

*University of Waterloo*

**SENATE**

***Minutes of the March 22, 2004 Meeting***

***Present:*** David Johnston (Chair), Lois Claxton (Secretary), Emma Bardon, Ranjana Bird, Kieran Bonner, Stephen Brown, Jane Buyers, Jeannette Byrne, Avi Caplan, Amit Chakma, Adrian Chin, John Crossley, Mieke Delfgaauw, Ray Digby, Yolanda Dorrington, Chris Edey, Brian Forrest, Alan George, James Gollnick, Bruce Greenberg, Len Guelke, Paul Guild, Simon Guthrie, Mark Haslett, Jesse Helmer, Rick Helmes-Hayes, Conrad Hewitt, Michael Higgins, Keith Hipel, Dennis Huber, Ed Jernigan, Bob Kerton, George Labahn, Ken Lavigne, Wing-Ki Liu, Neil Malcolm, David Matthews, Bruce Mitchell, Heather Murray, John North, Joseph Novak, Henry Paetkau, Alan Plumtree, Bill Power, Steve Prentice, Manoj Sachdev, Paul Schellenberg, Adel Sedra, Thomas Seebohm, Mike Sharratt, James Skidmore, James Sloan, Ralph Smith, Lubomir Stanchev, Donna Strickland, Giuseppe Tenti, Ross Willard, Ian Williams, Johnny Wong

Gail Cuthbert Brandt, Catharine Scott, Laura Talbot-Allan, Bob Truman, Bud Walker

***Absent:*** Graham Brown\*, Christopher Burris, Hsiao d'Ailly, Antero Da Silva\*, George Dixon\*, Christian Dufournaud\*, Marlene Epp\*, Mariela Gutiérrez\*, Bob Harding\*, Laurie Hoffman-Goetz\*, Suzanne Hubbard, Igor Ivkovic, Mike Lazaridis\*, Robert Le Roy\*, Siyan Li, Geoff McBoyle\*, Liam McHugh-Russell, Ray McLenaghan, Kirsten Morris\*, Arokia Nathan, Catherine Schryer\*, Tony Vannelli\*, Edward Vrscay, John Wainwright\*, Paul Wesson

\*regrets

***1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES***

The February 23, 2004 minutes were approved as distributed.

Guthrie and Chin. Carried.

***2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES***

There was no business arising.

***3. REPORT OF THE CHAIR***

***Recognition and Commendation.*** Senate received this list for information, and noted the following addition: a UW student team was ranked sixth in the 64<sup>th</sup> annual William Lowell Putnam Mathematics Competition written last December by 3,615 students from 479 colleges and universities across Canada and the United States. The top five teams were from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Harvard, Duke, California Institute of Technology and Harvey Mudd College. Other Canadian teams placing in the top 10 were from the University of British Columbia and the University of Toronto. Rounding out the top 10 were teams from Princeton and the University of California, Berkeley. Waterloo's Ralph Furmaniak, a first-year student, had an outstanding result, placing among the top five individuals. He earned the title of Putnam Fellow and received an award of \$2,500. Other members of the UW team were Lino Demasi, who earned an Honorable Mention by placing in the top 66, and Olena Bormashenko. Other UW students included

Xiaoning Chai, Xiannen Li and Feng Tian, who all placed in the top 200 individuals. Five additional students placed in the top 500: Chris Almost, Charles Li, Tyler Lu, Alejandro Morales and Sanjay Patel. Waterloo's team was coached by Statistics & Actuarial Science Professor Christopher Small.

**Agenda Format.** To allow Senate to complete a number of matters quickly and to devote more of its attention to major items of business, the Executive Committee has decided to move to a consent agenda (adopted by the Board several years ago) beginning in April. The agenda will be divided between items that are to be approved and/or received for information by consent and those that are to be presented individually for discussion and decision and/or information. A consent agenda is not intended to prevent discussion of any matter by Senate but items listed under the consent sections will not be discussed at the meeting unless a Senator so requests and will be approved by an omnibus motion. Senators will be supplied with the appropriate documentation for each item. This process will begin on a trial basis, to be evaluated following the May meeting.

**Environmental Scan:**

- **Federal Budget** [PowerPoint slides available from the Secretariat]. The President noted that AUCC does a very good job of monitoring government relations in Ottawa, while attempting to influence them, and presented "issues" which AUCC will be tracking in tomorrow's [March 23] budget.
- **Provincial Government** [overhead slides available from the Secretariat]. The President reported that COU has embarked on a substantial public awareness campaign to try to influence the budgeting process and, more particularly, the government's public consultations that have been taking place. He presented "themes" that will be appearing in COU's message for reinvestment in the higher education and research enterprise.
- **Campaign Waterloo.** The launch of the "public" phase is scheduled for tomorrow [March 23] at 11:30 a.m. in the Great Hall of the Davis Centre, with a second launch event in the evening in Toronto at the Design Exchange. Board of Governors Chair Bob Harding (and Chair of the Campaign) and Chancellor Mike Lazaridis will be announcing pledged gifts to the Campaign of at least \$180 million toward the \$260 million goal.

**4. REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT, ACADEMIC & PROVOST**

**Proposed School of Pharmacy Initiative Update.** Waterloo has now signed a "non-binding" memorandum of understanding with the University of Toronto as a step toward establishing a Satellite School of Pharmacy. UW will benefit from this collaboration since the program at Toronto is a well-established, accredited program. Students may receive a joint Toronto/Waterloo degree and would probably have access to UW co-op placements. Pharmacy is proposed as the first initiative at a Health Sciences Campus that UW has expressed interest in opening in downtown Kitchener. Kitchener City Council is likely to decide at its March 29 meeting, when it votes on the 2004-05 capital budget, whether to approve the land transfer and \$30 million commitment to UW.

**Graduate Funding.** The Vice-President reported that he and the President have received letters from some 75 faculty members in Arts, protesting what they have heard is a cut in funding for graduate studies in that Faculty. Senate heard that, in fact, when the cuts are balanced with the increases across various funds, there will be at least \$200,000 more, not less, for graduate work in Arts.

## 5. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS

**Finance Committee** [PowerPoint slides available from the Secretariat]. The Provost gave a broad presentation of this report, providing context as necessary. Senate heard a motion to agree to recommend the 2004-05 Operating Budget to the Board of Governors for approval.

Chakma and Plumtree.

Senate heard: acknowledgement that spending cuts create more work and kudos to UW's faculty and staff for enabling the University to do such a good job with less; notwithstanding, the quality of the learning experience has suffered over the past 10 years; the observation that the cost of tuition, in constant dollars, is less than it was in 1993; some universities (e.g., Toronto) have multi-year budgets and incorporate deficits into their budget plans; kudos to the Provost for putting together a strong budget in difficult times and for including student participation. Notwithstanding the likelihood the province will freeze tuition, it is important to continue to establish annual tuition fee increases [p.4], consistent with the Board of Governors tuition fee policy and the most recent government requirements. In so doing, both University Stakeholders and the provincial government can be apprised of the growing revenue gap created by such freeze.

The motion carried. One abstention.

**Distinguished Teacher Award Committee.** The Chair of the Committee presented the report [copies available at the meeting] and announced the recipients of the 2004 Distinguished Teacher Awards: Vera Golini (Italian, St. Jerome's University), Jane Lang (Earth Sciences), Wing-Ki Liu (Physics) and Harriet Lyons (Anthropology). This was followed by a round of applause.

**Distinguished Teaching by a Registered Student Award Selection Committee** [copies of the Committee's report available at the meeting]. The Chair announced the recipients of the 2004 Distinguished Teaching by a Registered Student Awards: Abdul Rahim Ahmad (Systems Design Engineering), Esther Cheung (Architecture), Danica Martin (Health Studies & Gerontology) and Doreen Siu (Independent Studies).

### **Graduate & Research Council**

- **New Institute.** Senate heard a motion to approve the establishment, for a five-year period, to 2009, of the Institute for Quantitative Finance & Insurance (IQFI).

Kerton and George. Carried.

- **Removal from Senate Approved List.** Senate heard a motion to approve that the following be removed from the approved list: Biotechnology Research Centre (BRC), Porous Media Research Institute (PMRI), Quaternary Sciences Institute (QSI), Waterloo-Laurier-Guelph Centre for Russian & East European Studies, and Waterloo Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Centre. It was heard that these are centres/institutes whose terms have expired, have served their purpose or are winding down.

Kerton and George. Carried.

- **New Program.** Senate heard a motion to approve the new Joint Master of Engineering Program in Nuclear Engineering (UNENE MEng). It was noted that this will be a self-funded, full cost-recovery and course-based program.

Sedra and Hipel.

In response to a question about the environmental impact of “nuclear engineering,” Senate heard the comment that nuclear energy is considered quite safe and much cleaner than fossil fuel.

The motion carried. One opposed.

Senate received the remaining items in the report for information.

**Scholarships & Student Aid Committee.** Senate received this report for information.

#### **Undergraduate Council**

- **New Diploma Program.** Senate heard a motion to approve the Education Program for Photonics Professionals (EP3). It was noted that this is a full cost-recovery program.

Strickland and Sloan. Carried.

Senate received the remaining item in the report for information.

### **6. REPORTS FROM THE FACULTIES**

Senate received these reports for information.

### **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

**Election: COU Academic Colleague.** After noting that Paul Schellenberg (Combinatorics & Optimization) had previously indicated willingness to serve, Senate heard a motion to open nominations.

Chakma and Bonner. Carried.

Senate then heard a motion to close nominations.

Williams and Sharratt. Carried.

Senator Schellenberg was acclaimed as UW’s COU Academic Colleague, term from July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2006.

### **8. CONFIDENTIAL SESSION**

Senate convened in confidential session.