

SENATE
Minutes of Meeting**Date:** Friday, October 11, 2013**Time:** 2:35pm-4:40pm**Room:** 203 Anthony P Toldo

PRESENT: Mr. Hussein Ahmed, Mr. Mohammad Alam, Dr. Abdul-Fattah Asfour, Dr. Fazle Baki, Mr. Iftekhhar Ibne Basith, Dr. Pierre Boulos, Dr. Gerald Cradock, Dr. Michael Crawford, Mr. Rob Crawford, Dr. Yvette Daniel, Ms. Nicole DaSilva, Dr. Gordon Drake, Dr. Phil Dutton, Ms. Gwen Ebbett, Ms. Marilyn Farough, Dr. Anne Forrest, Dr. Maureen Gowing, Dr. Phil Graniero, Dr. Leo Groarke, Dr. Mustapha Hamil, Mr. Mike Houston, Dr. Maureen Irish, Mr. Werner Keller, Dr. Michael Khan, Dr. Ed King, Dr. Ziad Kobti, Dr. Marlys Koschinsky, Dr. Dietmar Lage, Dr. Joanna Luft, Dr. Charles Macdonald, Dr. Elena Maeva, Dr. Nancy McNevin, Mr. Anthony Meloche, Dr. Kevin Milne, Dr. Mitra Mirhassani, Dr. Maureen Muldoon, Ms. Sharon Munro, Dr. Derek Northwood, Dr. Linda Patrick, Dr. Katherine Quinsey, Dr. Karen Roland, Dr. Antonio Rossini, Dr. Mehrdad Saif, Dr. Valerie Scatamburlo-D'Annibale, Dr. Alan Scoboria, Dr. Patrick Selmi, Dr. Jang Singh, Ms. Jennifer Soutter, Dr. Marijke Taks, Dr. Kemal Tepe, Dr. Bruce Tucker, Prof. Lionel Walsh, Dr. Alan Wildeman (Chair), Dr. Nancy Wright, Ms. Charlene Yates, Dr. Xiaobu Yuan, Mr. Hussein Zarif, Dr. Shuzhen Zhao.

REGRETS: Dr. Ram Balachandar, Dr. Camille Cameron, Dr. Rick Caron, Dr. Beth Daly, Dr. Waguhih ElMaraghy, Dr. Laurie Freeman-Gibb, Dr. Jill Grant, Dr. Christopher Greig, Dr. Sudhir Paul, Mr. Julien Paquette, Ms. Erin Plumb, Mr. Kaushik Ray, Rev. Thomas Rosica, Dr. K. W. Michael Siu, Dr. Clayton Smith, Dr. Christian Trudeau, Dr. Patricia Weir, Prof. Larry Wilson.

ABSENT: Dr. Allan Conway, Mr. Hussein Hammoud, Mr. Raed Kadri, Dr. Norman King, Dr. Anna Lanoszka, Ms. Maya Madolyn, Dr. Jagdish Pathak.

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms. Renée Wintermute and Ms. Danielle Handsor (University Secretariat).

1 Approval of Agenda (Unstarring agenda items)

Item 5.5.1d, *Discontinuation of Master of Business Administration (Fast-Track Program) and (Co-op) Program*, was unstarred.

MOTION: That the agenda be approved.

Dr. P. Boulos/ Dr. L. Walsh
CARRIED, as amended

2 Minutes of the meetings of June 7, 2013

MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting of June 7, 2013 be approved.

Dr. E. King/ Dr. A. Rossini
CARRIED

3 Business arising from the minutes

Nothing to report.

4 Outstanding Business/Action Items**4.1 Candidates for Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates**

(See document Sa131011-4.1 for more details)

Since approving candidates for degrees, diplomas and certificates is one of Senate's most significant roles, the motions are approved individually in order to signify the importance of this role.

- MOTION #1: To approve the slate of candidates for the Fall 2013 Convocation in the Faculty of Engineering.**
Dr. M. Saif/Dr. D. Northwood
CARRIED
- MOTION #2: To approve the slate of candidates for the Fall 2013 Convocation in the Faculty of Nursing.**
Dr. L. Patrick/Ms. C. Yates
CARRIED
- MOTION #3: To approve the slate of candidates for the Fall 2013 Convocation in the Faculty of Science.**
Dr. M. Koschinsky/ Dr. P. Dutton
CARRIED
- MOTION #4: To approve the slate of candidates for the Fall 2013 Convocation in the area of Centre for Inter-Faculty Programs.**
Dr. K. Quinsey/ Dr. P. Graniero
CARRIED
- MOTION #5: To approve the slate of candidates for the Fall 2013 Convocation in the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.**
Dr. V. Scatamburlo-D'Annibale/ Dr. N. Wright
CARRIED
- MOTION #6: To approve the slate of candidates for the Fall 2013 Convocation in the Odette School Business.**
Dr. J. Singh/ Dr. F. Baki
CARRIED
- MOTION #7: To approve the slate of candidates for the Fall 2013 Convocation in the Faculty of Education.**
Dr. Y. Daniel/ Dr. G. Drake
CARRIED
- MOTION #8: To approve the slate of candidates for the Fall 2013 Convocation in the Faculty of Human Kinetics.**
Dr. M. Khan/Dr. M. Taks
CARRIED
- MOTION #9: To approve the list of candidates receiving Board of Governors medals for Graduating/In-Course student awards.**
Dr. E. King/Mr. I. Ibne Basith
CARRIED
- MOTION #10: To approve the candidate receiving the Governor General's Gold Medal award.**
Dr. C. Macdonald /Dr. P. Dutton
CARRIED
- MOTION #11: To approve the addendum for the Fall 2013 Convocation.**
Dr. G. Ebbett/Dr. V. Scatamburlo-D'Annibale
CARRIED
- MOTION #12: That the President in consultation with the Dean of the Faculty concerned and the Registrar be empowered to approve the names of candidates whose notification of completion of the requirements for their degrees arrived too late for the Senate meeting.**
Dr. L. Walsh/ Dr. P. Graniero
CARRIED

5 Reports/New Business

5.1 Reports from the Student Presidents (UWSA, OPUS, GSS)

University of Windsor Students Alliance (UWSA)

UWSA had a successful Windsor Welcome Week. They profited financially and had a huge turnout at events. Students are relieved that the CUPE 1393 strike has been resolved and would like to know how they will be compensated for the labour disruption.

The UWSA, OPUS and GSS student government representatives have removed themselves from serving on the Judicial Panels because they believe that students' rights are being infringed upon and that Bylaw 31 needs to be rewritten to better reflect the mission of the University. Minor infractions involve a lengthy judicial process and it was argued that Panels need to be empowered to address procedural irregularities that they may find with the investigation or complaint submission. Discussions between the University and the students will continue.

In response, it was noted that the University needs to place less emphasis on punishment and more focus on the educational component, while still upholding the academic integrity of the institution. There are also a disproportionate number of international students before judicial panels. It was noted that the University needs to better prepare international students prior to arriving, and during their time, on campus.

Organization of Part-Time University Students (OPUS)

OPUS mentioned the need for more classes and services offered in the evenings and on weekends. OPUS members also would like to see an increase in the quantity and quality of distance education courses being offered. In response, it was noted that the new office of Open Learning, which is run out of the Centre for Teaching and Learning, is already exploring this area. The Office of Open Learning is responsible for the development of online courses and blended learning. OPUS is currently working with the Office of Open Learning and is looking forward to opportunities to come.

The Chairs of the Academic Policy Committee and Senate Student Caucus (Caucus) attended the OPUS Board meeting in early October to discuss semester lengths, Fall reading week and the future composition of the Caucus. All members were in favor of a Fall reading week. With regard to the future composition of Caucus, members would like to see the membership consist of a majority of students and a student co-chair.

Graduate Students Society (GSS)

GSS is relieved that the labour disruption is over. GSS members also are in favour of Bylaw 31 being revised and stated that procedures need to be followed to ensure that students' rights are not being violated.

The GSS members have expressed a need for more graduate student monetary support in the form of Graduate Assistantships and scholarships, and would like to see a review of how GAships are allocated by department. The number of GAships allocated to a department is based on undergraduate enrolments, rather than the number of graduate students in a department. This seems to disadvantage areas with a large number of graduate students (e.g., MEng). Students are also experiencing confusion with regard to the Co-operative Program and application deadlines.

GSS held a barbeque and there was a huge student turnout. The Grad House will also be opening soon.

5.2 Report of the President

There is great relief across campus that the labour disruption has ended and that staff members have returned back to work.

The University received a draft of a confidential letter introducing a differentiation framework regarding the post secondary education system in Canada. The letter highlights key

university issues and areas of focus, and asks universities to determine how they would rate their institution within these areas, and to identify areas of strength. There are a lot of unanswered questions (*i.e.*, the impact of the differential model on the funding formula). The President hopes to have more information on this issue for the next Senate meeting. It was noted that this differentiation framework could lead to a reduction of government funding in the post-secondary education sector.

5.3 Report of the Academic Colleague

Dr. Dutton was elected to sit on the Council of Ontario Universities' Standing Committee on Relationships with Other Postsecondary Institutions. The Committee will be discussing the following: the differentiation question, College Ontario/Council of Ontario Universities Online Proposal, and Ontario Council on Articulation and Transfer Consultation Paper. Dr. Dutton's full report will be distributed to Senate for its meeting in November.

5.4 Senate Student Caucus

A Task Force was formed to gather feedback on the future composition of the Caucus. The Chair has already attended the UWSA and OPUS board meetings to gather feedback on this topic. The Task Force is also exploring ways for the "average" student to bring student concerns to the Caucus. There is currently a subcommittee working on a University of Windsor pilot survey to assess the quality of student life. The subcommittee is aiming for the survey to be completed by the middle of the Winter term. The subcommittee on Healthy, Affordable and Accessible food on campus will be reporting at the December Caucus meeting. The Farmers' Market has proven to be a successful initiative and should be encouraged to continue in future years. Members were encouraged to stop by the market to show their support.

5.5 Program Development Committee

5.5.1 Program/Course Changes

***a) Biological Sciences – Minor Program Changes**

(See document Sa131011-5.5.1a-o for more details)

MOTION: That the *Biological Sciences – Minor Program Changes* be approved.*

**Subject to the approval of expenditures required.*

***CARRIED**

***b) Business (Graduate) – New Course Proposal**

(See document Sa131011-5.5.1a-o for more details)

MOTION: That the *Business (Graduate) New Course Proposal* be approved.*

**Subject to the approval of expenditures required.*

***CARRIED**

***c) Master of Business Administration (MBA)**

(See document Sa131011-5.5.1a-o for more details)

MOTION: That the *Master of Business Administration (MBA) – Minor Program Changes* be approved.*

**Subject to the approval of expenditures required.*

***CARRIED**

***d) Discontinuation of Master of Business Administration (Fast-Track Program) and (Co-op) Program**

(See document Sa131011-5.5.1a-o for more details)

MOTION: That the Master of Business Administration Degree (Fast –Track Program) and Master of Business Administration (Co-op Education program) be deleted.

Prof. L. Walsh/Dr. P. Graniero

The Odette School of Business is reconsidering the deletion of the Fast-track program as it has started discussions about restructuring it, and would ask Senate to not consider this motion at this time.

MOTION: That the item be tabled.

Dr. B. Tucker/ Mr. H. Zarif

CARRIED

- *e) Environmental Science (Minor in Geography) – Minor Program Changes**
(See document Sa131011-5.5.1a-o for more details)

MOTION: That the *Environmental Science (Minor in Geography – Minor Program Changes* be approved.*

**Subject to the approval of expenditures required.*

***CARRIED**

- *f) Interfaculty (Bachelor of Forensic Science) – Minor Program Changes**
(See document Sa131011-5.5.1a-o for more details)

MOTION: That the Interfaculty (Bachelor of Forensic Science) – *Minor Program Changes* be approved.*

**Subject to the approval of expenditures required.*

***CARRIED**

- *g) Nursing - New Course Proposal**
(See document Sa131011-5.5.1a-o for more details)

MOTION: That the *Nursing - New Course Proposal* be approved.*

**Subject to the approval of expenditures required.*

***CARRIED**

- *h) Philosophy - New Course Proposal**
(See document Sa131011-5.5.1a-o for more details)

MOTION: That the *Philosophy - New Course Proposal* be approved.*

**Subject to the approval of expenditures required.*

***CARRIED**

- *i) PhD in Biological Sciences – Minor Program Changes**
(See document Sa131011-5.5.1a-o for more details)

MOTION: That the *PhD in Biological Sciences – Minor Program Changes* be approved.*

**Subject to the approval of expenditures required.*

***CARRIED**

- *j) MA in Social Data Analysis – Minor Program Changes**
(See document Sa131011-5.5.1a-o for more details)

MOTION: That the *MA in Social Data Analysis – Minor Program Changes* be approved.*

**Subject to the approval of expenditures required.*

***CARRIED**

- *k) MA in Philosophy – Minor Program Changes**
(See document Sa131011-5.5.1a-o for more details)

MOTION: That the *MA in Philosophy – Minor Program Changes* be approved.*

**Subject to the approval of expenditures required.*

***CARRIED**

- *l) Environmental Science (Minor in Environmental Science) – Minor Program Change**
(See document Sa131011-5.5.1a-o for more details)

MOTION: That the *Environmental Science (Minor in Environmental Science) – Minor Program Change* be approved.*

**Subject to the approval of expenditures required.*

***CARRIED**

- *m) Computer Science – Minor Program Changes**
(See document Sa131011-5.5.1a-o for more details.)

MOTION: That the *Computer Science – Minor Program Changes* be approved.*

**Subject to the approval of expenditures required.*

***CARRIED**

- *n) Kinesiology – New Course Proposals and Minor Program Changes**
(See document Sa131011-5.5.1a-o for more details.)

MOTION: That the *Kinesiology - New Course Proposals and Minor Program Changes* be approved.*

**Subject to the approval of expenditures required.*

***CARRIED**

- *o) Sociology, Anthropology & Criminology – New Course Proposals and Minor Program Changes**
(See document Sa131011-5.5.1a-o for more details)

MOTION: That the *Sociology, Anthropology & Criminology - New Course Proposals and Minor Program Changes* be approved.*

**Subject to the approval of expenditures required.*

***CARRIED**

5.6 Academic Policy

The Academic Policy Committee (APC) is currently seeking feedback from students, staff and faculty regarding semester lengths and a Fall reading week. An online survey has been distributed and the Chair of APC has been attending Faculty Council and Student Government Board meetings to gather feedback from its members on the topics. Taking into consideration the feedback gathered, Senate will be making the final recommendation to the President regarding semester lengths and a Fall reading week. There are subcommittees

working on revising the medical notes and conduct of examinations policies, as requested by Senate during the last academic year. It was noted that the handling of electronic devices needs to be made clear in the conduct of examinations policy.

It was noted that the survey has flaws. The survey appears to favour the idea of having a Fall reading week. This needs to be considered when reviewing the results, as they could be viewed as skewed and misleading. It was also suggested that APC should address the placement of a Fall reading, should it recommend there be one. (*i.e.*, if the Fall reading week was held at the beginning of the semester it may be too early for students to fully benefit). It was noted that the last time the University had a Fall reading week it was unsuccessful because it attempted to be more than a reading week. Prior to that it was cancelled due to faculty labour disruption. It was noted that Faculty contracts are up for renewal next year and some individuals believe that the timing of the review of semester lengths and a Fall reading week is related to this as it would provide the University with an additional week for negotiations. In response, it was noted that they were independent of each other and that the discussion of a Fall reading was a result of issues that were raised by Senate last year.

It was noted that students may have an issue with paying the same amount of money in tuition for only receiving twelve weeks of instruction. In response, it was noted that tuition is based on the number of registered courses, not the length of the semester.

UWSA has created a Fall reading week survey. The results of the survey will be shared with the APC. UWSA has also created a Facebook group in favor of a Fall reading week and has already received ~750 likes.

5.7 Committee Membership

5.7.1. Senate Representative on the Board of Governors

The election is to fill the remainder of Dr. Dietmar Lage's term on the Board, from January 1, 2014 to August 31, 2014. The following nomination was received prior to the Senate meeting: Dr. Maureen Gowing. The floor was open for nominations. No additional names were added to the ballot.

MOTION: That nominations cease.

Dr. P. Dutton/Dr. G. Ebbett
CARRIED

Dr. Maureen Gowing was acclaimed to the Board of Governors.

5.8 Bylaw Business

Nothing to report.

5.9 Report of the Provost

Bylaw 31

The Dean of Law and the Director of Community Legal Aid disagree that students' rights have been violated due to personnel decisions. There is widespread agreement that Bylaw 31 needs to be revised because it is too dense and difficult to comprehend. The process has been initiated and there will be a report submitted late in the Fall semester. Currently a discussion is taking place on addressing the system as a whole and a consensus has been reached on a conceptual framework based on guiding principles and values.

Productivity and Innovation Fund

A 45 million dollar fund was announced on August 2013. The University of Windsor is participating in 16 proposals regarding funding for blending learning, teaching support and student research support.

Ontario University Fair

The Fair was successful for the University of Windsor. There was a 25% increase, from last year, in the number of prospective students and 30% additional VIEW books were distributed.

The University of Windsor is also the exclusive education partner with the Maple Leafs Sports and Entertainment and promotional hockey pucks were distributed.

India Trip

The University of Windsor's contract with Higher Edge has come to a close. The newly implemented international recruitment system will improve our operations and there are huge opportunities for the University to collaborate with other institutions in India and China.

The implications of students withdrawing from the Judicial Panel were addressed. The process has currently come to a halt, and students who are currently in the queue may be impacted. In response to a comment made, it was noted that decisions around personnel matters and around the administration of Community Legal Aid are not matters of Senate. The main concerns revolve around the following of procedures and ensuring that students are dealt with in a fair and just manner. It was noted that The Windsor Star article placed a large emphasis on international students being the majority of the students accused of academic misconduct, resulting in comments from the public, which only serve to reinforce stereotypes around international students. In an effort to resolve these issues a meeting needs to be arranged with the students and the Director of Community Legal Aid.

5.10 Report of Vice-President, Research

Differentiation

University differentiation is much discussed topic these days. In July, HEQCO published a report entitled "The Diversity of Ontario's Universities: A Data Set to Inform the Differentiation Discussion", which may or may not be used by our Provincial Government in its higher-education agenda.

With regard to research, the two most important differentiation parameters used are Ph.D. graduation numbers and research activity, with research income being the most visible subset in the latter. The University of Windsor is in a group of four universities (with York, Carleton and Ryerson) that is considered to be in between a group of seven research-intensive universities and a group of nine mainly-undergraduate universities. To remain in this group, Windsor needs to continue and increase its research activities.

To support increased graduate student enrollment and research activities, Windsor will need to try to raise its research income by ensuring that it sends its best applications forward, makes use of all available grant opportunities, and supports research developments internally so that they will be more competitive at the national and international stages. The Office of the Vice-President, Research and the Office of Research Services are here to support and work with faculty to maximize their chance of success. It was noted that changes to graduate funding have an impact on teaching and the research priorities of the University.

Provincial and National Competitions

The Ontario Research Infrastructure grants' Large Infrastructure competition will be available for matching the Canada Foundation for Innovation's Leading Edge/New Initiatives Fund. The call for the latter is expected to be in December with a Notice of Intent deadline in March 2014 and an Application deadline in June 2014. In contrast with previous rounds of competition, it is expected

Both the Federal and Provincial governments emphasizing entrepreneurship. Ontario Centres of Excellence is calling for expression of interest on Campus-Linked Accelerators from post-secondary institutions in partnerships with regional innovation centres to better support graduate entrepreneurs and their startup companies.

"Research Matters" is the name of a province-wide campaign launched by the Council of Ontario Universities to get academic researchers off their campuses and into the community to talk about the ideas, issues and stories emerging from their research that affect everyday life. Rupp Carriveau was Windsor's 2012-2013 representative with talks on wind energy; Bill Anderson is Windsor's current representative with talks on border issues.

6 Question Period/Other Business

Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS)

The OGS top up has been diminished. The conference travel grant has been eliminated, and scholarship support has been cut off, all resulting in the declining support for, and number of graduate students. It was noted that this issue is not unique to the University of Windsor and is currently being discussed amongst Deans of Graduate Studies. It was also noted that the reduction in funding is a result of government reductions to universities, and that increases in funding to support graduate students will result in decreases in funding elsewhere in the University. In response to a question, students were encouraged to participate in academic planning process through their membership on departmental and Faculty Councils.

University Professor

Members congratulated Dr. Derek Northwood who will be awarded the title of University Professor at the Fall 2013 Convocation.

7 Adjournment

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.

Dr. M. Gowing/Dr. G. Ebbett
CARRIED