



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

December 04,

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**Land Acknowledgement**

J. Wilson offered a Land Acknowledgement.

S.20-194 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting of November 13, 2020 were approved as circulated.

S.20-195 **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

The President's Report, distributed with the agenda, contained information on the following topics: COVID-19 updates, accolades, and leadership updates.

The President additionally commented on the following items:

- The Middlesex-London Health Unit has declared that London will move into Orange Level on December 7, 2020
- Western is currently operating under all of the requirements of the Orange Level. There will be no changes to current operations, as we are already adhering to a higher standard of safety
- There have been no cases of COVID-19 transmission related to academic activities or research settings on campus
- Christine Elliot, Minister of Health, announced the members of a task force that will advise the government on the distribution of the vaccine. Professor Maxwell Smith, from the Faculty of Health Sciences, and our Chancellor Linda Hasenfratz have been selected to be part of the panel
- The Strategic Planning Committee has met twice as a group, alongside individual and small group meetings. There will be opportunities in January for widespread participation

S.20-198 **Information Items Reported by the Operations/Agenda**

CARRIED

- S.20-203 ITEM 5.2(d) – Faculty of Social Science, Department of History: Revisions to the Admission and Program Requirements of the Honours Specialization in American Cultural Studies, the Major in American Studies, and the Minor in American Studies



**REPORT FROM THE OPERATIONS/AGENDA COMMITTEE**

S.20-208 **ITEM 7.1 – Policy Amendment: Structure of the Academic Year**

Senate received the Policy Amendment to the Structure of the Academic Year for information.

S.20-209 **ITEM 7.2 – Revisions to the Appointment Procedures for Senior Academic and Administrative Officers of the University – Addition of the Associate Vice-President (Equity, Diversity & Inclusion)**

It was moved by M. Milde, seconded by J. Garland,

J. Cuciurean, Chair (SCAPA) provided an oral update on the work of the Senate Committee on Academic Policy and Awards.

**REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY PLANNING**

S.20-214 **ITEM 10.1 – Budget Planning Guidelines**

A. Hrymak, Provost & Vice-President (Academic) and R. Chelladurai, Associate Vice-President (Planning, Budgeting & Information Technology) presented ITEM 10.1, the Budget Planning Guidelines.

A senator asked how the Canada Research Chairs (CRC)

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