

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

March 9, 2001

2:30 p.m. – Room F305

MEMBERS PRESENT: D. Marshall, R. Bergquist, R. Common, R. Forrest, D. Lawrence

J. Baffoe, C. Boterbloem, G. Brown, R. Brozowski, T. Chase,
M. Denike, D. Hall, L. Janzen, D. Jowett, R. Klingspon, J. Kovacs,
L. Kruk, S. Muhlberger, F. Noël, P. Nosko, G. Olsen, G. Phillips,
J. Ryan, C. Sarlo, A. Sparkes, K. Topps, M. Tuncali, D. Walton,
A. Weeks, G. Williams

P. Barber, L. Frost, P. LaCroix, M. Wallace
B. Wilson, G. Ullmann
G. Brophey

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: B. Nettlefold

P. Chow, U. Kundrats, L. Patriquin, D. Rees (sabbatical), M. Saari,
K. Stange (sabbatical)

P. Falter, D. Franks, T. Horton, L. Knaack, J. Lundy,
W. McEachern, S. Percival (sabbatical), D. Shaffer, L. Smith (on
leave), H. Vail, M. Wodlinger

D. Simon, M. Brewes, K. Cowcill

MEMBERS ABSENT: R. Wideman

Blackbourn, W. Borody, K. Clarke, T. Dokis, D. Flynn,
D. Hackett, P. Kelly, J. Knox, S. Lawlor, E. Mattson, Z. Nedev,
D. Rowbotham, B. Schreyer, R. Surtees, W. Young, J. Benard,
D. Berry, W. Blair, J. Buley, C. Harvey, H. Langford, G. Laronde,
L. Lemisko, J. Long, M. McCabe, J. Mroczkowski, S. Reid,
W. Richardson, S. Van Nuland, R. Weeks, E. Winter

V. Paine-Mantha
S. Johnson, 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, V. Valov, S. Woodward

MOTION #1: Moved by D. Jowett, seconded by L. Janzen that the minutes of the regular meeting of the Academic Senate dated February 9, 2001 be adopted.
CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President announced that Dr. Andrew Dean had been appointed as the new Dean of Arts and Science and would commence his term of office on July 1, 2001. Dr. Marshall provided some background information to accompany the presentation of the 2001-2002 budget. He explained that the budget was prepared on the assumption that there would be a 2% tuition increase and stable enrolments in all areas with the exception of areas that will receive additional funding for students. More students will be accepted, for instance, in Education, and the ATOP, BAT and Nursing programs. The tuition increase is the maximum allowed by the government. Dr. Marshall noted that it was unusual that the grant had not yet been announced, and he expected that it would not occur until May. The President explained that the Deans had been directed to consider no increase in their budget and submit a list of items they deemed critical for their department based on a 0% budget.

Mr. Green commented upon the growth in Nipissing's budget over the years and stated that the 2001-2002 budget represented a total of \$25,700,000. He reported that the costs associated with establishing divisions and departments in the Faculty of Arts and Science had been incorporated into the budget. Mr. Green summarized the changes in the budget compared with the previous year. He outlined that this budget accounts for the increase in Education enrolment, AQ revenue and expenses for the Nursing program.

Dr. Marshall stated that the 2001-2002 budget represents the most difficult budget Nipissing has had since the grant cuts in 1995. It is the first year that the institution has had to use significant amounts of soft money in order to balance the budget. Dr. Marshall noted that, although no money has yet been received from the government's accessibility or performance indicator funds, some projected revenues have been added to the budget. The President explained that the financial constraints have prevented the university from proceeding with many plans; as an example, he stated that the purchase of a new stage for Convocation was not possible. Dr. Marshall anticipated that the government would make a five-year funding announcement in May that will also include funding for next year. He assured senators that the government will fund growth, and it will be dependent on enrolment based funding. There is no likelihood that the government will increase base grants.

Dr. Forrest announced that the Board had held a very successful Professional Development evening that highlighted the research initiatives of seven faculty members. He stated that the Board members were very inspired by the quality of the work and the evident passion of the

Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee

- MOTION #3 Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by D. Lawrence that the Report of the Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee dated February 15, 2001 be received.
CARRIED
- MOTION #4: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by R. Common that students who have successfully completed the NCACP Part 1 and have Grade 12 or equivalent be granted advanced standing in the NCADP, and be eligible for admission to NCADP Part 2.
CARRIED
- MOTION #5: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by R. Common that students who have successfully completed the NCACP Part 2 and have Grade 12 or equivalent be granted advanced standing in the NCADP, and be eligible for admission to NCADP Part 3.
CARRIED

Appointments, Promotions and Tenure Committee

- MOTION #6: Moved by S. Muhlberger, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate receive the Report of the APT Committee dated March 7, 2001.
CARRIED
- MOTION #7: Moved by S. Muhlberger, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate consider Motions 2 - 6 of the APT Report dated March 7, 2001 as one omnibus motion.
CARRIED
- MOTION #8: Moved by S. Muhlberger, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve Motions #2 - 6 of the APT Report dated March 7, 2001 as one omnibus motion.
CARRIED

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

Dr. Sparkes provided an update of the discussions held at the February meeting of the Council of Ontario Universities concerning the government's allocation of monies on a one-time basis. He informed senators that he has a copy of the recently released report regarding the economic impact of universities. COU has recommended that environmentally-associated spending be interpreted broadly so that Humanities and Social Sciences could benefit from the funds available. Dr. Sparkes outlined COU's priorities in its lobbying efforts with the government including their attempt to have operating funds added to the base budget, including the deferred maintenance of buildings throughout the province and funding for the overhead costs of research, (although Nipissing does not qualify).

Dr. Common stated that the Teacher Education Advisory Committee had met twice. He commented that the committee membership resulted in challenging discussions.

OTHER BUSINESS

MOTION #9: Moved by D. Marshall, seconded by P. Barber that Senate receive the "Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities" document dated February 2001.

MOTION #10: Moved by D. Lawrence, seconded by D. Marshall that consideration of Motion #9 be postponed to the April meeting of Senate, with the understanding that the Executive Director of Student Affairs be invited to the Senate meeting to answer any questions regarding the document.
CARRIED

MOTION #11: Moved by R. Forrest, seconded by D. Hall that Senate receive the Report of the Senate Selection Committee (SBE) for a tenure track position in Business.
CARRIED

MOTION #12: Moved by R. Forrest, seconded by J. Baffoe that Senate recommend to the President that Ms. Jo-Anne Ryan be offered a probationary appointment in the School of Business and Economics commencing July 1, 2001.
CARRIED

MOTION #13: Moved by R. Forrest, seconded by J. Baffoe that Senate offer congratulations to Prof. Ryan on her appointment.
CARRIED

MOTION #14: Moved by R. Forrest, seconded by D. Walton that Senate receive the Report of the Senate Selection Committee for the tenure track position in Psychology.
CARRIED

MOTION #15: Moved by R. Forrest, seconded by R. Bergquist that Senate recommend to the President that Dr. Dana Murphy be offered a probationary appointment in Psychology commencing July 1, 2001. CARRIED

MOTION #16: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by A. Sparkes that the Report from the Associate Dean of Arts & Science regarding [COSC 2707E](#) be received.

CARRIED

MOTION #17: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by S. Muhlberger that the requirement for a final examination in [COSC 2707E](#) - Training Techniques be waived.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION #18: Moved by R. Forrest, seconded by D. Marshall that Senate consider receipt of the *Report of the Auditors on Undergraduate Program Reviews at Nipissing University* dated August 1999.

CARRIED

MOTION #19: Moved by R. Forrest, seconded by P. Barber that Senate receive the *Report of the Auditors on Undergraduate Program Reviews at Nipissing University* dated August 1999.

CARRIED

MOTION #20: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by F. Noël that Senate do now adjourn: 4:15 p.m.

CARRIED

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D. Marshall, President

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J. Baffoe, Secretary