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The Chair expressed gratitude to L. Miller for her service as Vice-Provost (Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies) and advised that Kamran Siddiqui has been appointed to this role for a five-year term effective January 1, 2024.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

K. Coley offered a Land Acknowledgement.

MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING

S.23-195 ITEM 2.0 – Minutes of the Meeting of November 10, 2023

It was moved by G. Santos, seconded by C. Steeves,

That the minutes of the meeting of November 10, 2023, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

S.23-196 REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

The President's Report, distributed with the agenda, contained information on the following topics: the Blue-Ribbon Panel; the appointment of the new Canada Excellence Research Chair; a generous \$3 million donation from an alumna; as well as accolades and a leadership update.

In his remarks, A. Shepard, President & Vice-Chancellor additionally commented on the following items:

- A notice about the upcoming Senate Holiday Reception immediately following the Senate meeting.
- The outcome of the Senate Information Session held on November 24, 2023.
- Starting January 2024, Senate meetings will be held on Thursdays at 4:00 p.m.

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J. Doerksen, Vice-Provost (Students), commented on Brescia's proposed integration from the student perspective and informed Senate regarding the anticipated number of students expected to join

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P. Pexman continued her report by advising on the potential benefits for Western to become a signatory to the Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA), aiming to enhance evaluation methods for the output of research.

P. Pexman also reported on the Animal-Based Research Transparency Initiative and discussed the recent efforts made in this regard.

In response to a question about the potential downsides of signing DORA, P. Pexman

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It was moved by M. Cleveland,

That on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Policy, Senate approve that effective September 1, 2024, the policy on “Progression Requirements – Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.)” be revised as shown in Item 8.1.

CARRIED

REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY PLANNING (SCUP)

S.23-201

S.23-204 CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

REPORT FROM THE OPERATIONS / AGENDA COMMITTEE (OAC)

S.23-205 Information Items Reported by OAC on Unanimous Consent:

- ITEM 13.1(a) – Senate Membership – Vacancies Filled by Appointment

REPORT FROM THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC CURRICULUM AND AWARDS (ACA)

S.23-206 ITEM 13.2(a) – Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry: Renaming of the DDS Program for Internationally Trained Dentists

It was moved by E. Chamberlain, seconded by G. Santos,

That on the recommendation of ACA, Senate approve that effective September 1, 2024, the “DDS Program for Internationally Trained Dentists” be renamed as the Advanced Standing Program for International Dental Graduates”.

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

S.23-207 Information Items Reported by ACA on Unanimous Consent:

- ITEM 13.2(c) – New Donor-Funded Scholarships, Awards and Prizes

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

S.23-208 The following items reported through Announcements and Communications were received for information by unanimous consent:

- ITEM 13.3(a) – Academic Administrative Appointments

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

S.23-209 - ITEM 13.2(b) – 2022-23 Annual Report of the Office of Academic Quality and Enhancement

A Senator requested this item be removed from the Consent Agenda as they wanted to have more information regarding the quality assurance audit that is currently underway at Western.

S. Lewis briefly commented on the Annual Report of the Office of Academic Quality and provided an update on the ongoing audit process. She provided information on the timeline for this process, the programs selected for review by the audit team, and recent meetings with various groups on campus that took place as part of the site visit. Additionally, it was advised that no areas of major concern were identified.

S.23-210 DISCUSSION AND QUESTION PERIOD

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The full text of questions submitted in advance of the meeting was posted in the agenda at Item 15

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A. Shepard
Chair

A. Bryson
University Secretary