

*University of Waterloo*  
**SENATE**  
*Minutes of the Monday, June 18, 2007 Meeting*

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**Present:** David Johnston (Chair), Lois Claxton (Secretary), David Barton, Steve Brown, Renjie Butalid, Amit Chakma, Ken Coates, Tom Coleman, Tara Collington, Caustan De Riggs, David DeVidi, George Dixon, Pierre Filion, Mardon Frazer, Alan George, Mariela Gutiérrez, Mary Hardy, Mark Haslett, Steve Hayle, Keith Hipel, John Honek, Dennis Huber, Beth Jewkes, Richard Kelly, Duane Kennedy, Ken Lavigne, Ian MacKinnon, Bruce Mitchell, John North, Henry Paetkau, Jim Pankratz, Bill Power, Rashid Rehan, Metin Renksizbulut, Kevin Royal, James Skidmore, Russ Snyder-Penner, Douglas Stebila, Myroslaw Tataryn, Scott Taylor, Jenna Van Draanen, Geoff Wall, Susan Wismer, Frank Zorzitto

Peggy Jarvie, Chris Read, Bud Walker

**Absent:** Ranjana Bird\*, Stephen Birkett\*, Neelmoy Biswas\*, Graham Brown, Jane Buyers\*, Sujeet Chaudhuri, Tristanne Connolly\*, John Crossley\*, Peter Douglas, Tom Duever, Sherry Dupuis\*, Fraser Easton\*, Peter Forsyth, James Gollnick, Bob Harding\*, Scott Kline, Mike Lazaridis\*, Robert Le Roy\*, Roger Mannell\*, Paul McDonald, Spencer McEwan\*, Elizabeth Meiering\*, Stephen Murphy\*, Tracy Peressini, Sharon Robertson\*, Catherine Rosenberg\*, Deep Saini\*, Adel Sedra\*, Selva Selvakumar, Aly Sivji\*, Craig Sloss\*, Aaron Stauch\*, Donna Strickland\*, Susan Tighe\*, Kathleen Wilkie\*, Johnny Wong, Michael Worswick

\*regrets

**OPEN SESSION**

**Consent Agenda** Senate heard an omnibus motion to approve or receive for information by consent items 1-3 [below].

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the May 22, 2007 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.

Chakma and Stebila. Carried.

**Regular Agenda**

**4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**Graduate Growth Update** [powerpoint: [www.secretariat.uwaterloo.ca/grad.june1807.pdf](http://www.secretariat.uwaterloo.ca/grad.june1807.pdf)]. Expressing cautious optimism that UW would achieve its targets, the Associate Dean, Graduate Studies reported on 'the numbers' to date, including: the November domestic targets (1515 Master's and 715 Doctoral); the fall offers (786 Master's and 156 Doctoral) in the aggregate and by Faculty; the take-up rate (~90 percent, compared to ~84 percent in 2006). Given the competition for graduate students, he urged faculty members to keep in touch with those who have not yet accepted UW's offers. International recruitment is tracking well, with 362 offers made, compared with 282 last year.

In response to questions, the Provost advised that funds are transferred directly to Faculties upon his office being notified of confirmations, and the Associate Dean, Graduate Studies, that UW has a long history of looking at collateral information which, in addition to grades, may indicate an applicant's success; as to students with lower grades performing better than those admitted with higher grades to graduate programs, he suggested reflection on reasons why this might be occurring and possible remedies.

**Undergraduate Admissions Update** [[www.secretariat.uwaterloo.ca/admissions.june1807.pdf](http://www.secretariat.uwaterloo.ca/admissions.june1807.pdf)]. The Registrar reported that, as of June 12, UW had achieved 114 percent of year one new admission targets. Further, with respect to President's and UW Merit Scholarships, entrance averages reflect slightly higher quality than last year; as to entrance bursaries, UW awarded about the same number as last year, though with the overall value lower (students not requiring as much finding).

## 5. **REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

**Remarks.** The President paid tribute to Alan George, stepping down as interim Vice-President, University Research (and continuing as Associate Provost, IST), Gail Cuthbert Brandt, stepping down as Associate Vice-President, Academic (and continuing in her new role as Associate Vice-President, International), and George Dixon, stepping down as Dean of Science (and about to take on his new position as Vice-President, University Research), expressing his gratitude, on behalf of UW, for their excellent leadership. He advised Senate that Linda Kieswetter and Bob Copeland were being promoted to Associate Vice-Presidents, reflecting their responsibilities in ODAA.

**Environmental Scan** [[www.secretariat.uwaterloo.ca/es.june1807.pdf](http://www.secretariat.uwaterloo.ca/es.june1807.pdf)]

- **National Overview.** The Conference Board of Canada's Report Card, just released, gives Canada an A in education but a D in innovation; Bill C-52, the budget bill, included funding for the Perimeter Institute, CANARIE, and Genome Canada, and, while it passed third reading in the House, is still awaiting Senate approval which, if not granted by June 30 (these funds then revert to paying down the national debt), will require new legislation in the fall if these projects are to be funded; plans are underway to establish a Canadian chapter of the Association of University Research Parks.
- **Provincial Overview.** The COU advocacy update provides comparisons between Ontario and US peer jurisdictions (including number of undergraduates per 100 population, funding per student, and faculty per 100 students) as well as student-faculty interactions – comparisons in which Ontario consistently performs more poorly than its US peers.
- **Local Overview.** Convocation went smoothly and kudos to all; at the June 5 Board meeting, it was agreed to extend Campaign Waterloo beyond December 2007, taking advantage of the tremendous momentum already achieved and working to realize \$100 million annually and 6th Decade Plan priorities; 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations are ubiquitous, as is cake, with two major events imminent – the June 23 Athletics extravaganza and Canada Day celebrations, with the City of Waterloo celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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

**Amendments to Policy 76, Faculty Appointments.** Senate heard a motion to approve the proposed amendments to Policy 76.

Chakma and DeVidi. Carried. [**Note:** these amendments will be forwarded to the Board of Governors for approval at its October 30 meeting.]

## 7. **REPORTS FROM COUNCILS**

### **Graduate & Research**

- **New Diploma.** Senate heard a motion to approve the Graduate Diploma in Theoretical Neuroscience (Centre for Theoretical Neuroscience).

George and Coates. Carried.

- **Program Revisions.** Senate heard a motion to approve the proposed revisions to the following programs: MAcc Finance/MMath Finance (Accountancy/Statistics & Actuarial Science); MA Thesis Option (Economics); MAsc, MEng, PhD (Chemical Engineering).

George and Coleman. Carried.

The remaining item in the report was received for information.

**Undergraduate Council**

- **New Academic Plans.** Senate heard a motion to approve the following plans: World Religions Specialization, Christian Traditions Specialization, and Religion, Culture, and Society Specialization (Religious Studies); Honours Mathematics/Financial Analysis and Risk Management (Regular and Co-op), including Chartered Financial Analyst Specialization and Professional Risk Management Specialization (Math/Business).

Coleman and Coates. Carried.

- **Academic Plan Changes.** Senate heard a motion to approve the proposed changes to the following plans: Option in Peace and Conflict Studies; Religious Studies.

Paetkau and Pankratz. Carried.

- **Name Change.** Senate heard a motion to approve the proposed renaming of the “Combined BCS/MMath and BMath/MMath” to “Accelerated Master’s Academic Plans.”

Coleman and Brown. Carried.

- **Transfer Credits.** Senate heard a motion to approve the proposed transfer credit policies for Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and General Certificate of Secondary School Advanced Level courses as provided in the report.

Lavigne and Jewkes. Carried.

- **Inactivation of Academic Plans.** Senate heard a motion to approve the inactivation of the following plans: Option in Peace and Conflict Studies (Honours Degree Students); Math/Business Financial Option.

Lavigne and Coleman. Carried.

- **Changes to Regulations.** Senate heard a motion to approve the proposed changes to transfer credit regulations (Mathematics).

Coleman and Brown. Carried.

- **Undergraduate Research Internships.** Senate heard a motion to approve the proposed Undergraduate Research Internships for Environment and Resource Studies, Geography, and Planning.

Wall and Dixon. Carried.

The remaining item in the report was received for information.

**8. OTHER BUSINESS**

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

Senate convened in Confidential Session.

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June 20, 2007

Lois Claxton  
Secretary of the University

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