefore, that a new member be appointed as soon as possible.   The next meeting of the Senate Nominating Committee is October 2nd.   Rather than wait until October 16th to have its recommendation approved, the ad hoc Committee asked that Senate permit the recommendation for a replacement member be dealt with by email.

The question was called and CARRIED

S.15-171   **Academic Freedom**

Senator Olson referenced the email notice that Western's senior administration circulated confirming their obligation to respect academic freedom on campus and apologizing for the violation of faculty members' academic freedom during the April 10 and 17 Senate meetings, and asked if the apology extended to student and community members as well.   Dr. Deakin said the apology was to all academic faculty and in response to concerns expressed by UWOFA concerning the academic freedom of the individuals it represents.   Academic freedom applies only to faculty members.   However, she asked that the minutes record that the apology extends to those who are not faculty but who felt that their freedom of expression was hindered.