

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

May 15, 2001

10:00 a.m. -- Room F305

- MEMBERS PRESENT: D. Marshall, R. Bergquist, R. Common, D. Lawrence,  
R. Wideman
- J. Baffoe, W. Borody, C. Boterbloem, G. Brown, R. Brozowski,  
T. Chase, K. Clarke, M. Denike, T. Dokis, D. Hall, L. Janzen,  
D. Jowett, P. Kelly, R. Klingspon, L. Kruk, S. Muhlberger,  
L. Patriquin, G. Phillips, J. Ryan, M. Saari, A. Sparkes  
L. Stamler, M. Tuncali, G. Williams
- P. Barber, J. Benard, W. Blair, J. Buley, P. Falter, D. Franks,  
C. Harvey, T. Horton, J. Long, J. Lundy, W. Richardson,  
D. Shaffer, S. Stuart, H. Vail, S. Van Nuland, R. Weeks
- B. Leighton, J. Price, M. Tomlin  
G. Brophey, J. Morton
- Fera (guest)
- ABSENT WITH REGRETS: R. Forrest, B. Nettlefold  
U. Kundrats, E. Mattson, F. Noël (sabbatical), K. Stange  
(sabbatical), K. Topps (sabbatical), A. Weeks
- L. Knack, W. McEachern, S. Percival (sabbatical), S. Reid,  
L. Smith (on leave)
- MEMBERS ABSENT: A. Blackbourn, P. Chow, D. Flynn, D. Hackett, J. Knox, J. Kovacs,  
S. Lawlor, Z. Nedev, P. Nosko, G. Olsen, D. Rowbotham,  
C. Sarlo, B. Schreyer, R. Surtees, D. Walton, W. Young
- D. Berry, L. Frost, H. Langford, G. Laronde, L. Lemisko,  
M. McCabe, J. Mroczkowski, E. Winter, M. Wodlinger
- K. Cowcill, H. Kershaw, J. Kooistra, L. Richards, P. Smylie,  
U. Stange
- V. Paine-Mantha, M. Wallace
- MOTION #1: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by W. Richardson that the  
minutes of the regular meeting of the Academic Senate dated April  
6, 2001 be adopted.  
CARRIED

MOTION #2:                                Moved by J. Long, seconded by D. Hall that the minutes of the special meeting of the Academic Senate dated April 27, 2001 be adopted.  
CARRIED

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President welcomed Dr. Lynnette Stamler, Director of Nursing, to the Senate meeting.

Dr. Marshall provided an overview of the budget announcement and explained the implications for Nipissing University. He stated that all universities in Ontario were given full average cost funding for new students at the current average system cost for 2001-2002. The government made it a multi-year announcement (three years) covering the period to the end of the double cohort (2003-2004). Dr. Marshall defined it as a very significant and positive announcement from the government for postsecondary education. He informed senators that the performance indicator fund had been increased by \$6.7 million. This year's allocation process was revised by setting a threshold on performance indicators so that universities who achieve within plus or minus 10% of the threshold would be able to access the funds. Dr. Marshall announced that the Northern Grant for the three northern Ontario universities had been increased by 10%, and this will represent an additional \$100,000 to Nipissing's permanent base grant. The government also added \$100 million to the deferred maintenance fund and this represents a further \$500,000 for Nipissing.

Dr. Marshall stated that the government did not announce any cost of living for 2001-2002 or beyond; therefore Nipissing's previously budgetted 2% cost of living will be removed from the budget. As a consequence, institutions will have to grow, at least to a certain extent, in order to access the new money. As well, the government did not preserve the corridor system. Dr. Marshall was disappointed that the budget announcement did not address the unfunded BIU problem. The President outlined several ramifications of the budget announcement. He stated that it will be a difficult year to balance the budget because of no cost of living increase and no minor corrections to the inequity in the system. It was emphasized that the potential for increased revenue based on enrolment is significant, and Arts and Science enrolment will be especially critical for the grant money available to Nipissing. Dr. Marshall informed Senate that the laptop initiative had to be reconsidered and a decision was made to postpone its implementation until 2002-2003. However, a pilot project for one section of the faculty will be funded, next year. As a result of the extra \$100 million in the deferred maintenance fund, Nipissing will be able to proceed with the academic wing expansion. Gap Construction has been awarded the contract to commence this work. The President stressed that the principal issue for Nipissing during the next three years will be to develop a strategy for recruitment and retention, in particular for Arts and Science. Another main issue on the President's agenda will be to resolve the inequity issue.

Dr. Marshall reminded faculty of the Convocation ceremonies: Friday June 8<sup>th</sup>, Education (P/J) Education at 9:30 a.m. and Education (J/I) at 1:30 p.m. The Arts and Science ceremony will be

held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. A third Education Convocation for I/S, MEd and Diploma students will also occur on Saturday beginning at 1:30 p.m. The President advised that seating would be at a premium; therefore tickets will be used for the first time this year and students will be asked to limit their guests to a total of three. The ceremony will be simultaneously broadcast in the Vittorio Fedeli Room which guests can use as an alternative location. A riser will be built for the Faculty but it can only accommodate 40 people. Senators were asked to advise Delores Klingspon, ext. 4305, as soon as possible, of the Convocation ceremony(ies) they plan to attend.

On behalf of Senate, the President congratulated Dr. Lorraine Janzen as this year's recipient of the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Research, and Dr. Matti Saari as this year's recipient of the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Dr. Marshall reported that the Senate Executive Committee had received the Report of the Grading Standards and Practices Committee and it will be considered at the June Senate meeting.

The President commended Ken McLellan and the Financial Aid office for receiving the best results on the annual OSAP Compliance Audit. Nipissing was the only university that had a perfect record among all universities and colleges in the province.

The Dean of Education informed Senate that Laurentian University intends to offer a concurrent English Faculty of Education program with the intention to attract students to their Arts and Science program. Dr. Common was concerned that this initiative may threaten Nipissing's enrolment because it affects our catchment area. The Dean further stated that Nipissing currently places 100 teachers in the region for practice teaching assignments; this could prove difficult because of the new competition.

Brock Leighton advised Senate that the Student Union and Al Carfagnini were working on an arrangement to provide faculty with free newspapers on a daily basis. The newspapers would be located in the Student Centres at Canadore and Nipissing. Mr. Leighton expected that this would be in place by the week of May 21.

Dr. Muhlberger raised a complaint about the suitability of using American Express as Nipissing's corporate card. He noted that there have been difficulties with its acceptance at major conferences, as well as problems with trying to have it cancelled. Dr. Marshall will investigate the matter further with Mr. Green.

#### Appointments, Promotions and Tenure Committee

MOTION #3: Moved by S. Muhlberger, seconded by C. Harvey that the Report of the APT Committee dated April 30, 2001 be received.  
CARRIED

#### Research Ethics Committee

MOTION #4: Moved by J. Benard, seconded by L. Janzen that the Report of the Research Ethics Committee dated May 7, 2001 be received.  
CARRIED

Annual Reports

MOTION #5: Moved by S. Muhlberger, seconded by M. Saari that Senate receive Annual Reports for the following committees:

Executive Committee	April 26, 2001
University Curriculum Committee	April 19, 2001
Academic Planning Committee	April 26, 2001
Library Committee	April 23, 2001
Distance Education Committee	May 8, 2001
Cultural Affairs Committee	April 28, 2001
Appointments, Promotions and Tenure Committee	April 30, 2001
Student Affairs Committee	May 6, 2001
Student Academic Standing Appeals and Petitions Committee	May 7, 2001
By-laws and Striking Committee	May 8, 2001
Honorary Degrees Committee	April 26, 2001
Research Ethics Committee	May 6, 2001
Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee	May 8, 2001
University Research Council	May 4, 2001
Academic Computing Committee	May 7, 2001
CARRIED	

REPORTS OF AD HOC COMMITTEES

Certificate of Bilingualism Oral Examination Committee

MOTION #6: Moved by C. Harvey, seconded by G. Williams that the Annual Report of the Certificate of Bilingualism Committee, dated May 7, 2001, be received.  
CARRIED

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

Senate Representative on the Council of Ontario Universities, Dr. Sparkes, provided a short summary of the most recent COU meeting. He stated that a report had been presented from the Library Committee regarding Library Consortiums across the province. Dr. Sparkes asked senators to advise him if they experience any decrease in their ability to do Library searches in the Humanities and Social Sciences, and he would convey this information to COU. The COU student debt load report was also presented, and Dr. Sparkes offered a copy to anyone interested in reviewing it. An announcement was made that MIT plans to put all course content course materials on the web. Dr. Sparkes noted that the idea was enthusiastically received by all university presidents who attended the COU meeting. COU will monitor the MIT experiment and its impact. Dr. Sparkes requested that any senators who have concerns about this issue to contact him.

OTHER BUSINESS

MOTION #7: Moved by R. Weeks, seconded by J. Baffoe that Senate discharge the non-standing Senate committees including Senate and Dean's Search Committees and Selection Committees for 2000-2001 as identified in the agenda:

Assessment Subcommittee for Prof. R. Bergquist's application

for promotion

Assessment Subcommittee for Dr. D. Jowett's application for

Tenure

Assessment Subcommittee for Dr. G. Williams' application for tenure

Education Selection Committee for the tenure track position in

Curriculum Methods

Education Selection Committee for the tenure track position in

Science Education

Senate Selection Committee for the tenure track position in Business

Senate Selection Committee for the tenure track position in Computer Science

Senate Selection Committee for the tenure track position in Psychology

CARRIED

Report to Senate on Restructuring in Arts and Science

MOTION #8: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by D. Jowett that Senate receive the Report of the Dean of Arts and Science on administrative restructuring within the Faculty of Arts and Science.  
CARRIED

MOTION #9: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by D. Jowett that Senate recommend to the Board of Governors, through the President, the implementation of the departmental structure for the Faculty of Arts and Science as proposed in the Report of the Dean's Ad Hoc Committee on Departmental Restructuring dated November 2000.  
CARRIED

Report of the Senate Selection Committee (Biology)

MOTION #10: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by R. Weeks that Senate receive the Report of the Senate Selection Committee (Biology) for the tenure track position in Biology.  
CARRIED

MOTION #11: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by D. Franks that Senate recommend to the President that Dr. Greg Pyle be offered a probationary appointment in Biology.

CARRIED

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Report of the Senate Selection Committee (Computer Science)

MOTION #12: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate receive the Report of the Senate Selection Committee (Computer Science) for the tenure track position in Computer Science.  
CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee

MOTION #13: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by C. Harvey that Senate consider receipt of the Report of the Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee dated May 10, 2001.  
CARRIED

MOTION #14: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by D. Jowett that the Report of the Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee dated May 10, 2001 be received.  
CARRIED

MOTION #15: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by R. Wideman 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 #16: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by M. Saari that Senate consider receipt of the Report of the Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee dated May 15, 2001.  
CARRIED

MOTION #17: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by D. Jowett that the Report of the Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee dated May 15, 2001 be received.  
CARRIED

MOTION #18: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by D. Jowett 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

Honorary Degrees Committee

MOTION #19: Moved by D. Marshall, seconded by R. Common that Senate consider receipt of the Honorary Degrees Committee Report dated May 10, 2001.

CARRIED

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MOTION #20: Moved by D. Marshall, seconded by J. Long that the Report of the Honorary Degrees Committee, dated May 10, 2001, be received.

CARRIED

MOTION #21: Moved by D. Marshall, seconded by S. Muhlberger that Senate recommend to the Board of Governors that Dr. Elizabeth Thorn be granted the Professor Emeritus designation.

CARRIED

#### Report from the Senate Education Selection Committee

MOTION #22: Moved by R. Common, seconded by W. Richardson that Senate consider receipt of the Senate Education Selection Committee Report dated May 9, 2001.

CARRIED

MOTION #23: Moved by R. Common, seconded by S. Muhlberger that the Report of the Senate Education Selection Committee dated May 9, 2001 be received.

CARRIED

MOTION #24: Moved by R. Common, seconded by J. Lundy that motions (i) to (vii) of the Senate Education Selection Committee Report dated May 9, 2001 be considered as one omnibus motion.

That Senate recommend to the President that Gerald Laronde be offered a three year limited term appointment as an Assistant Professor of Education: Science.

That Senate recommend to the President that Jeff Scott be offered a one year limited term appointment as an Assistant Professor of Education: Science.

That Senate recommend to the President that the Language and Literacy tenure track search be declared unsuccessful.

That Senate recommend to the President that Shirley Van Nuland be offered a four year probationary appointment as an Assistant Professor of Education: Foundations.

That Senate recommend to the President that Barb Olmsted be offered a one year limited term appointment as an Assistant Professor of Education: Physical Education and Health.

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That Senate recommend to the President that Kurt Clausen be offered a four year probationary appointment as an Assistant Professor of Education: Curriculum Development and Evaluation.

That Senate recommend to the President that Mumbi Kariuki be offered a four year probationary appointment as an Assistant Professor of Education: Computer Education.

CARRIED

MOTION #25: Moved by R. Common, seconded by D. Franks that Motions (i) to (vii) of the Education Selection Committee Report dated May 9, 2001 be approved.

CARRIED

MOTION #26: Moved by M. Saari, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate do now adjourn: 11:55 a.m.

CARRIED

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D. Marshall, President

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J. Baffoe, Secretary



