

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

April 6, 2001
1:00 p.m. -- Room F305

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

J. Baffoe, W. Borody, C. Boterbloem, G. Brown, T. Chase,
P. Chow, M. Denike, T. Dokis, D. Hall, D. Jowett, P. Kelly,
R. Klingspon, J. Kovacs, L. Kruk, U. Kandrats, S. Muhlberger,
Z. Nedev, F. Noël, P. Nosko, G. Olsen, L. Patriquin, G. Phillips,
M. Saari, C. Sarlo, A. Sparkes, R. Surtees, M. Tuncali, D. Walton,
A. Weeks, G. Williams, W. Young

P. Barber, J. Benard, W. Blair, J. Buley, P. Falter, D. Franks,
L. Frost, C. Harvey, H. Langford, L. Lemisko, J. Long,
J. Mroczkowski, S. Reid, D. Shaffer, S. Van Nuland, R. Weeks,
M. Wodlinger

P. LaCroix

C. Counts, G. Ullmann

Guests: L. Burns, S. Evans, A. Fera, J. Lathem, L. Smith,
C. Vander Wall

ABSENT WITH REGRETS:

A. Blackbourn, D. Rees (sabbatical), K. Stange (sabbatical),
K. Topps (sabbatical)

T. Horton, L. Knaack, J. Lundy, W. McEachern, S. Percival
(sabbatical), W. Richardson, L. Smith (on leave), H. Vail

M. Brewes, K. Cowcill

MEMBERS ABSENT: D. Lawrence, B. Nettlefold

R. Brozowski, K. Clarke, D. Flynn, D. Hackett, L. Janzen, J. Knox,
S. Lawlor, E. Mattson, D. Rowbotham, J. Ryan, B. Schreyer

D. Berry, G. Laronde, M. McCabe, S. Stuart, E. Winter

V. Paine-Mantha, M. Wallace

W. Abreu, C. Bachand, S. Johnson, J. O'Rourke

D. Anthony, I. Bajewsky, G. Brophay, 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 S. Muhlberger, seconded by M. Saari that the minutes of the regular meeting of the Academic Senate dated March 9, 2001 be adopted.
CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

MOTION #2: Moved by R. Common, seconded by H. Langford that Senate recommend to the President that the proposed Faculty of Education laptop initiative be implemented for the 2002/2003 academic year at the earliest.
CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President circulated copies of the Report of the Investing in Students Task Force, entitled "Portals and Pathways" for senators' information. He stated that the document had been commissioned by the Minister to determine if universities were efficient. The results found that universities were competent in this regard. The Senate Chair announced a special Senate meeting in April on Friday, April 27th at 2:30 p.m. to consider Education grades. The Arts and Science grades will be considered at the regular Senate meeting in May to be held on Tuesday, May 15th at 10:00 a.m.

Dr. Marshall stated that the management indicators had been published for the third consecutive year. He explained that the indicators were chosen based on the university's planning goals and assumptions, and will be monitored over a five-year period. The President announced that the Board of Governors had approved a \$25.7 million budget at the Board meeting held on April 5th. Dr. Marshall informed senators that application rates had increased by 8.2%. He stated that the Ontario Universities Application Centre had released its first performance indicators report. Dr. Marshall reported on Nipissing's employability rates commenting that they had surpassed last year's figures. A total of 98.13% of Nipissing graduates found employment six months after graduation this year, as compared with last year's total of 94.3%. Those who secured employment two years after graduation amounted to 98.33% this year, as compared with last year's percentage of 96.2.

The Chair announced that the Senate Executive Committee had held a special, two-hour meeting to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of Senate and its proportional representation. Dr. Marshall explained that the meeting was not intended to render any decision but rather to determine whether a time-limited discussion of the issue of an elected Senate was warranted. Dr. Marshall will prepare a report to be distributed at the April 27th meeting of Senate that will be considered during a time-limited discussion at the May 15th Senate meeting. The discussion will focus on the representation of the two faculties on Senate as well as the consideration of streamlining the current committee structure.

Dr. Forrest was proud to announce three NSERC recipients in the Faculty of Arts and Science: Dr. Tuncali, Dr. Weeks and Dr. Nedev. He reported that the Arts and Science Council had met last week and approved the Departmental Restructuring Report and the Grading Standards and Practices Report. Dr. Forrest commented on the significance of these documents and stated that they would change the Arts and Science environment. The Dean provided an update of ongoing progress with the Biology and Computer Science search committees.

Dr. Common reported that the Faculty of Education had processed 4000 applications for next year and a total of 1356 offers were sent to potential students. The Dean stated that the Faculty will aim for a target of 685 students, which represents 50 more students than the current year.

Brendan Wilson introduced the new NUSU Executive: Brock Leighton, President; Mark Tomlin, Vice-President External; Julie Price, Vice-President Internal and Scott Johnson, Vice-President Student Life. He announced that Frontier College will offer a literacy program in North Bay and surrounding area and has hired a full-time person to coordinate the program. Mr. Wilson thanked the faculty who had participated in supporting this initiative.

The Speaker reminded senators that annual reports are due at the May Senate meeting and must indicate yearly attendance; otherwise, they will not be accepted by the Senate Executive Committee.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

University Curriculum Committee

MOTION #3: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by J. Baffoe that the Report of the University Curriculum Committee dated March 27, 2001 be received.

CARRIED

MOTION #4: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by J. Baffoe that the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2000" be amended in section 19.0 to change the name of the 4-year Honours Bachelor of Applied Technology Degree in Business Information Systems to Bachelor of Business Information Systems (Honours).

CARRIED

MOTION #5: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by M. Tuncali that the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2000" be amended in section 20.0 to change the name of the 4-year Honours Bachelor of Applied Technology Degree in Environmental Biology to Bachelor of Science (Honours) and that the name of the major be changed to Environmental Biology and Technology.

CARRIED

MOTION #6: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate consider Motions 4- 14 of the Curriculum Committee Report dated March 27, 2001 as one omnibus motion.

CARRIED

#4: That the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2000" be amended to add SOCI 4476E - Senior Seminar in Criminal Justice.

#5: That the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2000" be amended to add SOCI 4466E - Program and Policy Evaluation.

#6: That the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2000" be amended to add SOCI 4467E - Contemporary Research and Theory in Criminology.

#7: That the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2000" be amended in section 27.0, as outlined on pages 14 to 18 of the Curriculum Committee Report dated March 27, 2001.

#8: That the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2000" be amended to modify MUSC 1102E - Introduction to Music II, as outlined.

#9: That the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2000" be amended to add EDUC 2465E - Design and Technology II as outlined.

#10: That the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2000" be amended to delete PSYC 2005E - Developmental Psychology, PSYC 2125E - Scientific Method and Analysis, PSYC 2305E - Psychology of Industry and Work, PSYC 2905E - Receptor Processes and Perception and PSYC 3805E - Social Psychology beginning with the Spring/Summer session of 2002.

#11: That the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2000" be amended to add PSYC 2006E - Childhood Development, PSYC 2007E - Adult Development, PSYC 2126E - Scientific Method and Analysis I, PSYC 2127E - Scientific Method and Analysis II, PSYC 2306E - Psychology of Industry and Work I, PSYC 2307E - Psychology of Industry and Work II, PSYC 2906E - Sensation, PSYC 2907E - Perception, PSYC 3806E - Introduction to Social Psychology and PSYC 3807E - Applied Social Psychology, as outlined.

#12: That the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2000" be amended to modify PSYC 3205E - Psychological Measurement, as outlined on pages 50 & 51 of the Curriculum Committee Report dated March 27, 2001.

#13: That the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2000" be amended to modify PSYC 3356E - Design and Analysis I, as outlined on pages 51 & 52 of the Curriculum Committee Report dated March 27, 2001.

#14: That the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2000" be amended in sections 38.00, 38.10, 38.20, 38.25, 38.30 and 38.40 as outlined on pages 53 to 67 of the Curriculum Committee Report dated March 27, 2001. However, this has occurred too late to take effect in the Fall of 2001. These changes will take effect beginning with the Spring/Summer session of 2002.

MOTION #7: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by R. Surtees that Senate approve Motions 4-14 of the Curriculum Committee Report dated March 27, 2001, as one omnibus motion.
CARRIED

By-laws and Striking Committee

MOTION #8: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by D. Marshall that the Report of the By-laws and Striking Committee dated March 27, 2001 be received.
CARRIED

MOTION #9: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by W. Borody that Senate proceed to hold elections for Committee membership for the 2001-2002 academic year.
CARRIED

S. Reid nominated D. Brackenreed to the University Research Council

MOTION #10: Moved by P. Nosko, seconded by D. Franks that nominations cease.

CARRIED

Elected to the University Research Council:
D. Franks, D. Brackenreed

Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee

MOTION #11: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by S. Muhlberger that the Report of the Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee dated March 21, 2001 be received.

CARRIED

MOTION #12: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by D. Hall that the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2000" be amended in section 27.0 by replacing the current Admission Requirements for the Bachelor of Criminal Justice program with the following:

To be considered for admission to the Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice (BACJ) program, students must have a minimum overall average of 75% on six OACs, or have successfully completed the Diploma in Police Foundations or Diploma in Corrections with a minimum grade-point average of 3.5, and submit the Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice supplementary application package for consideration. Student applications will be reviewed by faculty members from the Criminal Justice program. Students will be required to maintain a minimum overall average of 75% in their first year (first 30 credits) to proceed to second year in the program.

CARRIED

MOTION #13: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by R. Surtees that the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2000" be amended in section 3.20 by replacing the current policy on Spring and Summer Session Course Loads with the following:

Spring and Summer Sessions

Students who register for Spring and Summer courses, on campus and correspondence, will be limited to a maximum of 12 credits per session. (Note: Correspondence course credits will be counted toward the maximum of 12 credits in each of Spring and Summer Session.)

Students on probation or on a restricted course load may only register in a maximum of six credits in each of Spring and Summer session.

CARRIED

University Research Council

MOTION #14: Moved by M. Wodlinger, seconded by P. Barber that the Report of the University Research Council dated 9 March 2001 be received.
CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

MOTION #15: Moved by D. Marshall, seconded by R. Forrest that Senate hold an election to elect one Arts and Science representative and one Education representative to serve on the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching Committee.
CARRIED

R. Surtees nominated S. Lawlor
S. Reid nominated L. Lemisko

MOTION #16: Moved by D. Franks, seconded by H. Langford that nominations cease.
CARRIED

Acclaimed: S. Lawlor, L. Lemisko

MOTION #17: Moved by L. Lemisko, seconded by R. Surtees that Senate do now adjourn: 3:15 p.m.
CARRIED

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D. Marshall, President

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J. Baffoe, Secretary

