

Date: Tuesday, April 26, 2016

Time: 4:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Room: Freed-Orman Commons, Assumption Hall, University of Windsor

Members: Ms. Penny Allen, Mr. Jonathan Allison, Mr. Iftexhar Basith, Mr. Fraser Berrill, Ms. Jodi Butts, Dr. Rajen Chetty, Dr. Gordon Drake, Mr. Peter Farmer (phone), Ms. Marilyn Farough, Mr. Norbert Hartmann, Mr. Dean Jacobs, Ms. Jennifer Jones, Mr. Gary Kelly, Ms. Brenda King, Dr. Ed King, Mr. Shawn Kingsbury, Ms. Sheila MacKinnon (Chair), Mr. Tony Mancina, Rev. Paul McGill, Dr. Katherine Quinsey, Dr. Antonio Rossini, Dr. Mehrdad Saif, Mr. Jaydee Tarpeh, Dr. Alan Wildeman, Ms. Susan Williams, Mr. William Willis, Mr. Bill Wright.

Regrets: Mr. Greg Aarssen, Ms. Pat Soulliere, Dr. Marijke Taks.

Administration and Guest Speakers: Ms. Sandra Aversa, Ms. Jane Boyd, Mr. Dave Butcher, Mr. John Coleman, Ms. Gillian Heisz, Ms. Kaye Johnson, Ms. Anna Kirby, Dr. Douglas Kneale, Mr. Andrew Kuntz, Ms. Rita LaCivita, Ms. Susan Mark, Mr. David McEwen, Ms. Diane Rawlings, Mr. Clayton Smith, Dr. Michael Siu, Ms. Renée Wintermute (University Secretary), Ms. Carol Perkes (Board Governance Officer).

Raymond Hoang and Matthew Dunlop (both undergraduate students) were granted speaking rights pertaining to tuition fees.

Declaration of conflict of interest – none reported.

1 Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: That the Agenda be approved.

Tarpeh/McGill
CARRIED

2 Minutes of the meeting of March 22, 2016

MOTION: That the Minutes of the meeting of March 22, 2016 be approved.

Chetty/Rossini
CARRIED

3 Business arising from the minutes

None.

4 Outstanding Business/New Business

4.1 Reports

4.1.1 Remarks from the Chair

NOTED:

- This is the last meeting for three student body leaders – Ed King who has served the maximum 9 consecutive years on the Board as the OPUS President, Iftexhar Basith President of GSS, and Jaydee Tarpeh as President of UWSA.
- Three student delegates had requested to speak to the Board on the Tuition and Compulsory Ancillary fees item (only two delegates came forward).

4.1.2 President's Report

NOTED:

- The outgoing student leaders were thanked for their service and efforts in their leadership roles.
- Faculties and student groups were commended on the many positive events and galas took place during the end of the semester.

4.2 Audit Committee

Nothing to report.

4.3 Executive Committee

Nothing to report.

4.4 Governance Committee

Nothing to report.

4.5 Investment Committee

Nothing to report.

4.6 Pension Committee

Nothing to report.

4.7 Resource Allocation Committee

4.7.1 2016/17 Operating Revenue

(see document BG160426-4.7.1 for additional information)

NOTED:

- An overview of the financial aid changes announced in the provincial budget, the funding formula, application numbers, the shift in student enrolments and student demographics by Faculty and level were provided.
- According to the provincial budget, tuition will be free for students from families with incomes less than \$50,000. The provincial budget states that billing students for "Net Tuition" will begin in 2018/19.
- Since 2011, undergraduate enrolments have been declining, while graduate enrolment has increased primarily due to course-based Masters programs. These changes have been accompanied by a shift in the disciplines in which students are enrolling and in the make-up of the student body.
- First-year enrolments and how they flow through subsequent years are key to the budget. With these changes to the student body, enrolment management becomes critical.
- Overall, the proposed changes to Student Academic Fees over 2015/16 represent a revenue increase of \$5.75m (3.9%) to \$148.2m. Incidental fees are flat to last year. International tuitions fees represent 39% of tuition revenue.
- With a decrease in government grants of \$1.84m, total government grants for 2016-17 will represent only 38% of the budget. This is a system-wide occurrence, making institutions increasingly reliant on tuition fees.
- The proposed operating revenue together with important initiatives to enhance the student experience will be presented in May 2016 as part of the Operating Budget.

4.7.2 2016/17 Proposed Tuition and Compulsory Ancillary Fees

(see document BG160426-4.7.2 and BG160426-4.7.1 for additional information)

NOTED:

- The process and Board approved principles guiding the setting of tuition fees, as well as the

provincial tuition fee framework which regulates domestic fees were reviewed.

- International fees are set based on a number of factors but primarily market conditions.
- Among others, shifts in enrolment patterns and enrolment management considerations informed the fee proposal. All domestic fee increases are benchmarked against fees at other Ontario universities.
- A detailed review of the proposed fees was provided.
- There was an overview of student financial support in the operating budget, now totalling \$13.9m.

DELEGATES:

- Mr. Raymond Hoang sought and received clarification with regard to the Compulsory Ancillary fee for the bus pass. Mr. Hoang also suggested that enrolment would increase if the University were to lower tuition rates. He recommended that the University expand recruitment efforts in US secondary schools.
- Mr. Matthew Dunlop stated that while he is aware that the government is providing less funding to universities, universities should fight, along with the students, for additional postsecondary funding from the provincial government.
- Other issues raised included: student poverty, insufficient scholarships, rising tuition fees, and the necessity of students having to work one or more jobs to make ends meet.

MOTION: That the Board of Governors approve the proposed 2016/17 Tuition and Compulsory Ancillary Fees.

Willis/Hartmann

NOTED:

- Mr. Kingsbury, Mr. Tarpeh and Mr. Basith all spoke out against raising tuition fees citing concerns over mounting student debt, urging the University to become a transformational leader, and suggesting that it dedicate staff resources to helping students find ways to cut costs.
- There was a request to increase scholarship funding for graduate students.
- Universities have been diligent in their lobbying efforts regarding government funding.
- The provincial budget may be a move in the right direction, with the promise to provide free tuition to students from families with incomes less than \$50k. Universities will continue to lobby for additional funding for middle-income families as well.

Opposed: 5
CARRIED

4.7.3 2016/17 Proposed Residence Fees

(see document BG160426-4.7.3 for additional information)

MOTION: That the Board of Governors approve the proposed 2016-2017 Residence Fees in Schedule "A".

Willis/Wright

NOTED:

- In response to a question regarding declining numbers of student in Residence, it was noted that these numbers reflect the declining enrolment, the local student demographics on campus, and the competition with off-campus housing options..
- A suggestion to increase efforts to improved Residence services and facilities was made.

Opposed: 3
CARRIED

4.7.4 2016/17 Proposed Meal Plan Fees

(see document BG160426-4.7.4 for additional information)

MOTION: That the Board of Governors approve the proposed 2016-2017 Meal Plan Fees as listed in Appendix A.

Willis/Farmer
(Opposed: 4)
CARRIED

4.7.5 Campus Master Plan (Phase 1 Stage 3)

(see document BG160426-4.7.5 and BG160424-4.7.5a for additional information)

NOTED:

- Campus Master Plan Phase 1, Stage 1 focuses on the development of the Community Commons. A presentation was delivered outlining the work to be done in this phase.
- The three key elements of this phase are: performance event space; outdoor social space; and recreational space (including green space and a basketball court).
- The project will be funded from the 2015/16 Operating Budget using one-time monies from the Capital Improvements fund.
- Naming opportunities will be available for this project.

MOTION: That the Board of Governors approve that the University proceed to tender and award contracts for the Campus Master Plan Phase 1, Stage 3 project with a total project cost of \$1,560,000.

Willis/Jones
CARRIED

5 In Camera

The following In Camera motions were read into the public minutes. Members did not participate in the portion of the meeting that pertained to their respective appointments.

MOTION: That the following Board members be reappointed for a three-year term to the Board:

- Pat Soulliere, Assumption Appointment (for a third term beginning July 1, 2016)
- Marilyn Farough, Iona Appointment (for a third term beginning October 18, 2016)

Wright/Willis
CARRIED

MOTION: That Chris Baillargeon, OPUS Treasurer, be appointed as the OPUS Board of Governors representative from May 1, 2016 to April 30, 2017 in the place of the OPUS President.

Wright/Basith
CARRIED

6 Adjournment

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.

Kelly/Allison
CARRIED