



The UNIVERSITY of WESTERN ONTARIO

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

NOVEMBER 19, 2004

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

SENATORS: 81

S. Adams	V. Granic	A. Pearson
T. Adams	R. Harris	A. Pitman
M-A. Andrusyszyn	T. Hewitt	N. Rhoden
N. Badeen	S. Hill	R. Robertson
I. Baruss	I. Holloway	C. Ross
F. Berruti	D. Ives	M. Rubin
D. Bhui	C. Jones	R. Secco
L. Bowman	W. Kennedy	R. Semmens
C. Brown	G. Killan	J-L. Suarez
E. Cairns	P. Klein	T. Sumsion
S. Camiletti	D. Kneale	A. Tarvit
M. Carroll	M. Kreiswirth	J. Tennant
T. Chang	G. Kulczycki	B. Timney
N. Crowther	D. Laird	T. Topic
P. Davenport	D. Leighton	J. Toswell
P. Dean	F. Longstaffe	S. Usprich
B Diemert	S. Majhanovich	J. Van Fleet
F. Dolan	L. McKechnie	T. Vandervoort
C. Dudgeon	M. Milde	S. Watt
N. Ecclestone	L. Miller	J. Weese
C. Essex	V. Miransky	J. White
A. Esterhammer	G. Moran	M. Wilson
J. Etherington	B. Morrison	M. Witen
J. Garnett	S. Munshi	B. Wood
T. Garrard	J. Nash	P. Woodford
S. Gonsalves	J. Nisker	B. Zener
T. Gorski	R. Parks	J. Zhu

Observers: L. Gribbon, D. Jameson, A. Gedalof, A. Weedon

By Invitation: J. Doerksen

S.04-188

Welcome to Senators

Dr. Davenport, on behalf of Senate, welcomed newly elected and re-elected Senators.

S.04-189 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of October 15, 2004, were approved with the addition of M. Wilson to the attendance list.

S.04-190 **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

The President gave an update on the Rae Review and reported on Surveys on Undergraduate Student Experience. Overhead slides used to highlight his presentation are attached as [Appendix 1](#).

Mr. Etherington asked that Western's submission to the Rae Review panel include alumni in the statement that the report is a "consensus" response representing the view of the students, faculty, staff and administration. The Alumni Association Board recently sent a letter regarding the Rae Review to Dr. Davenport. Dr. Davenport acknowledged the Alumni Association's importance to Western and agreed to this suggestion.

S.04-191c **Representative from the General Community**

It was moved by A. Pearson, seconded by J. Etherington,

That Ted Gorski be elected to serve on Senate (term from November 1, 2004 - October 31, 2006) as representative of the General Community.

CARRIED

S.04-192 **Nominating Committee Membership**

The following were elected as Members to the Senate Nominating Committee: L. Miller and P.

S.04-196 **Convocation Dates 2005**

Senate received for information the following 2005 convocation dates:

- MBA Convocation - Friday, April 29
- Huron University College Theological Convocation - Thursday, May 5
- Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry, MD Program - Friday, May 20
- Spring Convocation - Monday, June 13 to Friday, June 17
- Fall Convocation - Thursday, October 27 and Friday, October 28

The Order of Convocation for Spring 2005 and further information on Convocation ceremonies is available on the Senate Website: <http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/senate/>

NOMINATING COMMITTEE [Exhibit II]

S.04-197 **Vice-Chair of Senate**

A. Pearson was re-elected Vice-Chair of Senate (term to November 2005).

S.04-198 **Operations/Agenda Committee** (OAC)

The following were elected to the Operations/Agenda Committee: P. Chan and D. Kneale (terms to November 2005); T. Adams, L. Miller, A. Pitman, J. White, and P. Woodford (terms to November 2006).

S.04-199 **Honorary Degrees Committee**

The following were elected to the Honorary Degrees Committee: D. Bhui (term to November 2005),itm

(SRBA)

J. Stokes was elected Chair of the Senate Tcyer ic (SRBA).

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S.04-202 **University Council on Animal Care (UCAC)**

C. Iwasiw (not a bioscientist) and R. Zhong were elected to the University Council on Animal Care (terms to November 2006).

S.04-203 **Ad Hoc Subcommittee to Nominate an Administrative Staff Senator**

L. Gribbon, W. Kennedy, D. Munday, L. Ste. Marie and V. Van Domelen were elected to the ad hoc Subcommittee to Nominate an Administrative Staff Senator.

S.04-204 **Selection Committee - Dean of the Faculty of Science**

In addition to the slate of nominees for the Selection Committee - Dean of the Faculty of Science, B. Zener was nominated from the floor. A mail ballot will be conducted following the Senate meeting.

S.04-205 **Selection Committee - Dean of the Don Wright Faculty of Music**

In addition to the slate of nominees for the Selection Committee - Dean of the Don Wright Faculty of Music, M. Wilson was nominated from the floor. A mail ballot will be conducted following the Senate meeting.

ACADEMIC POLICY AND AWARDS [Exhibit III]

S.04-206 **Honors Specialization in Medical Biophysics (Physical Science Concentration)**

On behalf of SCAPA, it was moved by B. Timney, seconded by P. Dean,

That effective December 1, 2004, an Honors Specialization in Medical Biophysics (Physical Science Concentration), detailed in Exhibit III, item 1, be introduced by the Department of

S.04-207b Specialization in Physics

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

That a Specialization in Physics, detailed in Exhibit III, item 2b, be introduced by the Faculty of Science, effective September 1, 2004.

CARRIED

S.04-207c Specialization in Astrophysics

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

That a Specialization in Astrophysics, detailed in Exhibit III, item 2c, be introduced by the Faculty of Science, effective September 1, 2004.

CARRIED

S.04-207d Specialization in Medical Physics

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

That a Specialization in Medical Physics, detailed in Exhibit III, item 2d, be introduced by the Faculty of Science, effective September 1, 2004.

CARRIED

S.04-207e Specialization in Materials Science

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

That a Specialization in Materials Science, detailed in Exhibit III, item 2e, be introduced by the Faculty of Science, effective September 1, 2004.

CARRIED

S.04-207f Specialization in Biomaterials

Before considering the recommendation concerning the Specialization in Biomaterials, Senate accepted as a friendly amendment the inclusion of the following courses in the Module: "5.0 courses from: Calculus 250a/b or 280a/b, 251a/b or 281a/b, the former Applied Mathematics 290a, 291b".

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

That a Specialization in Biomaterials, detailed in Exhibit III, item 2f (including the above-noted addition), be introduced by the Faculty of Science, effective September 1, 2004.

CARRIED

S.04-208 **Diploma and Certificate Programs in Organizational Development**

It was moved by B. Timney, seconded by M.A. Andrusyszyn,

That a Diploma in Organizational Development and a Certificate in Organizational Development be introduced by the Faculty of Social Science in partnership with The Western Centre for Continuing Studies, effective September 1, 2005.

CARRIED

S.0-4-209 **Breadth Requirement for Undergraduate Degrees**

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

That the motion approved at the September 15, 2004, meeting of Senate, which read:

“That the policy statements on Breadth Requirements be revised to exclude courses in Writing”

be rescinded, and the following motion be introduced to replace it:

“That effective September 1, 2005,

- 1) Writing courses no longer be used to fulfill Breadth Requirements, i.e., count as Faculty of Arts courses for the three-faculty requirement,
- 2) students who successfully completed a Writing course prior to that date be permitted to use it to fulfill Breadth Requirements, and
- 3) policy statements on Breadth Requirements be revised to indicate this.”

CARRIED

S.04-210 **Annual Report on the Status of Reviews of Graduate Programs**

Senate received for information the Annual Report on the Status of Reviews of Graduate Programs, detailed in Exhibit III, Appendix 1.

Professor Suarez asked that the Report on the Status of Reviews of Graduate Programs be revised to include the PhD program in Hispanic Studies in the list of proposals submitted to OCGS for Standard Appraisal found on page 19. Dean Kreiswirth agreed to revise the report accordingly.

S.04-211 **Report on New Scholarships and Awards**

SCAPA has approved, on behalf of

That the following annual fundraising goals be set:

- \$35,000,000 2004-05
- \$46,250,000 2005-06
- \$46,250,000 2006-07

and

that an additional \$30,000,000 be the fundraising target through the Planned Giving program (i.e., gifts from estates, life insurance, etc.).

Mr. Garrard provided an overview of the future fundraising objectives for Western detailed in Exhibit IV, Appendix 1.

Professor Carroll asked for clarification of the anomaly in the recommended goal associated with the Faculty of Science. Mr. Garrard stated that the experience in raising matching funds through the CFI program is such that very specific private sector partners donate to specific research projects. Professor Carroll asked what will happen should the donors not give the expected amount of money. Mr. Garrard explained that a “war chest” is set aside in the event that private sector funding cannot be secured.

The question was called and CARRIED.

S.04-216

Report on Applications, Confirmation Rates, Entering Averages and First-Year Grades

Dr. Moran presented the Report on Applications, Confirmation Rates, Entering Averages and First-Year Grades. Overhead slides used to highlight his presentation are attached as [Appendix 2](#).

Senators engaged in a discussion about application procedures, grade inflation, and admission averages.

Professor Carroll asked why the first year grades in the Faculty of Arts are so much higher than those in the Faculty of Social Science and Science. He asked if this trend in grades for Arts students and Social Science students continues into the second and third years. He contended that the students in the Faculty of Social Science are at a disadvantage when competing for SSHRC-related scholarships because of lower grades. Dean Esterhammer agreed to investigate the situation to determine if Arts students have an advantage over Social Science students in competitions for SSHRC-related scholarships. Dr. Moran also asked the Chair of SCAPA to review this matter.

S.04-217

Planning for 2005-07: Guidelines for the Faculties

The Planning Guidelines for the Faculties for years 3 and 4 of the Four-Year Planning Process, detailed in Exhibit IV, Appendix 2, were received for information.

S.04-218

Collaborative Research Entities

Senate received for information the revised listing of Collaborative Research Entities that were approved from 2003 to September 2004, detailed in Exhibit IV, Appendix 3.

S.04-219 **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

President's Report to Senate

- Update on Rae Review
- Surveys on Undergraduate Student Experience

Dr. Paul Davenport
November 19, 2004

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Update on Rae Review

- Western's submission
(www.uwo.ca/pvp/art/rae_panel_submission.pdf)
- May be the only university in Ontario to submit a "consensus" response
 - Administration
 - Faculty
 - Staff
 - Students

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Key Issues for Western

- Full funding for all students
- To national average within 3 years
- Reform student aid – tuition
- Graduate enrolment expansion
- Investment in research
- Address deferred maintenance
- Roles of colleges/universities
- Guidance counseling in schools

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Public Consultations

- Round Table – November 10
 - Fanshawe College
- Town-Hall Meeting – December 1
 - 7:00 p.m. – Ivey R140

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Globe and Mail/Strategic Counsel Student Survey

Globe and Mail/Strategic Counsel Student Survey
Western's Areas of Greatest Strength (cont.)

- Overall university atmosphere A
- Overall educational experience A
- School spirit A
- Diversity of extra-curricular activities (e.g., clubs) A
- Cultural diversity and openness A
- Opportunities to have fun on campus A
- Opportunities to have fun off campus A

Maclean's Magazine/Angus Reid Alumni Survey
Percentage of Alumni Who Were "Very Satisfied"
With Educational Experience/Student Services
(Composite of Seven Questions)

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| ● Western | 69% | ● McGill | 52% |
| ● Queen's | 63% | ● Laval | 49% |
| ● Waterloo | 58% | ● Toronto | 48% |
| ● Alberta | 56% | ● UBC | 46% |

The University of Western Ontario

Applications, Confirmation Rates, Entering Averages, and First-Year Grades

SCUP/Senate
November 2004

Outline

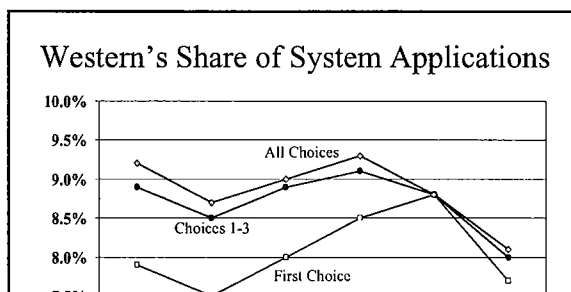
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- Applications to Western, by Choice
- Confirmations at Western, by Choice and Grade Range
- Entering Grades at Western
 - Comparison to Affiliated University Colleges
- Entering Grades at Western and Other Ontario Universities
 - Single-year Snapshot
- First-Year Grades at Western, by Faculty

Context

- 2003-04 was Peak "Double Cohort" Year
- Western continues Approach using "Standard Minimum Entrance Requirement" for All Programs (Except for Music and Nursing)
 - Fall 2004 80.5%
 - Fall 2003 83.0%
 - Fall 2002 79.5%
 - Fall 2001 77.0%
 - Fall 2000 77.0%

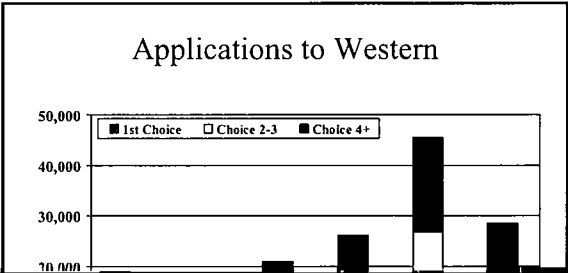
Western's Share of System Secondary School Applications

1999-00 to 2004-05



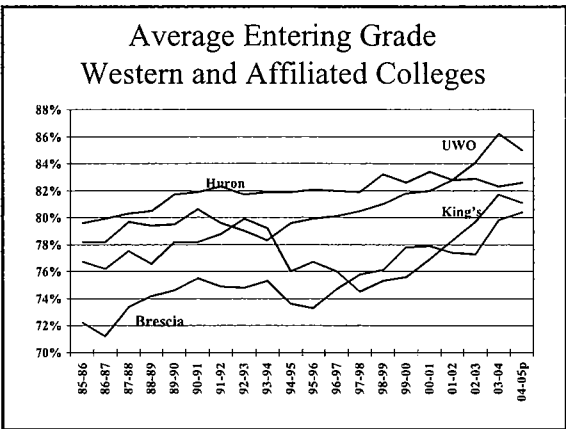
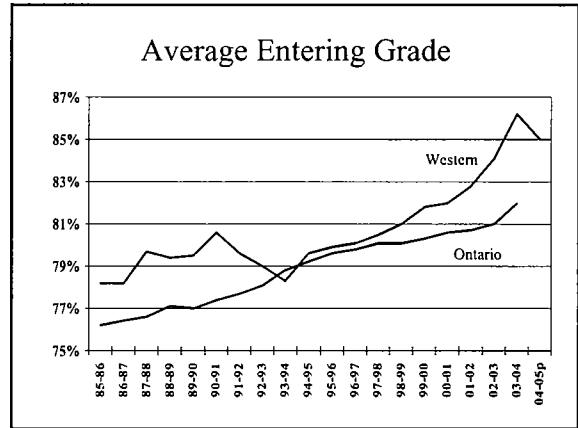
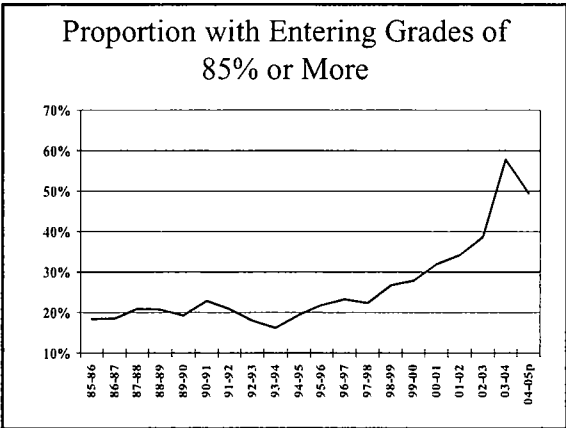
New Ontario Secondary School Applications to Western

1999-00 to 2004-05



Confirmation Rates of New Ontario
Secondary School Applicants to
Western who Received Offers

by Choice and Grade Range



Entering Grades of New Ontario
Secondary School Students
by University and Program

2002-03

2002-03 Average Entering Grade
All Programs

88%

2002-03 Average Entering Grade
Arts and Social Science

88%

2002-03 Average Entering Grade
BACS / Commerce

2002-03 Average Entering Grade
Engineering

92%

92%

First-Year Courses at Western
Grade Distributions, by Faculty

1993-94 to 2003-04

First-Year Course Grade Distributions
% A's & B's

