

University of Waterloo

SENATE

Minutes of the Monday, April 17, 2006 Meeting

Present: David Johnston (Chair), Lois Claxton (Secretary), John Andersen, Jean Andrey, Claire Bazley, Stephen Birkett, Kieran Bonner, Steve Brown, Brian Capstick, Amit Chakma, George Dixon, Adam Felix, Jonathan Fishbein, Roydon Fraser, Alan George, Mariela Gutiérrez, Mark Haslett, Keith Hipel, Bob Kerton, Scott Kline, George Labahn, Ken Lavigne, Robert Le Roy, Paul Lehmann, Wing-Ki Liu, Harriet Lyons, Michael Makahnouk, Atefeh Mashatan, Henry Paetkau, Bill Power, Catherine Rosenberg, Deep Saini, Paul Schellenberg, Gerry Schneider, Adel Sedra, James Skidmore, Craig Sloss, Douglas Stebila, Michael Stone, Donna Strickland, Myroslaw Tataryn, Scott Taylor, Jay Thomson, Geoff Wall, Johnny Wong, Frank Zorzitto

Howie Bender, Gail Cuthbert Brandt, Jeff Henry, Peggy Jarvie, Bob Truman, Owen Ward

Absent: Tanveer Ali, Matthew Austin, Rebecca Baxter, Ranjana Bird, Graham Brown*, Tom Coleman*, John Crossley*, Antero Da Silva, Caustan De Riggs, Sherry Dupuis*, Pierre Fillion, Peter Forsyth, James Gollnick, Simon Guthrie, Mary Hardy, Michael Higgins*, Dennis Huber*, Janice Husted*, Ed Jernigan*, Tim Kenyon, Paul Koenderman*, Mike Lazaridis*, Robert Mann*, Roger Mannell*, Christine McWebb*, Bruce Mitchell*, Jim Pankratz, Tracy Peressini, Manoj Sachdev, Ralph Smith*, Ross Willard*

*regrets

OPEN SESSION

Consent Agenda

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

Le Roy and Zorzitto.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the March 27, 2006 meeting 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. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Senate received this report for information.

The motion carried.

Regular Agenda

5. ELECTIONS TO SENATE COMMITTEES/COUNCILS AND TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

It was noted that an elected member of Senate cannot serve on more than one of the Executive, Long Range Planning or Finance Committees. Given the current slate of names, it was understood that if no further nominations were forthcoming, the membership on the committees/councils and on the Board of Governors would be by acclamation.

Following each call for additional nominations from the floor, Senate heard a motion to acclaim the membership as printed on the ballot and as follows:

Executive Committee (2006-07): S. Dupuis (Applied Health Sciences), H. Lyons (Arts), C. Rosenberg (Engineering), J. Andrey (Environmental Studies), F. Zorzitto (Mathematics), R. Le Roy (Science), J. Crossley (Federated University & Affiliated Colleges), R. Allie (undergraduate student, Science), K. Daley (undergraduate student, Arts), M. Ratajczak (President, Graduate Student Association).

Chakma and Le Roy. Carried.

Honorary Degrees Committee (2006-07): M. Frazer (Applied Health Sciences), C. McWebb (Arts), A. Vannelli (Engineering), S. Murphy (Environmental Studies), D. Matthews (Mathematics), R. Mann (Science), G. Brown (Federated University & Affiliated Colleges), C. Mihalcea (undergraduate student, Arts), A. Stauch (undergraduate student, Environmental Studies), A. Mashatan (graduate student, Mathematics).

Chakma and Le Roy. Carried.

Scholarships & Student Aid Committee (2006-07): A. Gilbert (Applied Health Sciences), D. Kennedy (Arts), T. Duever (Engineering), S. Murphy (Environmental Studies), S. Brown (Mathematics), D. Strickland (Science), T. Peressini (Federated University & Affiliated Colleges), J. Lee (undergraduate student, Engineering), J. Levine (undergraduate student, Arts), A. Schubert (undergraduate student, Engineering).

Chakma and Le Roy. Carried.

Undergraduate Council (2006-2008): T. Boake (Engineering), D. McKinnon (Mathematics), C. Bissonnette (Science), S. Gregoire (St. Jerome's University), K. Daley (undergraduate student, Arts), D. Higgins (undergraduate student, Environmental Studies/Independent Studies), C. Alexander (undergraduate student, Mathematics) (2006-07), K. Dorman (undergraduate student, Science).

Chakma and Le Roy. Carried.

Graduate & Research Council (2006-08): H. Budman (Engineering), B. Richter (Mathematics), J. Noble (graduate student, Applied Health Sciences), N. Gopie (graduate student, Arts), N. Zamel (graduate student, Engineering) (2006-07).

Chakma and Le Roy. Carried.

Committee on Student Appeals (2006-08): J. Brox (Arts), R. McKillop (Engineering), D. Wheatley (graduate student, Mathematics).

Chakma and Le Roy. Carried.

Long Range Planning Committee (2006-07): J. Husted (Applied Health Sciences), J. Skidmore (Arts), E. Jewkes (Engineering), R. Kelly (Environmental Studies), M. Hardy (Mathematics), D. Barton (Science), H. Paetkau (Federated University & Affiliated Colleges), C. De Riggs (undergraduate student, Environmental Studies), A. Stauch (undergraduate student, Environmental Studies), A. Mashatan (graduate student, Mathematics).

Chakma and Le Roy. Carried.

Finance Committee (2006-07): M. Frazer (Applied Health Sciences), T. Kenyon (Arts), S. Tighe (Engineering), P. Forsyth (Mathematics), W. Power (Science), M. Tataryn (Federated University & Affiliated Colleges), E. Logan (undergraduate student, Mathematics), C. Sloss (graduate student, Mathematics), D. Stebila (graduate student, Mathematics).

Chakma and Le Roy. Carried.

Board of Governors (2006-08): E. Jewkes (Engineering), C. Rosenberg (Engineering), C.R. Selvakumar (Engineering) (2006-07), A. Vannelli (Engineering), R. Allie (undergraduate student, Science), C. De Riggs (undergraduate student, Environmental Studies/Independent Studies), M. Zakrison (President, Federation of Students) (2006-07), M. Ratajczak (President, Graduate Student Association) (2006-07), D. Stebila (graduate student, Mathematics).

Chakma and Le Roy. Carried.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Sixth Decade Plan [powerpoint slides: www.secretariat.uwaterloo.ca/sixthdecade.apr17.pdf]. The Provost addressed four matters:

- **North Campus.** As UW plans to double its graduate enrolment (with possible concomitant expansion of graduate housing) and the R&T Park continues to build out, more serviced land will be needed. Plans are being made, therefore, to develop a parcel of 180 acres (currently unserviced land) northwest of the hydro corridor. Senate will be kept informed.
- **McMaster Satellite Medical School.** In light of public discourse which has raised questions of why the UW facilities are considerably more expensive than those proposed in St. Catharines and in Windsor, the Provost explained that the satellite medical school for UW's Kitchener campus is substantially different from (physically integrated with UW's School of Pharmacy, integrated/interprofessional clinics where MDs and pharmacists are trained together, and possibilities for expansion) and, therefore, more expensive than those proposed for the other two sites.
- **Research.** The Provost commented that the \$1 million figure was 'symbolic' to indicate that considerable funds will be required to achieve this goal; further, that the 'Research Fund' could come from a variety of sources, including from UW. Senators expressed no concerns with this goal.
- **Resource Re-allocation.** Indicating that the Long Range Planning Committee had been very

supportive of this proposal which will be used to rejuvenate plans/allow changes in direction, the Provost advised that the actual percentage would be decided by the Deans and there would be uniform 'contribution' to the fund from across campus with equal opportunity given to all to apply for re-allocation. Whether the 'pot' should be 'partitioned' (in full or partially) is still under consideration. The Provost commented that resource re-allocation is an important tool for the planning process and concluded that, based on the discussion, Senate supports the principle.

With this presentation/discussion, bringing to a conclusion the highlights the Provost wished to bring to Senate for consideration, it was agreed that the Long Range Planning Committee would act as a steering committee, bringing to Senate's attention any matters it saw as requiring Senate's attention.

7. PRESENTATIONS

Sixth Decade Plans

- **Environmental Studies** [www.secretariat.uwaterloo.ca/es.apr17.pdf]. Building on the Environmental Studies 'mission' (create knowledge, nurture learning, and promote action to achieve environmental sustainability in Canada and internationally; accomplish this mission through excellence in research and teaching; underpin the mission through positioning as an integrative Faculty), the Dean spoke to/expanded on Faculty priority themes (environmental decision-making and governance, environmental informatics, biophysical processes, and community planning, design, infrastructure and development), as well as the actions planned to effect change (renovations, undergraduate and graduate enrolment, faculty increase and renewal, research capacity and vigour, and finances).
- **Science** [www.secretariat.uwaterloo.ca/science.apr17.pdf]. With the planning process about two-thirds complete, the Dean spoke to how Science intended to 'broaden its base' (undergraduate, graduate, and research) by building on strong underpinnings and the associated challenges, including: fluctuating rates of admissions, expanding the undergraduate applicant pool, reducing student:faculty ratio, building undergraduate scholarship support, providing quality laboratory space, aging infrastructure, and specialized infrastructure requirements. He concluded with an overview which would see: maintaining an on-campus undergraduate student intake of 800 per year; increasing e-learning, professional enrolment (Optometry, Pharmacy), graduate enrolment, number of staff and assignable space; continuing emphasis on alumni affairs, development, scholarships and capital expenditures; decreasing student:faculty ratio.

Federation of Students [www.secretariat.uwaterloo.ca/feds.apr17.pdf]. The Vice-President, Education, elect spoke to the role of CASA (Canadian Alliance of Student Associations): its advocacy goals, partnerships, and lobbying activities. The current Vice-President, Education spoke to OUSA (Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance): its history, vision and goals, position on tuition and funding, research and policy activities, recent advocacy priorities, as well as upcoming issues (student assistance reform/tuition set-aside, early intervention programs, Canadian Millennium Scholarship Foundation, and public-private partnerships and universities).

Graduate Student Association [www.secretariat.uwaterloo.ca/gsa.apr17.pdf]. The President of the Graduate Student Association advised Senate of its current status, improving financial situation, implementation of a dental plan, long-range plans, and particular interest in the Sixth Decade Plan: graduate growth and implementation of minimum funding guarantee.

8. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Senators' Last Meeting. The Chair thanked those Senators completing terms for their role in University governance: faculty – Kieran Bonner, Keith Hipel, Ed Jernigan, George Labahn, Wing-Ki Liu, Manoj Sachdev, Paul Schellenberg, Ralph Smith, Michael Stone, Jay Thomson, and Ross Willard; undergraduate students – Tanveer Ali, John Andersen, Matthew Austin, Rebecca Baxter, Adam Felix, Jonathan Fishbein, and Paul Lehmann; graduate students – Simon Guthrie and Michael Makahnouk; alumni – Antero Da Silva, and Jeff Henry.

A round of applause followed.

Environmental Scan. In the interest of time, the Chair did not report.

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

The Vice-President did not report.

10. REPORTS FROM COUNCILS

Graduate & Research. Senate heard a motion to approve that the name of the Distinguished Teaching by a Registered Student Award be changed to Exceptional Teaching by a Student.

George and Makahnouk. Carried.

Undergraduate. Senate heard a motion to approve the following: academic plan changes – Concurrent BA Degrees (Arts), Women's Studies Option and Diploma (Arts), and Honours Atmospheric and Planetary Sciences, Regular and Co-op (Science); diploma inactivations – Diploma in the Sociology of Business, Industry and Technology and Diploma in the Sociology of Crime, Deviance and Regulation (Arts); changes to regulations and procedures – ELPE milestone (Science); changes to examination regulations – scheduling of ELPE examinations.

Chakma and Kerton. Carried.

The remaining item in the report was received for information.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

COU Academic Colleague Election. Following the close of nominations, Mariela Gutiérrez was acclaimed as the COU Academic Colleague, term from July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2008.

Le Roy and Chakma. Carried.

The Chair thanked Paul Schellenberg for his service to the University as the COU Academic Colleague, term from July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2006.

A round of applause followed.

Senate convened in confidential session.