The message from the campus community has been clear for Matthew Wilson and his fellow members of the Board Governance Review Task Force.

“There is an expectation that Western’s Board of Governors be more open and transparent in how it functions, and that it needs to make a stronger effort in communicating both within and outside the university community,” Wilson said.

“To be able to move forward, we must encourage that dialogue and discussion. Western is, and should be, an institution of critical thinking, of investigation, of thought-provoking discussions. The Board needs to be able to have those discussions in a respectful manner to be able to understand the hopes and dreams, concerns and wishes of the university, so the decisions made around the Board table encompass those.”

Released Nov. 19, the Report of the Board Governance Review Task Force outlines a number of steps the university governing body needs to take in the wake of a presidential compensation debate that has raged across campus since March. The internal report and its recommendations will be taken up at the next Board meeting, today.

“It’s important that this be brought forward in the public,” Wilson said of the report’s time on the upcoming meeting agenda. “We hope there is a good dialogue and discussion. It is the task force’s ultimate hope that our recommendations be adopted by our colleagues around the table.”

Struck in June, the Board Governance Review Task Force was charged with exploring the university governing body in the wake of a turbulent spring.

Many of the findings can be construed as important, but somewhat ‘inside baseball’ to even the most wonkish observer. However, a handful of recommendations deal directly with the problem areas cited by The Goudge Report as main instigators of the recent firestorm.

Most notable, the report chastises the Board’s Senior Operations Committee – known as ‘Senior Ops’ – as a perceived “inner circle” that must do a better job informing the full Board membership of the issues it is dealing with and the basis for those decisions.

The report states, “The role of the Senior Operations Committee has come under particular scrutiny over the past year. Its work is not well understood, nor well communicated. The name itself is viewed as problematic in that it does not provide a clear picture of the role of the committee (as compared to Bylaws Committee or Audit Committee, for example).”

The Goudge Report singled out Board Chair Chirag Shah’s belief he did not need to inform Senior Ops and, in turn, the Board membership, of decisions regarding President Amit Chakma’s contract as a main instigator of the recent firestorm.

“Senior Ops has a specific and particular role to play. But we do need to look at how it operates and how it functions,” Wilson said.

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Research

IBM gift opens new horizons for smart computing consortium

A NEW $65 million investment from IBM Canada ltd. will enable the Southern Ontario Smart Computing Innovation Platform (SOSCIP) to add new areas of focus to its collaborative R&D mandate and double the number of academic members in the SOSCIP consortium. IBM investment comes in the way of agile, advanced computing and big data analytics, as well as related support through research, IT and human resources. IBM’s investment represents 20% of the total on SOSCIP, which is now composed of 14 participating institutions, Ontario Centres of Excellence (OCE) and IBM as the lead industrial partner.

“Western is very proud to co-lead the SOSCIP project with the University of Toronto,” said Western President Amit Chakma. “With this additional investment, we will continue to increase the digital economy through improved online security, empower health professionals to identify risks and take advantage of new opportunities. This is where research has impact—in our communities.”

SOSCIP is co-led by the University of Toronto. Research has progressed at Western by partnering with IBM and establishing a collaborative R&D partnership. IBM’s latest investment was also critical to reaching SOSCIP’s goal of generating support from the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario’s (FedDev Ontario). As a result, SOSCIP is able to launch a major expansion of its activities.

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**Test may peer into lung cancer chemo success**

By Paul Mayne

Western research has revealed how a simple test may now predict who is most likely to respond better to chemotherapy when dealing with lung cancer, thanks to a link between the absence of a specific protein and improved patient outcome.

Dr. Matthew Cecchini, a pathology resident at Lawson Health Sciences Centre, discovered patients who undergo chemotherapy and lose the retinoblastoma (RB) tumour suppressor protein in their cancer cells are more likely to survive for at least five years compared to average survival rates of 49 per cent for those patients who had the protein.

What is odd to Cecchini, however, is the fact the RB protein is traditionally understood to help regulate cell division, preventing cancer from happening, said Cecchini, whose study recently appeared in Human Pathology.

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Under the leadership of Lawson Health Research Institute’s Dr. Fred Dick, a collaborative team of researchers performed a study on 91 lung cancer patients in whom advanced imaging techniques were performed with the results.

“The RB protein is a very important growth regulator. Its normal function is suppressing tumours, which is what it does normally in your body – it’s preventing cancer from happening,” said Cecchini, whose study recently appeared in Human Pathology.

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The new information may help predict which patients will respond best to chemotherapy. Testing the tumour can determine the best treatment plan for individual patients. In addition, the research may provide rationale for developing agents that target the RB protein in order to make all lung cancer cases more sensitive to chemotherapy.

“Cancer is like evolution. It’s evolved to proliferate; it finds the best way to do that,” Dick said. “The progression of a cancer cell is greatly enhanced by the loss of the RB gene. It’s like the RB genome is not there anymore.”

Dick said a test would be like “a looking glass” for patients and doctors alike.

“You could say you should do chemo because your chances of a cure are very high, and for people who still have the RB protein, they are in the general population, but there are other options as well,” he said. “Chemo is a pretty harsh and, for some people, the side effects are so poor and the therapies have lots of side effects. Chemo is never the best way to do that,” Cecchini said. “The prognosis of lung cancer is poor and the therapies have lots of side effects. Chemo is never the best way to do that.”

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Western recognizes the transformative power of research to engage, support, and promote the health of people, families, and communities, and is the important that universities play in driving the knowledge and understanding of societal changes. To that end, we are developing Western’s first-ever multi-year Indigenous Strategic Plan – we want to hear from you!

For more detail and to provide feedback, please visit

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BY ADELA TALBOT

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“When we found one, it was like finding a fish in a barrel. There is a large population of Elvis impersonators, who call themselves ‘Elvis tribute artists’ in this area,” she said, noting the concentration of performers might be related to The Collingwood Elvis Festival, the world’s largest Elvis festival.

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Advance lets doctors tag along with treatment

BY PAUL MAYNE

WITH THE USE of cellular imaging, Paula Foster plays a sophisticated game of 'I Spy' by tracking the movement of cancer cells and treatments in the body. As leader of the Cellular and Molecular Imaging program at Robarts Research Institute, Foster has developed imaging and cell labeling technologies which use ultra-high resolution MRI to detect cells labeled with magnetic nanoparticles, allowing researchers to see where cells are going in a patient and, potentially, detect cancerous lesions or tumors at an early stage.

"For cancers, things happen where cells come from the immune system to a site where they accumulate and then they spread up the environment, set up camp, to make the tissue more receptive for cancer cells, which is not a good thing, but that's their job," she said.

"If we can detect something like that happening, then we may know where things are going wrong," Foster said. "The advanced MRI technology has enabled researchers to follow cancers in a number of diseases and disorders." Foster added the lab is focused on the use of these techniques to track stem cells used for tissue repair and regenerative medicine.

"A lot of my research with cancer is looking at an experiment, or a process. So, we're doing this to try and understand cancer," she said. Adding she hopes to begin patient studies in the coming year. "We want to try and figure out what is happening and why metastasis is going on."

"This advanced MRI technology has the potential to track and image the movements of cancer cells as they travel through the body," Foster said. "We can then see where the cells are going, and how they're behaving, which is really important for understanding cancer and developing new treatments."

"The goal is to be able to see where these cells are going, and what's happening to them," Foster said. "We can then use this information to develop new treatments that target these cells and prevent them from spreading."
The growth in the community is sustained by growth over the summer. Students who first come to Hack Western are joined by our returning fellow students. This year we welcomed over 1,000 students to the community, one of whom was a returning student from last year’s hackathon. The growth in the community is sustained by growth in the number of students who attend our workshops and events. Our workshops cover a wide range of topics, from web development to machine learning, and are designed to help students build their skills and connect with others in the community.

Our events are attended by hundreds of students each year, and we host a variety of workshops and events throughout the year to keep the community engaged. In addition to our workshops and events, we also have a series of social events, including our annual hackathon, which is a 24-hour event where students come together to build projects and connect with others in the community.

In conclusion, Hack Western is a community that is growing and thriving. We are excited to continue to grow and connect with more students each year, and we look forward to seeing what the future holds for the community.
A new position is subject to budgetary approval. Should the appointment as Department Chair be approved, Gunther will serve five years in the role. The Don Wright Faculty of Music will be responsible for providing the appointment with five-year renewable contracts for five years.

Please review, or contact the faculty, relevant documents for all vacant academic positions at the Department of Music. The Don Wright Faculty of Music will be responsible for providing the appointment with five-year renewable contracts for five years.

A central website displays advertisement for all available positions, and the university's website will be used for all posting and interviewing. Please see the website at registrar.uwo.ca for additional information.

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Harmonizing the mind, body and spirit

Tai Chi, an ancient method of wellbeing that works at both a physical and mental level, aims to harmonize the mind, body and spirit, promoting both mental and physical wellbeing. Living Well @ Western is a cross-campus initiative designed to encourage and promote a wide variety of physical, cultural and intellectual activities to improve health and wellness at Western. Along with Tai Chi, led by certified Tai Chi instructor Norman Lam, right, free lunch hour classes include Pilates, yoga, Zumba, meditation and other activities. To learn more, visit uwowca/health/living_well.

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