NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

September 13, 2002
2:30 p.m. -- Room A137

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

J. Baffoe, W. Borody, G. Brophey, R. Brozowski, T. Chase, P. Chow,
M. Denike, T. Dokis, D. Hackett, D. Hall, S. High, L. Janzen, D. Jowett,
P. Kelly, J. Kovacs, L. Kruk, S. Kulkarni, B. Lorenzkowski, E. Mattson,
D. Murphy, F. Noël, P. Nosko, G. Olsen, T. Parkes, L. Patriquin,
G. Phillips, G. Pyle, L. Robinson, J. Ryan, C. Sarlo, A. Sparkes,
K. Stange, L. Thibeault, K. Topps, M. Tuncali, V. Valov, D. Walton,
A. Weeks, G. Williams, H. Zhu

P. Barber, D. Berry, W. Blair, T. Campbell, K. Clausen, R. Davis,
C. Harvey, P. Joong, M. Kariuki, H. Langford, G. Laronde, A. Le Sage,
J. Long, J. Lundy, G. McEwen, J. McIntosh, J. Mroczkowski, M. Parr,
C. Ricci, C. Richardson, W. Richardson, O. Ridler, J. Scott, G. Swanson,
H. Vail, S. Van Nuland

L. Campbell, J. Morton, S. Renshaw, U. Stange
D. Bourne-Tyson, S. Carmichael

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: B. Nettlefold

C. Boterbloem, U. Kundrats, J. LeClair, S. Muhlberger (sabbatical),
D. Rowbotham (sabbatical), W. Young (on leave)

D. Bolger, D. Brackenreed, L. Frost (sabbatical), T. Horton, B. Olmsted,
H. Rintoul, R. Weeks
S. Anderson

MEMBERS ABSENT: G. Brown, A. Clendinning, D. Flynn, J. Knox, S. Lawlor, B. Riome,
M. Saari, B. Schreyer

D. Franks, L. Knaack, M. McCabe, T. Ryan, G. Swanson,

I. Bajewsky, M. Brewes, K. Brozowski, K. Cowcill, M. Kershaw,
J. Kooistra, S. O’Hagan, C. Peterson, L. Richards
MOTION #1: Moved by J. Lundy, seconded by D. Jowett that the minutes of the regular meeting of the Academic Senate dated June 6, 2002 be adopted. CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President welcomed everyone to the September meeting and explained that Room A246 (NU’s new cafeteria) would henceforth be the location for Senate meetings. He extended a warm welcome to all new senators announcing that there were 24 new faculty. Dr. Marshall introduced the two Board of Governors representatives on Senate: Donna Bourne-Tyson and Steve Carmichael. He stated that the Board Chair, Mickey Wallace, would attend as many Senate meetings as possible. Dr. Marshall encouraged senators’ participation in the many events planned in conjunction with Nipissing’s 10th anniversary. A brief reference was made to the President’s report: “The Start of the New Academic Year” previously circulated to all senators. Dr. Marshall discussed enrolment issues and stated that the enrolment target numbers submitted to the government represented the growth that Nipissing had planned for some time. Dr. Marshall reminded senators that copies of the 1999 NU vision document and the 2000 update were available in the President’s office. He announced that Nipissing had recently signed an Enrolment Target Agreement with the government that commits the university to meeting its enrolment target. The President was confident that this would be achieved. Dr. Marshall briefly outlined some fundraising initiatives. He also stated that Town Hall meetings would be scheduled in October to discuss enrolment targets.

Dr. Forrest introduced the new research manager, Bill Radford, and welcomed Jack Jones to the Senate meeting. He reported on the recent deliberations of the Academic Planning Committee and the University Research Council noting that reports were forthcoming. The revised procedures for UPRAC will be forwarded to OCAV next week. The Psychology program is due for review this year and the BED program will be reviewed in November 2003. The Deans and Research Manager are working to produce a research plan that will be taken to the respective faculties and submitted in time to meet the CFI deadline of December 1. Dr. Forrest also announced that Nipissing University has acquired the Alcan land property and a policy has been developed.

Dr. Dean reported on a busy summer and success in hiring all the positions that had been advertised last year, with the exception of Criminal Justice. The Dean stated that five sessions of NSO were held to welcome 1000 students and their parents. Dr. Dean announced that the year-end report he had produced, containing academic information about Arts and Science, including the Dean’s priorities and strategies, had been posted on the web. He informed Senate that a Retreat had been held recently to discuss Arts & Science plans for the double cohort and research activities. Ongoing plans are to review the Writing Competency Test, review the articulation process with Canadore and review all three-year majors and consider upgrading these to honours programs.
Dr. Common stated that the enrolment target of 650 for the Faculty of Education had increased to an actual student body total of 710. Another I/S section has been added and the Dean noted that there are 39-40 students per class.
He announced a 20% increase in the In-Service program with 700 FTE equivalent students and he commented on the resulting staffing difficulties. The MEd program has increased by 10% and there are 30 students enrolled in Nipissing-Brantford-Laurier program. The laptop initiative had a smooth launching as did the first practicum sessions, but the Dean anticipates that strikes will occur in the year.

Mr. Lawrence distributed an enrolment report that is attached to the September minutes. Nipissing has a total full-time enrolment of 2150 students. There are 38 foreign students, an increase from last year’s total of 27 students. The Registrar stated that the average class size in Arts and Science is 30 students. He noted that Nipissing had done better than the provincial average in terms of direct entry high-school applicants.

Executive Committee

MOTION #2: Moved by D. Marshall, seconded by A. Sparkes that the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated September 4, 2002 be received. CARRIED

MOTION #3: Moved by D. Marshall, seconded by M. Denike that Senate adopt the Nipissing University Academic Policies and Regulations outlined in the document entitled, “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2002.” CARRIED

MOTION #4: Moved by D. Marshall, seconded by G. Olsen that Senate move into an in-camera session. CARRIED

MOTION #5: Moved by D. Marshall, seconded by F. Noël that Senate move out of the in-camera session. CARRIED

Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee

MOTION #6: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by J. Long that the Report of the Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee dated August 22, 2002 be received. CARRIED

MOTION #7: 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
MOTION #8: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by D. Lawrence that Senate rescind the degree of Bachelor of Arts – Geography awarded to Jörg Wolfgang K. Stockman in June 2002 and, in its place, award the degree of Bachelor of Arts – Environmental Geography. CARRIED

University Research Council

MOTION #9: Moved by R. Forrest, seconded by G. Phillips that the University Research Council, through its Internal Research Grant Assessment Committee, evaluate an application according to the following priority:

- Tenured/Tenure Track
- Up to 3-Year Limited Term
- Up to 10 Month Sessional
- Part-time
CARRIED

ELECTIONS

MOTION #10: Moved by J. McIntosh, seconded by G. Williams that Senate now elect four members to serve on the Selection Committee for the Vice-President Academic and Research. CARRIED

- S. Van Nuland nominated K. Clausen
- J. Kovacs nominated E. Mattson
- G. Williams nominated L. Janzen
- F. Noël nominated J. Lundy
- G. Pyle nominated P. Nosko
- L. Thibeault nominated H. Langford

MOTION #11: Moved by M. Denike, seconded by M. Tuncali that nominations cease. CARRIED

Elected: L. Janzen, H. Langford, J. Lundy, P. Nosko

MOTION #12: Moved by J. McIntosh, seconded by H. Langford that Senate now elect two representatives to serve on the Student Success Working Group. CARRIED

- J. Lundy nominated P. Joong
- G. Pyle nominated D. Hackett
MOTION #13: Moved by J. Baffoe, seconded by M. Tuncali that nominations cease. 
CARRIED

Acclaimed: P. Joong, D. Hackett

MOTION #14: Moved by R. Wideman, seconded by P. Barber that Senate now elect two 
Senate representatives to serve on the Teacher Education Advisory 
Committee. CARRIED

T. Campbell nominated O. Ridler
W. Richardson nominated M. Parr
J. Lundy nominated J. Mroczkowski
D. Hall nominated H. Langford

MOTION #15: Moved by L. Janzen, seconded by M. Tuncali that nominations cease. 
CARRIED

Elected: J. Mroczkowski, H. Langford

MOTION #16: Moved by J. McIntosh, seconded by F. Noël that Senate now proceed to 
hold elections to fill the vacancies on the various standing committees of 
Senate as noted below.

Academic Computing Committee
2 Education senators
1 Arts and Science senator
(preferably at least one member from each faculty should be an intensive 
user of IT at Nipissing) CARRIED

S. Van Nuland nominated L. Knaack
E. Mattson nominated H. Zhu
K. Clausen nominated S. Van Nuland

MOTION #17: Moved by J. Long, seconded by M. Tuncali that nominations cease. 
CARRIED

Acclaimed: L. Knaack, S. Van Nuland, H. Zhu
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**Academic Planning Committee**  
Education senator

P. Barber nominated G. McEwen

MOTION #18: Moved by J. Long, seconded by M. Tuncali that nominations cease.  
CARRIED

Acclaimed: G. McEwen

**Appointments, Promotions and Tenure Committee**  
Education senator

F. Noël nominated D. Bolger  
D. Hall nominated D. Franks

MOTION #19: Moved by L. Kruk, seconded by H. Langford that nominations cease.  
CARRIED

Elected: D. Franks

**APT Subcommittee (Arts)**  
Arts and Science senator

M. Denike nominated P. Kelly

MOTION #20: Moved by D. Jowett, seconded by K. Clausen that nominations cease.  
CARRIED

Acclaimed: P. Kelly

**APT Subcommittee (Education)**  
Education senator

S. Van Nuland nominated C. Harvey

MOTION #21: Moved by F. Noël, seconded by W. Richardson that nominations cease.  
CARRIED

Acclaimed: C. Harvey
Honorary Degrees Committee
Education senator

S. Van Nuland nominated D. Bolger
G. Laronde nominated M. Parr

MOTION #22: Moved by W. Blair, seconded by K. Clausen that nominations cease.
CARRIED

Elected: M. Parr

Research Ethics Committee
Arts and Science senator

T. Parkes nominated G. Pyle
D. Hackett nominated T. Parkes

MOTION #23: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by J. Baffoe that nominations cease.
CARRIED

Elected: G. Pyle

University Curriculum Committee
2 Education senators

P. Barber nominated O. Ridler
W. Richardson nominated M. Parr
S. Van Nuland nominated C. Ricci

MOTION #24: Moved by W. Blair, seconded by S. Van Nuland that nominations cease.
CARRIED

Elected: C. Ricci, O. Ridler

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION #25: Moved by A. Dean, seconded by R. Bergquist that Senate consider receipt of the following questionnaire summaries for the 2001-2002 Arts and Science courses.
CARRIED
MOTION #26: Moved by A. Dean, seconded by R. Bergquist that the questionnaire summary for the 2001 Fall Arts and Science courses dated 10 January 2002 be received. CARRIED

MOTION #27: Moved by A. Dean, seconded by D. Jowett that the questionnaire summary for the 2001-2002 Fall/Winter Arts and Science courses dated 14 May 2002 be received. CARRIED

MOTION #28: Moved by A. Dean, seconded by D. Jowett that the questionnaire summary for the 2002 Spring Arts and Science courses dated 05 July 2002 be received. CARRIED

MOTION #29: Moved by A. Dean, seconded by D. Jowett that the questionnaire summary for the 2002 Summer Arts and Science courses dated 21 August 2002 be received. CARRIED

MOTION #30: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by R. Wideman that Senate consider receipt of the Report of the Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee dated September 6, 2002. CARRIED

MOTION #31: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by M. Denike that the Report of the Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee dated September 6, 2002 be received. CARRIED

MOTION #32: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by W. Blair 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

MOTION #33: Moved by H. Langford, seconded by L. Janzen that Senate do now adjourn: 4:25 p.m. CARRIED

D. Marshall, President

G. Williams, Secretary