

**University of Waterloo
SENATE**

Minutes of the Monday, November 21, 2005 Meeting

Present: David Johnston (Chair), Lois Claxton (Secretary), Jean Andrey, Matthew Austin, Rebecca Baxter, Claire Bazley, Stephen Birkett, Kieran Bonner, Graham Brown, Steve Brown, Brian Capstick, Amit Chakma, Tom Coleman, Antero Da Silva, Caustan De Riggs, Sherry Dupuis, Marlene Epp, Adam Felix, Jonathan Fishbein, Paul Guild, Simon Guthrie, Mary Hardy, Mark Haslett, Jeff Henry, Michael Higgins, Keith Hipel, Ed Jernigan, Tim Kenyon, Bob Kerton, George Labahn, Ken Lavigne, Robert Le Roy, Ellsworth LeDrew, Paul Lehmann, Harriet Lyons, Michael Makahnouk, Roger Mannell, Atefeh Mashatan, Christine McWebb, Bruce Mitchell, Henry Paetkau, Bill Power, Catherine Rosenberg, Manoj Sachdev, Paul Schellenberg, Gerry Schneider, Adel Sedra, James Skidmore, Craig Sloss, Donna Strickland, Myroslaw Tataryn, Scott Taylor, Ross Willard, Frank Zorzitto

Gail Cuthbert Brandt, Alan George, Flora Ng, Prabakhar Ragde, Catharine Scott, Laura Talbot-Allan, Jay Thomson, Bob Truman, Bud Walker

Absent: Tanveer Ali*, John Andersen*, Ranjana Bird*, John Crossley*, George Dixon*, Pierre Filion, Peter Forsyth, Roydon Fraser, James Gollnick*, Mariela Gutiérrez*, Dennis Huber*, Janice Husted*, Scott Kline*, Paul Koenderman*, Mike Lazaridis*, Wing-Ki Liu*, Robert Mann, Tracy Peressini*, Steve Prentice*, Ralph Smith, Douglas Stebila*, Michael Stone, Geoff Wall, Johnny Wong

*regrets

OPEN SESSION

Consent Agenda

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

Makahnouk and Sloss.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The October 17, 2005 minutes were approved as distributed.

2. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Recognition and Commendation. Senate received this report for information.

3. REPORTS FROM THE FACULTIES

Senate received these reports for information.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Committee Appointments/Reappointments. Senate approved the appointments/reappointments to the Distinguished Teacher Award and Award for Distinguished Teaching by a Registered Student Committees as listed on the revised one-pager at Senators' places.

The motion carried.

Regular Agenda

5. **OTHER BUSINESS (A)**

COU Report. The University Librarian noted that the Scholars Portal is a major benefit to scholars across Ontario and the envy of colleagues in other provinces and the States. OCUL has been working on a “one-pager” *re* enhancing and developing the portal further for possible submission to COU.

Senate received this report for information.

6. **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/COUNCILS (A)**

University Appointments Review Committee (UARC). The UARC Chair’s presentation [powerpoint slides: <http://www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infosec/uarc.nov21.pdf>] included a summary of proposals for regular faculty appointments reviewed by the Committee over the past five years.

Senate received this report for information.

Secretary’s Note: for Applied Health Sciences, the number of foreign academics should be “1.5” not “2” [p. A19].

University Tenure & Promotion Advisory Committee (UTPAC). Senate received this report for information.

The President expressed his gratitude to the Chairs and members of UARC and UTPAC for their efficient and thorough work.

7. **PRESENTATIONS**

St. Paul’s United College [<http://www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infosec/stp.nov21.pdf>]. In his presentation, the Principal outlined the College’s theme from 1962 to 2002 (residential community open to all UW undergraduates, Religious Studies, Canadian Studies, DE, Stanley Knowles Visiting Professorship, and Kerr-Saltsman Lectureship), renewal since 2002 (graduate expansion, internationalization, and Aboriginal services), recent activities (new apartment residence for graduate students and major gift for the Aboriginal High School Enrichment program in partnership with Waterloo Unlimited) and planned initiatives (new academic vision and mission: aligned with UW principles for the sixth decade, built on partnerships with Faculties, and complemented by a small, highly diverse, residential learning community). He concluded by expressing his thanks for the support of colleagues at UW and the Federated University and Affiliated Colleges without whom St. Paul’s would not have advanced as far as it has.

In response to a question about the College’s vision and initiatives *re* Aboriginal students and Native Studies, Senate heard that the College is: supporting existing students through its Aboriginal Counsellor; using its own resources to increase enrolment; assisting researchers in their efforts to conduct research on First Nations reserves; encouraging colleagues to think “fresh” *re* a longer term strategy. The College does not foresee Native Studies expanding into an academic program but rather providing an opportunity for students in Social Work and other studies to better understand Aboriginal/non-Aboriginal relations.

Sixth Decade Plan [<http://www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infosec/sixthdecade.nov21.pdf>]. Following the Provost's presentation where he noted that he was tabling the ambitious plan to provide Senators opportunity to consider before returning to it at the January meeting for more fulsome discussion, hoped to bring individual Faculty plans to Senate over the winter for discussion and feedback, and was targeting June 2006 for completion of the document, Senators heard in discussion: a suggestion that the document would benefit by reflecting information with more currency and that data/percentages, etc., should be internally consistent/accurate [the document will go back to the Task Force on Performance Indicators to ensure appropriate measures are being used]; space needs/expansion should be specifically addressed in the context of student/faculty growth; attention should be given to attributes (e.g., good global citizens) UW graduates should have. In his concluding remarks, the Provost asked Senators to send word-smithed suggestions for inclusions (are there glaring omissions?)/amendments (outrageous ambitions?) to either him or Emily Barnes, Secretary of the Senate Long Range Planning Committee (SLRP), which will subsequently be presented to SLRP for discussion.

8. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There was no business arising.

9. **REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

Endowment for Excellence in Computer Science. The Associate Provost, Information Systems & Technology commented on David Cheriton's recent gift of \$25 million to the School of Computer Science to create the David R. Cheriton Endowment for Excellence in Computer Science. To recognise Dr. Cheriton's outstanding accomplishments and exceptional generosity, the School of Computer Science has been named the David R. Cheriton School of Computer Science.

Enrolment [<http://www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infosec/enrolment.nov21.pdf>]. The Director of Institutional Analysis & Planning's presentation included an update on enrolment numbers for year one full-time undergrads (5,065, 93% of target; including 403 international students, 82% of target) and grad new admits, eligible (fall: 489, year: 669) and international and full-cost recovery (fall: 276, year: 459).

Environmental Scan [<http://www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infosec/scan.nov21.pdf>]. The President began his presentation by reporting on his recent visit to Hong Kong and China as part of the Trade and Investment Mission led by Premier Dalton McGuinty and Minister Joseph Cordiano where he met UW alumni and potential donors and re-signed existing educational agreements with Nanjing University, Nanjing University of Technology, and Nanjing University of Finance and Economics. He noted that UW has exchange agreements, Memoranda of Understanding or other links with 26 universities in China and Hong Kong.

The President commented on the recent *Maclean's* rankings (UW needs to work to achieve an 80% entrance cut-off; select parameters will be discussed at future Senate meetings) and provided a federal overview including an economic and fiscal update (growth rates predicted to be 2.8% in 2005, 2.9% in 2006, and 3.1% in 2007; inflation expected to remain low even at current energy prices; employment growth robust and revenue growth strong; major factor is how long until an election is called and the outcome; additional \$9.2 billion to support higher learning, skills training, and greater inclusion in the Canadian work force) and the Education Innovation Fund (~\$2.1 billion in new funding in 2005-06 and over the next five years to sustain Canada's leadership in university-based research; ~\$200 million over the next five years to provide up to 3,500 internships and up to

500 MBA scholarships for natural and health sciences and engineering graduates; research envelope funding will bring indirect cost support for 26% to 40% of direct research costs).

10. REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT, ACADEMIC & PROVOST

Property Sale. The Provost advised that the sale (purchase price of \$4.6 million) of the Ontario Seed Co. Ltd. property (68 Victoria Street South, Kitchener) to UW closed last week.

New Appointment. The Provost announced the appointment of David Fransen as Associate Vice-President, Strategic Relations and Executive Director of the Institute for Quantum Computing for an initial term of two years under the federal government's Executive Interchange Program. Dr. Fransen currently serves as Industry Canada's Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy Sector.

11. REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT, EXTERNAL RELATIONS

In her remarks, the Vice-President noted: the campaign had reached the \$294 million mark; the new Ontario Trust for Student Support initiative for graduate and undergraduate scholarships; the successful launch of the \$1 million Hong Kong Alumni Campaign; the Emerging Trends/Philanthropic Speakers initiative under the aegis of her office.

12. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/COUNCILS (B)

Graduate & Research Council. Senate heard a motion to approve the removal of the Waterloo Centre for Materials Technology from the Senate-approved list.

Guild and Sedra. Carried.

The remaining items in the report were received for information.

Undergraduate Council. Senate heard a motion to approve the revised Guidelines for Determining Academic Calendar Dates and the 2006-07 academic calendar dates.

Lavigne and Mannell.

In discussion, Senate heard: from the Engineering Undergraduate Senator, that this proposal lacks significant support from Engineering students who place greater value in more study days at the end of the winter term than a mid-winter break; from the Dean of Engineering, who commended the Registrar on his proposal which appears viable but noted he would abstain from the vote given the view of Engineering students.

The motion carried.

Senate heard a motion to approve Mathematics' new degree requirements (Profession Development courses), name change (Computational Mathematics plan, Computational Discrete Mathematics stream) and change in degree requirements (Out-of-Faculty Minors, limit on failures; Out-of-Faculty Joint Honours, maximum failure requirements; Out-of-Faculty Joint Honours, graduation average requirement).

Coleman and Guild. Carried.

The remaining item in the report was received for information.

13. OTHER BUSINESS (B)

Report of the University Librarian [<http://www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infosec/library.nov21.pdf>]. In his presentation, the University Librarian focused on recent initiatives in “transforming space” including the RBC Information Commons and the Sims Silent Study space (Davis) and Sims Reading Room (Porter). He offered that “phase two” of Library renovations would include an e-learning lab in Davis and an Information Commons in Porter, expenditures which he hoped would be subvented by a successful outcome of the current Kresge [fund-raising] Challenge which has achieved a laudable 87% library staff participation rate.

Senate convened in confidential session.

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November 24, 2005

Lois Claxton
Secretary of the University