

**University of Waterloo  
SENATE  
Minutes of the Monday, March 22, 2010 Meeting**

**Present:** Feridun Hamdullahpur (chair), Lois Claxton (secretary), Mohamed Abd-El-Razik, Sheila Ager, Muhammad Ali Akbar, Samuel Andrey, Jonathan Aycan, Allan Babor, David Barton, Graham Brown, Jane Buyers, Kevin Cai, Glenn Cartwright, Jeff Casello, Ken Coates, Tristanne Connolly, Carol Cressman, Shannon Dea, Diana Denton, George Dixon, Brent Doberstein, Tom Duever, John Flanagan, George Freeman, Shannon Freeman, Mark Haslett, Geoffrey Hayes, Keith Hipel, Sue Horton, Dennis Huber, Ajnu Jacob, Beth Jewkes, Reemah Khalid, Kevin Lamb, Brendon Larson, Kate Larson, Ken Lavigne, John Lawrence, John Lewis, Heather Mair, Michael Makahnouk, Roger Mannell, Terry McMahon, Brian McNamara, Elizabeth Meiering, Bruce Mitchell, Stephen Murphy, Wayne Oldford, Jim Pankratz, David Perrin, Rashid Rehan, Manoj Sachdev, Deep Saini, Adel Sedra, Jay Shah, Dave Smith, Peter van Beek, Robert Jan van Pelt, Richard Wells, Andrew Williams, Frank Zorzitto

Terry Anderson, Meg Beckel, Nancy Vanden Bosch, Erin Sargeant Greenwood, Peggy Jarvie, Mary Jane Jennings, Belinda Kleinhans, Geoff McBoyle, Janet Passmore, Leo Rothenburg, Bob Truman, Bud Walker

**Absent:** Carol Acton\*, Aswin Alexander\*, Dan Brown, Sujeet Chaudhuri, Tom Coleman\*, Tara Collington\*, Peter Douglas\*, Fraser Easton, Peter Frick, Bob Harding\*, John Honek\*, David Johnston\*, Bob Kapur\*, Whitney Lackenbauer, Paul McDonald, John North\*, Henry Paetkau\*, Metin Renksizbulut\*, Alan Shonfield, Dermot Sweeny, Prem Watsa\*, Beth Weckman, Susan Wismer\*, Michael Worswick

\*regrets

**OPEN SESSION**

**Consent Agenda**

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

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the February 22, 2010 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. OTHER BUSINESS**

**Report of the COU Academic Colleague.** Senate received this report for information.

Hamdullahpur and Smith. Carried.

**Regular Agenda**

**5. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS (A)**

**Award for Exceptional Teaching by a Student Selection Committee.** Following an explanation of the criteria on which nominees are assessed, Sue Horton, associate provost, graduate studies, presented to Senate the names of this year's recipients: Terry Anderson (Computer Science), Belinda Kleinhans (Germanic & Slavic Studies). A round of applause followed.

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**Distinguished Teacher Award Committee.** Geoff McBoyle, associate vice-president, academic, provided background and context to these awards and presented to Senate the names of this year's recipients: Tristanne Connolly, English (STJ); Douglas Kirton, Fine Arts; Robert Mann, Physics & Astronomy; Nancy Vanden Bosch, Accounting & Finance. A round of applause followed.

**6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There was no business arising.

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

**University Professor Designations.** The provost provided the background to these designations and announced that Stuart McGill (Kinesiology) and Janusz Pawliszyn (Chemistry) have been awarded this honour this year.

**8. REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT, EXTERNAL RELATIONS**

[[www.secretariat.uwaterloo.ca/20100322vper.pdf](http://www.secretariat.uwaterloo.ca/20100322vper.pdf)]

Erin Sargeant Greenwood, associate vice-president, annual & planned giving, spoke to her powerpoint presentation which focused on "pipeline development": build capacity to support \$100 million sustainable annual cash revenue; integration of centralized fundraising programs; coordination and partnership with Alumni Affairs; and strategic deployment of resources.

**9. REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT, UNIVERSITY RESEARCH**

The vice-president announced the follows:

- Ontario Research Fund Research Excellence Awards – in round four UW submitted seven applications; six were funded at \$20.95 million with matching funds coming from partners: Guang Gong (Electrical & Computer Engineering), \$1,752,830; Don Cowan (Computer Science), \$2,096,538; Tamer Ozsu (Computer Science), \$4,899,045; Raafat Mansour (Electrical & Computer Engineering), \$1,600,000; Amir Khajepour (Mechanical & Mechatronics Engineering), \$8,000,000.
- Early Researcher Awards – funded by the Ministry of Research and Innovation, the following faculty received these \$140,000 awards which are used to support the stipends of graduate students: Clark Dickerson (Kinesiology), Jamie Joseph (Pharmacy), Ian Goldberg (Computer Science), Simarjeet Saini (Electrical & Computer Engineering), Josh Neufeld (Biology), Roger Melko (Physics), Ondrej Lhotak (Computer Science), Slim Boumiaza (Electrical & Computer Engineering).
- SSHRC – \$1 million SSHRC – Community-University Research Alliances grant was awarded to Sherry Dupuis (Recreation & Leisure Studies) and a colleague from McMaster for their research in dementia.
- CIHR – in the fall competition, UW achieved an 18 percent success rate (three of 16) with grants totalling \$1.74 million over five years; applications to CIHR from UW were up 50 percent in the last round and expected to increase in the next.

Kudos to George Dixon and his colleagues.

**10. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS (B)**

**Finance Committee** [[www.secretariat.uwaterloo.ca/20100322budget.pdf](http://www.secretariat.uwaterloo.ca/20100322budget.pdf)]. At the request of the vice-president, academic & provost who was chairing the meeting, Bruce Mitchell, associate provost, academic & student affairs, assumed the chair for this agenda item.

Speaking to his powerpoint presentation, the provost reviewed the highlights of the proposed 2010-11 operating budget, noting in particular the components leading to the estimated income: ~\$459,958,000; the estimated net expenses: ~\$472,578,000; the income over expenses:

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-\$12,620,000; the expenditure reduction of 3.5 percent: \$9,788,000; the remaining structural deficit: -\$2,832,000. Informing this budget which is based on a no-layoffs assumption: a five percent tuition increase and modest enrolment growth; a one percent scale increase for faculty and staff; no reduction in provincial operating grants; a 3.5 percent expenditure reduction to be applied selectively (reduction will be across ~65 percent of the budget) and a structural deficit within the range approved by the board, with the expectation that the deficit would be eliminated by the end of the fiscal year.

Senate heard a motion to recommend to the Board of Governors approval of the 2010-11 operating budget as presented.

Hamdullahpur and Dea.

In discussion, senators heard: the units which will sustain budget cuts are being identified; increased funds will be made available for student services (they will not sustain any cuts) and other academic support units; funds available for international graduate support are directly driven by international enrolment increase; given that endowment commitments assume a four percent return and two percent is being realized, reassessment of priorities is likely; the 3.5 percent reduction with no layoffs has been discussed with the deans and is seen to be achievable given that the mission critical hiring program will continue and faculty and some staff positions will be kept open. And from a student senator, on behalf of students, their support for the budget and appreciation for the student support within the budget and the anticipation of modest salary increases.

The motion carried.

#### **Graduate & Research Council**

- **Waterloo Institute for Complexity and Innovation (WICI).** Senate heard a motion to approve the establishment of WICI for an initial period of five years (May 1, 2010 to April 30, 2015).

Dixon and Hipel. Carried.

- **Waterloo Institute for Hellenistic Studies (WIHS).** Senate heard a motion to approve the establishment of WIHS for an initial period of five years (May 1, 2010 to April 30, 2015).

Dixon and Coates. Carried.

The remaining items in the report were received for information.

#### **Undergraduate Council**

- **Option in Life Sciences and Option in Physical Sciences (Engineering).** Senate heard a motion to approve these new options as described in the report.

Shah and Andrey. Carried.

- **Examinations and Standings (Environment).** Senate heard a motion to approve the proposed changes to the faculty's standings regulations #6 and #8 as described in the report.

Akbar and Dea. Carried.

- **Option in Physics (Engineering).** Senate heard a motion to approve that this option be inactivated.

Dea and Sedra. Carried.

The remaining items in the report were received for information.

**11. OTHER BUSINESS**

**Waterloo Engineering Endowment Foundation.** At the invitation of Dean Sedra who indicated that WEEF is celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Jay Shah, WEEF director, noted that the purpose of WEEF was to improve the educational environment for undergraduate engineering students and advised that, since its inception, the foundation has contributed \$4.4 million to engineering related academic activity. Further, that the endowment capital now totals \$8.75 million and is made robust by a 70 percent student participation rate (a \$75.00 per term contribution).

Senate convened in confidential session.

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March 24, 2010

Lois Claxton  
Secretary of the University