



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

October 18, 2013

The meeting was held at 1:30 p.m. in Room 56, University Community Centre

SENATORS: 67

J. Aitken Schermer
M.A. Andrusyszyn
N. Banerjee
D. Belliveau
C. Beynon
I. Birrell
P. Bishop
M. Blgrave
S. Camiletti
J. Capone

S.13-150b School of International Business, Dongbei University of Finance and Economics

Prior to considering the motion, Dr. Timney reported the following correction to items 35 and 50 of Appendix 3 (page 13): "Additional courses at the 2000 level."

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

That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors through the President & Vice-Chancellor:

S.13-156 REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC COLLEAGUE [Exhibit V]

The Report of the Academic Colleague, detailed in Exhibit VI, was received for information. Items reported on included: Differentiation and Strategic Mandate Agreements, Ontario Online Initiative, Credit Transfer, and Graduate Expansion. The most recent COU update, a 60 page document, can be obtained by contacting the University Secretariat.

In answer to a question about the Ontario Online Initiative, Dr. Okruhlik noted that there was not much new to report. The government had already understood that there was no support for a centralized model such as The Ontario Online Institute. However, it continuing to seek a unifying proposal that would bring together those willing to form a coalition through an arms-length, not for profit institution.

Dr. Okruhlik reported that COU recently launched an accessibility website: <http://www.accessiblecampus.ca> that provides the latest information about accessibility at universities across the province of Ontario, noting that Western's Gitta Kulczycki is Co-Chair of the COU group on accessibility.

S.13-157 ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNICATIONS [Exhibit VI]

Announcements & Communications, detailed in Exhibit VI, were received for information.

ENQUIRIES & NEW BUSINESS

S.13-158 Dr. Tarek Loubani Detainment by Egyptian Government (S13-116, S13-140)

Ms. Pilo, on behalf of the Student Senators, thanked Western's administration for their work in advocating for the release of Dr. Tarek Loubani from an Egyptian prison.

S.13-159 Family Washrooms, Nursing Rooms and Change Stations on Campus

A member asked about the availability of facilities for nursing mothers, family washrooms and change stations for parents of newborns. Dr. Deakin responded that she had consulted with Facilities Management and the Office of Equity & Human Rights Services about this question. Western has private space for nursing mothers in the following areas: Health Services, Women's Issues Network, Faculty of Law and Equity and Human Rights Services. There are change tables in washrooms located in Thompson Arena and there is a Family Locker Room in the Western Student Recreation Centre. She advised that particular concerns about these matters should be referred to Equity & Human Rights Services who would work with Facilities Management or other units on campus to support an individual's needs.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

J. Weese
Vice-Chair

I. Birrell
Secretary