



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENATE**

**November 13, 2015**

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

SENATORS: 75

E. Addison

R. Andersen

G. Dresser

N. Dyher-Witthford

J. Eberhard

C. Farber

A. Grzyb

planning process. Three of the four proposals (big data, sustainability of the environment, and global inequality) were put forward in this way and chairs were awarded. Notification of these awards came through the planning and budget letters that went to the deans. Dean Carmichael clarified, further, that FIMS had been granted a research chair in data curation. That proposal had arisen in part through the deliberations on the clusters, but also came out of a proposal supported by the deans of FIMS, Arts & Humanities, and Social Science in 2011-12. A search committee for the chair was still to be struck. Dr. Capone added that in awarding the three WRCs, the administration had left it to the proponents to determine the best use of the resources being given by the university to push forward a strategically focused area. He confirmed the member's statement that there is a WRC associated with the proposal on global inequalities and building stronger societies.

S.15-197

**REPORT OF THE ACTING PRESIDENT**

Dr. J. Deakin, Acting President, reported on the following: upcoming President's Lecture featuring Dr. David Bentley, winner of the 2015 Killam Prize; impact of the recent election of a majority Liberal government; and the Undergraduate Awards Summit in Dublin, Ireland. She noted that 25 of the 27 Western students who were eligible attended this event which provided them an opportunity to meet the other winners - all highly commended students from across all the disciplines and from all over the world.

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S.15-205 **King's University College, School of Social Work: Revision of Admission Requirements for the Honors Specialization in Social Work**

It was moved by R. Soulodré-La France, seconded by D. Rogers,

That the admission requirements for the Honors Specialization in Social Work leading to a BSW degree be revised at King's University College effective September 1, 2016, as shown in Exhibit III, Appendix 5.

CARRIED

S.15-206 **Revisions to the Dean's Honors List and Graduation "With Distinction" Policy**

It was moved by V. Nolte, seconded by J. Cuciurean,

That effective December 1, 2015 the Dean's Honors List and Graduation "With Distinction" Policy be revised as shown in Exhibit III, Appendix 6.

CARRIED

S.15-207 **Undergraduate Sessional Dates**

Prior to considering the motion, the Chair announced the following amendment (shown in italics) to the Sessional Dates 2017: December 21 should read: *First term ends for all Faculties except Dentistry, Education, Law and Medicine.*

It was moved by D. Coward, seconded by R. Collins,

That Senate approve the following sessional dates:

- x Revised Undergraduate Sessional Dates for 2016
- x Undergraduate Sessional Dates for 2017
- x Sessional Dates for the Richard Ivey School of Business HBA program (2016-17)
- x Sessional Dates for the Faculty of Education, B.Ed. program (2016-17)
- x Sessional Dates for the Faculty of Law (2016-17)
- x Sessional Dates for the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry's MD and DDS programs (2016-17)

CARRIED

S.15-208 **SUPR-G Report: Cyclical Reviews of Collaborative Graduate Program in Environment and Sustainability and Foods and Nutrition (Brescia University College) Programs**

The following cyclical reviews were approved by SCAPA:

Faculty/Affiliates	Program	Date of Review	SUPR-G recommendation
N/A	Collaborative Graduate Program in Environment and Sustainability	April 24, 2015	Good Quality
Brescia University College	Foods and Nutrition	May 27 – 28, 2015	Good Quality

The detailed Final Assessment Reports for each of these reviews are attached as Exhibit III, Appendix 8.

S.15-209 **New Scholarships and Awards**

SCAPA approved, on behalf of Senate, the Terms of Reference for the new scholarships and awards, shown in Exhibit III, Appendix 9, for recommendation to the Board of Governors through the Vice-Chancellor.

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY PLANNING** [Exhibit IV]

S.15-210 **Budget Planning Guidelines: 2016-17 - 2018-19**

Senate received for information, detailed in Exhibit IV, Appendix 1, the budget planning guidelines for 2016-17 to 2018-19.

Dr. Deakin noted that budget planning with the deans had begun in August at the deans' annual retreat. That meeting sets the context for the annual planning work, and allows for discussion of the directives of the strategic plan and their impact on budget planning. This is followed with individual meetings between the Provost and individual deans to discuss each Faculty's plan, which are now underway.

In answer to a question, Dr. Deakin noted that the notion of "steady state" enrolment reflected the fact that first-year intake is limited by the available physical infrastructure to 5000-5100 per year. Dr. Weedon added that steady



Senator Dyer-Witthford asked for the history behind the acceptance of the Yamana gift that led to the establishment of the Yamana Centre for Sustainable Exploration and Resource Development. He cited several news reports gleaned from a Google search that caused him concern. He suggested using the Centre as a "case study" for how the policies work in practice. It was agreed that a report would be provided at the December meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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J. Deakin  
Chair pro tem

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I. Birrell  
Secretary