



## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

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

### SENATORS:

Z. Al-Asamil	C. Harasym	A. Pahargarh
L. Archibald	L. Henderson	J. Nord
P. Barmby	R. Heydon	P. Peddle
A. Baxter	H. Hill	S. Pitel
J. Baxter	V. Hocke	S. Powell
G. Belfry	S. Hodgson	S. Prichard
A. Borchert	A. Holm	V. Radcliffe
D. Brou	D. Jeffrey	G. Read
C. Burghardt- Jesson	T. Jenkyn	L. Ricker
S. Burke	G. Kelly	L. Rigg
E. Chamberlain	R. Kennedy	S. Roland
L. Cipriano	J. Kitz	A. Rozovsky
K. Coley	D. Kotsopoulos	G. Santos
J. Corrigan	J. Langille	E. Sapuridis
J. Cuciurean	K. Lawless	I. Savani
S. Datars Bere	W. Lehmann	A. Shepard
M. Davison	J. Li	C. Steeves
R. Dekoter	L. Logan	P. Tarc
J. Finegan	D. Malloy	G. Tigert
R. Flemming	C. McLeod	J. Toswell
L. Frederking	M. McMurrin	Z. Train
J. Garland	A. Meyer	T. Walters
L. Ghattas	M. Milde	G. West
K. Gibbons	L. Miller	S. Whitehead
G. Gifford	K. Miller	J. Wilson
T. Granadillo	J. Minac	K. Yeung
R. Gros	S. Morrison	J. Yoo
	C. Nolan	B.A. Younker

Observers: B. Baron, T. Belton, C. Bressette, R. Bgeginski, C. Brunette-Debassige, R. Chelladurai,  
J. Doerksen, B. MacDougall-Shackleton, J. Massey, M. McGlynn, M. Reesor

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G. Belfry offered a Land Acknowledgement.

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The minutes of the meeting of February 12, 2021 were approved as circulated.

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

The President additionally commented on the following items:

- Congratulated A. Bryson on assuming the

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The following items reported by the Operations/Agenda Committee were received for information by unanimous consent:

- ITEM 5.1(a)-Results of the Spring 2021 Elections for Membership on Senate
- ITEM 5.1(b)-Senate Membership – Vacancies Filled by Appointment
- ITEM 5.1(d)-Candidates for Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates – Spring Convocation (#317)

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It was moved by G. Read, seconded by J. Garland,

That the Senate approve the establishment of four in absentia convocations to be held May 13, 2021, June 5, 2021, June 11, 2021 and June 18, 2021 for students who complete their degree, diploma and certificate requirements and would normally have their name put forward as part of:

- the May 13, 2021, Huron Theology Convocation,
- the June 5, 2021, Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry (MD) Convocation2021, Hu J)

That effective September 1, 2021, "Medical Bioinformatics" be introduced as a new subject area by the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine in the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, and included in Category C for Breadth Requirements for Graduation, and That effective September 1, 2022, "Medical Health Informatics" be withdrawn as a subject area.

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It was moved by G. Read, seconded by J. Garland,

That effective September 1, 2021, an Honours Specialization in Medical Bioinformatics, leading to an Honours Bachelor of Medical Sciences (BMSc) degree, be introduced by the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine in the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry and the Faculty of Science, and

That effective September 1, 2021, the "Admission to the Bachelor of Medical Sciences (BMSc) Program and Modules Offered in the BMSc Program" policy be revised to include the Honours Specialization in Medical Bioinformatics in the Weighted Average Chart.

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It was moved by G. Read, seconded by J. Garland,

That effective September 1, 2021, admission to Honours Specialization in Medical Health Informatics be discontinued, and

That students currently enrolled in the module be permitted to graduate until August 31, 2024 upon fulfilment of the requirements, and

That effective September 1, 2024 the module be withdrawn and all registration discontinued.

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It was moved by G. Read, seconded by J. Garland,

That effective September 1, 2021, a Certificate in Data Science be introduced by the Department of Statistical and Actuarial Sciences in the Faculty of Science.

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It was moved by G. Read, seconded by J. Garland,

That effective September 1, 2021, the admission and progr6 ( a)-21ue0 103 (i)-6.4 (.).Tj0.5C -019ie-3(i)-6.4-2.9 ( .6

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It was moved by G. Read, seconded by J. Garland,

That the Master of Arts (MA) and Master of Science (MSc) in Geography be revised as shown, effective September 1, 2021.

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It was moved by G. Read, seconded by J. Garland,

That effective September 1, 2021, an online stream be introduced for the Graduate Diploma (GDip) in Public Administration.

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It was moved by G. Read, seconded by J. Garland,

That effective January 1, 2021 until August 31, 2021, the Structure of the Academic Year Policy be temporarily amended as shown in recognition of the extenuating circumstances caused by the COVID-19 world pandemic, and,

That the authority to amend the dates for any Senate policies impacted by this temporary change to the Structure of the Academic Year be delegated to the Office of the Registrar for the period noted above (e.g., grade submission deadlines, add/drop dates, deadline to apply for February In Absentia Graduation), and,

That effective September 1, 2021 the previous version of the policy, "Last Revised 2020 04" be reinstated.

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It was moved by G. Read, seconded by J. Garland,

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The following items reported by the Senate Committee on Academic Policy and Awards were received for information by unanimous consent:

- ITEM 5.2(b)(iii) – Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine: DAP Proposals to Introduce Medical Bioinformatics 3100A/B, 4850G and 4980E
- ITEM 5.2(c)(iv) – Faculty of Science, Department of Statistical and Actuarial Sciences: DAP Proposals to Introduce Data Science 1000A/B, 1200A/B, 2000A/B, 2100A and 3000A/B
- ITEM 5.2(g) – Report of the Subcommittee on Program Review – Undergraduate (SUPR-U): Cyclical Reviews of the Undergraduate Programs in Earth Sciences, Environmental Science, English (Brescia University College), History (Huron University College), Philosophy (King's University College)
- ITEM 5.2(h)(i) – Report of the Subcommittee on Program Review – Graduate (SUPR-G): Cyclical Reviews of the Engineering in Medicine Collaborative Specialization and the Graduate Programs in Epidemiology and Biostatistics
- ITEM 5.2(i) – New Scholarships and Awards

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The following items were reported through Announcements and Communications and were received for information by unanimous consent:

- ITEM 5.4(a) – Academic Administrative Appointments

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A Senator requested the removal of ITEM 5.2(c)(i) from consent agenda, noting it is a new initiative and should be acknowledged during the Senate agenda period.

M. Daley (Special Advisor to the President on Data Strategy) addressed the introduction of the new subject area in Data Science, advising it is a system of two streams. One of the streams is intended for students who want to pursue careers in Data Science. The second stream is for students from any discipline, who h,e(. (u)-1 (s)-3.5 ( )Jmb 6.06 01.)34CS-2.5 (o)-55T.055( )Tj-0.002 Tw-1.224 Td(su)2.4 (b)2.4 (j)030.6 ( s)-





A Senator requested more clarification on the response provided by M. McGlynn on the shortlisted women applicants for tenured and probationary positions. He noted

R. Chelladurai, Associate Vice-President (Planning, Budgeting & Information Technology) responded that Western has received the results, however, we must comply with the Ministry's timeline of publishing the performance metrics.

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Senators submitted the following questions in advance:

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I would like an update on the question that was asked about Lecturers and the right to vote in Senate elections at the previous meeting.

P. Eluchok (Legal Counsel) responded that the Act sets out a requirement to designate which faculty can serve on Senate and vote on its elections. The Act states that in order to participate, faculty must hold the rank of Assistant Professor or higher. During the previous Senate meeting, members proposed putting forward a letter of understanding to allow lecturers to participate and serve on Senate. P. Eluchok noted the proposal was reviewed, and there are concerns with potential risks. He proposed to continue exploring other means to allow Lecturers to participate in Senate.

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First, for various reasons I have been enjoying the university website, and I clicked on "Academics" and then on "Departments (Faculties/Affiliates)" which led me to a website titled "Academics (by Dept.)" (62.7.0)

J. Doerksen noted that the "Ivey Academy" has numerous micro-credential programs offered, and that Western Continuing Studies has participated with provincial E-Campus Ontario pilot projects around micro-credentials. J. Doerksen expressed Western will have more clarity on micro-credentials in the near future, as the Ministry is developing the regulatory framework.

A. Blackburn-Evans (Chief Communications Officer/AVP, Communications and Public Affairs) attended as a guest to respond to the question. The "Academics" page referenced in the question was established over a decade ago, however, the system in place to update the page has proven ineffective over the years. A. Blackburn-Evans noted there is a plan to redesign the Western homepage this year, and the pages identified will be part of 1.8 (r)-0.8 (f)-1 (e)-5.7an4c (f)-2 ( )JJ(t)0.6 (-0.8 ( f)-1 (e)-5a

and I enjoyed watching Huron graduates come across the stage at Western (including at least one family member). I would hate to see this end.

G. Read (Provost and Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Science, Huron University College) responded to the question.

"Thanks for the question. I say thank you, because it gives us the opportunity to clear up some of the misunderstandings that were created, particularly when the story broke in the media. As a starting point, Huron has not declared its intention to request approval to grant its own degrees at this point. What we have done is started a conversation with our community about the possibility of doing that. It is something that our leadership is keen on. This was their advice that we should do this, I do not want to hide that. There will be an internal consultation process, faculty votes on the matter at the Council levels, and then ultimately it is a Board decision, which will take place in June. Just to be clear, we have not publicly announced that we are doing this, as we have publicly announced, in a sense that we are talking about doing this. I would also like to reframe it from the way that it is framed in the question, as I do not actually see this as us seceding per se. In one sense, yes, 37sed 1HTd.5 (n)-0.6 (g t Td(n)-5.1 ( )

As to some of the specific questions, the Harvard video referred to has been taken down and it is being edited to remove reference to it being an academic partnership. In my understanding, that actually fits well with the sort of thing that Alan was referencing just a few minutes ago. This is a kind of online business summer camp, that our students have a pathway to take. It is non-academic in nature. We always run new partnership ideas and proposals past the Provost at Western, and if it is determined that the new partnership is academic in nature, then it does come to Senate for approval.

I am not sure what you are referring to on the website about Ivey, but if there was language that said we had an Ivey program, that was the result of some sloppy work by somebody on the website. We do have partnerships with Ivey of course, that are actually the same as the partnerships that Ivey has with Western faculties, and the other affiliate colleges. For example, we do have AEO students, those are students who are pre-approved for admission to Ivey after their second year, provided that they meet the requirements. Then we also do have the joint degree programs or the dual degree programs. I think you saw a vestige of an older framework. Huron actually pioneered the dual degree framework. We had Global Studies and Psychology, which you could do dual degree with, and then go on and do an Ivey degree as well. That usually took students five years. The framework that was established has now been expanded to any program that has an Honours Specialization with the exception of MOS. I think that also applies at Western and I believe the other affiliates as well. So yes, a student can come to Huron and do a degree in history and also get the dual degree at Ivey, if of course, they get admission to Ivey. If there is a statement on the website that states you can combine any Huron degree with Ivey, that is not quite true. Again, there has been a mistake made there, you cannot do a MOS degree at Huron and do an Ivey degree. You cannot do just a major, it has to be an Honours Specialization, and of course, you do have to qualify to get into Ivey so I think the partnership itself is actually the same partnership that exists with Western faculties.

Just to conclude, again, I would really, strongly emphasize the value that we do place on the Western relationship. As Alan said in his recent interview in the Gazette, there is actually quite a strong relationship between the leadership of the two institutions. I find everyone is very collegial on the committees I serve on. It is not that there is an unhealthy relationship here or an animosity towards Western or anything like that. It is simply that the analysis of the senior leaders of the institution, they think, in the long term, Huron will be better positioned as an independent degree granting institution but still affiliated with Western in a variety of ways."

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A Senator raised a concern about the announcement released by Western on the plans to return to in-person classes this September. He noted it is in contrast with the approach other Ontario Universities are following. The Senator queried Western's plans on but BDC90 Td(The t.8 (h)-0.6 (e))J0 Tc 0 330.6 (o)-4

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The meeting adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

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A. Shepard  
Chair

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A. Bryson  
University Secretary