





**REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC POLICY AND AWARDS** [Exhibit II]

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**Faculty of Arts and Humanities, Department of Film Studies: Withdrawal of the Minor in National Cinemas**

~~It was~~ moved by S. Macfie, seconded by M. Milde,

That effective September 1, 2016, the Minor in National Cinemas be withdrawn.

CARRIED

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appeared to be intended to be an elite program for a small number of students and it was questioned whether there was any guarantee it would stay that way.

In response, the Provost pointed out that there are a number of precedents for programs that are structured somewhat outside the parameters of the modular system or have a focused area of study. The Dean of Science noted that all of the words following “integrated science” defined the honors specialization element. Breadth requirements remained the same as for all other programs and essay requirements were embedded in the courses associated with the program. Had the program been set up as an honors specialization in “x” with a minor in integrated science, the integrated science element would not appear on the diploma and an important part of the branding for the program would be lost. She pointed out that other universities with which Western competes, such as McMaster, were developing these types of programs. With respect to whether the program would remain “elite,” she noted that SCAPA had had the opposite concern and wondered whether the program might be opened up to more students who might want this “case based” approach to learning science. At this point, 60 students is the maximum that can be supported because of the very expensive labs needed. If there were to be high student demand, potential for growth could be explored. Nonetheless, given SCAPA’s remarks, the Faculty was reviewing how it might allow other students to have a taste of the program.

The question was called and CARRIED.

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It was moved by S. Macfie, seconded by C. Dean,

That “Integrated Science” be introduced as a new subject area effective September 1, 2016, and

That new courses in Integrated Science be introduced with sequential start dates, as shown in Exhibit II, Appendix 6.

CARRIED

Honors Specialization in Accounting  
Honors Specialization in Finance and Administration  
Honors Specialization in Global Commerce  
Honors Specialization in Organizational and Human Resources

Major in Accounting  
Major in Global Commerce  
Major in Organizational and Human Resources

Specialization in Accounting

April meeting of Senate, the student voice would be diminished as many student Senators would have left for the summer following exams.

The vote was taken on the motion to refer back and CARRIED.

The Chair of SCAPA assured members that every attempt would be made to bring the proposal back in April.

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**New Scholarships and Awards**

Senate was informed that SCAPA had approved the terms of reference for the new scholarships and awards shown in Exhibit II, Appendix 9, for recommendation to the Board of Governors through the Vice-Chancellor.

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**Report of the Subcommittee on Teaching Awards (SUTA)**

The Report of the Subcommittee on Teaching Awards (SUTA) announcing the recipients of Western's Excellence in Teaching Awards, listed below, was distributed via email prior to the Senate meeting.

**The Edward G. Pleva Award for Excellence in Teaching**

Ann Bigelow, Faculty of Social Science, Department of Management and Organizational Studies  
George Gadanidis, Faculty of Education  
Wendy Pearson, Faculty of Arts and Humanities, Department of Women's Studies and Feminist Research

**The Marilyn Robinson Award for Excellence in Teaching**

Shauna Burke, Faculty of Health Sciences, School of Health Studies

**The Angela Armitt Award for Excellence in Teaching by Part-Time Faculty**

Jane Edwards, Faculty of Education  
Heather Gillis, Faculty of Health Sciences, School of Physical Therapy

**Western Award for Innovations in Technology-Enhanced Teaching**

Barbara Sinclair, Faculty of Health Sciences, School of Nursing

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**Mental Health Supports at Western**

The President noted that he had asked the Associate Vice-President (Student Experience), J. Luker, to speak to recent news reports about wait times to see a psychiatrist at Student Health Services. To accommodate her schedule, the President asked Senate's permission for her to speak at this juncture rather than waiting until the end of the meeting under Other Business.

J. Luker noted that it was recently reported in the local media that Western's wait time for psychiatrists is 4 weeks. While this was true, she pointed out that in the broader community the wait time to see a psychiatrist is between 8-12 months. Western currently has no wait lists for other mental health supports such as psychologists, counsellors, social workers, or peer support.

**REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY PLANNING** [Exhibit III]

S.16-81 **Vicky Blair Fellowship in Vascular Surgery Name Change**

It was moved by B.A. Younker, seconded by H. Orbach-Miller,

That the existing Vicky Blair Fellowship in Vascular Surgery established December 4, 2000 at the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry be renamed Bill & Vicky Blair Foundation Fellowship in Vascular Surgery.

CARRIED

S.16-82 **Update on Rapid Transit**

In the absence of G. Kulczycki, Vice-President (Resources and Operations), P. White, Executive Director, Government Relations and Strategic Partnerships, provided an update on London's Rapid Transit project. He reported that the formal consultation process on Rapid Transit closes on March 24. Comments can be submitted to [transit@uwo.ca](mailto:transit@uwo.ca). Western has included a link to the Rapid Transit Initiative site: [http://www.uwo.ca/ipb/publicaccountability/rapid\\_transit.html](http://www.uwo.ca/ipb/publicaccountability/rapid_transit.html) to inform the community as the process moves forward.

Recommendations regarding the Rapid Transit initiative will be formulated later in April for consideration by the Property & Finance

**DISCUSSION AND QUESTION PERIOD**

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