NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

November 9, 2001

1:30 p.m. -- Room F305

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


K. Brozowski, J. LeClair, U. Stange
C. Vander Wall, M. Wallace
J. Price

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: B. Nettlefold
A. Blackbourn (sabbatical), C. Boterbloem (sabbatical), R. Brozowski (sabbatical), L. Janzen (sabbatical), D. Jowett, L. Kruk (on leave), G. Phillips (on leave), M. Saari (sabbatical), L. Stamler, A. Weeks

W. Blair, T. Campbell, C. Harvey, B. Olmsted, H. Vail, R. Weeks, E. Winter (on leave), M. Wodlinger (sabbatical)

MEMBERS ABSENT: D. Flynn, J. Knox, S. Lawlor, P. Nosko, J. Ryan, B. Schreyer, K. Stange

D. Berry, P. Falter, L. Knaack, M. McCabe, J. McIntosh, S. Reid, S. Stuart

P. LaCroix
B. Leighton, N. Pelletier, L. Malcolm, G. Buie, D. McMeekin
MOTION #1: Moved by L. Lemisko, seconded by H. Langford that the minutes of the regular meeting of the Academic Senate dated October 5, 2001 be adopted. CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President reminded all senators of the tribute to Dr. Surtees and the unveiling of the new Robert J. Surtees Athletic Centre, immediately following the Senate meeting. Dr. Marshall informed Senate that he had presented the economic impact study to City Hall on November 6. He indicated that the budget planning process is underway; the key issues are enrolment estimates in Arts and Science and the fixed cost analysis. Dr. Forrest and Dr. Dean will consult about enrolment estimates. Dr. Marshall announced that the Nipissing Act has been re-advertised to include a major revision that will enable the university to offer any and all degrees. As well, the Act will include a modification to the length of term for serving Board members. The first reading of the Act will occur on either December 4 or 5, and it is expected that it will be sent to committee and approved by the Legislature by December 13. The President explained the process for selecting a new Chancellor noting that it was similar to the confidential procedure for choosing an honorary degree candidate. Dr. Marshall stated that the success of the Chancellor’s Selection Committee is entirely dependent on the nomination process, and he urged senators to submit their nominations to him. The President announced that the Maclean’s issue on university ranking would be released on Monday, November 12. The President will circulate a memo to the university community, and post, on the web, his analysis of Nipissing’s standing. Dr. Marshall reported that the “Crafting the Message” recruitment taskforce had chosen six primary messages that should be conveyed to the double cohort students. A series of double cohort meetings of Grade 11 and 12 students will commence on November 12 in Sturgeon Falls, followed by meetings in North Bay on November 15 and 19 and in Bracebridge on November 28.

Dr. Forrest informed Senate that he has asked the Deans to form a committee to monitor the impact of the grading standards and practices. The committee will be comprised of two members from each faculty and one student representative and will be asked to report back to Dr. Forrest by December 31, 2002. The Vice-President announced that the Faculty Workload Committee (comprised of representatives from the Faculty Association and administration) has met and will meet again in two weeks to prepare an interim report for the end of December. Dr. Forrest stated that the hiring was near completion for the Research Manager’s position. He further announced an extension of the September 30th deadline for the Research Achievement Awards to November 13th and an extension of the October 31st deadline to November 30. Consultations are continuing with Dr. Dean, Prof. Bergquist and Jan Lucy with regard to offering a full degree program at the Muskoka campus. Dr. Forrest informed Senate that he had participated in the OPAS conference and had the opportunity to give a radio interview on faculty research.

Dr. Dean announced the appointment of Michael Gauthier to a two-year position as Director of the Centre for Continuing Business Education and Community Liaison Manager. He explained that all Arts and Science faculty had been sent a package of information relating to a survey of faculty and
students regarding course satisfaction. He requested that faculty members administer the survey to their students next week and return the forms to the Dean’s office.

Dr. Common announced the success of the Faculty of Education’s first international assessment conference. The Checkmark Conference was well attended and 75 registrants took it as a professional learning credit. Dr. Common stated that it is expected that next year’s conference will attract 1000 people. The Dean individually thanked members of the Faculty for their role in organizing the conference. Dr. Common announced that the Research Institute of Learning had been launched and was currently in the process of applying for government funding. He informed Senate that a Nepali doctoral student, Bahai Rajai, was visiting Nipissing for several months. Mr. Rajai has a Master of Science in Engineering degree and another Masters degree in International Development. The Dean stated that the Faculty is investigating the possibility of reopening the campus site in Newmarket. Further discussions are pending, but it appears hopeful that it may happen. Dr. Common stated that he has contacted all the Deans of Ontario Faculties of Education to lobby and broker a deal with the government so that the teacher test will not come to fruition. A public announcement is expected soon. He advised Senate that the concurrent BA/BEd program with Wilfrid Laurier University is progressing well. The Dean stated that he had received one application for sabbatical and two applications for promotion.

Academic Planning Committee

MOTION #2: Moved by R. Forrest, seconded by L. Lemisko that the Report of the Academic Planning Committee dated October 2, 2001 be received. CARRIED

MOTION #3: Moved by R. Forrest, seconded by L. Frost that Senate recommend to the Board of Governors, pending budget approval, that the limited term position in Classroom Management be converted to a tenure track position. CARRIED

Library Committee

MOTION #4: Moved by L. Patriquin, seconded by J. Buley that the Report of the Library Committee dated October 3, 2001 be received. CARRIED

Cultural Affairs Committee

MOTION #5: Moved by J. Buley, seconded by L. Lemisko that the Report of the Cultural Affairs Committee dated October 5, 2001 be received. CARRIED
Student Affairs Committee

MOTION #6: Moved by G. Olsen, seconded by D. Marshall that the Report of the Student Affairs Committee dated October 25, 2001 be received. CARRIED

MOTION #7: Moved by G. Olsen, seconded by D. Marshall that Motion #17 of the June 7, 2001 Senate meeting, “Students who have successfully completed studies abroad be eligible for consideration for either scholarships or awards as determined by the Student Affairs Committee” be amended to read, “That students who earn scholarships and awards at Nipissing University and choose to study abroad remain eligible for such awards upon their return to Nipissing, provided they are successful.” CARRIED

MOTION #8: Moved by G. Olsen, seconded by J. Long that students who earn scholarships and awards at Nipissing University and choose to study abroad remain eligible for such awards upon their return to Nipissing, provided they are successful. CARRIED

MOTION #9: Moved by G. Olsen, seconded by D. Shaffer that students who are accepted for an exchange program and have qualified for a scholarship will receive the scholarship during the exchange year as if they were studying on campus. CARRIED

Honorary Degrees Committee

MOTION #10: Moved by D. Marshall, seconded by D. Shaffer that Senate move into an in-camera session. CARRIED

MOTION #11: Moved by D. Marshall, seconded by J. Baffoe that Senate move out of the in-camera session. CARRIED

MOTION #12: Moved by R. Forrest, seconded by L. Lemisko that Senate approve the modified Policy on Professor Emeritus/Emerita* dated October 31, 2001. WITHDRAWN (to be considered at the December Senate meeting)
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Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee

MOTION #13: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by D. Lawrence that the Report of the Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee dated October 15, 2001 be received.  
CARRIED

MOTION #14: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by R. Common that Senate adopt the admission requirements and admission process for the proposed concurrent BA/BEd program with Wilfrid Laurier University at its Brantford campus, as outlined as follows:

That students seeking entry into the program successfully complete one of the following courses: an OAC Math; a Grade 12 U Math; or a Grade 12 UC Math plus either an OAC English or Grade 12 U English.

That high school students presenting a minimum overall average of 75% on their best six OACs be considered for admission consideration as long as the following material is also submitted: Two references, one personal and one professional (ii) a personal statement about why they want to be teachers; and (iii) an experience profile. The committee will not consider students who have any of the requirements missing from their file by the specified deadline.  
CARRIED

MOTION #15: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by D. Lawrence that the students listed on Appendix A, who have completed all requirements of their respective degrees, be admitted to their respective degrees in-course and that diplomas for the degrees be awarded.  
CARRIED

University Research Council

MOTION #16: Moved by R. Forrest, seconded by D. Hall that the Report of the University Research Council dated 1 November 2001 be received.  
CARRIED
MOTION #17: Moved by R. Forrest, seconded by R. Common that Senate approve the modification of the criteria for new faculty Start-Up Grants to the effect that new faculty members, appointed in the last three years (1998-2001) in a tenure track position, who do not hold a PhD, be permitted to apply for New Faculty Start-Up Grants for non-doctoral related research.
CARRIED

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

Prof. Uldis Kundrats, Senate representative on the Alumni Association, presented several announcements on behalf of the Alumni Association. An Alumni Board meeting was held to gain input about the Maclean’s ranking in terms of Alumni support. Also, various standing committees were organized. Prof. Kundrats invited senators to advise him of any agenda items for the next Alumni meeting scheduled for early December.

OTHER BUSINESS

Report to Senate on Search Committees from the Dean of Education

MOTION #18: Moved by R. Common, seconded by L. Frost that the Report to Senate on Search Committees from the Dean of Education dated October 24, 2001 be received.
CARRIED

MOTION #19: Moved by R. Common, seconded by L. Lemisko that Senate proceed to establish a Search Committee for the Language Arts and Literacy, Mathematics Education, Physical and Health Education, Music Education, Classroom Management and Curriculum Methods positions with the understanding that the Education Policy Committee represent the Faculty of Education senators and that one senator from the Faculty of Arts and Science be elected to serve on the committee.
CARRIED

A. Dean nominated P. Chow

MOTION #20: Moved by L. Lemisko, seconded by L. Frost that nominations cease.
CARRIED

Acclaimed: P. Chow
NEW BUSINESS

Distance Education Committee

MOTION #21: Moved by R. Wideman, seconded by A. Dean that Senate consider receipt of the Report of the Distance Education Committee.
CARRIED

MOTION #22: Moved by R. Wideman, seconded by R. Bergquist that the Report of the Distance Education Committee dated November 8, 2001 be received.
CARRIED

MOTION #23: Moved by R. Wideman, seconded by R. Bergquist that Senate now approve offering ADMN 3836EQ – Training and Development – for distance delivery.
CARRIED

Academic Planning Committee

CARRIED

MOTION #25: Moved by R. Forrest, seconded by L. Lemisko that the Interim Report of the Academic Planning Committee dated November 8, 2001 be received.
CARRIED

MOTION #26: Moved by R. Forrest, seconded by D. Shaffer that Senate approve for development, in principle, two new advanced degree programs for practising teachers – the Advanced Degree in Education and the Advanced Degree in Educational Leadership.
CARRIED

University Curriculum Committee

MOTION #27: Moved by R. Common, seconded by D. Brackenreed that Senate consider receipt of the Summary Report of the University Curriculum Committee dated November 9, 2001.
CARRIED
MOTION #28: Moved by R. Common, seconded by J. Buley that the Summary Report of the University Curriculum Committee dated November 9, 2001 be received.
CARRIED

MOTION #29: Moved by R. Common, seconded by L. Lemisko that the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2001” be amended to delete: EDUC 4104E Foundations in Education: Education and Schooling; Educational Psychology and Special Education (Primary/Junior), EDUC 4204E Foundations in Education: Education and Schooling; Educational Psychology and Special Education (Junior/Intermediate), EDUC 4305E Foundations in Education: Education and Schooling; Educational Psychology and Special Education (Intermediate/Senior).
CARRIED

MOTION #30: Moved by R. Common, seconded by L. Frost that the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2001” be amended to add: EDUC 4102E Education and Schooling (Primary/Junior), EDUC 4202E Education and Schooling (Junior/Intermediate); EDUC 4306E Education and Schooling (Intermediate/Senior), EDUC 4103E Educational Psychology and Special Education (Primary/Junior), EDUC 4203E Educational Psychology and Special Education (Junior/Intermediate), EDUC 4307E Educational Psychology and Special Education (Intermediate/Senior).
CARRIED

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MOTION #33: Moved by R. Common, seconded by L. Lemisko that the Senate document entitled Senate Academic Regulations and Policies September 2001” be amended to modify the degree requirements for the BEd program.
WITHDRAWN

MOTION #34: Moved by R. Common, seconded by M. Denike that the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2001” be amended to modify: FILM 2305E Women and Cinema.
CARRIED

CARRIED

MOTION #36: Moved by R. Common, seconded by M. Denike that the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2001” be amended to delete: WOMN 3006E Feminist Theories.
CARRIED
CARRIED

MOTION #38: Moved by R. Common, seconded by M. Denike that the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2001” be amended to change the name of the Program in Women’s Studies to the Program in Gender Equality and Social Justice.
CARRIED

MOTION #39: Moved by R. Common, seconded by J. Buley that the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2001” be amended to change the degree requirements for the Program in Gender Equality and Social Justice.
CARRIED

MOTION #40: Moved by R. Common, seconded by M. Denike that the Senate document entitled, “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2001” be amended to add: PHIL 3205E Philosophy of Sex and Love and PHIL 2405E Philosophy of Film.
CARRIED

MOTION #41: Moved by G. Brown, seconded by G. Laronde that Senate do now adjourn: 3:20 p.m.
CARRIED

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D. Marshall, President          G. Williams, Secretary