

SENATE  
Minutes of Meeting

**Date:** Friday, November 9, 2012

**Time:** 2:30pm-4:00pm

**Room:** 2100 Centre for Engineering Innovation

**PRESENT:** Mr. Hussein Ahmed, Dr. Abdul-Fattah Asfour, Dr. Clinton Beckford, Dr. Pierre Boulos, Mr. Tim Brunet, Dr. Rick Caron, Dr. Beth Daly, Dr. Carol Davison, Dr. John Deukmedjian, Ms. Gwen Ebbett, Ms. Hagar Elsayed, Dr. Anne Forrest, Dr. Richard Frost, Dr. Joel Gagnon, Dr. Christopher Greig, Dr. Leo Groarke (Acting Chair), Mr. Hussein Hammoud, Mr. Raed Kadri, Dr. Marlys Koschinsky, Dr. Kathryn Lafreniere, Dr. Dietmar Lage, Dr. George Lan, Dr. Anna Lanoszka, Dr. Martha Lee, Ms. Elizabeth Long, Dr. Charles Macdonald, Prof. Cyndra MacDowall, Dr. Elena Maev, Mr. Anthony Meloche, Dr. Lydia Miljan, Dr. Kevin Milne, Dr. Mitra Mirhassani, Dr. Maureen Muldoon, Ms. Sharon Munro, Dr. Chike Okecheku, Ms. Kimberley Orr, Dr. Bob Orr, Dr. Linda Patrick, Dr. Jagdish Pathak, Dr. Dale Rajacich, Dr. Chitra Rangan, Mr. Rajan Ray, Rev. Thomas Rosica, Dr. Antonio Rossini, Dr. Alan Scoboria, Dr. Jang Singh, Dr. Marijke Taks, Mr. Kannappan Thiagarajan, Ms. Nadia Timperio, Dr. Christian Trudeau, Prof. Lionel Walsh, Dr. Robert Weaver, Dr. Patricia Weir, Dr. Jeremy Worth, Ms. Charlene Yates, Dr. Nader Zamani, Mr. Hussein Zarif, Mr. Omar Zghal, Dr. Shuzhen Zhao.

**REGRETS:** Dr. Brent Angell, Dr. Kimberly Calderwood, Dr. Camille Cameron, Ms. Marilyn Farrough, Dr. Jill Grant, Dr. Maureen Irish, Mr. Tory James, Dr. Michael Khan, Ms. Sheila MacKinnon, Dr. Derek Northwood, Dr. Leo Oriet, Mr. Stephan Pigeon, Dr. Trevor Pitcher, Dr. Mehrdad Saif, Dr. Clayton Smith, Ms. Jennifer Soutter, Dr. Shelagh Towson, Dr. Bruce Tucker, Dr. Alan Wildeman, Prof. Larry Wilson.

**ABSENT:** Dr. Allan Conway, Dr. Gordon Drake, Mr. Mustapha El-Ayoubi, Dr. Ed King, Dr. Norman King.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Dr. Erika Kustra, Ms. Alison Zilli (University Secretariat).

**1 Report of the Senate Steering Committee**  
**1.1 Approval of the agenda**

**MOTION:** That the agenda be approved.

Asfour/Boulos  
**CARRIED**

**2 Minutes of the meeting of October 12, 2012**

**MOTION:** That the minutes of meeting of October 12, 2012 be approved.

Ebbett/Koschinsky  
**CARRIED**

**3 Business arising from the minutes**  
Nothing to report.

**4 Outstanding Business/Action Items**  
Nothing to report.

**5 Report from Student Caucus**

University of Windsor Students Alliance (UWSA)

Members were informed that OUSA recently published three new student written papers which can be accessed online at: <http://www.ousa.ca/policy/policy-papers/>. Members were also informed that the UWSA is having a referendum to determine if students are in favour of UWSA allowing plans to move the bookstore into the CAW Centre basement. Students will be able to vote on December 3<sup>rd</sup> from noon until midnight. It was noted that UWSA is working in collaboration with organizers for the Windsor International Film Festival (WIFF) in order to be able to provide free tickets to students to preview movies. UWSA will also be hosting a WIFF after party on the second floor of the City Grill.

It was noted that UWSA has teamed up with the Student Counseling Centre to create a space on campus where students will feel welcome to talk to their peers about a variety of issues. UWSA is currently in the process of hiring volunteers for the new center. It is anticipated that this new initiative will help alleviate stress for students in need. Senators were reminded that Anti-Bullying Week commences the week of November 12<sup>th</sup> and that Senators can support this endeavor on Thursday by wearing the colour blue to symbolize anti-bullying.

#### Organization of Part-Time University Students (OPUS)

Members were informed that OPUS continues to work towards meeting objectives in its Strategic Plan in order to continue to align resources with strategic priorities. OPUS is also moving forward with a part-time student survey focusing on student engagement. In an effort to engage students, OPUS recently hosted a pub night at Buddies eatery. In addition, part-time students are invited to attend a Pot Luck lunch on November 20, 2012 in the OPUS lounge.

#### Graduate Students Society (GSS)

Senators were informed that plans on the relocation of the graduate house continue to move forward. Senators were also informed that GSS continues to encourage donors to contribute to the GSS scholarship fund, which provides graduate students who are in financial need and in good academic standing with financial aid.

### **5.2 Report of the President**

Nothing to report.

### **5.3 Report of the Academic Colleague**

*(See document Sa121109-5.3 for more details.)*

Members were informed that the main topics of the recent meeting of Academic Colleagues were the Ministry's discussion paper, *Strengthening Ontario's Centre's of Creativity, Innovation and Knowledge*, and the Council of Ontario Universities' response, *Transforming Ontario Universities*. Given that the Ministry's paper proposes changes to the post-secondary sector, members were encouraged to read both of the documents. *(See the Report of the Academic Colleague for more details.)*

In response to a question raised about whether there have been discussions pertaining to how the teaching evaluations would be conducted province-wide, it was noted that the specific details have not been revealed.

The document was received for information.

### **5.4 Program Development Committee**

#### **\*5.4.1 Program Course Changes**

##### **\*a) Education**

*(See document Sa121109-5.4.1a for more details.)*

**MOTION: That the *Education Program/Course Changes* be approved.\***

*\*Subject to the approval of expenditures required.*

**\*CARRIED**

##### **\*b) Business**

*(See document Sa121109-5.4.1b for more details.)*

**MOTION: That the *Business Program/Course Changes* be approved.\***

*\*Subject to the approval of expenditures required.*

**\*CARRIED**

##### **\*c) Engineering**

*(See document Sa121109-5.4.1c for more details.)*

**MOTION: That the *Engineering Program/Course Changes* be approved.\***

*\*Subject to the approval of expenditures required.*

**\*CARRIED**

- \*d) Social Work (Graduate)**  
*(See document Sa121109-5.4.1d for more details.)*

**MOTION: That the Social Work (Graduate) Program/Course Changes be approved.\***

*\*Subject to the approval of expenditures required.*

**\*CARRIED**

- \*e) Nursing (Graduate)**  
*(See document Sa121109-5.4.1e for more details.)*

**MOTION: That the Nursing (Graduate) Program/Course Changes be approved.\***

*\*Subject to the approval of expenditures required.*

**\*CARRIED**

- \*f) Nursing**  
*(See document Sa121109-5.4.1f for more details.)*

**MOTION: That the Nursing Program/Course Changes be approved.\***

*\*Subject to the approval of expenditures required.*

**\*CARRIED**

- \*g) Engineering (Graduate)**  
*(See document Sa121109-5.4.1g for more details.)*

**MOTION: That the Engineering (Graduate) Program/Course Changes be approved.\***

*\*Subject to the approval of expenditures required.*

**\*CARRIED**

- \*h) Nursing**  
*(See document Sa121109-5.4.1h for more details.)*

**MOTION: That the Nursing Program/Course Changes be approved.\***

*\*Subject to the approval of expenditures required.*

**\*CARRIED**

- \*i) Social Work (MSW Graduate)**  
*(See document Sa121109-5.4.1i for more details.)*

**MOTION: That the Social Work (MSW Graduate) Program/Course Changes be approved.\***

*\*Subject to the approval of expenditures required.*

**\*CARRIED**

- \*j) Political Science**  
*(See document Sa121109-5.4.1j for more details.)*

**MOTION: That the Political Science Program/Course Changes be approved.\***

*\*Subject to the approval of expenditures required.*

**\*CARRIED**

**\*k) VABE**  
(See document Sa121109-5.4.1k for more details.)

**MOTION: That the VABE Program/Course Changes be approved.\***

*\*Subject to the approval of expenditures required.*

**\*CARRIED**

**5.4.2 School of Music and Visual Arts Name Change**  
(See document Sa121109-5.4.2 for more details.)

**MOTION: That the name of the merged School of Music and School of Visual Arts be “School for Arts and Creative Innovation”.**

Walsh/Koschinsky

Senators were informed that the proposed name change for the merged School of Music and Visual Arts better reflects the change in culture that is inclusive of film production, visual arts, sonic arts, etc. Senators were also reminded that the new AAU will be relocated to the Windsor Armories building, located in the downtown core.

In response to a question raised as to whether there is a trend towards naming buildings “Centre’s for Innovation” as the Engineering building was named the Ed Lumley Centre for Engineering Innovation (CEI), it was noted that this is just a coincidence, rather than a trend. The CEI building was named in honour of Ed Lumley, the current Chancellor of the University.

**CARRIED**

## **5.5 Academic Policy Committee**

**5.5.1 Student Medical Certificate – Nurse Practitioner**  
(See document Sa121109-5.5.1 for more details.)

**MOTION: That medical notes or certificates be accepted if signed by a Nurse Practitioner.**

Caron/Patrick

Given the new role of NPs in providing primary care in Ontario, it is being proposed that medical notes also be accepted if signed by a Nurse Practitioner (NP). In many small communities NPs are the primary care providers.

In addition to this proposal, Senate Steering Committee has also asked that Academic Policy Committee take a broader look at other professionals that could or should be authorized to sign medical notes.

**CARRIED**

## **5.6 Senate Student Committee**

**\*5.6.1 Student Awards and Financial Aid**  
(See document Sa121109-5.6.1 for more details.)

The document was received for information.\*

## **5.7 Committee Membership**

**\*5.7.1 Program Development Committee**  
(See document Sa121109-5.7.1 for more details.)

**MOTION: That Program Development Committee membership be approved. \***

**CARRIED\***

**\*5.7.2 Academic Policy Committee**  
(See document Sa121109-5.7.2 for more details.)

**MOTION: That Academic Policy Committee membership be approved. \***

**CARRIED\***

## 5.8 Report of the Provost

Senators were informed that the Search Committee will soon be announcing candidates for the new Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

Members were informed that Leddy Library recently completed its new Strategic Plan, which includes five new strategic directions to guide and define success for the upcoming year(s). The strategic directions are: 1) Enabling an inviting and successful library experience; 2) Expanding upon the Library's role as a hub for research and learning activities; 3) Taking a leadership role in scholarly communication; 4) Supporting a culture of lifelong learning, skills development and customer service excellence for all library personnel; and, 5) Telling our Story. Members were also informed that information pertaining to copyright can be found on the library's website at: <http://leddy.uwindsor.ca/copyright>.

Faculty and staff were thanked for their contributions during the University's Open House, which was held today. Members were informed that the University community put forth a great deal of effort and coordination to ensure that everything was in order for the guests.

The floor was open for comments and questions.

In response to a question raised about the University rankings, it was noted that the University of Windsor's rankings vary depending on whether the reviews are in the Globe and Mail or MacLean's. Although the rankings in the Globe and Mail were disappointing, it was stressed that the survey is not scientific based and therefore not really an honest and accurate reflection of the University of Windsor. However, the University of Windsor remains in the middle of the pack in the rankings of comprehensive universities by Maclean's magazine. It was also noted that the information gathered through the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) is more reflective and meaningful as it focuses more on student engagement. It was noted that under the leadership of the Vice-Provost, Students International, a Committee is reviewing survey results in order to identify strengths, weaknesses, *etc.*

In response to a comment made regarding the issue that less than half of the student population completed the G&M survey (*i.e.*, 457), it was noted that in the future the student leaders should encourage their peers to complete the surveys so that positive feedback could also be included in the overall rankings.

## 5.9 Report of Vice-President, Research

It was noted that Dr. K.W. Michael Siu will begin his term as Vice-President, Research effective December 1, 2012.

## 6 Question Period/Other Business

Nothing to report.

## 7 Adjournment

**MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.**

Caron/Boulos  
**CARRIED**