

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

MAY 19, 2017

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

SENATORS: 68

A. Abuhussein	D. Jorgensen	K. Olson
R. Andersen	J. Kim	H. Orbach-Miller
E. Ansari	J. Knowles	G. Parraga
P. Bishop	A. Kothari	I. Paul
A. Bowlus	D. Laird	W. Pearson
J. Capone	S. Macfie	S. Roland
T. Carmichael	E. Macpherson	L. Rosen
A. Chakma	M. McDayter	C. Roulston
E. Chamberlain	D. McDonald	B. Rubin
A. Chant	M. McGlynn	J. Rylett
K. Clark	K. Mequanint	D.R. Sainani
K. Cole	K. Meyers	V. Schwean
R. Collins	J. Michalski	Z. Sinel
M. Crossan	M. Milde	V. Staroverov
C. Davidson	K. Miller	C. Steeves
J. Deakin	L. Miller	D. Sylvester
C. Dean	D. Moser	G. Tigert
G. Dekaban	S. Mumm	J. Toswell
N. Dyer-Witthford	P. Nesbitt-Larking	S. Trosow
J. Garland	V. Nielsen	T. Tucker
J. Hatch	V. Nolte	M. Viczko
E. Hegedues	C. O'Connor	B.A. Younker
C. Jones	C. Olivier	

Observers: E. Avila, A. Di Sebastiano, J. Doerksen, T. Hinan, J. McMullin, S. Pitel, J. Sadler

By Invitation: K. Meadows, M. Rothstein, C. Stinson

S.17-105 **Land Acknowledgement**

G. Parraga read the Land Acknowledgement.

S.17-106 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting of April 21, 2017 were approved as circulated.

S.17-107 **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT [Exhibit I]**

He also reported on a recent meeting with the Prime Minister and senior government officials that included discussion about the report of the Advisory Panel on Federal Support for Fundamental Science:

Arjun Singh (At-Large)

and that,

Kelvin Zhou (Science)
Shaha Yousafzai (Social Science)
Justin Kim (At-Large)

be elected to complete their term until June 30, 2017.

CARRIED (By Unanimous Consent)

S.17-112 **Senate Membership Administrative Staff Constituency**

It was moved by S. Macfie, seconded by D. Laird,

That effective May 1, 2017 Kim Miller, elected representative of the Administrative Staff, be appointed to replace Lee Ann McKivor, who has resigned.

CARRIED (By Unanimous Consent)

REPORT OF THE SENATE NOMINATING COMMITTEE [Exhibit IV]

S.17-113 **Information Item Reported by the Senate Nominating Committee**

The Report of the Senate Nominating Committee, detailed in Exhibit IV, contained the following item that was received for information by Senate by unanimous consent:

Results of the Election of Administrative Staff to the Senate Committee on University Planning [C. Alleyne and V. Sarkany were elected to serve on SCUP]

REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC POLICY AND AWARDS [Exhibit V]

S.17-114 **Notices of Motion: Examination Policy and Political Accommodation**

The Chair of SCAPA recalled that H. Orbach-Miller presented the following Notices of Motion on behalf of the student senators at the March Senate meeting:

(SCAPA) with the creation of an Ad-Hoc committee to review the Examination Conflicts policy and present a report and recommendation by the February 2018 meeting of Senate on the following matters:

1. Under the current examination policy framework, how many conflicts typically arise in a given academic term?
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3. Is the current policy reflective of practices at peer institutions?
4. Should this policy additionally apply to mid-term examinations?

5. What are the ramifications of extending the number of hours provision in the policy by an two such examinations in any 23-hour -hour period)

6. Should this policy be amended in some capacity?

SCAPA shall determine the composition of the committee, as long as it contains at least one (1) student Senator. Additionally, SCAPA may choose to widen the scope of the

Current policy: https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/exam/conflicts.pdf

And

[POLICY 1.3 - Political Candidacy of Students](#) as shown in Appendix

After careful and lengthy consideration, SCAPA is acting on both motions, but in a manner that

2) Questions 2, 4 and 6 within the motion relate to stress arising from the policy, whether or not the policy should include mid-terms and whether or not it the policy should be revised, respectively. These issues were carefully considered in 2012-13, the last time this policy was examined. Since that time, a pilot Fall Study Week has been established, which should further reduce stress in the fall term, in which the number of indirect exam conflicts is greater.

SCAPA's Recommended Action: The policy about indirect examination conflicts be re-examined at the same time as the pilot Fall Study Break be evaluated (winter 2019). Data included in that ice and the academic counsellors as well as formal surveys done by the Vice-Provost (Academic Programs) office and/or a student group (e.g., USC or student senators).

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Motion 2: Political Accommodation

The motion proposes an addition to MAPP 1.3, which covers accommodations for students running

policy framework. SCAPA is generally in favour of a policy that would cover accommodating attendance requirements for students who are running for executive positions in student organizations.

SCAPA's Recommended Action: The current motion is specific to the USC. SCAPA has requested that a joint proposed motion from all student organizations (e.g., USC, SOGS, MBA, the affiliates and, perhaps, PSAC) be introduced that clearly identifies which executive positions would be covered by a new Political Accommodation policy.

H. Orbach-

S.17-118

Faculty of Science, Department of Computer Science: Introduction of a Minor in Computer Hardware Design

It was moved by S. Macfie, seconded by D. Laird,

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S.17-122

-Year, Four-Year and Honors

(Breadth Requirements for First Year and Degree Structure)

It was moved by S. Macfie, seconded by D. Laird,

Asked about the risk assessment done regarding this naming, K. Cole, Vice-President (External) said a reputational assessment is done for any gift over \$1 million to determine if there are any risks for the university and to assess the financial liability (if any) to the University. Case by case decisions will not be considered as setting precedent for the next occasion. The University has guidelines that are used to evaluate a naming. A question to consider is does the name fit with the criteria as he is engaged and passionate about the program. There is no concern about interference in the academic activities from Mr. Dan. Ms. Cole noted that Western would not accept any donation without considering whether the donor is a fit.

Asked why the name is spelled in all caps, Ms. Cole said that doing so gives the name more prominence and attention because it is only three letters long. The format of the name is a request from Mr. Dan and was thoroughly debated within the department, faculty, and the Senate Committee on University Planning (SCUP).

The question was called and CARRIED.

S.17-127 **Western Libraries Annual Report 2016**

Senate received for information the Western Libraries Annual Report 2016. C. Steeves, Vice-Provost and Chief Librarian, provided an overview of her report, detailed in Exhibit VI, Appendix 3.

S.17-128 **National Survey of Student Engagement** (NSSE)

Senate received for information the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) detailed in Exhibit VI, Appendix 4. J. Doerksen, Vice-Provost (Academic Programs) provided an overview of the report noting that the survey assesses time and effort students dedicate to educational activities and how an institution deploys resources and organizes learning opportunities to engage students in empirically-supported learning activities. The survey is administered at Western to first and senior year undergraduate students in winter/spring every three years (2014, 2017). Response rate in 2014 was 34 per cent and in 2017 it was approximately 27 per cent. Given that this is an American survey that all Ontario Universities participate in, some Ontario universities have added questions relating directly to Ontario specific context. Ontario students may not interpret questions in the same way that US students do. A criticism of NSSE is that it is hard to move a performance indicator. The Provost noted that NSSE scores will be part of the metrics of SMA submissions.

S.17-129 **REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS** [Exhibit VII]

The report from the Board of Governors, detailed in Exhibit VII, was received for information by unanimous consent.

S.17-130 **ANNOUNCEMENTS** [Exhibit VIII]

Announcements, detailed in Exhibit VIII, were received for information by unanimous consent.

DISCUSSION AND QUESTION PERIOD

S.17-131 **Implementation of the Recommendations of the Senate ad hoc Committee on Renewal**

A member voiced concern that a year has passed and the recommendations of the Senate *ad hoc* Committee on Renewal have not all been implemented. Senate should receive a detailed progress report. The Chair of the Operations/Agenda Committee, the Committee that was tasked with the implementation of the recommendations, explained that 10 recommendations were received, many of which had sub parts. In all, about 30 recommendations were considered. Many

of the recommendations have been resolved and their disposition is recorded in the Senate minutes. Some recommendations involve financial and personnel resources. Some recommendations can be resolved in the short term while others need more time to develop a resolution. A progress list reflecting the disposition of the recommendations will be developed. He reported that some issues were referred to legal counsel such as investigating the possibility of adding members to Senate which would involve opening the UWO Act.

Responding to comments about adding staff to the Secretariat, J. Deakin said that the office is in the midst of a reorganization in that the legal staff will be shifted from its portfolio. Also, Western is conducting a search to replace the University Secretary who left mid-April to pursue a job in