NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

January 12, 2001

2:30 p.m. - Room F305

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- D. Marshall, R. Common, R. Forrest, D. Lawrence, B. Nettlefold
- J. Baffoe, W. Borody, T. Chase, P. Chow, M. Denike, T. Dokis,
- D. Hall, D. Jowett, P. Kelly, R. Klingspon, L. Kruk, U. Kundrats,
- Z. Nedev, F. Noël, P. Nosko, L. Patriquin, G. Phillips, J. Ryan,
- M. Saari, A. Sparkes, R. Surtees, M. Tuncali, G. Williams
- P. Barber, W. Blair, J. Buley, P. Falter, L. Frost, H. Langford,
- G. Laronde, J. Long, J. Mroczkowski, S. Reid, D. Shaffer, H. Vail,
- S. Van Nuland, M. Wodlinger
- S. Johnson, B. Wilson, G. Ullmann
- G. Brophey, K. Cowcill, V. Valov
- P. LaCroix

- ABSENT WITH REGRETS: C. Boterbloem, E. Brooks (on leave), L. Janzen, D. Rees (sabbatical),
 - C. Sarlo, K. Stange (sabbatical), K. Topps (sabbatical), D. Walton,
 - A. Weeks, W. Young
 - J. Benard, D. Berry, D. Franks, C. Harvey, T. Horton, L. Knaack,
 - J. Lundy, W. McEachern, S. Percival (sabbatical), L. Smith

(on leave), R. Weeks

M. Brewes, M. Wallace

MEMBERS ABSENT:

- R. Bergquist, R. Wideman
- A. Blackbourn, G. Brown, R. Brozowski, K. Clarke, D. Flynn,
- D. Hackett, J. Knox, J. Kovacs, S. Lawlor, E. Mattson, S. Muhlberger,
- G. Olsen, D. Rowbotham, B. Schreyer
- L. Lemisko, M. McCabe, W. Richardson,
- S. Stuart, E. Winter
- V. Paine-Mantha
- J. O'Rourke, C. Bachand, C. Counts, W. Abreu
- D. Anthony, I. Bajewsky, A. Falby, D. Hunt, H. Kershaw, J. Kooistra,
- J. McNairn, J. Morton, L. Richards, P. Smylie, U. Stange,
- S. Woodward

MOTION #1: Moved by D. Jowett, seconded by M. Saari that the minutes of the

regular meeting of the Academic Senate dated December 8, 2000 be

adopted. CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Marshall introduced Board Chair, Dan Bryer, and welcomed him to the Senate meeting. The President informed senators that he had met with Premier Harris on January 8 to discuss the university's growth plans and ensure that he is mindful of Nipissing's severe underfunding in grants. Dr. Marshall also arranged an appointment with Minister Cunningham on January 16. He stated that four candidates would be interviewed for the Dean of Arts and Science position. He encouraged senators to attend the final three candidates' presentations to Faculty at 10:00 a.m. on January 15, 17 and 19. Senators were also reminded of the Awards Ceremony and reception on January 13. Dr. Marshall provided an update of the deliberations of the Working Group on University Capacity and noted that the government and universities have agreed that the system can accommodate the expected future growth. Universities are willing to take in more students for a system growth potential of 57,000 students by the year 2005. He stressed that the next few weeks of negotiations with the government are critical since the minister will forward her recommendations to cabinet following these discussions. Dr. Marshall stated that Nipissing still will remain underspaced, at only 70% capacity of the space required for its enrolment, according to COU standards. The President commented upon the potential ramifications of Bill 132 that will allow the creation of private universities and allow colleges to grant baccalaureate degrees in applied areas, not offered by universities. There is much concern with an exception clause that would permit the minister to transform any college into a university after applying to a Quality Assessment Board. The President stated that university students would be drawn away if colleges are successful in having non-university degrees equated with university degrees, and if students are expected to have direct entry into university programs. The President stated that the heraldic design of the Nipissing University crest would be presented to Senate for adoption, as part of the Senate Executive Committee Report.

Dr. Forrest announced that Dr. Lynn Stamler had been appointed Director of Nursing. He reported that 14 students had applied to the Nursing program, eight of whom listed Nipissing as their first choice. He encouraged faculty to complete the questionnaire from the Administration NUFA Workload Committee and return same by early February. Dr. Forrest stated his intention to introduce a new practice of depositing sabbatical reports at Senate. He stated that the Selection Committee searches for Business and Psychology are continuing. A sketch of the five-year strategic plan will be considered at an Arts and Science Council meeting scheduled for January 24.

Student president, Brendan Wilson, reported that Frontier College was working with NUSU to initiate a literacy program for North Bay youth that will commence in February. He stated that

plans are ongoing to organize events with Big Brothers and Big Sisters. He welcomed faculty's involvement and participation.

Executive Committee

MOTION #2: Moved by D. Marshall, seconded by J. Baffoe that the Report of the

Senate Executive Committee dated December 20, 2000 be received.

CARRIED

MOTION #3: Moved by D. Marshall, seconded by R. Forrest that the Report on the

Registering of Nipissing University's Crest, dated December 20,

2000, be received.

CARRIED

MOTION #4: Moved by D. Marshall, seconded by R. Surtees that Senate

recommend to the Board of Governors the registered heraldic design

as the official Nipissing University crest.

CARRIED

University Curriculum Committee

MOTION #5: Moved by R. Forrest, seconded by H. Langford that the Report of the

University Curriculum Committee dated December 19, 2000 be

received.
CARRIED

Academic Planning Committee

MOTION #6: Moved by D. Marshall, seconded by D. Shaffer that the Report of the

Academic Planning Committee dated December 7, 2000 be received.

CARRIED

MOTION #7: Moved by R. Forrest, seconded by M. Wodlinger that Senate approve,

in principle, for development, a Fine Arts major in the Faculty of Arts

and Science. CARRIED

MOTION #8: Moved by R. Forrest, seconded by M. Saari that Senate recommend to

the Board of Governors the addition of a tenure track position in

Biology in the Faculty of Arts and Science.

CARRIED

MOTION #9: Moved by R. Forrest, seconded by U. Kundrats that Senate

recommend to the Board of Governors the approval of a three-year limited term position in Computer Science in the Faculty of Arts and

Science.
CARRIED

Distance Education Committee

MOTION #10: Moved by D. Lawrence, seconded by R. Surtees that the Report of the

Distance Education Committee, dated December 14, 2000, be

received. CARRIED

University Research Council

MOTION #11: Moved by M. Wodlinger, seconded by D. Hall that, as of the Winter

Competition, February 2001, there will be an annual competition for

internal research funds.

CARRIED

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

Prof. Kundrats distributed a one-page summary of discussion points for the Alumni Association retreat scheduled for January 20. He welcomed feedback from senators. He announced that a Chapter Formation Subcommittee had been created and had begun preliminary discussions about including other centres. Prof. Kundrats stated that he would report back to Senate on the deliberations of this committee.

Dr. Sparkes presented a verbal report as the Senate representative on the Council of Ontario Universities. He spoke of the agenda of the previous two meetings, and the mandate of the Taskforce on Investing in Students. Dr. Sparkes stated that he receives various COU documents and reports and will distribute these to those whom he thinks would be interested.

AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

MOTION #12: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by D. Jowett that the Senate By-laws

be amended in Section 49.0 by adding the position of Vice-President Academic and Research to replace the President as a member of the Academic Planning Committee. This position will also assume the role of Chair of the Academic Planning Committee. The following

statement will be added under Membership:

"The Vice-President Academic and Research who shall be Chair"

CARRIED

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MOTION #13: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by M. Wodlinger that the Senate By-

laws be amended in Section 48.0 with the addition of the following statement under Terms of Reference for the University Curriculum Committee: "The Committee shall be chaired by one of the two

Deans."
CARRIED

MOTION #14: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by D. Marshall that the Senate By-

laws be amended in Section 59.0 with the addition of the following statement under Terms of Reference for the Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee: "The Committee shall be chaired by one of

the two Associate Deans."

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

MOTION #15: Moved by R. Forrest, seconded by D. Jowett that Item 1.3 of the

Guidelines for Faculty Selection Procedures be amended to include the phrase "when and where practicable" following "... and one

tenured faculty member from the other faculty".

Rationale: It is difficult for Education faculty to participate fully in selection searches and there is an urgency in hiring available

candidates.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION #16: Moved by D. Lawrence, seconded by H. Langford that Senate

consider receipt of the Report of the Admissions, Promotions and

Petitions Committee dated December 13, 2000.

CARRIED

MOTION #17: Moved by D. Lawrence, seconded by D. Jowett that the Report of the

Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee dated December

13. 2000 be received.

CARRIED

MOTION #18: Moved by D. Lawrence, seconded by A. Sparkes that Senate admit to

their respective degrees in-course the students listed in Appendix A who have completed all requirements of their respective degrees and

that diplomas for the degrees be awarded.

CARRIED

MOTION #19:

Moved by D. Lawrence, seconded by J. Buley that the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2000" be amended in Section 3.96 by adding the following:

The Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee will consider applications to graduate at each meeting. When the student is approved by Senate to graduate, he/she will be added to the graduation program of the next graduation, either fall or spring.

CARRIED

MOTION #20:

Moved by D. Lawrence, seconded by M. Tuncali that the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2000" be amended in Section 2.04 as outlined on pages 2 and 3 of the Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee Report dated December 13, 2000.

CARRIED

MOTION #21:

Moved by D. Lawrence, seconded by H. Langford that the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2000" be amended by adding Section 70.0 - Policy and Procedures for Exchange Students, as outlined on pages 3 and 4 of the Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee Report dated

December 13, 2000.

CARRIED

MOTION #22:

Moved by R. Common, seconded by S. Reid that Senate consider receipt of the Education Selection Committee Report dated January 12, 2001.

CARRIED

MOTION #23:

Moved by R. Common, seconded by R. Forrest that the Report of the Senate Education Selection Committee dated January 12, 2001 be

received. CARRIED

MOTION #24:

Moved by R. Common, seconded by P. Barber that motions (i) to (iii) of the Senate Education Selection Committee report dated January 12, 2001 be considered as one omnibus motion.

Motion (i) That Senate recommend to the President that the Science Education tenure track search be declared unsuccessful.

Motion (ii) That Senate recommend to the President that the Language Arts and Literacy tenure track position search be kept open and re-advertised.

Motion (iii) That Senate recommend to the President that Darlene Brackenreed be offered a four-year probationary appointment as an Assistant Professor of Education: Curriculum Methods, effective July

1, 2001. CARRIED

MOTION #25: Moved by R. Common, seconded by H. Langford that Senate approve

motions (i) to (iii) of the Senate Education Selection Committee dated

January 12, 2001.

CARRIED

MOTION #26: Moved by M. Denike, seconded by M. Saari that Senate consider

receipt of the Report of the Student Affairs Committee dated

December 8, 2000.

CARRIED

MOTION #27: Moved by M. Denike, seconded by D. Jowett that the Report of the

Student Affairs Committee dated December 8, 2000 be received.

CARRIED

MOTION #28: Moved by L. Patriquin, seconded by G. Laronde that Senate do now

adjourn: 4:10 p.m.

CĂRRIED

D. Marshall, President	I Baffoe Secretary