

*University of Waterloo*

*SENATE*

*Minutes of the Monday, May 16, 2005 Meeting*

**Present:** David Johnston (Chair), Lois Claxton (Secretary), John Andersen, Jean Andrey, Rebecca Baxter, Claire Bazley, Graham Brown, Steve Brown, Amit Chakma, Antero Da Silva, Caustan De Riggs, George Dixon, Marlene Epp, Adam Felix, Pierre Fillion, Jonathan Fishbein, Peter Forsyth, Roydon Fraser, James Gollnick, Paul Guild, Simon Guthrie, Mary Hardy, Jeff Henry, Keith Hipel, Dennis Huber, Janice Husted, Tim Kenyon, George Labahn, Ken Lavigne, Robert Le Roy, Wing-Ki Liu, Harriet Lyons, Michael Makahnouk, Atefeh Mashatan, Bruce Mitchell, Bill Power, Steve Prentice, Catherine Rosenberg, Manoj Sachdev, Paul Schellenberg, Gerry Schneider, Adel Sedra, Mike Sharratt, Craig Sloss, Michael Stone, Donna Strickland, Scott Taylor, Geoff Wall, Johnny Wong, Frank Zorzitto

Gail Cuthbert Brandt, Tom Carey, Cathie Jenkins, Susan Routliffe, Catharine Scott, Laura Talbot-Allan, Bob Truman

**Absent:** Tanveer Ali\*, Matthew Austin, Ranjana Bird\*, Stephen Birkett, Kieran Bonner\*, John Crossley, Sherry Dupuis\*, Alan George\*, Mariela Gutiérrez\*, Mark Haslett\*, Michael Higgins\*, Ed Jernigan, Bob Kerton\*, Scott Kline, Paul Koenderman\*, Mike Lazaridis\*, Ellsworth LeDrew\*, Paul Lehmann\*, Robert Mann, Christine McWebb, Henry Paetkau\*, Tracy Peressini\*, James Skidmore\*, Ralph Smith\*, Douglas Stebila\*, Myroslaw Tataryn\*, Ross Willard

\*regrets

***OPEN SESSION***

***Consent Agenda***

Senate heard an omnibus motion to approve or receive for information by consent items 1-4 [below].

Chakma and Guild.

***1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES***

The minutes of the April 18, 2005 meeting were approved as distributed, subject to the addition that the President, in response to a question, advised that he expected the Long Range Planning Committee to be active in the coming year [Long Range Planning Committee, item 4].

***2. REPORT OF THE CHAIR***

***Recognition and Commendation.*** Senate received this report for information.

***Tenure and Promotion of Faculty Members.*** Senate received this report for information.

***3. REPORTS FROM THE FACULTIES***

Senate received these reports for information.

***4. OTHER BUSINESS***

***Appointments*** [revised report at Senators' places]. Senate approved the following Committee/

Council appointments: Finance Committee – Douglas Stebila (Combinatorics & Optimization) as a graduate student rep, term to April 30, 2006; Graduate & Research Council – Brett McAllister (Civil Engineering), Stephen Utz (Planning), Brian Ellis (Chemistry) as graduate student reps, terms to April 30, 2007; Long Range Planning Committee – Atefeh Mashatan (Combinatorics & Optimization) as a graduate student rep, term to April 30, 2006.

**Approval of Degrees/Diplomas/Certificates.** Senate agreed to delegate approval of the roster of graduands to its Executive Committee.

**COU Report.** Senate received this report for information.

The motion carried.

### Regular Agenda

#### 5. **FACULTY OF ARTS PRESENTATION**

This presentation was postponed to the June meeting of Senate.

#### 6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**Registrar's Update** [<http://www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infosec/registrar.may05.pdf>]. The Registrar advised on the following:

- **Admissions:** UW's offers to date (9,000 or 45% of UW's eventual total compared with other universities where ~80% of offers have been made); OSS confirmations (UW up 19.9% in first choice but down -16.6% overall compared with a system increase of 37.2% and 23.4% respectively); non-OSS admissions (UW up 71.9% in first choice compared to the system average of 21.3%). It was noted that May 13 is the earliest date by which a university can require confirmation and June 13 the earliest date for financial commitments.
- **Undergraduate Financial Aid:** spring 2005 is the first term where UW is meeting OSAP unmet need (230 students identified with \$274,000 committed). The standard bursary application process required to meet UW unmet need will be phased in over the next seven terms and will be assessed *re* the financial commitment required.
- **Examinations:** resulting from the new protocol (2.5-hour exams) approved by Senate in January and the need to address back-to-back exams, alternatives to his proposed "make-up exam protocol" are being explored and appear promising. Senate was reminded of concerns expressed in January that there had been insufficient consultation with faculty before implementation was proposed and of the need to hear from "grass roots" on such matters.

**Reading Week.** Senators heard from the Dean of Engineering, that Engineering students are strongly opposed to a change (a winter term two-day mid-term break and three pre-exam study days) and his disposition to defer to their views; from the Engineering undergraduate student Senator, that his limited consultation with students reveals a 2:1 ratio against change, consistent with soundings taken in November 2004, and that he needs more time to consult; from a Mathematics faculty Senator, that this matter is on the agenda for an imminent Mathematics Faculty Council meeting; from the Mathematics undergraduate student Senator, that he needed more time to consult, however, current soundings appear to be 2:1 in favour of a full week winter break. Further comments included: Engineering accreditation requirements for days of study preclude the possibility of a five-day mid-term break and three pre-exam study days; the observation *re* asymmetry – Engineering has pre-exam

study days only in the winter term; from the Registrar, that the requisite days of study preclude the possibility of pre-exam study days for fall and spring terms. It was agreed to revisit this item at the June Senate meeting.

## 7. **REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

**Welcome to New and Continuing Senators:** ex officio reps – John Andersen (President, Federation of Students), Michael Makahnouk (President, Graduate Student Association); faculty reps – Stephen Birkett, Sherry Dupuis, Pierre Fillion, Peter Forsyth, Mariela Gutiérrez (reappointment), Mary Hardy, Tim Kenyon, Scott Kline, Bob Le Roy (reappointment), Christine McWebb, Tracy Peressini (reappointment), Bill Power (reappointment), Christine Rosenberg, Michael Stone, Donna Strickland (reappointment), Myroslaw Tataryn, Scott Taylor, Geoff Wall, Johnny Wong; undergraduate student reps – Matthew Austin, Claire Bazley, Caustan De Riggs, Adam Felix, Jonathan Fishbein; graduate student reps – Atefeh Mashatan, Douglas Stebila; alumni rep – Jeff Henry.

### **Environmental Scan**

- **KB/05.** The President commented on a productive retreat which addressed a number of topics including the CECS review and performance indicators.
- **Provincial Budget** [<http://www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infosec/scan.may05.pdf>]. Noting that this was a very good news budget for post-secondary education with its “Reaching Higher” five-year plan, the President’s presentation focussed on highlights including: the \$6.2 billion cumulative investment by 2009-10 which will ensure improved access and quality, better facilities and will require more accountability; student assistance (\$358 million in new investment by 2009-10, a continued tuition freeze for 2005-06, work beginning on a new tuition framework, \$50 million annually for the new Ontario Trust for Student Support); quality (increased numbers of faculty, proposed Research Council of Ontario); enrolment and outreach (new strategy to attract international students and encourage study abroad for Ontario students); accountability (proposed Higher Education Quality Council). He thanked Senators who wrote/visited MPPs and the Premier, noting it had an effect and also asked that they now take time to express appreciation to the Premier and John Milloy (letter template to appear on tomorrow’s *Daily Bulletin* [<http://www.bulletin.uwaterloo.ca/2005/may/17tu.html>]).

In discussion, Senators heard with respect to the impact of the budget on tuition, UW’s position on the new tuition framework and UW’s Board approved “Statement of Purpose on Undergraduate Student Financial Support”: from the President, that UW will continue to work hard to establish a robust student aid package; having a framework on tuition maxima is sensible and that the Board-approved tuition maxima have never been simultaneously invoked; tuition fees will continue to be established annually based on a number of factors including available student aid; a cornerstone of the Board-approved Statement is that no qualified student will be denied the opportunity to complete his/her education because of finances; the framework for tuition targeted for September ’06 is unlikely to include a tuition freeze.

Senate heard a suggestion that prior to UW’s responding to the framework for tuition, the matter should be discussed in a structured format at Senate.

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

**Provincial Budget.** The Provost spoke briefly about the immediate impact of the funding increases on UW, noting that half of the \$282 million allocated to universities in 2005-06 has already been

taken into account in university budgets, including UW's; that UW will get a share of ~\$19 million this year (growing to \$220 million by 2009-10) to expand graduate enrolment; and estimated that UW will have an additional \$5 to \$6 million added to the current year's budget.

***Institute for Quantum Computing and Nanotechnology.*** The Provost noted with great appreciation that the recent gift of \$17 million from the Chancellor and his wife brought to \$50 million the funds available for the construction of a signature building to house IQC and Nanotechnology (now located in the BFG building, a structure not designed for such purposes and not suitable for IQC or UW's long-term needs). The new building (\$70 million, 225,000 square feet) will be located between the Mathematics & Computer and Biology II buildings; \$300 million would turn the building into a world class facility.

#### **9. REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT, EXTERNAL RELATIONS**

The Vice-President offered that the \$260 million campaign target will be achieved by June and invited all present to a celebration to be held on campus on June 14 at 3:30.

#### **10. REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT, UNIVERSITY RESEARCH**

The Vice-President indicated that comparative data on NSERC Discovery Grant awards were still not available, and that he would report back at the June meeting of Senate. He commented on G10 comparative information pertaining to Canada Research Chairs: UW held its 53 CRCs while the G10 total is down nine CRCs since last year; between second- and sixth-year calculations, G10 is down 42 and UW is the only institution to go up on its CRC count. He finished by describing the process the Office of Research is putting in place to prepare for the CFI Innovation Fund – latest round.

#### **11. REPORTS FROM COUNCILS**

***Graduate & Research.*** Senate heard a motion to approve the establishment of the Centre for Pavement & Transportation Technology.

Guild and Sedra. Carried.

Senate heard a motion to approve the new Joint Master of Arts in Public Issues Anthropology (Arts) program.

Guild and Chakma. Carried.

Senate heard a motion to approve the new Graduate Diploma in Taxation (Arts).

Guild and Chakma. Carried.

The remaining items in the report were received for information.

***Undergraduate Council.*** Senate heard an omnibus motion to approve the following: new plans – Honours Co-operative Chemistry (Science), Specialization in Medicinal Chemistry (Science); plan deletions – Career Development Practitioner Option (Arts), Biotechnology/Economics (Science); policy additions – Co-op Enhancement (Arts), Multiple Counting of Courses (Environmental Studies); request for exemption: certificates and diplomas – Post Baccalaureate Diploma (Arts).

Chakma and Dixon.

In response to a question on consultation of students *re* the Faculty of Arts co-op enhancement, Senate heard that the Associate Undergraduate Dean had discussions with students; further, that the Associate Provost, Academic & Student Affairs along with the five Associate Undergraduate Deans are working together on co-op enhancement.

The motion carried.

Senate received the remaining item in the report for information.

## **12. OTHER BUSINESS**

***Amendments to the Distinguished Teacher Award Guidelines.*** Having heard the Associate Vice-President, Learning Resources & Innovation speak to the rationale for the amendments and that, in response to a concern expressed about the all-male composition of the TEC Teaching Awards Working Group, that the working groups had self-selected, Senate heard a motion to approve the proposed amendments to the Guidelines as indicated in the report.

Andrey and Gollnick. Carried.

Senate convened in confidential session.

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June 9, 2005

Lois Claxton  
Secretary of the University