NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

MAY 16, 2002

10:00 a.m. – Room F305

MEMBERS PRESENT:  R. Bergquist, R. Common, A. Dean, D. Lawrence, B. Nettlefold, L. Stamler


P. LaCroix
M. Wallace
J. Price, C. MacGillivray
J. Morton, Guest: A. Fera

ABSENT WITH REGRETS:  D. Marshall, R. Forrest

C. Boterbloem (sabbatical), P. Chow, U. Kundrys, G. Olsen, M. Saari (sabbatical), M. Tuncali (sabbatical)

P. Barber, W. Blair, J. Buley, C. Harvey, J. McIntosh, B. Olmsted, S. Reid, E. Winter (on leave), M. Wodlinger (sabbatical)

MEMBERS ABSENT:  R. Wideman


D. Berry, P. Falter, L. Frost, T. Horton, L. Knaack, L. Lemisko, M. McCabe, W. Richardson, S. Stuart, G. Swanson

C. Vander Wall
N. Pelletier, L. Malcolm, G. Buie, D. McMeekin

D. Calverley, K. Cowcill, M. Kershaw, L. Richards, U. Stange
MOTION #1: Moved by D. Hackett, seconded by R. Weeks that the minutes of the regular meeting of the Academic Senate dated April 5, 2002 be adopted.  CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On behalf of the President, Dr. Dean announced that the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching had been awarded to Professor Ron Klingspun. Senators were advised of the Convocation dates: Friday, June 7: Education 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Saturday, June 8, Arts and Science 10:00 a.m. and Education 1:30 p.m.

Executive Committee

MOTION #2: Moved by A. Dean, seconded by R. Common that the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated April 25, 2002 be received.  CARRIED

Annual Report

MOTION #3: Moved by A. Dean, seconded by A. Sparkes that the Annual Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated May 1, 2002 be received.  CARRIED

University Curriculum Committee

MOTION #4: Moved by R. Common, seconded by A. Dean that the Annual Report of the University Curriculum Committee dated May 10, 2002 be received.  CARRIED

Academic Planning Committee

MOTION #5: Moved by R. Common, seconded by A. Dean that the Report of the Academic Planning Committee dated April 4, 2002 be received.  CARRIED

MOTION #6: Moved by A. Dean, seconded by D. Hackett that Senate approve the full implementation of the four-year Honours Degree in Biology program.  CARRIED

Annual Report

MOTION #7: Moved by R. Common, seconded by A. Dean that the Annual Report of the Academic Planning Committee dated 8 May 2002 be received.  CARRIED
Library Committee

MOTION #8: Moved by L. Patriquin, seconded by B. Nettlefold that the Annual Report of the Library Committee dated April 23, 2002 be received.
CARRIED

Cultural Affairs Committee

MOTION #9: Moved by T. Dokis, seconded by R. Weeks that the Annual Report of the Cultural Affairs Committee dated April 29, 2002 be received.
CARRIED

Appointments, Promotions and Tenure Committee

MOTION #10: Moved by A. Dean, seconded by D. Franks that the Annual Report of the Appointments, Promotions and Tenure Committee dated April 30, 2002 be received.
CARRIED

Student Affairs Committee

MOTION #11: Moved by H. Vail, seconded by L. Janzen that the Annual Report of the Student Affairs Committee dated April 29, 2002 be received.
CARRIED

Student Academic Standing, Appeals and Petitions Committee

MOTION #12: Moved by G. Laronde, seconded by D. Franks that the Annual Report of the Student Academic Standing Appeals and Petitions Committee dated May 2, 2002 be received.
CARRIED

By-laws and Striking Committee

MOTION #13: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by A. Dean that the Report of the By-laws and Striking Committee dated May 8, 2002 be received.
CARRIED

MOTION #14: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by J. Long that Senate now hold an election to fill the positions and committees of Senate (slate appended).
CARRIED

MOTION #15: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by R. Bergquist that nominations cease.
CARRIED
MOTION #16: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by D. Shaffer that the Annual Report of the Senate By-laws and Striking Committee dated May 8, 2002 be received. CARRIED

Honorary Degrees Committee

MOTION #17: Moved by A. Dean, seconded by L. Janzen that the Report of the Honorary Degrees Committee dated April 23, 2002 be received. CARRIED

MOTION #18: Moved by A. Dean, seconded by L. Janzen that Senate recommend to the Board that Dr. James Redpath be appointed as Chancellor Emeritus, effective 1 July 2003, to be bestowed at the June 2003 Convocation. CARRIED

MOTION #19: Moved by A. Dean, seconded by L. Janzen that Senate recommend to the Board that Dr. David Rees be granted the Professor Emeritus designation. CARRIED

Annual Report

MOTION #20: Moved by A. Dean, seconded by L. Janzen that the Annual Report of the Honorary Degrees Committee dated May 2, 2002 be received. CARRIED

Research Ethics Committee

MOTION #21: Moved by D. Shaffer, seconded by L. Stamler that the Annual Report of the Research Ethics Committee dated April 23, 2002 be received. CARRIED

Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee

April 8, 2002 Report

MOTION #22: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by D. Lawrence that the Report of the Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee dated April 8, 2002 be received. CARRIED
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MOTION #23: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by D. Lawrence that applicants from British Columbia secondary schools be considered for admission if they have graduated Grade 12 including four (4) provincially examinable courses. 
CARRIED

April 24, 2002 Report

MOTION #24: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by D. Lawrence that the Report of the Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee dated April 24, 2002 be received.
CARRIED

Annual Report

MOTION #25: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by D. Lawrence that the Annual Report of the Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee dated May 1, 2002 be received.
CARRIED

University Research Council

MOTION #26: Moved by D. Franks, seconded by D. Brackenreed that the Annual Report of the University Research Council dated May 8, 2002 be received.
CARRIED

Academic Computing Committee

MOTION #27: Moved by R. Weeks, seconded by A. Weeks that the Annual Report of the Academic Computing Committee dated April 29, 2002 be received.
CARRIED

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

COU representative, Dr. Sparkes, reported that poor funding has been the main item of discussion at recent meetings. COU estimates that the provincial government will only pay 54 cents on every dollar that was promised a year and a half ago. Therefore, a campaign is underway to encourage the government to honour its original promise. Attention has been placed on the government rather than the universities; Presidents of Ontario universities have contacted the local media to indicate that universities will be unable to handle the double cohort. A Nugget editorial, reflecting this stance, was distributed to senators. COU is continuing to lobby the ministry. Dr. Sparkes described parents’ reaction as understandably dismayed that their children may not have a place, but he stated that not much can be done unless universities receive full funding.
Senator Lawrence reported on recent discussions held at a meeting of the Ontario Universities Council on Admissions. The main topic was whether the new Grade 12 grades would be comparable to the OAC grades. The Ministry of Education has commissioned a study comparing the grades, but they will not release the results. Data, however, have been obtained from the Peel Board and the Toronto District School Board who have conducted independent studies. It was revealed that the grades so far appear to be comparable with no statistical differences evident. The universities’ position is to count these grades equally.

Mr. Lawrence emphasized the serious consequences of the decision of the University of Toronto, as reported in The Star, to admit only 66 students. This would have implications for Nipissing as it would result in thousands of students unable to find a place anywhere in Ontario universities in the fall of 2003.

OTHER BUSINESS

MOTION #28: Moved by A. Dean, seconded by C. Sarlo that Senate discharge the non-standing Senate committees including Senate and Dean’s Search Committees and Selection Committees for 2001-2002 as identified in the Agenda.

a) Senate Selection Committee for the tenure track position in History
b) Senate Selection Committee for the tenure track position in English Studies
c) Senate Selection Committee for tenure track position in Biology
d) Senate Search Committee for the tenure track position in Curriculum Studies: Math
e) Senate Search Committee for the tenure track position in Curriculum Studies: Education and Schooling
f) Senate Search Committee for the tenure track position in Physical and Health Education
g) Senate Search Committee for the tenure track position in Language Arts and Literacy
h) Senate Search Committee for the tenure track position in Music Education
i) Senate Search Committee for the tenure track position in Classroom Management
j) Dean’s Search Committee for the limited term position in Curriculum Methods
k) Senate Selection Committee for the tenure track position in History
l) Senate Selection Committee for the tenure track position in Geography
m) Senate Selection Committee for the tenure track position in Marketing (School of Business and Economics)
n) Assessment Subcommittee for Dr. Paul Kelly’s application for reappointment with tenure and promotion to Associate Professor
o) Assessment Subcommittee for Dr. Lorraine Frost’s application for promotion to Associate Professor

CARRIED
NEW BUSINESS

Distance Education Committee

MOTION #29: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by D. Lawrence that Senate consider receipt of the Annual Report of the Distance Education Committee dated May 13, 2002. CARRIED

MOTION #30: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by B. Nettlefold that the Annual Report of the Distance Education Committee dated May 13, 2002 be received. CARRIED

Appointments, Promotions and Tenure Committee

MOTION #31: Moved by J. Mroczkowski, seconded by J. Baffoe that Senate consider receipt of the Appointments, Promotions and Tenure Committee dated May 15, 2002. CARRIED

MOTION #32: Moved by J. Mroczkowski, seconded by R. Weeks that the Report of the Appointments, Promotions and Tenure Committee dated May 15, 2002 be received. CARRIED

Appointments, Promotions and Petitions Committee

MOTION #33: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by D. Lawrence that Senate consider receipt of the Report of the Appointments, Promotions and Petitions Committee dated May 15, 2002. CARRIED

MOTION #34: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by D. Franks that the Report of the Appointments, Promotions and Petitions Committee dated May 15, 2002 be received. CARRIED

MOTION #35: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by D. Lawrence that Senate admit to their respective degree in-course the students listed in Appendix A and B, who have completed all requirements of their respective degrees, and that diplomas for the degrees be awarded at the 2002 Spring convocation for the conferring of degrees. CARRIED
MOTION #36: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by D. Lawrence that Senate approve the President’s Gold Medals, the Governor General’s Academic Medals, the J.W. Trusler Proficiency Award winners for Arts and Science and Education and the Certificate of Bilingualism, as listed in the body of this Report.

CARRIED

MOTION #37: Moved by H. Langford, seconded by D. Brackenreed that Senate do now adjourn: 11:20 a.m.

CARRIED

D. Marshall, President

G. Williams, Secretary