NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

February 14, 2003
2:30 p.m. - Room A246

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

J. Baffoe, G. Brophey, T. Chase, P. Chow, A. Clendinning, M. Denike,
T. Dokis, P. Kelly, J. Kovacs, L. Kruk, S. Kulkarni, J. LeClair,
B. Lorenzkowski, E. Mattson, D. Murphy, F. Noël, T. Parkes,
L. Patriquin, G. Phillips, J. Ryan, K. Topps, M. Tuncali, V. Valov,
D. Walton, H. Zhu

P. Barber, W. Blair, D. Bolger, H. Langford, J. Mroczkowski, O. Ridler,
J. Scott, H. Vail, R. Weeks

S. Carmichael, S. Renshaw
C. MacGillivray, R. Molicia-Lazzaro
M. Tomlin and A. Fera (guests)

ABSENT WITH REGRETS:
C. Boterbloem, D. Flynn (sabbatical), D. Hackett, D. Hall, U. Kundrats,
S. Muhlberger (sabbatical), G. Olsen, P. Nosko (sabbatical),
D. Rowbotham (sabbatical), W. Young (on leave)

T. Campbell, K. Clausen, D. Franks, L. Frost (sabbatical), C. Harvey,
J. Long, J. McIntosh, S. Van Nuland

L. McLaren

MEMBERS ABSENT:
L. Stamler
W. Borody, G. Brown, R. Brozowski, S. High, L. Janzen, D. Jowett,
J. Knox, S. Lawlor, G. Pyle, B. Riome, L. Robinson, M. Saari, C. Sarlo,
B. Schreyer, A. Sparkes, K. Stange, L. Thibeault, A. Weeks, G. Williams

D. Berry, D. Brackenreed, R. Davis, T. Horton, P. Joong, M. Kariuki,
L. Knaack, G. Laronde, A. Le Sage, J. Lundy, M. McCabe, G. McEwen,
B. Olmsted, M. Parr, S. Reid, C. Ricci, C. Richardson, W. Richardson,
H. Rintoul, R. Ryan, G. Swanson

D. Bourne-Tyson
C. Brescht, A. LeRoy, C. MacGillivray, R. Molicia-Lazzaro, J. Price,
K. Shields

S. Anderson, I. Bajewsky, M. Brewes, K. Brozowski, L. Campbell,
K. Cowcill, M. Kershaw, J. Kooistra, J. Morton, S. O’Hagan,
C. Peterson, L. Richards, U. Stange
MOTION #1: Moved by H. Langford, seconded by R. Weeks that the minutes of the regular meeting of the Academic Senate dated December 6, 2002 be adopted. CARRIED

MOTION #2: Moved by K. Topps, seconded by O. Ridler that the minutes of the special meeting of the Academic Senate dated January 17, 2003 be adopted. CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President advised senators that the former Awards Ceremony had been changed to a luncheon format allowing donors and recipients to meet one another. The “new” awards luncheon was held on January 10 and proved to be very successful. Senator Marshall reported on the student loan default rates, comparing Nipissing’s percentages with other universities in the province. He stated that he had met recently with Al McDonald to discuss Nipissing’s SuperBuild proposal, the grant inequity issue and growth in applications and enrolment. The President announced that a special meeting of the Board of Governors had been held to approve the appointment of Prof. Robert Hawkins to the position of Vice-President Academic and Research. Senator Marshall made specific reference to the excellent, short-listed candidates and he expressed his appreciation to members of the Selection Committee for their efforts during the search process. The President announced that nominations are being solicited to fill the vacant position on the Board of Governors. Candidates are being sought particularly in the fields of education, law, and arts and culture.

Senator Forrest reported on highlights of the OCAV meeting held in Toronto. He spoke briefly about a proposal for new, start-up faculty grants. He emphasized that the Deans and Vice Presidents are investigating how to address the need for research performance indicators. A review of three and four year degrees is a topic of current interest. Senator Forrest cited York University’s website on academic integrity as a good example. The Academic Planning Committee met this week and will be making a recommendation to discontinue some programs. He announced the names of the two external reviewers who will conduct a review of the Psychology department on March 27 and 28. It was reported that the University Research Council had met on February 14 and decided that start-up grants for new faculty would be limited to $3000. In reference to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing collaborative program with Canadore, Senator Forrest stressed that it was important that Nursing faculty be seen as being involved in research since this may be used as a criterion for accreditation.

Senator Dean reported that multiple searches are currently underway in various disciplines in Arts and Science. Senator Common stated that the searches within the Faculty of Education are nearly completed and recommendations will be brought to the March Senate meeting.

Mark Tomlin thanked senators for contributing to the student food drive; he announced several new ventures being undertaken for ongoing food drive campaigns, through athletics, the North Bay
Skyhawks hockey game, money from movie nights etc. He reported that Blue Sky and Nipissing University had each made $200 donations. The NUSU elections will be held March 10 & 11 and the new executive will take office on May 1st.

Senator Lawrence explained the three reports distributed to senators and noted their similarity to the information shared at the Town Hall meeting. The number of applications in the province has doubled since 1996-1997.

Executive Committee

MOTION #3: Moved by D. Marshall, seconded by L. Kruk that the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated February 4, 2003 be received. CARRIED

University Curriculum Committee

MOTION #4: Moved by A. Dean, seconded by M. Denike that the Report of the University Curriculum Committee dated January 30, 2003 be received. CARRIED

MOTION #5: Moved by A. Dean, seconded by B. Lorenzkowski that the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2002” be amended to add the following course to the Senate approved list of option courses in the Bachelor of Education program: EDUC 4706 Kindergarten: Curriculum, Theory and Practice CARRIED

MOTION #6: Moved by A. Dean, seconded by L. Kruk that the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2002” be amended to remove the anti-requisites listed for the new Genre courses (ENGL 3486, 3487, 3496 and 3497). CARRIED

MOTION #7: Moved by A. Dean, seconded by L. Kruk that the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2002” be amended to add that only honours students in their 4th year of English Studies be permitted to enroll in the 4th year courses required for the Honours degree: Honour Seminars I-IV (ENGL 4686/7, ENGL 4786/7) and Studies in Literary Theory and Criticism I-IV (ENGL 4606/7, ENGL 4616/7), and History and Theory of Literary Criticism (ENGL 4605). CARRIED
MOTION #8: Moved by A. Dean, seconded by M. Denike that the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2002” be amended such that depending on the topic of the Honours Seminar in English Studies, students may credit the seminar toward a Group 1, 2, or 3 requirement as approved by the Department of English Studies. CARRIED

MOTION #9: Moved by A. Dean, seconded by L. Kruk that the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2002” be amended to remove the restriction of a maximum of 12 credits of introductory history. CARRIED

MOTION #10: Moved by A. Dean, seconded by F. Noël that the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2002” be amended that for students in a BA3 (HIST) program, HIST 3925 may satisfy either a Group 1 or a Group 2 requirement. CARRIED

MOTION #11: Moved by A. Dean, seconded by L. Kruk that the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2002” be amended that in all degree programs, BA(3-Year General), BA(Honours), BBA, BSc(3-Year General), BSc(Honours), and second degree programs, the reference to the minimum 60% grade requirement in the introductory level courses be made to read: "successfully complete the first year introductory level course(s) for the major(s) after no more than two attempts, and where specified, with a minimum grade of 60%". CARRIED

MOTION #12: Moved by A. Dean, seconded by P. Chow that the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2002” be amended to add the following courses to the Senate approved list of courses:
- PSYC 2506 Health Psychology
- PSYC 2806 Sports Psychology CARRIED

MOTION #13: Moved by A. Dean, seconded by P. Barber that the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2002” be amended to revise the pre-requisites/co-requisites for the Nursing courses as outlined in the 30 January 2003 UCC Minutes. CARRIED
MOTION #14: Moved by A. Dean, seconded by P. Barber that the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2002” be amended to include the addition of a policy which states that any student who is unsatisfactory in a clinical course must successfully repeat that clinical course before taking any other clinical course. CARRIED

MOTION #15: Moved by A. Dean, seconded by E. Mattson that Senate approve, as one omnibus motion, Motions #13-22 of the Curriculum Committee Report dated January 30, 2003. CARRIED

Motion #13: That the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2002” be amended to delete the following courses from the approved list of courses:

- GEOG2405E (A Geography of Canada)
- GEOG2705E (Russia, the Eurasian Republics and Eastern Europe)
- GEOG3605E (A Regional Geography of the European Common Market Countries)
- GEOG4037E (Remote Sensing of the Environment)
- GEOG4217E (International Environmental Standards for Use by Industry)

Motion #14: That the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2002” be amended to bank the following courses:

- GEOG2505E (A Geography of the United States)
- GEOG3495E (Northern Development)
- GEOG3646E (The Arab World)
- GEOG3647E (Regional Geography of South Asia)
- GEOG3825E (Geography of Developing Countries)
- GEOG4816E (Urban Land Use Planning Theory)

Motion #15: That the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2002” be amended to reinstate the following courses from the list of archived courses:

- GEOG2027E (Advanced Quantitative Methods in Geography)
- GEOG4227E (The Social and Cultural Geography of the City)
Motion #16: That the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2002” be amended to include modifications to be made to the following courses as outlined in the 30 January 2003 UCC Agenda:

- GEOG2016E (Field and Laboratory Techniques)
- GEOG3115E (Biogeography)
- GEOG 4127E (Lake & Wetland Environments)

Motion #17: That the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2002” be amended to add the following courses to the Senate approved list of courses:

- GEOG 2406E (A Geography of Canada)
- GEOG 2407E (Selected Regions of North America)
- GEOG 2706E (A Geography of Russia and the Eurasian Republics)
- GEOG 2707E (A Geography of Eastern Europe)
- GEOG 3066E (Remote Sensing of the Environment)
- GEOG 3236E (Geography of Environment and Health)
- GEOG 3606E (A Geography of Western Europe)
- GEOG 3607E (Selected Regions of Western Europe)
- GEOG 3826E (A Geography of Latin America)
- GEOG 4066E (Topics in Remote Sensing Applications)

Motion #18: That the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2002” be amended to include the modifications as outlined in the 30 January 2003 UCC Minutes be made to the Geography and Environmental Geography degree programs, including:

1) the addition of the introductory quantitative methods course to the list of required courses for the honours degree
2) a reduction in the number of credits in regional geography required for degree completion
3) the modification of courses listed in each section of the described degree requirements, in order to reflect the requested changes to the course offerings

Motion #19: That the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2002” be amended to include changes be made to the requirements for the Environmental Science and Physical Geography (ESPG) degree as outlined in the 30 January 2003 UCC Minutes.
Motion #20: That the Senate document entitled, “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2002” be amended to include that two of the current degree programs – Geography of International Development (GOID) and Geography of Community Economic Development (GCED) – be consolidated into a single degree program – Geography of Regional Planning and International Development (GRID).

Motion #21: That the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2002” be amended to include that two existing degree programs – Geography of International Development (GOID) and Geography of Community Economic Development (GCED) be removed from the University Calendar, and replaced with the consolidated program as outlined in the 30 January 2003 UCC Minutes.

Motion #22: That the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2002” be amended to change the Geography Minor from 30 to 24 credits.

MOTION #16: Moved by A. Dean, seconded by J. Kovacs that the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2002” be amended to add a Certificate in Geomatics. CARRIED

MOTION #17: Moved by A. Dean, seconded by L. Kruk that the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2002” be amended to add the following courses to the Senate approved list of courses:

- BIOL 3557E (Genetics and Society; Our Genes; Our Choices)
- BIOL 4557E (Developmental and Behavioral Genetics)
- BIOL 4997E (Freshwater Biology Field Camp)
CARRIED

MOTION #18: Moved by A. Dean, seconded by L. Kruk that the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2002” be amended to modify the following course as outlined in the 30 January 2003 UCC Minutes:

- BIOL 2706E (Human Anatomy and Physiology I)
CARRIED
MOTION #19: Moved by A. Dean, seconded by P. Barber that the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2002” be amended to add the following courses to the Senate approved list of courses:

- FREN 1006 Pre-Introductory French
- FREN 1106 Introductory French I
- FREN 1107 Introductory French II
- FREN 2006 Français Intermédiaire I
- FREN 2007 Français Intermédiaire II
- FREN 2106 Histoire générale des littératures et des cultures d’expression française I
- FREN 2107 Histoire générale des littératures et des cultures d’expression française II
- FREN 2207 Littérature française pour la jeunesse
- FREN 3006 Français avancé I
- FREN 3007 Français avancé II
- FREN 3106 Grammaire appliquée du français oral et écrit I
- FREN 3107 Grammaire appliquée du français oral et écrit II
- FREN 3207 Composition française
- FREN 3307 Communication d’affaires
CARRIED

MOTION #20: Moved by A. Dean, seconded by D. Walton that the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2002” be amended to delete the following courses from the Senate approved list of courses:

- FREN 1115 Semi-intensive course in French as a Second Language, Beginners’ Level
- FREN 1005 Introductory French
- FREN 2005 Français Intermédiaire
- FREN 3005 Français Avancé
- FRAN 1105 Histoire générale des littératures et des cultures d’expression française
- FRAN 1605 Grammaire appliquée du français oral et écrit
CARRIED

MOTION #21: Moved by A. Dean, seconded by D. Walton that the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2002” be amended to add a minor in French.
CARRIED
MOTION #22: 
Moved by A. Dean, seconded by H. Vail that the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2002” be amended to add the following courses to the Senate approved list of courses:

- SOCI 3926E Selected Topics in Criminal Justice I
- SOCI 3927E Selected Topics in Criminal Justice II
CARRIED

MOTION #23: 
Moved by A. Dean, seconded by M. Tuncali that the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2002” be amended to remove the following statement within the BA3 Administrative Studies degree requirements:

(c) complete the designated first year introductory level ADMN courses within a minimum grade of 60% after no more than two attempts.

(Original Motion #21 – Tabled at the 05 December 2002 meeting)
CARRIED

Academic Planning Committee

MOTION #24: 
Moved by R. Forrest, seconded by M. Denike that the Report of the Academic Planning Committee dated December 4, 2002 be received.
CARRIED

MOTION #25: 
Moved by R. Forrest, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve, for implementation, the Honours BA in Mathematics (single major) and Honours BSc in Mathematics (single major) programs, effective 2003-2004.
CARRIED

Distance Education Committee

MOTION #26: 
Moved by R. Wideman, seconded by P. Barber that the Report of the Distance Education Committee dated January 10, 2003 be received.
CARRIED

MOTION #27: 
Moved by R. Wideman, seconded by B. Nettlefold that Senate now approve ECON 3127E: International Financial Management for distance delivery.
CARRIED
Student Affairs Committee

December 3, 2002 Report:
MOTION #28: Moved by J. Kovacs, seconded by J. Scott that the Report of the Student Affairs Committee dated December 3, 2002 be received. CARRIED

January 29, 2003 Report:
MOTION #29: Moved by J. Kovacs, seconded by J. Scott that the Report of the Student Affairs Committee dated January 29, 2003 be received. CARRIED

By-laws and Striking Committee

MOTION #30: Moved by R. Forrest, seconded by M. Denike that the Report of the By-laws and Striking Committee dated February 4, 2003 be received. CARRIED

Honorary Degrees Committee

MOTION #31: Moved by D. Marshall, seconded by K. Topps that Senate move into an in-camera session. CARRIED

MOTION #32: Moved by D. Marshall, seconded by L. Patriquin that Senate move out of the in-camera session. CARRIED

The Chair of the Honorary Degrees Committee urged senators to submit nominations for honorary degree candidates for consideration for Convocation 2004.

Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee

MOTION #33: Moved by D. Lawrence, seconded by C. MacGillivray that the Report of the Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee dated January 10, 2003 be received. CARRIED

MOTION #34: Moved by D. Lawrence, seconded by R. Weeks that the admission requirements which specify the paper-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) be amended to specify that the results of the Test of Written Language (TWE) component be compulsory and the minimum acceptable score on TWE is 5.0 for programs in the Faculty of Arts and Science and 5.5 for the Faculty of Education. CARRIED
REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

Senator Topps provided a verbal report summarizing some of the discussions that had occurred at the February Board of Governors meeting. He referred to a presentation regarding the recent applications to Nipissing and our plans to accommodate these students, for example, a new addition to residence (for a total of 770 beds for first-year students) scheduled for completion in August 2003. A supplementary budget will be prepared for next year, once the application numbers are known. Nipissing has submitted an application for SuperBuild monies in the amount of $3 million to construct additional academic space. Senator Topps announced that Lynn Manitowabi had joined the Board as the new ACE representative. Ads have been placed in both the Nugget and Bracebridge Examiner for the one Board vacancy that will occur next year. The deadline for submitting applications is March 14.

ELECTIONS

MOTION #35: Moved by L. Patriquin, seconded by M. Denike that Senate now elect one faculty senator from Arts and Science (excluding Sociology, Criminal Justice and Social Welfare) to fill the vacancy on the Senate Selection Committee for the tenure track position in Sociology (Social Gerontology/Sociology of Aging).
CARRIED

L. Patriquin nominated J. LeClair

MOTION #36: Moved by M. Denike, seconded by M. Tuncali that nominations cease.
CARRIED

Acclaimed: J. LeClair

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION #37: Moved by D. Marshall, seconded by D. Bolger that Senate consider an election to elect two Senate representatives to serve on the Selection Committee for the position of Executive Director of University Advancement.
CARRIED

MOTION #38: Moved by D. Marshall, seconded by M. Denike that Senate elect one member from the Faculty of Arts and Science and one member from the Faculty of Education to serve as Senate representatives on the Selection Committee for the position of Executive Director of University Advancement.
CARRIED

P. Barber nominated R. Weeks
D. Marshall nominated M. Denike
MOTION #39: Moved by D. Lawrence, seconded by K. Topps that nominations cease. 
CARRIED 

Acclaimed: R. Weeks, M. Denike 

MOTION #40: Moved by L. Patriquin, seconded by O. Ridler that Senate do now 
adjourn: 3:40 p.m. 
CARRIED