



The UNIVERSITY of WESTERN ONTARIO

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

November 18, 2005

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

SENATORS: 83

N. Abbas	S. Hill	D. Peacock
T. Baerg	I. Holloway	A. Pearson
D. Barclay	D. Jiang	A. Pitman
M. Bartlett	S. Kabene	J. Plug
I. Birrell	R. Keirstead	A. Ramakrishnan
L. Bowman	S. Kerr	C. Ross
M. Broadfoot	G. Killan	D. Shrubsole
C. Brown	P. Klein	P. Simpson
S. Camiletti	M. Kreiswirth	S. Singh
M. Carroll	G. Kulczycki	P. Skidmore
A. Clark	Kuo, Y-C.	S. Spaulding
D. Cribbs	D. Laird	C. Stephenson
N. Crowther	D. Leighton	J-L. Suarez
P. Davenport	F. Longstaffe	T. Sumsion
P. Dean	I. Luginaah	J. Tennant
L. Donalds	R. Lumpkin	B. Timney
N. Ecclestone	R. Macmillan	T. Topic
J. Etherington	P. Markvoort	J. Toswell
J. Floryan	L. McKechnie	S. Usprich
J. Garnett	M. Milde	T. Vandervoort
T. Gorski	L. Miller	S. Watt
J. Green	B. Millman	J. Weese
R. Haines	V. Miransky	J. White
R. Harris	J. Morphew	M.A. Wilkinson
S. Hatibovic-Kofman	J. Nash	M. Wilson
D. Heinrichs	J. Nisker	B. Wood
T. Hewitt	K. Okruhlik	P. Woodford
	B. Osborne	B. Zener

Observers: P. Dalton, J. Doerksen, L. Gribbon, A. Weedon

By Invitation: S. Jarrett

S.05-178 **Welcome to Senators**

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

S.05-179 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of October 21, 2005 were approved as circulated.

S.05-180 **Report of the President**

The President reported on the University Report Card, Maclean's Ranking and Government Relations. Overhead slides used to highlight his presentation are attached as **Appendix 1**.

OPERATIONS/AGENDA COMMITTEE [Exhibit I]

S.05-181 **Senate Membership**

S.05-181a **Representatives of the Faculty**

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

That the following members of the faculty be appointed to Senate to represent the constituencies shown for two-year terms (to October 31, 2007):

- Representing the Richard Ivey School of Business: Don Barclay
- Representing the Faculty of Arts and Humanities: Christopher Brown (Classical Studies), Jeff Tennant (French)
- Representing the Faculty of Graduate Studies - At Large: Nigel Crowther (Classical Studies)
- Representing the Faculty of Graduate Studies - Social Sciences: Dan Shrubsole (Geography)
- Representing the Faculty of Graduate Studies - Health Sciences: Tony Vandervoort (Physical Therapy)
- Representing the Faculty of Graduate Studies - Sciences: Shiva Singh (Biology)
- Representing the Faculty of Health Sciences: Phil Doyle (Communication Sciences & Disorders), Sandi Spaulding (Occupational Therapy)
- Representing the Faculty of Law: Syd Usprich
- Representing the Don Wright Faculty of Music: Ted Baerg (Music Performance Studies)
- Representing the Faculty of Social Science: Issac Luginaah (Geography), Stefane Kabene, (Administrative and Commercial Studies)
- Representing Brescia University College: Lorna Bowman
- Representing Huron University College: Trish Fulton

CARRIED

S.05-181b Representatives of the Graduate Students

It was moved by A. Pearson, seconded by A. Clark,

That Naqaa Abbas (PhD, Comparative Literature), David Cribbs (MPA), Jane M. Morpew (MA, Visual Arts), and Kai Pisters (MEd) be elected to Senate to represent the graduate students (terms to October 31, 2006).

CARRIED

S.05-181c Representative from the General Community

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

That Annabel Sells be re-elected to serve on Senate for a two-year term (to October 31, 2007) as representative of the General Community.

CARRIED

S.05-182 Nominating Committee Membership

The following were elected as Members to the Nominating Committee: L. McKechnie (term to November 2006), M. Broadfoot, C. Brown and R. Macmillan (terms to November 2007). Elected

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S.05-185 **Senate Attendance Requirements**

Members were reminded of the Senate attendance requirements as detailed in Section 26 of the *University of Western Ontario Act* (detailed in Exhibit I). Senate attendance is reviewed by the Operations/Agenda Committee from time to time, and the Committee is prepared to recommend to Senate that a Senate seat be declared vacant should a pattern of absenteeism develop. Senators who find they have a schedule conflict with Senate meetings may apply for a Leave of Absence from Senate for the period of conflict. In this case, an Alternate will be appointed in accordance with the Senate policy for filling vacancies. If the conflict is unresolvable, resignation from Senate would be appropriate in order that the constituency concerned be represented by a duly appointed replacement.

S.05-186 **Convocation Dates 2006**

The 2006 Convocation dates are:

St. Peter's Seminary - Theological Convocation - Thursday, April 27
MBA Convocation - Friday, April 28
Huron University College Theological Convocation - May 11
Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry - MD Program - May 19
Spring Convocation - Monday, June 12 - Friday, June 16
Autumn Convocation - Thursday, October 19 and Friday, October 20

The Order of Convocation for Spring 2006 and further information on Convocation ceremonies is available on the Senate Web site: <http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/senate>.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE [Exhibit II]

S.05-187 **Vice-Chair of Senate**

S.05-191 **Senate Review Board Academic (SRBA)**

P. Allen was elected to serve as Chair of SRBA (term to November 30, 2006).

The following members of Faculty were elected to SRBA (terms to November 30, 2007): D. Kneale, K. Luton, D. Morrow, C. Nolan, T. Purdy, and J. Stokes.

The following undergraduate students were elected to SRBA (terms to November 30, 2006): J. Green, Y-C. Kuo, P. Lopes, B. Osborne, D. Peacock, and A. Ramakrishnan.

The following graduate students were elected to SRBA for terms to November 30, 2006: N. Abbas, C. Dudgeon, B. Vrkljan and P. Dalton.

S.05-192 **Senate Committee on Academic Policy and Awards (SCAPA)**

The following were elected to SCAPA: D. Cribbs, B. Zener and M. Work Tc-5.4(C9s71 -2.3169 TDss-PPhJanua

S.05-198 **Faculty of Social Science: Major in Population Studies**

It was moved by J. Tennant, seconded by J. White,

That effective September 1, 2006, a Major in Population Studies detailed in Exhibit III, item 2, be introduced by the Faculty of Social Science.

CARRIED

S.05-199 **Brescia University College: Reintroduction of the Sociology Certificate in Community Development**

It was moved by J. Tennant, seconded by L. Bowman,

That the Certificate in Community Development detailed in Exhibit III, item 3, be reintroduced at Brescia University College.

CARRIED

S.05-200 **Guidelines for Educational Partnerships**

It was moved by J. Tennant, seconded by M. Milde,

That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors through the Vice-Chancellor that the Guidelines for Educational Partnerships detailed in Exhibit III, item 4, be approved, and that the Policy on International Student Exchanges [currently MAPP 1.26] be rescinded, effective January 1, 2006.

Professor Watt asked how this agreement and the Guidelines for International Research Partnerships will interact relative to graduate students. Professor Tennant explained that, normally in an international partnership that is primarily based on research collaboration, if there is travel back and forth of graduate students with the expectation that there may be courses taken, the best approach would be to negotiate an educational partnership agreement under the terms of this policy along with a research partnership agreement.

Professor Sumsion asked for clarification regarding the connection between the Guidelines for Educational Partnerships and clinical placements given that a number of professional schools have affiliate agreements with teaching facilities. Dr. Harris took the question under advisement.

The question was called and CARRIED.

S.05-201 **Policy on Hours of Instruction**

It was moved by J. Tennant, seconded by C. Brown,

That the hours of instruction for programs at The University of Western Ontario be revised to be the following:

HOURS OF INSTRUCTION (S.88-188, S.90-216, S.04-134)

The hours of instruction at The University of Western Ontario will be:

8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Monday to Thursday

8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Friday

As a subcategory of the above, the hours of instruction for first-entry undergraduate programs at The University of Western Ontario will be:

8:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Monday to Thursday

8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday

Notes:

- Classes during the 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. time period are scheduled only at the request of the department.
- Evening classes at 6:00 p.m. or later begin on the hour.
- Graduate and second-entry professional programs may have classes that deviate from this schedule from time to time based on the needs of the instructor or students.

CARRIED

S.05-202

Faculty of Graduate Studies: Modifications to Existing Programs and Role of SCAPA

It was moved by J. Tennant, seconded by M. Carroll,

That the Policy on Graduate Studies Programs and Courses be revised to read as follows:
Graduate Studies Programs and Courses

A committee of the Faculty of Graduate Studies shall be responsible to the Senate and shall act for the Senate to regulate the admission of graduate students, their courses of study and requirements for graduation, and shall recommend to the Senate those candidates who have fulfilled the requirements for graduation and who have been approved by the Faculty for graduation.

New graduate programs or major modifications to existing graduate programs will be

McKenzie Lake Lawyers LLP Award (Faculty of Law)

UNIVERSITY PLANNING [Exhibit IV]

S.05-205 **Chairs, Professorships and Faculty Fellowships**

S.05-205a **Bank of Montreal Faculty Fellowship**

It was moved by S. Singh, seconded by B. Osborne,

That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors, through the Vice-Chancellor, that the Bank of Montreal Faculty Fellowship be established at the Richard Ivey School of Business, under the terms of reference contained in Exhibit IV, item 1a, for a period of up to nine years based on an expendable gift.

CARRIED

S.05-205b **The Bill and Anne Brock Family Professorship in Child Health**

It was moved by S. Singh, seconded by M. Bartlett,

That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors, through the Vice-Chancellor, that the terms for The Bill and Anne Brock Family Professorship in Child Health be amended as detailed in Exhibit IV, item 1b.

CARRIED

S.05-206 **Guidelines for International Research Partnerships**

It was moved by S. Singh, seconded by M. Bartlett,

That Senate recommend to the Board of Governors through the Vice-Chancellor, that effective January 1, 2006, the Guidelines for International Research Partnerships, detailed in Exhibit IV, item 2, be approved.

CARRIED

S.05-207 **Department of Women's Studies and Feminist Research** [S.05-155]

It was moved by S. Singh, seconded by M. Milde,

within the department and those who will be the affiliate members. The constitution identified the home of the department which will be jointly in the Faculties of Arts and Humanities and Social Science and identifies a governance structure and composition of the departmental committees. To ensure compliance with the collective agreement a Letter of Understanding was negotiated with UWOPA in parallel with the development of the constitution. Senate is asked to approve the establishment of the Department and its constitution but has no authority regarding the Letter of Understanding.

Professor Carroll voiced concern about the Letter of Understanding negotiated by UWOPA with the administration, stating that the letter creates a paternalistic structure, surrounding the unit with a degree of external control that is unprecedented. He noted particularly that the definition of affiliate members gave effective control to a small group of administrators. He found this unacceptable and proposed an amendment.

It was moved by Professor Carroll, seconded by B. Zener,

That Senate approve the Constitution attached as Appendix 2 of the proposed Department

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Professor Wilkinson expressed unease at voting for the proposed constitution without having a copy of the Letter of Understanding accompanying it. She noted that the Constitution cited specific sections of the Letter of Understanding. The President read the sections of the Letter of Understanding in question to Senate

Professor Carroll stated that his request that members of Senate be provided with copies of the Letter of Understanding was denied. Dr. Weedon stated that the Letter of Understanding referred to is on the University's website and does contain provisions that deal with continued membership of current Affiliate members in the current Centre for Women's Studies and Feminist Research continuing on to a Department. He cautioned that one should realize that the Letter of Understanding itself is a negotiated document with UWOPA and that it applies to bargaining unit members.

Speaking as an Affiliate member, Dr. Harris reminded Senate that the idea of the Department of Women's Studies and Feminist Research has spanned a significant number of years. The intention of the new department is to embrace Women's Studies and Feminist Research which is inherently an interdisciplinary field of investigation. In order to be healthy and vibrant it must include the voices of women scholars from across the disciplines. One reason that there seems to be a disproportionately high number of administrators in the Affiliates list is because there are so few senior women scholars at Western. Affiliate members feel strongly that connection to the new department will mean that their decades of work will finally be recognized by the University.

Professor Toswell asked whether it would be possible for Senate to establish the Department of Women's Studies and Feminist Research and not approve the constitution. Dr. Weedon stated that departmental constitutions are within the authority of Faculty Council and are not normally brought to Senate. In approving the 2005-2006 budget document, Senate determined that, in this case, it wished to approve the constitution and governance structure. Senate could decide otherwise now. He confirmed that there is nothing in the Letter of Understanding that requires Senate approval of the constitution.

It was moved by J. Toswell, seconded by J. White,

That the motion be amended by deleting the clause: "the constitution (attached as Appendix 2) of the proposed Department of Women's Studies and Feminist Research." Consequently, the motion would read:

That Senate approve that a Department of Women's Studies and Feminist Research be established in the Faculties of Arts and Humanities and Social Science, and administered in the Faculty of Arts and Humanities.

Professor Carroll spoke in support of the amendment. He would then be able to support the establishment of the Department while not at the same time endorsing a constitution which he did not support.

Dr. Weedon noted that by removing its need to approve the constitution Senate is not thereby disapproving the constitution. The constitution would survive a vote on the amendment.

The amendment was called and CARRIED.

The main motion, as amended, was called and CARRIED.

