



The UNIVERSITY of WESTERN ONTARIO

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

January 23, 2004

The meeting was held at 1:30 p.m. in Room 1R40, Richard Ivey School of Business.

SENATORS: 73

S. Adams	J. Haywood-Farmer	N. Petersen
T. Adams	N. Heapy	A. Pitman
M-A. Andrusyszyn	S. Hill	J. Plas
M. Bartlett	R. Howse	N. Rhoden
I. Baruss	E. Johanssen	C. Ross
F. Berruti	C. Jones	R. Secco
C. Brown	W. Kennedy	A. Sells
M. Carroll	G. Killan	N. Shupak
C. Chapman	J. Kingston	S. Singh
K. Danylechuk	P. Klein	
R. Darnell	P. Kucherepa	
P. Davenport	B. Laserson	
P. Dean	F. Longstaffe	
R. Dix	A. Margaritis	
J. Doerksen	D. McCarthy	
R. Dunn	G. Moran	
D. Dutrizac	B. Morrison	
C. Essex	M. Ninness	
J. Etherington	J. Nisker	
A. Forbes	K. Okruhlik	
J. Garland	S. Osborn	
J. Garnett	G. Paola	
J. Harrington	R. Parks	
S. Hatibovic-Kofman	A. Percival-Smith	

S.04-02 **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

The President reported on Provincial funding and COU's Report on Graduate Enrolment. The website for COU's Report entitled "Advancing Ontario's Future Through Advanced Degrees" is: http://www.cou.on.ca/publications/briefs_reports/online_pubs. Slides used to highlight his presentation are attached as **Appendix 1**.

OPERATIONS/AGENDA COMMITTEE [Exhibit I]

S.04-03 **Constitution of the Faculty of Graduate Studies**

On behalf of the Operations/Agenda Committee, it was moved by J. White, seconded by S. Singh,

That the Senate approve the revised Constitution of the Faculty of Graduate Studies detailed in Exhibit I, Appendix 1, as recommended by the Council of the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

CARRIED

S.04-04 **Appointment Procedures for Senior Academic and Administrative Officers of the University**

It was moved by J. White, seconded by B. Skarakis-Doyle,

That Section J. Vice-Provost & Registrar of *Appointment Procedures for Senior Academic and Administrative Officers of the University* be amended by changing all references to this position to "Vice-Provost (Academic Programs & Students) [Registrar]"

CARRIED

S.04-05 **Order of Spring Convocation 2004**

The Order of Spring Convocation 2004, detailed in Exhibit I, was received for information.

S.04-06 **Convocation Dates 2005**

Convocation dates for 2005 are:

MBA Convocation - Friday, April 29

Huron University College Theological Convocation - Thursday, May 5 [to be confirmed]

Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry, MD Program - Friday, May 13

Spring Convocation - week of June 13

Fall Convocation - Thursday, October 27 and Friday, October 28

NOMINATING COMMITTEE [Exhibit II]

S.04-07 **Selection Committee for Provost & Vice-President (Academic)**

Professor Carroll observed that a year ago Senate approved the composition of the Selection Committee for the Vice-Provost (Policy, Planning & Finance) which included a representative appointed by the Faculty Association, whereas the Selection Committee for Provost & Vice-President

introduced by the Faculty of Social Science, the Department of History, and the Faculty of Law, effective September 1, 2004.

Mr. Kucherepa spoke against the recommendation, stating that in his view a joint program with a non-professional undergraduate program lowers the standard of admission to Law, which in turn lowers the reputation of the student body, and consequently lowers the standard of excellence for the Faculty of Law.

Dean Timney responded that the standards of admission will not be lowered for this program or for any other concurrent degree program. The admission requirements for this program will be identical to those for admission to honors history or into the Faculty of Law. Western's concurrent degree programs serve the high quality student who wishes to complete an undergraduate degree and a professional degree at the same time.

Mr. Kucherepa asked for clarification regarding reserved places in the Law program for students enrolling in concurrent programs. Dean Timney stated that seats are not reserved in Law for students in concurrent programs, but enrollment in concurrent programs is limited to a certain number.

The question was called and CARRIED.

S.04-11 **Faculty of Engineering Technological Entrepreneurship Certificate**

It was moved by B. Timney seconded by F. Berruti,

That the Technological Entrepreneurship Certificate Program, detailed in Exhibit III, item 3, be introduced by the Faculty of Engineering, effective September 1, 2004.

CARRIED

S. 04-12 **Faculty of Engineering Summer Engineering Co-Op Program**

It was moved by B. Timney seconded by F. Berruti,

That effective January 1, 2004, the Summer Engineering Co-Op Program (SECOP), detailed in Exhibit III, item 4, be introduced in the Faculty of Engineering.

CARRIED

S.04-13 **Brescia University College: Minor in Canadian Studies**

It was moved by B. Timney, seconded by T. Topic,

That a Minor in Canadian Studies, detailed in Exhibit III, item 5, be introduced at Brescia University College, effective September 1, 2004.

In response to a question from Professor Carroll, Dean Timney confirmed that a minor in Canadian Studies is not offered on the main campus.

Professor Carroll recalled that a UWO student may not take more than 1.0 course per year at an

this course is one of a variety of unique minors currently being developed at each of the Affiliated Colleges. The degree to which students have the freedom to move and follow their academic interests from the Constituent University to the Affiliated Colleges and *vice versa* continues to be discussed. The hope is that the flexibility students now enjoy will not be compromised by changes needed to accommodate the new module structure.

The question was called and CARRIED.

S.04-14

Bachelor of Administrative and Commercial Studies (BACS) Specializations

It was moved by B. Timney, seconded by M. Wilson,

That the following Bachelor of Administrative and Commercial Studies Specialization Modules, as outlined in Exhibit III, Appendix 1, be approved for introduction in September 2004:

Mr. Vaillancourt asked if fit-testing for masks begins immediately or at the start of the next academic year. Dean Skarakis-Doyle reported that fit-testing for masks was required and took place for those Health Science students assuming their placements for this academic year; however, given that there is uncertainty over whether the directive will remain in force, the Faculties await a further instruction.

The question was called and CARRIED.

S.04-17 **Additional Courses Without Degree Credit: Non-Credit Registration**

It was moved by B. Timney, seconded by E. Johansen,

That the policy on Additional Courses Without Degree Credit be revised to include the description of Non-Credit Registration outlined in Exhibit III, item 9.

CARRIED

S.04-18 **2002-2003 Report on Scholastic Offences**

Senate received for information the 2002-2003 Report on Scholastic Offences, covering the period from November 15, 2002, to June 30, 2003, as detailed in Exhibit III, Appendix 2.

S.04-19 **Bachelor of Medical Science Degree Requirements**

At the September 19, 2003, meeting of Senate, the Bachelor of Medical Sciences was included in the SCAPA report on new modules to be introduced in September 2004. The calendar copy has been revised. One of the paragraphs (Medical Science Departments offer the BMSc Honors Specialization in the following Disciplines...) has been removed and replaced by more specific information on module requirements for the BMSc, as detailed in Exhibit III, information item 2.

S.04-20 **New Scholarships and Awards**

SCAPA has approved on behalf of the Senate the terms of reference for the following new bursaries and awards for recommendation to the Board of Governors through the Vice-Chancellor:

Marjorie Thomas 125th Anniversary Alumni Bursary (Don Wright Faculty of Music)
Barry Mitchelson 125th Anniversary Alumni Award (Any Undergraduate Faculty)
Diamond Aircraft 125th Anniversary Alumni Award (Faculty of Social Science, BACS - Comm. Aviation)
Department of History OSOTF 2 Award (Faculty of Social Science, His-Chanc2 Tc0.002 TwHismf)

2. That the first-year student target for 2004-05 be developed with the objective that about 80% of the class be 'first-time' current Ontario secondary school students.
3. That the Provost be granted permission to alter the enrolment objective for 2004-05, following consultation and approval from SUEPP, as might be appropriate given the particulars of a government funding announcement.
4. That entrance requirements be set by the Provost to achieve the enrolment objective for 2004-05 as a function of final admission numbers, qualifications of applicants, and estimates of the rate of offer confirmations in each program.
5. That no program-specific entrance requirement be set below an A average in 2004-05 except where performance is a major element of the selection process. Although the exact value will ultimately be determined by this initial admission minimum, confirmed admission to any program will be contingent on a final average grade of around 80%, except in those programs involving performance criteria and in

Professor Carroll recalled that the University Librarian, during her presentation to Senate in November 2003, left one with the impression that Western's libraries are fine. He asked how, in relation to other libraries, Western's library system fares in a way that dispels the gloom associated with the report in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*. Ms. Garnett stated that the numbers/data collected by the Association of Research Libraries are used to create the "ARL" ranking; these could be seen as input and output measures. Ranking is a major factor in the United States for the state-funded institutions. In 1999, the Association of Research Libraries realized that the data elements were strictly quantitative and did not speak to the quality of the collections, service, or access the members provide. In March, Western will participate in one of the surveys established to assess how the faculty, staff and students at research institutions see their libraries. The survey will include US libraries and some Canadian libraries. The undergraduate students at Western rank the library, access, services and staff very highly, as a seen in the *Globe and Mail* "report card" survey. One measure, in terms of the quality of Western's collections, is that inter-library loans, i.e., borrowing

- Before designing the survey, the company contracted by Western conducted 10 two-hour focus sessions. The University maintains the right to communicate directly with its employees and students. The choice of the questions contained in the survey lies within the

President's Report to Senate

- Accessibility Fund
- ' Quality Assurance Fund
- ' Compensation for Tuition Freeze
- ' Operating Budget Funding (BIUs) for Graduate Enrolment
- ' Research Funding: OIT, ORDCF
- ' OSAP

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“Advancing Ontario's Future Through Advanced Degrees”

- ' COU Estimates of the Demand for Graduate Education in Ontario
 - › Masters enrolment: 22,369 in 2002-03 to 39,555 in 2013-14 (+ 77%)
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