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DECEMBER 9, 2016

The meeting was held at 1:30 p.m. in Room 1R40, Arts and Humanities Building.

SENATORS: 71

A. Abuhussein	A. Hrymak
R. Andersen	Y. Huang
A. Bachman	M. Jadd
A. Bhatt	C. Jones
P. Bishop	D. Jorgensen
A. Bowlus	A. Katz
J. Capone	M. Knott
T. Carmichael	J. Knowles
A. Chakma	A. Kothari
A. Chant	D. Laird
K. Cole	R. MacDougall
R. Collins	S. Macfie
E. Comor	E. Macpherson
M. Crossan	L. McKivor
C. Davidson	K. Mequanint
J. Deakin	J. Michalski
C. Dean	M. Milde
G. Dekaban	L. Miller
P. Doyle	S. Mumm
N. Dyer-Witheford	K. Myers
J. Garland	P. Nesbitt-Larking
C. Hardy	V. Nielsen
J. Hatch	C. O'Connor
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Secretary's note: Dr. Chakma addressed a comment received outside of Senate that some members of the community took issue with the religious nature of the greetings provided at the beginning of the October Senate meeting because Western is a secular institution. He noted that the invitation to have the Visiting Elder open the meeting was extended to show respect for the indigenous community and to recognize the importance of the Indigenous Strategic Plan process as a step towards trying to rectify the historical challenges they have faced. He added that having an Elder bring greetings or blessings is an important element of their culture and he did not believe the Elder's greeting diminished the secular character of Western. However, he acknowledged that others might disagree. He noted that this was a very special case and what was done was in the spirit of showing respect to the indigenous communities. It was a unique situation, not likely to be repeated.

S.16-252

**Agenda for December 9 Senate Meeting**

It was moved by N. Dyer-Witthford, seconded by H. Orbach-Miller,

That the agenda for the December 9 Senate meeting be re-ordered to allow consideration of the questions from the Organizing Equality Student Coalition as the first item of business.

S.16-254

**Notice of Motion regarding Land Acknowledgement**

It was moved by S. Macfie, seconded by A. Bhatt,

S.16-258a

**Open or Closed Committee Meetings**

It was moved by M. Milde, seconded by M. Strong,

That meetings of Senate's standing committees and subcommittees remain closed.

M. Milde, Chair of OAC, referred to the reasoning behind keeping meetings of Senate's standing committees and subcommittees closed contained in Exhibit III, Appendix 2, page 2. Each standing committee had debated the issue at length and concluded that their meetings should remain closed.

The Chairs of SCAPA, SCUP and Nominating were called upon to present their committee's rationale for having closed meetings:

T. Carmichael, Vice-Chair of the Nominating Committee, said that full discussion of the nominees and their suitability for service on committees can only occur in a closed session. The Nominating











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the campus community. These consultations will seek to inform the campus community about the proposed transit routes and how they impact the campus and to provide an opportunity for