

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

October 10, 2003

2:30 p.m. -- Room A246

MEMBERS PRESENT: D. Mock, A. Dean, R. Hawkins, D. Lawrence, L. Stamler, R. Wideman
Guest: K. Crocker

J. Baffoe, J. Barker, G. Brophey, R. Brozowski, K. Brozowski, T. Chase,
A. Clendinning, M. Denike, T. Dokis, D. Geden, D. Hemsworth,
A. Karassev, P. Kelly, S. Kulkarni, J. LeClair, D. Murphy, F. Noël,
G. Pyle, R. Pyper, C. Sarlo, K. Topps, M. Tuncali, A. Weeks, H. Zhu

W. Blair, E. Duncan, D. Franks, L. Frost, M. Kariuki, J. Lundy,
J. Mroczkowski, B. Olmsted, M. Parr, C. Richardson, W. Richardson,
J. Scott, S. Van Nuland, R. Weeks

K. Grattan-Miscio, M. Ostashevski, S. Renshaw

A. Brophey, K. Charron, A. Fera (guest)

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: B. Nettlefold
C. Boterbloem, P. Chow (sabbatical), D. Hall, D. Jowett (sabbatical),
L. Kruk, U. Kundraats, G. Olsen (sabbatical), L. Patriquin, L. Robinson,
B. Schreyer (sabbatical), G. Williams (sabbatical)

R. Bowness, T. Campbell, H. Langford (sabbatical), J. Long, J. McIntosh
J. Price

MEMBERS ABSENT: R. Bergquist, R. Common
W. Borody, G. Brown, P. Cook, D. Flynn, A. Graff, D. Hackett, S. High,
L. Janzen, J. Knox, J. Kovacs, S. Lawlor, B. Lorezkowski, E. Mattson,
C. McFarlane, S. Muhlberger, P. Nosko, T. Parkes, G. Phillips,
B. Riome, D. Rowbotham, J. Ryan, M. Saari, A. Sparkes, K. Stange,
V. Valov, D. Walton, W. Young

J. Barnett, D. Berry, D. Brackenreed, M. Cantilini-Williams, K. Clausen,
T. Horton, P. Joong, G. Laronde, A. Le Sage, M. McCabe, G. McEwen,
K. Noël, S. Reid, C. Ricci, O. Ridler, H. Rintoul, T. Ryan,
C. Shields, G. Swanson, H. Vail, K. Waller

S. Anderson, I. Bajewsky, M. Brewes, L. Campbell, C. Cook,
K. Cowcill, R. Hanks, R. Hemmings, S. Hevenor, W. Ingwersen,
M. Jackson, T. Jones, S. Kariuki, J. Kooistra, K. Lee, K. Morrison,
J. Morton, S. O'Hagan, B. Pentney, M. Quirt, L. Richards, M. Roycroft,
U. Stange, L. St. Louis, T. Waldock

MOTION #1: Moved by J. Baffoe, seconded by B. Olmsted that the minutes of the regular meeting of the Academic Senate dated September 12, 2003 be adopted.
CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President introduced Ken Crocker, Executive Director of University Advancement, and asked him to provide a few comments. Mr. Crocker summarized the department's recent accomplishments, noting that, since 1999, \$4.98 million dollars have been raised and 1800 first-time donors have been attracted. Mr. Crocker stated that he hopes to meet with faculty members, individually, in order to discover their particular research interests. He described the government's current OSOTF program, Phase II, and its implications for Nipissing. He announced that the annual fundraising letter for building futures will be circulated in November and he encouraged the participation and support of all faculty members. Mr. Crocker stated that the advancement office is in the process of reviewing the various fundraising initiatives at the university. He gave an overview of the focus of his department for the next 12 months. He strongly encouraged faculty to bring forward any names of potential donors.

Senator Mock spoke briefly about his recent visit to the Bracebridge campus to meet with administration and faculty. According to the Registrar, current enrolment is similar to that of last year. The President stated that the campus is operating at capacity and is providing a service to the Muskoka community, but he emphasized the need for greater strategic thinking. Senator Mock announced that he has been given the mandate to begin a university-wide strategic planning process since most of the goals identified in 1995-2000 have been achieved. The exercise will focus on the vision of the institution 10 years hence; i.e., "what do we want to be?" Senator Mock noted the importance of having a serious discussion about our values. He stated that both the UMG and Board annual retreats will concentrate on a macro/big picture outlook and long-term planning. It is expected that a series of task groups will be created following the conclusion of the two retreats. The Board has asked the President to prepare an environmental scan paper which he will complete in January. Senator Mock gave a brief update on COU issues and stated that a tuition freeze is imminent. Nipissing was counting on a 2% increase; therefore, it is hoped that there will not be any clawbacks. He informed senators that COU is placing a high priority on graduate programs and this could have significant implications for the university.

Senator Hawkins informed Senate that he had signed five SSHRC applications and one CFI application for November 5; the results will be known by mid March. This represents a record number for Nipissing University. The Vice-President announced that the Library Committee had met to disburse the annual \$10,000 competition. He and the President were able to contribute more funds to cover most of the requests. Senator Hawkins informed senators that Jack Jones had presented a seminar on the Dreamweaver web page design and will schedule another workshop at a later date. Senator Hawkins stated that each department in Arts and Science will have access to the Dreamweaver setup. The Vice-President stated that the issue of technological malfunctions in the classroom has been a recurring topic at the faculty department luncheons. He asked the faculty to send him an e-mail regarding any technical problems they have experienced. He promised to work with the Academic

Computing Committee and UTS to try to alleviate the problems. Senator Hawkins announced that he would be organizing a series of brown bag luncheons that will feature short, informal presentations by faculty on their research.

Plans are underway to find a bookcase to house articles and books on research to be located in the front foyer. Senator Hawkins stated that he would be in Thunder Bay next week at meetings of the provincial and federal Vice-Presidents Academic. He will report on these meetings at the November Senate.

Senator Dean announced that the Office of the Dean of Arts and Science has collated copies of all the briefs presented to the Liberal caucus on access to postsecondary education at the meeting held last August. Senators may contact this office if they would like a copy of the paper.

Senator Wideman spoke on behalf of the Dean of Education who was in India on business. He advised senators that the written submission for the BEd accreditation process (consisting of 32 binders) was delivered to the Ontario College of Teachers. The Faculty is currently in the process of developing an “exhibits room” for the site visit of the accreditation team. He informed senators that there would be an opportunity for anyone interested to visit the exhibits room the week before December 8-12.

The Registrar announced a “charity run” organized by Senator Bajewsky to be held November 9 with the aim to raise \$3000 to build a new school in Cameroon, Africa. Nipissing has agreed to lend its name to this event that is open to all students, faculty, and staff at Canadore and Nipissing. Registration forms will be available on the web site. Senator Lawrence has further information, if required.

Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee

MOTION #2: Moved by D. Lawrence, seconded by J. Scott that the Report of the Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee dated September 24, 2003 be received.
CARRIED

MOTION #3: Moved by D. Lawrence, seconded by J. Scott 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

AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

MOTION #4: Moved by S. Van Nuland, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate amend the membership of the Library Committee to include the Vice-President, Academic and Research as an ex-officio member.
CARRIED

MOTION #5: Moved by M. Denike, seconded by W. Blair that Senate amend the membership of the University Curriculum Committee to include the Vice-President, Academic and Research as an ex-officio member.
CARRIED

MOTION #6: Moved by D. Lawrence, seconded by L. Stamler that Senate amend the Terms of Reference of the University Curriculum Committee to replace the statement, "the committee shall be chaired by one of the two Deans" with the statement, "the committee shall be chaired by the Vice-President, Academic and Research."
CARRIED

MOTION #7: Moved by D. Lawrence, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate do now adjourn:
3:15 p.m.
CARRIED

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D. Mock, Interim President

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J. Lundy, Secretary

