

Date: Friday, October 12, 2012
Time: 2:30pm-3:25pm
Room: 203 Toldo

PRESENT: Mr. Hussein Ahmed, Dr. Abdul-Fattah Asfour, Dr. Clinton Beckford, Dr. Pierre Boulos, Dr. Tim Brunet, Dr. Rick Caron, Dr. Allan Conway, Dr. Carol Davison, Dr. John Deukmedjian, Ms. Gwen Ebbett, Mr. Mustapha El-Ayoubi, Ms. Hagar Elsayed, Ms. Marilyn Farrough, Dr. Anne Forrest, Dr. Jill Grant, Dr. Christopher Greig, Dr. Maureen Irish, Ms. Caroline Jacobson, Mr. Tory James, Mr. Raed Kadri Dr. Ed King, Dr. Kathryn Lafreniere, Dr. Dietmar Lage, Dr. George Lan, Dr. Anna Lanoszka, Dr. Charles Macdonald, Prof. Cyndra MacDowall, Ms. Sheila MacKinnon, Mr. Anthony Meloche, Dr. L. Miljan, Dr. Mitra Mirhassani, Dr. Maureen Muldoon, Ms. Sharon Munro, Dr. Derek Northwood, Dr. Chike Okecheku, Ms. Kimberley Orr, Dr. R. Orr, Dr. Linda Patrick, Dr. J. Pathak, Mr. Stephan Pigeon, Dr. Trevor Pitcher, Dr. Dale Rajacich, Dr. Chitra Rangan, Mr. Rajan Ray, Dr. Antonio Rossini, Dr. Mehrdad Saif, Dr. Alan Scoboria, Dr. Jang Singh, Dr. Clayton Smith, Dr. Marijke Taks, Mr. Kannappan Thiagarajan, Ms. Nadia Timperio, Dr. Peter Townley, Dr. S. Towson, Dr. Bruce Tucker, Prof. Lionel Walsh, Dr. Robert Weaver, Dr. Patricia Weir, Dr. Alan Wildeman, Prof. Larry Wilson, Dr. Jeremy Worth, Ms. Charlene Yates, Dr. Nader Zamani, Mr. Omar Zghal, Dr. Shuzhen Zhao.

REGRETS: Dr. Brent Angell, Dr. Kimberly Calderwood, Dr. Camille Cameron, Dr. Beth Daly, Dr. Gordon Drake, Dr. Richard Frost, Dr. Joel Gagnon, Dr. Leo Groarke, Dr. Michael Khan, Dr. Martha Lee, Ms. Elizabeth Long, Dr. Elena Maev, Dr. Kevin Milne, Dr. Leo Oriet, Rev. Thomas Rosica, Ms. Jennifer Soutter.

ABSENT: Dr. Norman King, Dr. Marlys Koschinsky.

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms. Erika Kustra, Ms. Renée Wintermute and Ms. Alison Zilli (University Secretariat).

1 Report of the Senate Steering Committee

1.1 Approval of the agenda

MOTION: That the agenda be approved.

Northwood/MacDowall
CARRIED

2 Minutes of the meeting of June 8, 2012 and September 14, 2012

MOTION: That the minutes of meeting of June 8, 2012 and September 14, 2012 be approved.

Thiagarajan/King
CARRIED

3 Business arising from the minutes

Nothing to report.

4 Outstanding Business/Action Items

4.1 Candidates for Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates

(See document Sa121012-4.1 for more details.)

Since approving candidates for degrees, diplomas and certificates is one of Senate's most significant roles, the motions are approved individually in order to signify the importance of this role.

MOTION #1: To approve the slate of candidates for the Fall 2012 Convocation in the Faculty of Engineering.

Asfour/Lanoszka
CARRIED

MOTION #2: To approve the slate of candidates for the Fall 2012 Convocation in the Faculty of Nursing.

Rajacich/Patrick
CARRIED

- MOTION #3: To approve the slate of candidates for the Fall 2012 Convocation in the Faculty of Science.**
MacDonald/Rangan
CARRIED
- MOTION #4: To approve the slate of candidates for the Fall 2012 Convocation in the area of Centre for Inter-Faculty.**
Tucker/Boulos
CARRIED
- MOTION #5: To approve the slate of candidates for the Fall 2012 Convocation in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.**
Orr/Walsh
CARRIED
- MOTION #6: To approve the slate of candidates for the Fall 2012 Convocation in the Odette School Business.**
Singh/Conway
CARRIED
- MOTION #7: To approve the slate of candidates for the Fall 2012 Convocation in the Faculty of Education.**
Beckford/MacDowall
CARRIED
- MOTION #8: To approve the slate of candidates for the Fall 2012 Convocation in the Faculty of Human Kinetics.**
Taks/Weir
CARRIED
- MOTION #9: To approve the slate of candidates for the Fall 2012 Convocation in the Faculty of Law.**
Wilson/Miljan
CARRIED
- MOTION #10: To approve the list of candidates receiving Board of Governors medals for Graduating/In-Course student awards.**
King/Ebbett
CARRIED
- MOTION #11: To approve the candidate nominated for the Governor General's Gold Medal award.**
Davison/MacDonald
CARRIED
- MOTION #12: To approve the addendum for the Fall 2012 Convocation.**
Walsh/James
CARRIED
- MOTION #13: That the President in consultation with the Dean of the Faculty concerned and the Registrar be empowered to approve the names of candidates whose notification of completion of the requirements for their degrees arrived too last for the Senate meeting.**
MacDowall/Caron
CARRIED

5 Reports/New Business

5.1 Report from Student Caucus (UWSA, OPUS, GSS)

University of Windsor Students Alliance (UWSA)

Members were informed that the UWSA recently held their bi-elections and as a result there will be two new council members. Members were also informed that the UWSA is in the process of organizing a number of Fall activities including a Halloween bake sale and a "Halloweekend" at Cedar Point which includes transportation to and from the event and a meal voucher. In addition, the UWSA has been working in collaboration with many community organizations in order to increase services to students for laundry and to provide easier regular weekly transportation to the Great Canadian Superstore for groceries and other shopping.

Organization of Part-Time University Students (OPUS)

Members were informed that OPUS continues to work on engaging part-time students through ongoing events and activities. Recently, OPUS hosted guest speaker Sean Moriarty, Acting Director of Information Technology Services who discussed the transfer of student emails to the UWin Gmail system. It was noted that some of the advantages of moving to UWin Gmail include larger storage capabilities, accessibility to mobile devices, and cost savings.

Graduate Students Society (GSS)

Senators were informed that GSS just completed student elections for their Council and as a result there will be three new council members. Senators were also informed that plans on the relocation of the graduate house continue to move forward with architects finalizing the plans. GSS continues to move forward with new and exciting initiatives for graduate students.

5.2 Report of the President

Enrolment Update

Senators were informed that the University is in the process of finalizing enrolment numbers and so far there are approximately 200 more student on campus. It was noted that this is a reflection of the ongoing successful recruitment efforts of faculty and staff.

Honorary Degrees

It was noted that the University of Windsor will confer honorary degrees during the Fall convocation to Jenny Coco, President of Coco Paving *Inc.* and Donald Walker, President of Magna International.

Vice President, Research - Update

Members were informed that negotiations are underway with the preferred candidate for the position of Vice-President Research and once finalized the President will be announcing the name of the candidate publicly.

Strategic Mandate Agreement

Members were informed that the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU) launched, in August, a process to establish strategic mandate agreements with each of Ontario's Colleges and Universities, which is intended to inform future decisions pertaining to allocation of funding. The University of Windsor' strategic mandate agreement was submitted by the deadline of September 30. However, given that the deadline has recently been extended to October 12, the initial agreement will be reviewed and re-submitted shortly. It was noted that the Higher Education Quality Council of Ontario (HEQCO) will be reviewing the agreements and to this end, has established a peer review panel to evaluate the submissions. HEQCO will be identifying institutions that have initiatives that are worth supporting based on productivity, quality, affordability, innovation, *etc.* It was stressed that the process was extremely complex as it was very challenging to identify three key priorities amongst many that innovative at the University of Windsor. The Ministry requested that the institutions include specific information in the agreement such as their mandate, three priority objectives, vision, how the objectives will affect enrolments and any distinctive characteristic or strength of the institution that makes the achievement desirable, as well as the timeframe for achieving the objectives, *etc.* The University of Windsor's strategic plan *Thinking Forward, taking action* was used as the guiding framework for the agreement. The three priorities that were identified included: 1) transforming the large classroom experience; 2) strengthening community engagement and postsecondary

collaboration; and, 3) building on the University's strength in international engagement, research and graduate programs.

The floor was open for comments and questions.

In response to a question raised pertaining to productivity gains and how it will be measured, it was noted that it is not clear as to how this will be determined by the province, but the projected productivity gains for the University of Windsor, which was very hard to quantify, is set for 12-16% over the next ten years.

In response to a concern raised about how the University will be able to address the notion of being student-centred, members were reminded that the Strategic Plan is prefaced by a student-centred vision statement: *"The University of Windsor is a progressive student centered University, where the challenges of communities and of a work of transition inform the education we provide, the research we do and the creative endeavours."*

In response to a question raised as to how many of the 44 universities and colleges will be receiving funding, it was noted that the funding will be allocated to a handful of the leading institutions who have the most promising vision, goals, etc. The universities and colleges will be judged together and the final appraisals are set for February 2013.

The discussion pertaining to the paradigm shift of Ontario colleges offering and granting degrees is creating a great deal of controversy. Although many Ontario Colleges are offering degrees there is concern that students who normally would have chosen to go to university may decide to go to the college for their degrees due to the cost savings. Colleges are making significant movement in terms of growing their program offerings and this may put universities in a very vulnerable situation, particularly as it pertains to Ministry funding and support of outlined initiatives.

It was noted that a communication will be sent out on behalf of the President's office with a Web Link to the revised Strategic Mandate Agreement and other mandates.

5.3 Report of the Academic Colleague

Nothing to report.

5.4 Program Development Committee

Nothing to report.

5.5 Academic Policy Committee

Members were informed that Academic Policy Committee is currently reviewing a variety of items including a draft policy on access to student emails and discussing the possibility of developing a policy on admissions for admitting exceptional high school students into university courses. There is also discussion pertaining to the issue that students are not able to enroll in courses even where there are enough seats in the classroom as instructors put enrolment caps for a variety of reasons. It was noted that the Committee is moving towards adopting an innovative approach to dealing with the annual reports by identifying leaders for each of the various reports. Their task is to review the report and provide feedback on the types of issues that should be included in future reports.

Members were informed that there are nearly 10,000 students enrolled in online courses.

5.6 Student Committee

Senators were informed that the Senate Student Committee has met once this academic year and the primary topic of discussion has been the mandate of Student Committee. It was noted that there has been some discussion over the past year about whether the Student Committee should merge with the Academic Policy Committee but as members explored this topic, it seemed that the initial consensus among current members was not to recommend a merger but to consider modifying the mandate of this committee to reduce overlap with the Academic Policy Committee and to strengthen the emphasis on the student experience. A focus group has been planned for Thursday, November 1st to obtain student input about these two committees and their role. Some of the other issues that are being discussed include: 1) a review and update of the part-time student report created 5 years ago; 2) transfer credits and

articulation agreements and degree completion programs; 3) the need to identify recruitment, retention, and alumni concerns; and 4) the possibility of the creation of exit surveys.

5.7 Report of the Provost

Nothing to report.

5.8 Report of the Vice- President Research

Nothing to report.

6 Question Period/Other Business

Nothing to report.

7 Adjournment

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.

Towson/MacDowall
CARRIED