



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

June 7, 2024

The meeting was held at 1:45 at the Somerville House, Great Hall

SENATORS:

M. Adler	J. Herrera	A. Shepard
G. Arku	A. Hodgson	K. Siddiqui
P. Barmby	S. Hodgson	F. Strzelczyk
M. Bassnett	J. Hutter	J. Toswell
G. Beckett	J. Jin	J. Welch
F. Beier	E. Kalaydjian	J. Yoo
J. Binoy	M. Kim	
M. Bordignon	K. Kirkwood	
N. Borradaile	D. Kotsopoulos	
A. Bryson	D. Laird	
E. Chamberlain	K. Lawless	
B. Cheadle	C. Lengyell	
M. Cleveland	J. Li	
K. Coley	D. Malloy	
D. Ferri	M. McGrath	
J. Garland	M. Modeski	
E. Gillies	K. Olson	
L. Graham	J. Plug	
M. Green-Barteet	L. Rehmman	
N. Harney	D. Robinson	
S. Hayne Beatty	B. Rubin	
L. Henderson	M. Sanita Lima	
K. Henricus	G. Santos	
	L. Shaw	

Observers: C. Bressette, L. Cho, C. Chung, J. Doerksen, R. Isard, S. Lewis, M. Machado, M. McGlynn, V. Sarkany

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MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING

ITEM 2.0 – Minutes of the Meeting of May 17, 2024

It was moved by B. Cheadle, seconded by G. Santos,

That the minutes of the meeting of May 17, 2024, be approved.

F. Strzelczyk concluded her report by sharing future plans and goals.

REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT (RESEARCH)

J. Burkell, Associate Vice-President (Research), on behalf of the Vice-President (Research), provided a verbal update on the “Horizon Europe” research and innovation program. She stated that this program is open to researchers worldwide and highlighted Canada's recent joining as an associated member. J. Burkell outlined the new opportunities for Western researchers and shared planned activities associated with participation in the program.

J. Burkell concluded her report by providing information on undergradu (i)6 ((nc)4 (l4 (5)p (n on)10 To

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ITEM 13.1(a)(i) – Senate Committee Terms of Reference Review: Revisions to the Terms of Reference of the University Research Board

It was moved by J. Hutter, seconded by J. Plug,

That on the recommendation of the Operations/Agenda Committee, Senate approve that effective July 1, 2024, the terms of reference of the University Research Board be revised as shown in Item 13.1(a)(i).

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

ITEM 13.1(a)(ii) – Senate Committee Terms of Reference Review: Revisions to the Terms of Reference of the Nominating Committee

It was moved by J. Hutter, seconded by J. Plug,

That on the recommendation of the Operations/Agenda Committee, Senate approve that effective July 1, 2024, the terms of reference of the Nominating Committee be revised as shown in Item 13.1(a)(ii).

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

ITEM 13.1(a)(iii) – Senate Committee Terms of Reference Review: Revisions to the Terms of Reference of the Senate Committee on University Planning

It was moved by J. Hutter, seconded by J. Plug,

That on the recommendation of the Operations/Agenda Committee, Senate approve that effective July 1, 2024, the terms of reference of the Senate Committee on University Planning be revised as shown in Item 13.1(a)(iii).

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

ITEM 13.1(a)(vii)– Senate Committee Terms of Reference Review: Revisions to the Terms of Reference of Convocation Board

It was moved by J. Hutter, seconded by J. Plug,

That on the recommendation of the Operations/Agenda Committee, Senate approve that effective July 1, 2024, the terms of reference of the Convocation Board be revised as shown in Item 13.1(a)(vii).

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Information Items Reported by OAC on Unanimous Consent:

- ITEM 13.1(a)(iv) – Senate Committee Terms of Reference Review: Revisions to the Terms of Reference of the Subcommittee on Enrolment Planning and Policy (SUEPP)
- ITEM 13.1(a)(v) – Senate Committee Terms of Reference Review: Dissolution of the Subcommittee on Information Technology (SUIT)

REPORT FROM THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC POLICY

ITEM 13.2(a)(i) – Revisions to the Policy on “Adding and Dropping Courses” and Related Procedures

It was moved by J. Hutter, seconded by J. Plug,

That on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Policy, Senate approve that effective September 1, 2024, the policy on “Adding and Dropping Courses” be revised as shown in Item 13.2(a)(i).

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

ITEM 13.2(a)(ii) – Revisions to the Policy on “Adding and Dropping Courses” (September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2025 only)

It was moved by J. Hutter, seconded by J. Plug,

That on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Policy, Senate approve that effective September 1, 2024 to August 30, 2025, the policy on “Adding and Dropping Courses” be revised as shown in Item 13.2(a)(ii).

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

ITEM 13.2(b) – Revisions to the Policy on “Definitions of Types of Examinations”

It was moved by J. Hutter, seconded by J. Plug,

That on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Policy, Senate approve that effective September 1, 2024, the policy on “Definitions of Types of Examinations” be revised as shown in Item 13.2(b).

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

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ITEM 13.3(b) – Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, Department of Medical Biophysics and Faculty of Science: Withdrawal of the Honours Specialization in Medical Biophysics (Clinical Physics Concentration)

It was moved by J. Hutter, seconded by J. Plug,

That on the recommendation of ACA, Senate approve that effective September 1, 2025, admission to the Honours Specialization in Medical Biophysics (Clinical Physics Concentration), offered by the Department of Medical Biophysics in the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry and the Faculty of Science, be discontinued,

And, that students currently enrolled in the module be permitted to graduate upon fulfillment of the module requirements by August 31, 2028, and

That the module be withdrawn effective September 1, 2028.

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

ITEM 13.3(c) – School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: Major Modification to the

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- ITEM 13.3(f)(ii) – Faculty-Specific Sessional Dates: Revised 2024-25 Sessional Dates for the Faculty of Law
- ITEM 13.3(g)(i) – New Donor-Funded Scholarships, Awards and Prizes
- ITEM 13.3(g)(ii) –

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That on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on University Planning, Senate approve that effective July 1, 2024, the “Dancap Private Equity Chair in Change and Innovation” in DAN Department of Management and Organizational Studies in the Faculty of Social Science be renamed as the “Dancap Private Equity Chair in Private Equity”.

CARRIED

ITEM 13.4(b) – Dancap Private Equity Fellowship in Change and Innovation

It was moved by L. Shaw, seconded by D. Laird,

That on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on University Planning, Senate approve that effective July 1, 2024, the Dancap Private Equity Fellowship in Change and Innovation in DAN Department of Management and Organizational Studies in the Faculty of Social Science be established as shown in item 13.4(b).

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1. A Senator raised a question regarding the module system at the undergraduate level, with particular concern about the increasing number of courses in the modules, which

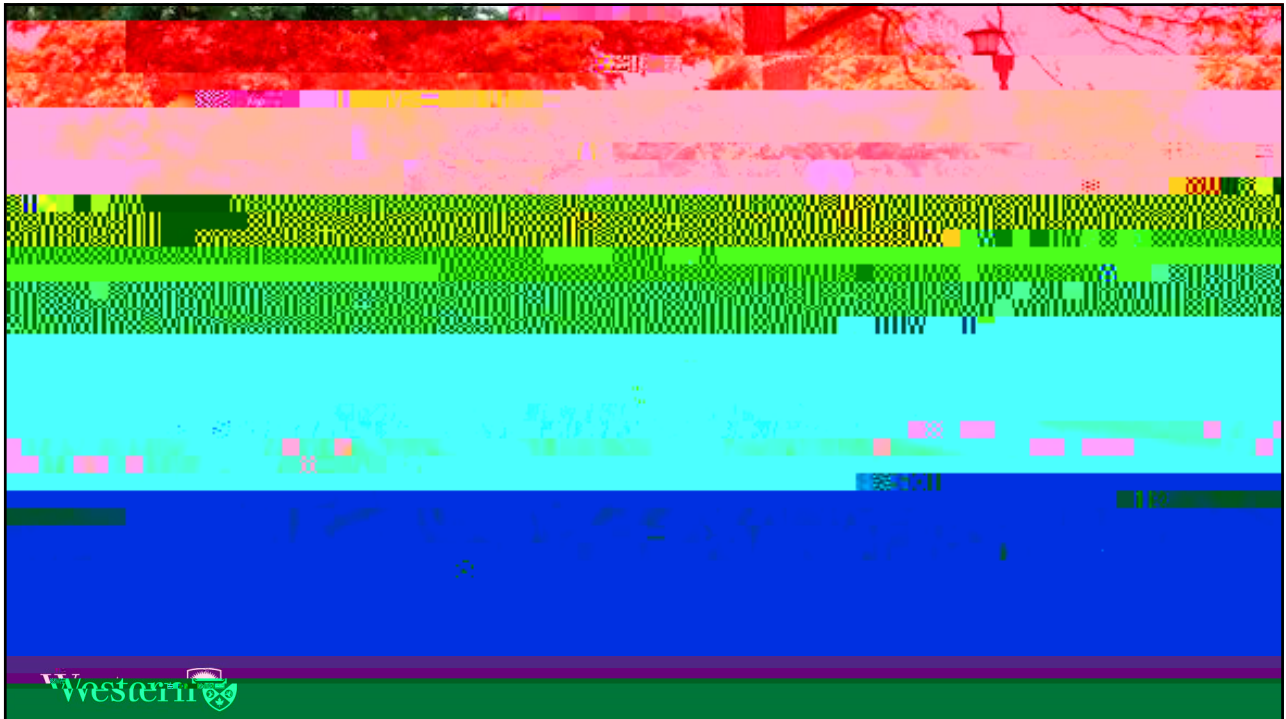
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ADJOURNMENT

Provost Report: Year in Review

Presentation to Senate

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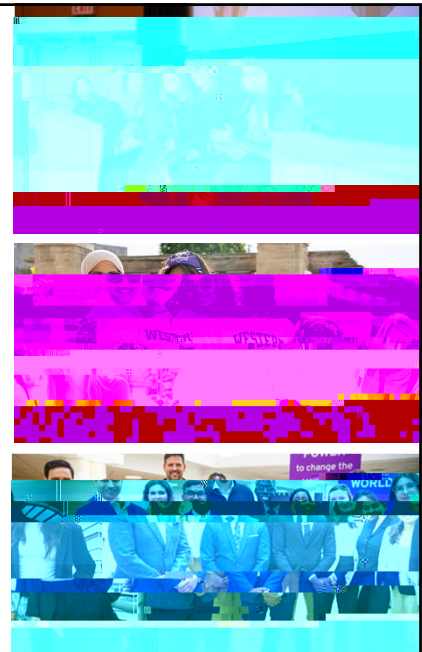
Year in Review: Faculty, Librarians and Staff

- Hired 35 new faculty (50 approved)
- Hired 2 faculty librarians (Brescia)
- Tenured and/or promoted 51 faculty
- 132 new staff hires (May '23 – Apr '24)
- Concluded new CA with UWOFA-LA
- Reopened UWOFA CA re: compensation
- Negotiated with UWOFA and BFA regarding Brescia



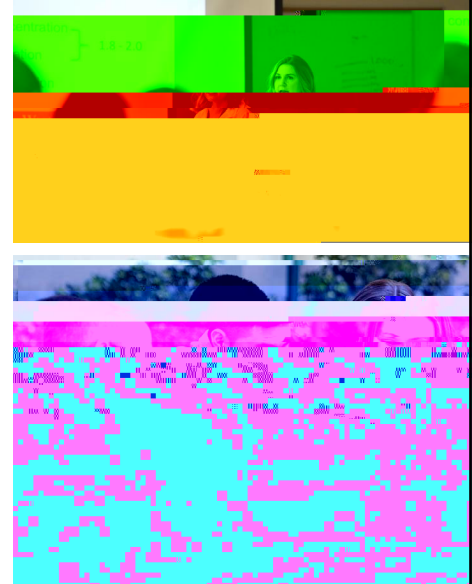
Year in Review: Student Experience

- Undergraduate student experience
 - Career Fair,
 - Experiential Learning
 - GBSV Education
- Graduate student experience
- Student advocacy



Year in Review: Teaching and Learning

- New undergraduate and graduate programs
- LMS Brightspace
- Academic Considerations Policy update
- Outstanding teachers



Year in Review: Research and Scholarship

- Awards and distinctions, including:
 - Fellows of the Royal Society
 - Distinguished University Professors
 - Faculty Scholars
- New Western-Massey College Fellowship



Year in Review: Indigenous Initiatives and EDI

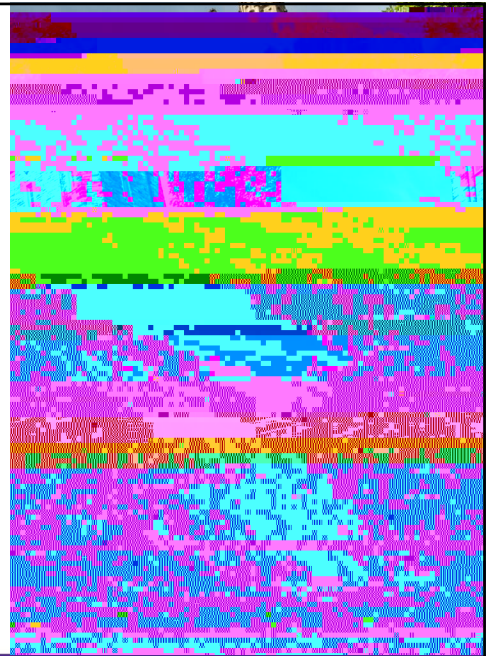
- Maatookiiying gaa-miinigoowiziying (Sharing our Gifts): Indigenous Learning Bundles project
- Allyship Guide
- Indigenous Identity Policy
- Governor General's Innovation Award: Lisa Hodgetts and Edward Eastaugh
- Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion:
 - EDI Training and Certificate Programs
 - Strategic Planning Process
 - WIDE Survey



The year ahead:

- ➔ Western campus on Brescia site
- ➔ Budget levers / revenue generation
- ➔ Aerospace Ecosystem Partnership
- ➔ GEP implementation
- ➔ Bioconvergence
- ➔ Curriculum streamlining
- ➔ Attracting new leaders in FIMS, Law and FHS

And much more ...



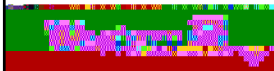
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Western's Modular Degree System

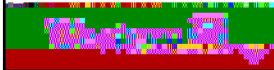
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Susan Lewis
Vice-Provost (Academic Programs)



How Western Degrees Work

Honours Specialization	Specialization	Major	Minor



Timeline on Senate Approvals

1998:

1998-2001:

