

January 15, 2021

The meeting was held at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom.

SENATORS:

Z. Al-Asamil
L. Archibald
P. Barmby
A. Baxter
J. Baxter
G. Belfry

Land Acknowledgement

P. Tarc offered a Land Acknowledgement.

S.21-01 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting of December 4, 2020 were approved as circulated.

S.21-02 **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Update on enrollment deferred to February.

A. Shepard provided a brief update on Western's enrollment, noting Western has continued to attract strong students in record numbers for this academic year. He thanked all the teams for their efforts, as a strong enrollment contributes to the vitality of the institution.

S.21-03 **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:

- Thanked members of the Western community for their continued efforts while working remotely or on campus during this extraordinary time.
- The Ontario Government has declared a second State of Emergency. Western is currently operating under all of the requirements of the declaration, as there were no changes to Post-Secondary education.
- The President applauded the Western community, noting that there have been no cases of COVID-19 transmission related to academic activities or research settings in the Fall semester.
- Western has delayed the return of in person instruction until February 21. Decisions about the summer and fall terms are being discussed, and an update will be provided at the next Senate.
- The President advised that the searches for VP Advancement and University Secretary are underway. The searches for the Provost and AVP for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion will be

S.21-04 UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by J. Garland, seconded by P. Tarc,

That the items listed in the Consent Agenda, be approved or received for information by the Senate by unanimous consent.

CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

REPORT FROM THE OPERATIONS/AGENDA COMMITTEE

S.21-05 Information Items Reported by the Operations/Agenda Committee on Unanimous Consent

The following item reported by the Operations/Agenda Committee was received for information by unanimous consent:

- ITEM 5.1(a) – Review of Senate Committee Terms of Reference

REPORT FROM THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC POLICY AND AWARDS

S.21-06 ITEM 5.2(a) – Faculty of Arts and Humanities, Department of English and Writing Studies: Renaming of and Revisions to the Certificate of Academic Achievement

S.21-08 **ITEM 5.2(c)(i) – Brescia University College: Revisions to the Admission and Program Requirements of the Major and Minor in Political Science**

It was moved by J. Garland, seconded by P. Tarc,

That the admission and program requirements of the Major and Minor in Political Science at Brescia University College be revised as shown, effective September 1, 2021.

CARRIED

S.21-09 **ITEM 5.2(c)(ii) – Brescia University College: Revisions to the Admission and Program Requirements of the Major in Power in History and Politics**

It was moved by J. Garland, seconded by P. Tarc,

That the admission and program requirements of the Major in Power in History and Politics at Brescia University College be revised as shown, effective September 1, 2021.

CARRIED

S.21-10 **ITEM 5.2(c)(iii) – Brescia University College: Withdrawal of the Minor in Public Administration**

It was moved by J. Garland, seconded by P. Tarc,

That the Minor in Public Administration at Brescia University College be withdrawn, effective September 1, 2021.

CARRIED

S.21-11 **ITEM 5.2(c)(iv) – Brescia University College: Withdrawal of the Minor in Community Development**

It was moved by J. Garland, seconded by P. Tarc,

That the Minor in Community Development at Brescia University College be withdrawn, effective September 1, 2021.

CARRIED

S.21-12 **ITEM 5.2(d) – King's University College: Revisions to the Admission and Program Requirements of the Certificate in Social and Behavioral Sciences**

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on its own, without the support of moving Applied Mathematics faculty.

M. Davison (Dean, Faculty of Science) responded that Physicists and Astronomers in the Physics and Astronomy Department equally share the ability to teach mathematics, since many of the members of the current Applied Math Department have Physics PhDs.

S.21-21 **ITEM 9.1(a) – Dissolution of the Department of Applied Mathematics Brief**

Information regarding the Proposal to Close the Department of Applied Mathematics was provided to Senators in ITEM 9.1(a).

S.21-22 **Strategic Plan Update**

M. Davison, Chair of SCUP, provided an oral update on the Strategic plan.

A senator requested more elaboration on the process that SCUP had engaged in with regards to the Strategic Plan.

A. Shepard advised that through some of the earlier meetings of the Steering Committee, a number of important items have been identified as common and valuable to many. They have been organized into seven themes that are important to the University community's future. The 36 members of the Steering Committee have been allocated to working groups in order to address these items.

