



The UNIVERSITY of WESTERN ONTARIO

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

March 16, 2007

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

SENATORS: 68

D. Abelson	T. Fulton	A. Pearson
M. Adamson	T. Garrard	R. Rajakumar
M.A. Andrusyszyn	K. Graham	C. Ross
F. Angeletti	J. Harmer	S. Sdao
Z. Armstrong	R. Harris	A. Sells
T. Baerg	A. Hearn	P. Senra
F. Berruti	D. Heinrichs	P. Simpson
L. Bowman	C. Herbert	S. Sims
M. Broadfoot	T. Hewitt	S. Smeltzer
C. Brown	D. Jiang	M. Steele
C. Callander	M. Johnson	C. Stephenson
T. Carmichael	R. Keirstead	T. Stevenson
A. Clark	M. Khan	J. Tennant
J. Cole	P. Klein	B. Timney
J. Corrigan	W. Lehmann	T. Topic
R. Coulter	F. Longstaffe	N. Turrin
K. Danylchuk	I. Luginah	S. Usprich
P. Davenport	R. Lumpkin	D. Wardlaw
P. Dean	B. Millman	J. Weese
P. Doyle	D. Morrow	M. Wilson
N. Dyer-Witheford	K. Okruhlik	B. Wood
C. Ellis	M. Oliva	C. Yung
J. Etherington	E. Paulson	

Observers: K. Clark, S. Dea, L. Gribbon, D. Jameson, G. Tigert, A. Weedon

By Invitation: M. Bartlett, S. Ferguson, J. Voogt

S.07-051

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of February 16, 2007 were approved with the inclusion of the following correction (shown in *italics*) to the second sentence of S.07-46: Possible Integration of Robarts Research Institute into the Western Family: “The overview included: Information about the importance of *Robarts’ science.*”

BUSINESS ARISING

S.07-052 **Update on Discussion with the Robarts Research Institute**
[Dean Pearson assumed the Chair]

Dr. Longstaffe reported that discussions continue between UWO and Robarts representatives regarding the integration of Robarts Research Institute into the Western family. While financial details continue to be worked out, it is anticipated that an agreement will be presented to Senate at the April meeting.

S.07-053 **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**
[Dr. Davenport resumed the Chair]

The President reported on Western's March Break Open House and the Graduate Student Mini Conference. Overhead slides used to highlight his presentation are attached as [Appendix 1](#) to these minutes.

S.070-054 **Review of the Faculty of Graduate Studies**

Dr. Longstaffe recalled that Senate created an ad hoc committee in January to consult with the Western community as part of the process of reviewing the Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS). According to the mandate, the review shall include an examination of the role and operations currently provided by FGS, suggestions for alternate approaches, and consideration of the level of academic leadership (e.g., Dean or Vice-Provost) best suited to the graduate education portfolio in the future. He asked that comments be received by the committee before April 1 and noted that all comments would be considered confidential.

REPORT OF THE OPERATIONS/AGENDA COMMITTEE [Exhibit I]

S.07-055 **Revised Terms of Reference for the Subcommittee on Research Ethics Policy**

It was moved by A. Pearson, seconded by C. Brown,

That the Subcommittee on Research Ethics Policy (SUREP) be renamed the University Council on Research Ethics Involving Humans (UCRE) and its Terms of Reference and Composition revised as shown in Exhibit I, Appendix 1, and,

That the Terms of Reference and Composition of the University Research Board (URB) be revised as shown in Exhibit I, Appendix 2.

It was moved by Professor Dyer-Witheyford, seconded by R. Coulter,

That the terms of reference be amended to include a fifth clause to say:

“Provide advice regarding the ethics review of research conducted for military purposes.”

Professor Dyer-Witheyford stated that the amendment arises out of discussions that have occurred on campus around the issue of military research. The aim of the amendment is to suggest that the Research Ethics Board's mandate be broadened to consider the ethics of military research. He expressed concern about research for countries that promote torture, invade other countries and

Professor Coulter asked if, when these kinds of collaborative, interdisciplinary programs are developed, consideration is given to the future of the students taking these programs. Currently some

S.07-061 **Brescia University College and the Faculty of Health Sciences: Honors Specialization in Community Rural Health Development**

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

That an Honors Specialization in Community Rural Health Development, detailed in Exhibit

It was moved by C. Brown, seconded by F. Angeletti,

That the Faculty Fellowship in Microeconomic Theory, detailed in Exhibit III, distributed electronically, be created in the Faculty of Social Science.

Professor Coulter asked how anonymous donors are vetted, whether the fellowship is a top-up to salary or market supplement to a salary, and, if so, if it is reported as such. Mr. Garrard stated that the Board of Governors approved the Gift Acceptance Policy that delegates authority to the Vice-President (External) to vet all donors. Were there any conditions associated with the gift that called into question the integrity of the donor it would be the responsibility of the VP(External) to take such to the Board. In this case, the anonymous donor meets the full test of integrity. Dean Timney stated that this fellowship is a market supplement. In competitive areas these fellowships are used to retain or recruit exceptional faculty members. These funds are treated as stipends, consequently taxes are paid but not benefits as funding is independent of the base salary. The Chair of UWOFA confirmed that such stipends do attract union dues.

The question was called and CARRIED.

