

September 18, 2015

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

SENATORS: 87

N. Bhatia I. Birrell P. Bishop M. Blagrave J. Capone T. Carmichael A. Chakma B. Cheadle M. Cheesman K. Clark K. Cole R. Collins D. Coward M. Crossan J. Cuciurean J. Deakin C. Dean G. Dekaban G. Dresser N. Dyer-Witheford J. Eberhard A. Engineer J. Faflak C. Farber A. Grzyb D. Hooper B. Hovius A. Hrymak T. Hunt

G. Hunter L. Jackson R. Kennedy J. Knowles G. Kopp A. Kothari G. Kulczycki D. Laird B. Leipert G. Lucas S. Macfie J. Malkin C. Maniunath S. McClatchie M. McDavter M. McGlynn L. McKivor T. McMurrough R. Mercer M. Milde J.-F. Millaire L. Miller J. Mitchell V. Nielsen C. Nolan V. Nolte K. Olson P.P. Pare G. Parraga

W. Pearson C. Phelps A. Rice-Hoyt S. Rodger D. Rogers S. Roland L. Rosen M. Rothstein V. Schwean K. Siddiqui Z. Sinel A. Singh

R. Soulodre-LaFrance

C. Sprengler
V. Staroverov
C. Steeves
M. Strong
L. Sunseri
A. Sussman
D. Sylvester
S. Taylor
M. Thomson
G. Tigert
J. Toswell
T. Townshend
Z. Turner
J. Weese
M. Wilson

N. Wolfe

Observers: E. Chamberlain, J. Doerksen, T. Hinan, K. Hoffmann, J. Luker, J. McMullin, C. Waugh, K. Campbell

By Invitation: A. Nelson

S.15-140 Welcome to New/Returning Senators

Dr. Chakma, on behalf of Senate, welcomed the new and returning Senators.

S.15-141 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of June 5, 2015 were approved as circulated.

S.15-142 **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

The President's report consisted of the following: Western's response to the Syrian Refugee crisis, including the Refugee Sponsorship Fund, Syrian Refugee Awards, Scholars at Risk program; recently named Fellows to the Royal Society of Canada – Kathryn Brush, John Leonard and Jesse Zhu; 31 finalists in the 2015 edition of the International Undergraduate Awards competition; celebration of Dentistry's 50th anniversary.

REPORT OF THE OPERATIONS/AGENDA COMMITTEE [Exhibit I]

S.15-143 Senate Membership: Brescia University College Constituency

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

That the Senate seat held by Colleen O'Connor, representative of the Brescia University College constituency, be declared vacant due to her sabbatical leave and that Lina Sunseri be elected to take her seat until June 30, 2016.

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S.15-147 **2016 Senate Election Schedule**

Senate was advised that the 2016 Senate Election Schedule can be found at:

Communications" be introduced

S.15-155b Revisions to the Doctor of Education (EdD) Program

It was moved by S. Macfie, seconded by P. Bishop,

That effective September 1, 2015 the requirement for a thesis and defence be eliminated in the EdD Program, in lieu of the completion of a substantial capstone project (Organizational Improvement Plan) in year three, as shown in Exhibit III, Appendix 7.

CARRIED

S.15-155c Revisions to the MA in Education Program

It was moved by S. Macfie, seconded by L. Miller,

That effective September 1, 2015 the new Fields "Applied Linguistics", "Critical Policy, Equity and Leadership", "Applied Psychology in Schools" and "Curriculum Studies" be introduced in the MA in Education Program, and

That effective September 1, 2015 the "Educational Studies" Field be eliminated, as shown in Exhibit III, Appendix 8.

CARRIED

S.15-155d Revisions to the Master of Professional Education (MPEd) Program

It was moved by S. Macfie, seconded by V. Schwean,

That effective September 1, 2015 students enrolled in the two-year (post-undergraduate) Bachelor of Education (BEd) Program who complete specific advanced courses in the BEd. Program be given advanced standing for up to three half-courses or equivalent (i.e., a maximum of 1.5 FCEs) in the MPEd related to their BEd cohort or specialty focus, as shown in Exhibit III, Appendix 8.

CARRIED

S.15-156 School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: Renaming the Collaborative Graduate Program in Planetary Science

It was moved by S. Macfie, seconded by L. Miller,

S.15-157 <u>Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry: Revisions to the Admission Requirements of the MD Program</u>

It was moved by S. Macfie, seconded by M. Strong,

That the MD program's Admission Requirements be revised effective October 1, 2015, as shown in Exhibit III, Appendix 9.

CARRIED

S.15-158 Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry: Revisions to the Admission Requirements of the DDS Program

It was moved by S. Macfie, seconded by M. Strong,

That the DDS program's Admission Requirements be revised effective October 1, 2015, as shown in Exhibit III, Appendix 10.

CARRIED

S.15-159 Revision to the "Marks/Grades; Definitions of Grades; Grading Scales for Undergraduate Students" Policy

S.15-162 <u>SUPR-G Report: Cyclical Reviews of the Migration and Ethnic Relations (MER)</u> <u>Collaborative Graduate Program and Music and Popular Music Graduate Programs</u>

Senate was informed that the following cyclical reviews were approved by SCAPA:

Faculty/Affiliates Program

groups. It is important, therefore, that a new member be appointed as soon as possible. The next meeting of the Senate Nominating Committee is October 2nd. Rather than wait until October 16th to have its recommendation approved, the ad hoc Committee asked that Senate permit the recommendation for a replacement member be dealt with by email.

The question was called and CARRIED

S.15-171 Academic Freedom

Senator Olson referenced the email notice that Western's senior administration circulated confirming their obligation to respect academic freedom on campus and apologizing for the violation of faculty members' academic freedom during the April 10 and 17 Senate meetings, and asked if the apology extended to student and community members as well. Dr. Deakin said the apology was to all academic faculty and in response to concerns expressed by UWOFA concerning the academic freedom of the individuals it represents. Academic freedom applies only to faculty members. However, she asked that the minutes record that the apology extends to those who are not faculty but who felt that their freedom of expression was hindered.