NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

September 8, 2000

2:30 p.m. -- Room F305

MEMBERS PRESENT: D. Marshall, R. Bergquist, R. Common, R. Forrest, B. Nettlefold


V. Paine-Mantha
G. Brophey, A. Falby, J. Morton, V. Valov

Guests: A. Fera, D. Bourne-Tyson

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: D. Lawrence, R. Wideman

E. Brooks (on leave), F. Noël (sabbatical), D. Rees (sabbatical), A. Sparkes, K. Stange (sabbatical), K. Topps (sabbatical), A. Weeks

T. Horton, L. Knaack, W. McEachern, S. Reid, L. Smith, S. Van Nuland

M. Wallace

M. Brewes, K. Cowcill


D. Berry, J. Buley, M. McCabe, J. Mroczkowski, S. Stuart, R. Weeks, E. Winter

MOTION #1: Moved by T. Dokis, seconded by J. Baffoe that the minutes of the regular meeting of the Academic Senate dated June 8, 2000 be adopted. CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President welcomed all senators to the September meeting. The President presented Dr. Kees Boterbloem with a plaque honoring him as this year's recipient of the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. Dr. Marshall encouraged senators to read the Vision paper, previously circulated, to glean more information regarding the President's priorities for the 2000-2001 academic year. Some of the plans for the academic expansion were outlined including the official opening of the Athletic Facility (Sept. 11) and the I/T wing opening scheduled for October 1. Dr. Marshall requested everyone's cooperation in dealing with the status of classroom readiness.

Dr. Forrest announced and welcomed the new faculty in Arts and Science: John Kovacs, Andrew Weeks and Zhivko Nedev. Dr. Forrest informed senators that the President would be giving the Convocation address at Kathmandu University on September 17.

Dr. Common stated that he would introduce his new faculty at the Board/Senate Barbecue following the Senate meeting. The Dean reported on healthy enrolments in the Faculty with a 5.5% increase in BEd registrants compared with last year's figures, a dramatic rise in AQ registrations (57.7% increase over last year) and a 12.4% increase in MEd registrations. Dr. Common reported that it had been very difficult to place student teachers in the schools in September for their practice teaching assignments. The Dean explained the reasons behind this multi-faceted problem and noted that it will be a serious challenge for the Faculty of Education this year.

Dr. Boterbloem, Chair of the Cultural Affairs Committee, asked for senators' input with regard to suggestions for cultural events or activities for 2000-2001. Prof. Klingspon announced that the NU Drama Club is organizing a trip to Stratford on October 31 to allow 60 students the opportunity to attend a performance of Hamlet. He requested that faculty oblige their students' absence from classes to attend the play.

Prof. Kundrats, Senate representative on the Alumni Association, reported on meetings held in June and August. Discussions focussed on changes to the constitution, plans for a golf tournament co-sponsored by the Nipissing Lakers Booster Club and the university on October 1, and a retreat likely to be held in November. Senators were asked for their input, comments and suggestions for the Alumni Association. The next meeting will occur on September 20.
Executive Committee

MOTION #2: Moved by D. Marshall, seconded by D. Jowett that the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated August 30, 2000 be received. CARRIED

MOTION #3: Moved by D. Marshall, seconded by J. Baffoe that Senate adopt the Nipissing University Academic Policies and Regulations outlined in the document entitled, "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2000." CARRIED

University Research Council

MOTION #4: Moved by M. Wodlinger, seconded by D. Franks that the Report of the University Research Council dated 01 September 2000 be received. CARRIED

MOTION #5: Moved by M. Wodlinger, seconded by D. Franks that Senate endorse URC's creation of a special one-time (2000) research fund of $9,000 for newly hired NSERC eligible researchers. CARRIED

MOTION #6: Moved by M. Wodlinger, seconded by B. Nettlefold that preference in funding be given to those researchers attempting to build research programs leading to applications to external funding sources. CARRIED

MOTION #7: Moved by M. Wodlinger, seconded by C. Harvey that all members of the University Faculty be considered eligible to apply for internal research funding.

MOTION #8: Moved by S. Lawlor, seconded by M. Saari that Motion #7 be referred back to the University Research Council with the understanding that URC will report back to Senate at the October meeting. CARRIED

MOTION #9: Moved by M. Wodlinger, seconded by M. Saari that there be one annual competition for current faculty, to be held during the period late January-early February. CARRIED
MOTION #10: Moved by M. Wodlinger, seconded by L. Janzen that a limited amount of the existing research funds be set aside for newly-hired faculty, in a fall competition, commencing October 2001.

MOTION #11: Moved by M. Saari, seconded by C. Boterbloem that Motion #10 be referred back to the University Research Council with the understanding that URC will report back to Senate at the October meeting. CARRIED

MOTION #12: Moved by M. Wodlinger, seconded by L. Janzen that there be a maximum of $5,000 (exclusive of equipment requests) awarded per principal researcher per competition.

MOTION #13: Moved by M. Saari, seconded by S. Muhlberger that an amendment be made to the previous motion by the insertion of the word "normally". CARRIED

MOTION #12: Moved by M. Wodlinger, seconded by L. Janzen that normally there be a maximum of $5,000 (exclusive of equipment requests) awarded per principal researcher per competition. CARRIED

MOTION #14: Moved by M. Wodlinger, seconded by J. Lundy that there be a maximum of one (1) application accepted per principal researcher per competition. CARRIED

MOTION #15: Moved by M. Wodlinger, seconded by J. Long that the URC will not fund doctoral research, through the internal research fund. CARRIED

MOTION #16: Moved by M. Wodlinger, seconded by D. Franks that researchers must commit their travel grants for the travel portion of their research projects, for which they have applied for funding, if these monies are not being used for professional development activities. CARRIED

MOTION #17: Moved by M. Wodlinger, seconded by J. Long that the maximum accommodation expenses allowed for research purposes be as follows:

- under two weeks - refer to the University Policy and Regulations Document
MOTION #18: Moved by M. Wodlinger, seconded by D. Franks that the maximum per diem rate for conducting research off campus be as follows:
- under two weeks - current per diem rate
- two weeks or greater - one-half the current per diem rate
CARRIED

MOTION #19: Moved by M. Wodlinger, seconded by H. Langford that the cost of requested equipment normally not exceed $500 per item.
CARRIED

MOTION #20: Moved by M. Wodlinger, seconded by D. Walton that URC make available to newly hired faculty, on a competitive basis, an amount not to exceed 15% of the total research funds, commencing July 2001. (2001 - $21,000).
CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

MOTION #21: Moved by H. Langford, seconded by D. Franks that Senate elect one member from the Faculty of Education to serve on the University Curriculum Committee.
CARRIED

R. Common nominated H. Vail

MOTION #22: Moved by L. Frost, seconded by D. Franks that nominations cease.
CARRIED

Acclaimed: H. Vail

MOTION #23: Moved by D. Marshall, seconded by M. Wodlinger that Senate elect an "alternative representative" to serve on the Council of Ontario Universities.
CARRIED

P. Barber nominated L. Frost

MOTION #24: Moved by D. Franks, seconded by D. Jowett that nominations cease.
CARRIED

Acclaimed: L. Frost

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION #25: Moved by R. Forrest, seconded by L. Janzen that Senate consider receipt of a draft report entitled, "Collaborative Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree."
CARRIED

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MOTION #26: Moved by R. Forrest, seconded by L. Janzen that Senate receive the draft report entitled, "Collaborative Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree." CARRIED

MOTION #27: Moved by D. Marshall, seconded by S. Muhlberger that Senate consider receipt of the Report of the Honorary Degrees Committee dated September 6, 2000. CARRIED

MOTION #28: Moved by D. Marshall, seconded by D. Jowett that Senate move into an in-camera session. CARRIED

MOTION #29: Moved by D. Marshall, seconded by S. Muhlberger that Senate move out of the in-camera session. CARRIED

MOTION #30: Moved by S. Muhlberger, seconded by D. Jowett that Senate consider receipt of the Questionnaire Summaries for the 1999/2000 Aboriginal Teachers Certification Program, the Native Classroom Assistant Program and the Native Special Education Assistant Program. CARRIED

MOTION #31: Moved by S. Muhlberger, seconded by D. Jowett that the Questionnaire Summaries for the 1999/2000 Aboriginal Teachers Certification Program, the Native Classroom Assistant Program and the Native Special Education Assistant Program dated 30 August 2000 be received. CARRIED

MOTION #32: Moved by R. Forrest, seconded by C. Sarlo that Senate consider electing two members of Senate, one from each faculty, to serve on a Joint Administration NUFA Workload Committee. CARRIED

MOTION #33: Moved by R. Forrest, seconded by C. Sarlo that Senate now elect two members of Senate, one from each faculty, to serve on a Joint Administration NUFA Workload Committee. CARRIED

R. Bergquist nominated D. Franks
G. Phillips nominated L. Janzen

MOTION #34: Moved by D. Jowett, seconded by S. Muhlberger that nominations cease. CARRIED

Acclaimed: D. Franks, L. Janzen

MOTION #35: Moved by S. Muhlberger, seconded by K. Boterbloem that Senate consider receipt of the APT Report dated September 8, 2000. CARRIED
MOTION #36: Moved by S. Muhlberger, seconded by L. Janzen that the Report of the APT Committee dated September 8, 2000 be received.
CARRIED

MOTION #37: Moved by L. Lemisko, seconded by J. Baffoe that Senate do now adjourn: 4:55 p.m.
CARRIED

D. Marshall, President

J. Baffoe, Secretary