

**October 13, 2023**

The meeting was held at 1:40 p.m. via Zoom

**SENATORS:**

L. Abdelellah  
M. Adler  
E. Ansari  
G. Arku  
S. Bahadoor  
P. Barmby  
M. Bassnett  
G. Beckett  
J. Beecroft  
I. Berry  
N. Borradaile  
M. Bordignon  
A. Bryson  
G. Campbell  
E. Chamberlain  
B. Cheadle  
K. Choi  
M. Cleveland  
S. Clarke  
R. DeKoter  
S. Feagan  
D. Ferri  
L. Frederking  
A. Fremeth  
J. Garland  
B. Gillies  
M. Green-Barteet  
N. Harney  
L. Henderson  
K. Henricus

J. Herrera  
A. Hodgson  
S. Hodgson  
R. Heydon  
J. Hutter  
J. Ijam  
J. Jin  
M. Joannis  
A. Jokhu  
E. Kalaydjian  
M. Kim  
H. Kirk  
K. Kirkwood  
D. Kotsopoulos  
D. Laird  
J. Lamarche  
J. Langille  
K. Lawless  
C. Lengyell  
A. Liu  
L. Logan  
C. A. Marshall  
M. H. McMurran  
K. Meyer  
L. Miller  
J. Minac  
M. Modeski  
T. Orchard  
S. Pitel  
J. Plug

S. Powell  
A. Puvirajah  
L. Rehmman  
D. Robinson  
B. Rubin  
M. Sanita Lima  
J. Schermer

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**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

J. Plug offered a Land Acknowledgement.

**MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING**

S.23-159 **ITEM 2.0 – Minutes of the Meeting of**



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Senate floor. The Senator expressed their view regarding prospective implications for members of both institutions and urged Senators to reflect on the basic principles of collegial governance.

L. Henderson, Dean of the Faculty of Information and Media Studies expressed support and interest in the Brescia Preliminary year program.

A Student Senator advocated for preserving Clare Hall, Brescia's residence, as a women-only space, along with the preservation of programs exclusive to Brescia. They also inquired about providing welcome packages to help students transition to Western. The Brescia University College Students' Council president era.68 0 66d for presdvCohelp 4 (er)7 (v)4 (i)5.9 1 (o BCege S)

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the commitments that had been made.

An Official Observer commented on the recent meeting of the administration of Western University with the Brescia community and stated that no consultations were conducted with UWOFA. Additionally, they inquired whether the composition of the Provost Advisory Committee could be expanded to include a seat for a librarian or archivist.

M. McGlynn, Vice-Provost (Academic Planning, Policy & Faculty) commented on the conversation with the Brescia community and current discussion with UWOFA.

In response to a concern regarding the composition of the Provost Advisory Committee, the Provost noted that additional consultation will occur in future to ensure broad representation.

In response to a question of clarification raised regarding the MoU, P. Eluchok, University Legal Counsel, indicated that MoU allows for eliciting feedback on the proposals within it.

There was concern expressed by a Senator regarding the rapid pace of the integration.

It was moved by A. Shepard seconded by F. Strzelczyk,

That Senate approve that a student representative of the Brescia Preservation Alliance be granted speaking rights at the October 13, 2023 Senate meeting as a resource to Senate in respect of the Brescia

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S.23-164 **ITEM 6.2 – Provost Advisory Committee**

Tracey Adams, Rita A. Gardiner, Andrew Johnson, and Ken Yeung were acclaimed to the Provost Advisory Committee as faculty members.

In addition to the slate of nominees contained in the Agenda from the Nominating Committee, a number of nominations were received from the floor. An election was held following the Senate meeting. Karin Schwerdtner was elected to the Provost Advisory Committee as a representative from the Faculty of Arts & Humanities.

S.23-165 **ITEM 6.3 – Form for Committee Nominations**

J. Toswell informed Senate that the Nominating Committee has approved the implementation of a [form](#) for committee nominations on a pilot basis. She noted that the University Secretariat will continue to accept nominat0.020.02 0.388 0M9 6 (om)7 (m)-3 (i)6 (t)2 (t)2 (e)10 (e)T.

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- ITEM 12.1(a) – Report of the Nominating Subcommittee to replace undergraduate student Senator
- ITEM 12.1(b) – Senate Membership – Vacancies Filled by Appointment
- ITEM 12.1(c) – Report of the Nominating Subcommittee to replace graduate student Senator

### **REPORT FROM THE SENATE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

#### S.23-170 **Information Items Reported by the Nominating Committee**

- ITEM 12.2(a) – Temporary Replacements for Senate Committee Members

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

#### S.23-171 **ITEM 12.3(a)(i) – School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: Major Modification to the Master of Management of Applied Science (MMASc)**

It was moved by J. Toswell, seconded by L. Henderson,

That on the recommendation of ACA, Senate approve that, effective September 1, 2023, the Master of Management of Applied Science (MMASc) be revised to withdraw the Global Health Systems spoke as described in Item 12.3(a)(i).

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

#### S.23-172 **ITEM 12.3(a)(ii) – School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: Major**

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**(SWAM).**

A Senator requested clarification regarding how microcredentials from the Faculty of Education relate to Additional Qualifications (AQ) courses and whether some microcredentials have been renamed as AQ courses. In addition, a Senator asked for clarification regarding the process for consulting on microcredentials.

D. Kotsopoulos, Dean of the Faculty of Education, commented on the additional qualification



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The Chair emphasized the significance of this matter and noted there is no existing policy regarding University statements, leading to a case-by-case management approach.

3. A Senator raised a question of clarification regarding increases in tuition for both undergraduate Computer Science and undergraduate MOS programs that was approved by the Board of Governors at its June meeting.

R. Chelladurai, Associate Vice-President (Institutional Planning and Budgeting), provided background on the increased tuition fees and mentioned that both proposals were approved by the Ministry after budget approval. He clarified that the tuition rate increases only apply to new/incoming students. Additionally, he noted that undergraduate tuition fees at the Affiliated University Colleges are set at the same level as at main campus in accordance with the Affiliation Agreement.

J. Hutter, Acting Dean of the Faculty of Science, commented on the concerns regarding the possible implications for the admission of equity and diversity candidates and stated that there is no change in the admission standards.

4. A Senator expressed concerns about the inconsistency in Western's responses to international crises.

The Chair mentioned that Western, like other Canadian universities, does not have a specific policy in place regarding statements. In response to concerns about inconsistencies between the

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Florentine Strzelczyk, Provost & Vice-President (Academic)



## Engagement

- Town halls and forums with Brescia students, staff and faculty
- Provost Advisory Committee
- Transition Steering Committee to guide integration
- Regular updates to Senate

## Process timeline

- September 19 + 21: MOU between Brescia and Western signed by Western's BoG and Brescia's BoT
- November 10: Senate consultations, recommendations, approvals
- November 16: Brescia Trustees Approval
- November 16: Western Board Approval
- November to April: consultations, recommendations, approvals
- April 30: Brescia-Western Integration occurs.

2022-23 FTE Count – 1,200

: 37 Full-time; ~100 Contract Faculty  
: 65 Full-time; 17 Part-time; 34 Contract staff

Art & Humanities: English, French, Philosophy, Social Sciences: Political Science, Psychology, MOS, Sociology, Health Sciences: Kinesiology, Food & Nutrition, Family Studies

- One graduate program
- Undergraduate programs in 36 areas
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- Finalize host units for Brescia programs (November update)
- Determine which Brescia courses need to be offered in 2024/25
  - Support Brescia student program needs
  - Facilitate program integration into units



