

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

January 11, 2002
2:30 p.m. - Room F305

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

J. Baffoe, G. Brown, T. Chase, M. Denike, T. Dokis, D. Hackett,
L. Janzen, D. Jowett, P. Kelly, R. Klingspon, J. Kovacs, L. Kruk,
U. Kundraats, E. Mattson, D. Murphy, P. Nosko, L. Patriquin, G. Pyle,
D. Rowbotham, J. Ryan, C. Sarlo, A. Sparkes, L. Stamler,
L. Thibeault, K. Topps, D. Walton, A. Weeks, G. Williams,
W. Young

P. Barber, W. Blair, D. Brackenreed, D. Franks, L. Frost, C. Harvey,
T. Horton, M. Kariuki, H. Langford, G. Laronde, J. Long, J. Lundy,
J. McIntosh, B. Olmsted, S. Reid, W. Richardson, J. Scott, D. Shaffer,
H. Vail, R. Weeks

M. Wallace
B. Leighton, D. McMeekin
K. Brozowski, J. LeClair
A. Fera (guest)

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: D. Lawrence
A. Blackburn, C. Boterbloem (sabbatical), G. Brophey,
R. Brozowski (sabbatical), P. Chow, G. Phillips (on leave), M. Saari
(sabbatical), B. Schreyer, M. Tuncali (sabbatical)

J. Buley, T. Campbell, L. Lemisko, J. Mroczkowski, H. Stemp,
E. Winter (on leave), M. Wodlinger (sabbatical)

MEMBERS ABSENT: W. Borody, D. Flynn, D. Hall, J. Knox, S. Lawlor, S. Muhlberger,
F. Noël, G. Olsen, K. Stange

D. Berry, P. Falter, L. Knaack, M. McCabe, S. Stuart, G. Swanson,
S. Van Nuland

P. LaCroix, C. Vander Wall
J. Price, N. Pelletier, L. Malcolm, G. Buie
A. Arnold, I. Bajewsky, M. Brewes, D. Calverley, K. Cowcill,
A. Falby, D. Hunt, R. Hemmings, M. Kershaw, J. Kooistra,
J. McNairn, J. Morton, L. Richards, P. Smylie, U. Stange,
M. Sweeney, V. Valov

MOTION #1: Moved by T. Horton, seconded by U. Kundrats that the minutes of the regular meeting of the Academic Senate dated December 14, 2001 be adopted.
CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

MOTION #2: Moved by D. Marshall, seconded by D. Shaffer that the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2001" be amended to add GEND 3127: Gender, Globalization and Human Rights.
CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President informed Senate that the Ministry had released statistics on student default rates. Nipissing ranks fourth best in the province. The average default rate for Ontario universities is 7.4%, the average for colleges is 17.5% and private institutions average 26.7%. Dr. Marshall announced the annual awards ceremony on January 11 and 12 and stated that over \$1 million in scholarships, bursaries and awards would be disbursed. He compared this year's monetary value to the \$100,000 that was distributed in 1985. The President summarized some of the budget issues facing Ontario universities. Although a total of \$220 million had been earmarked to pay for university growth in the system, this year's enrolment increases are double the projections and it is not known how the government will fund the larger intake this year and next. The Working Group on University Capacity will meet on January 14 to discuss these implications further.

Dr. Forrest stated that the University Research Council met on January 11 and received several requests for the \$5,000 subsidy for publications. More firm criteria are being established for the subsidy. He also announced that the university research plan will be reviewed; one difficulty is Nipissing's lack of a strategic plan for chairs. Dr. Forrest informed senators of the February 15th deadline to submit applications for internal research seed funding. It was announced that an ad had been placed in the Globe & Mail for the research management position. Dr. Forrest encouraged senators to inform the committee of any potential candidates. The Vice-President stated that a report from the Workload Committee was expected within three months. He noted that hiring would be the focus of this semester and he asked for the assistance of all senators in finding the best possible candidates.

Dr. Dean announced that preliminary discussions have occurred with the Department Chairs to investigate offering several minor degrees in Arts and Science. The Dean reported that four-year Honours degree program proposals are being considered in Biology and Mathematics. Dr. Dean stated that the development of the Muskoka plan is ongoing. He indicated that there are 15 positions currently advertised in Arts and Science. He further reported that two academic reviews will be conducted this semester: one in Geography as well as a candidacy report for Nursing.

Dr. Common announced that the signing ceremony for the Wilfrid Laurier/Nipissing University Concurrent BA/BEd program would be held on January 14. The Dean reported that the search committee had received 30 applications for the seven available positions. In response to a periodic appraisal done by the Ontario Council on Graduate Studies, Nipissing has completed and submitted an interim review prepared by Dr. Frost. It is expected that the committee will review it by the end of January.

Brock Leighton, Student Union President, asked faculty to encourage their students to participate in the upcoming student referendum to be held on January 14 and 15 to determine whether to build a new student centre that will include more facilities.

Mr. Green alerted senators to the fact that there will be significant disruption during the summer due to the building expansion. He stated that all portables will be removed by the end of the summer, and labs will be taken out of commission. As well, a large scale reallocation of offices will occur. Mr. Green asked senators for their patience and cooperation.

University Curriculum Committee

MOTION #3: Moved by R. Common, seconded by D. Shaffer that the Summary Report of the University Curriculum Committee dated December 14, 2001 be received.
CARRIED

MOTION #4: Moved by R. Common, seconded by L. Frost that Senate consider, as one omnibus motion, Motions 2-12 of the University Curriculum Report dated December 14, 2001.
CARRIED

Motion #2: That the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2001" be amended to add the Advanced Bachelors Degree in Educational Leadership.

Motion #3: That the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2001" be amended to delete the EDUC 6100 - Program Development and Implementation course (Principals' Course Part 1).

Motion #4: That the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2001" be amended to delete the EDUC 6200 - Program Supervision and Assessment course (Principals' Course Part 2).

- Motion #5: That the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2001” be amended to add the Advanced Bachelors Degree in Educational Leadership course EDUC 4000 – The Principal as School Leader (Principals’ Course Part I).
- Motion #6: That the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2001” be amended to add the Advanced Bachelors Degree in Educational Leadership course EDUC 4005 - Principals’ Qualification Practicum Independent Study.
- Motion #7: That the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2001” be amended to add the Advanced Bachelors Degree in Educational Leadership course EDUC 4010 - The Principal and Change (Principals’ Course Part II).
- Motion #8: That the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2001” be amended to add the Advanced Bachelors Degree in Educational Leadership course EDUC 4997 - Data-based Decision Making.
- Motion #9: That the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2001” be amended to add the Advanced Bachelors Degree in Educational Leadership course EDUC 4996 – Organization Development.
- Motion #10: That the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2001” be amended to add the Advanced Bachelors Degree in Educational Leadership course EDUC 4956 – Staff Development.
- Motion #11: That the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2001” be amended to add the Advanced Bachelors Degree in Educational Leadership course EDUC 4957 – Community/School Relations.
- Motion #12: That the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2001” be amended to add the Advanced Bachelors Degree in Education course EDUC 1285 – Student Assessment and Evaluation.

MOTION #5: Moved by R. Common, seconded by J. Long that Senate approve, as one omnibus motion, Motions 2-12 of the University Curriculum Committee Report dated December 14, 2001.
CARRIED

MOTION #6: Moved by R. Common, seconded by A. Dean that the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2001" be amended to revise the Arts and Science course, PSYC 4105E: Student's Investigation I.
CARRIED

Distance Education Committee

MOTION #7: Moved by R. Wideman, seconded by R. Forrest that the Report of the Distance Education Committee dated December 6, 2001 be received.
CARRIED

Honorary Degrees Committee

MOTION #8: Moved by D. Marshall, seconded by U. Kundrats that Senate move into an in-camera session.
CARRIED

MOTION #9: Moved by D. Marshall, seconded by L. Janzen that Senate move out of the in-camera session.
CARRIED

Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee

MOTION #10: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by L. Stamler that the Report of the Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee dated December 12, 2001 be received.
CARRIED

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

An oral report was given by the Senate representative on the Alumni Association. Prof. Kundrats indicated that the various standing committees were working out their respective terms of reference. The concept of forming chapters was moving forward. The Alumni Board will meet in a month's time.

Dr. Sparkes presented an oral report on the Council of Ontario Universities. He spoke about the pending legislation before parliament to establish the University of Ontario Institute of Technology located on the campus of Durham College. He outlined some of the particular idiosyncrasies of the university, for instance, the absence of a Senate. The legislation expired on the order paper at the previous session of the Legislature. COU will welcome UOIT into COU as a university if the legislation is passed. Dr. Marshall stated that COU is actively discussing with the government all the ramifications of the establishment of UOIT. Senators were informed that there are also 25 applications from various colleges to offer university degrees. Dr. Sparkes reported that faculty have begun producing a series of discussion papers to bring to the attention of the Executive Heads. The first paper on graduate education has been completed and shared with the university presidents; a second discussion paper on undergraduate education, written by an engineering faculty member, is half completed.

AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

MOTION #11: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by H. Vail that By-law 54 of the Senate By-laws concerning Membership and Terms of Reference on the Student Affairs Committee be amended to read:

Membership

1. The Executive Director of **Student Affairs, or designate**
3. The Associate Registrar, **or designate**
4. The **Manager of Financial Aid, or designate**

Terms of Reference

1. The Committee shall be responsible for ensuring that all new and existing scholarships, medals and bursaries are consistent with established conditions and terms for all such awards, as established by **the Committee and Senate**.
2. The Committee shall be responsible for reviewing, from time to time, the total awards program of the University and making appropriate recommendations **to Senate** for changes to the program.
3. The Committee shall be responsible for recommending to Senate, for **the** possible conveyance to the Board, proposals **for non-academic services and programs that** would make the university more attractive to prospective students, and to students already attending the University.
4. The Committee shall have such other responsibilities as may be assigned from time to time by Senate.

(Removal of former Terms of Reference item #2): The Committee shall be responsible for providing liaison between the University (Board, Administration and Faculty) and the student body; in particular, it shall act as an advisory body to the Student Union whenever called upon to do so.

CARRIED

MOTION #12: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by T. Horton that the title of the position, Recording Secretary of Senate, be changed to Assistant Secretary of Senate and that the Senate By-Laws be amended to reflect this change.

CARRIED

MOTION #13: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by U. Kundrats that references in the Senate By-Laws to Arts and Science Division chairs be deleted and replaced by Arts and Science Department chairs.

i. University Curriculum Committee.

Membership: "4. The four Arts and Science division chairs" be replaced by 4. "Four Arts and Science department chairs to be selected by the Arts and Science executive."

ii. Academic Planning Committee.

Membership: "5. Four Senators representing each division of the Faculty of Arts and Science..." be replaced by "5. Four Senators representing four departments of the Faculty of Arts and Science..."

iii. University Research Council.

Membership: "5. One member, elected by Senate, for each of the four divisions (Science and Geography, Humanities, Social Sciences, Business) in the Faculty of Arts and Science (voting members)" be replaced by "5. Four Senators representing four departments of the Faculty of Arts and Science (voting members)."

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

MOTION #14: Moved by A. Dean, seconded by B. Bergquist that Senate now elect one faculty senator from Arts and Science (excluding Math/Computer Science) to serve on the Senate Selection Committee for the tenure-track position in Computer Science. Other members of the Selection Committee will include: the Dean of Arts and Science, all continuing tenure track and tenured members of the Mathematics/Computer Science department and a student chosen by the department at the discretion of the department.

MOTION #15: Moved by L. Kruk, seconded by L. Frost that Senate add one faculty senator from Education to the Senate Selection Committee.

CARRIED

MOTION #16: Moved by A. Dean, seconded by R. Bergquist that Senate now elect one faculty senator from Arts and Science (excluding Math/Computer Science) and one faculty senator from Education to serve on the Senate Selection Committee for the tenure-track position in Computer Science. Other members of the Selection Committee will include: the Dean of Arts and Science, all continuing tenure track and tenured members of the Mathematics/Computer Science department and a student chosen by the department at the discretion of the department.
CARRIED

A. Dean nominated D. Rowbotham
H. Langford nominated R. Weeks

MOTION #17: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by L. Patriquin that nominations cease.
CARRIED

Acclaimed: D. Rowbotham, R. Weeks

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION #18: Moved by R. Forrest, seconded by J. Baffoe that Senate consider receipt of the Arts and Science motion to update the Final Examination Policy.
CARRIED

MOTION #19: Moved by R. Forrest, seconded by L. Stamler that Senate accept the Arts and Science change of policy request regarding the Final Examination Policy, namely that "only the last two examinations in a course be available on the Intranet."
CARRIED

MOTION #20: Moved by L. Janzen, seconded by L. Patriquin that Senate do now adjourn: 3:30 p.m.
CARRIED

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D. Marshall, President

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G. Williams, Secretary

