

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

November 7, 2003
2:30 p.m. -- Room A246

MEMBERS PRESENT: D. Mock, R. Bergquist, R. Common, A. Dean, R. Hawkins,
D. Lawrence, R. Wideman

J. Baffoe, J. Barler, C. Boterbloem, G. Brophey, R. Brozowski,
K. Brozowski, T. Chase, A. Clendinning, P. Cook, M. Denike, T. Dokis,
D. Hackett, L. Janzen, A. Karassev, P. Kelly, J. Kovacs, L. Kruk,
S. Kulkarni, S. Muhlberger, F. Noël, P. Nosko, L. Patriquin, G. Pyle,
R. Pyper, C. Sarlo, A. Sparkes, V. Valov, H. Zhu

T. Campbell, E. Duncan, D. Franks, L. Frost, T. Horton, P. Joong,
M. Kariuki, G. Laronde, A. Le Sage, J. Long, J. Lundy, B. Olmsted,
Michelann Parr, S. Reid, W. Richardson, O. Ridler, J. Scott, H. Vail, R.
Weeks

S. Carmichael, W. Abreu, R. Molica-Lazzaro, A. Brophey, D. Bolger

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: B. Nettlefold
P. Chow (sabbatical), D. Geden, D. Jowett (sabbatical), G. Olsen
(sabbatical), M. Saari, B. Schreyer (sabbatical), M. Tuncali, A. Weeks,
G. Williams (sabbatical)

W. Blair, D. Bowness, D. Brackenreed, H. Langford (sabbatical),
J. McIntosh, J. Price, C. Richardson

MEMBERS ABSENT: L. Stamler
W. Borody, G. Brown, D. Flynn, A. Graff, D. Hall, D. Hemsworth,
S. High, S. High, J. Knox, U. Kundrats, S. Lawlor, J. LeClair,
B. Lorezkowski, E. Mattson, C. McFarlane, D. Murphy,
T. Parkes, G. Phillips, B. Riome, L. Robinson, D. Rowbotham,
J. Ryan, K. Stange, K. Topps, W. Young

J. Barnett, D. Berry, M. Cantilini-Williams, K. Clausen, M. McCabe,
G. McEwen, J. Mroczkowski, K. Noël, Mike Parr, C. Ricci, H. Rintoul,
T. Ryan, C. Shields, G. Swanson, S. Van Nuland, K. Waller

K. Charron
D. McMeekin, D. Gerecht
S. Anderson, I. Bajewsky, M. Brewes, 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 R. Molica-Lazzaro, seconded by B. Olmsted that the minutes of the regular meeting of the Academic Senate dated October 10, 2003 be adopted.

CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Mock provided background on the new Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities and stated that she is known for her support of students. He informed senators that universities are not listed as one of the top six government priorities; therefore, we will need to be sensitive about how to position ourselves to receive funding. Future trends reports have been released. COU will be aggressively seeking an estimated \$400 million to support graduate studies. The President stated that Nipissing will have to think seriously about its mission over the next decade. He announced that the strategic planning exercise will be initiated soon. He stated that redefining an institution is an exciting process and he stressed that every single person has to get involved. Both the UMG and Board have held retreats to discuss the values of the university. He spoke briefly about the budget process and predictions of student enrolment. Using preliminary COU statistics, a 101 target has been defined. Nipissing has settled on a figure of 575 students, which was considered a conservative and achievable estimate. Senator Mock noted that we have to bring in an additional 200 students simply to cover this year's increased costs. The President reported that the Maclean's ranking is expected on November 9, but he stated that he would not be sending a memo to the university community. He referred to the overall student satisfaction reported in the Globe & Mail Report Card. Senator Mock offered an explanation for the cancellation of classes and the closure of the university on November 4. North Bay Transit had recommended the closure of The Education Centre due to concerns about buses being unable to negotiate the hill because of the freezing rain conditions.

Senator Hawkins announced that Steven High had recently completed a book tour. He also announced that Ann Barbara Graff was working with Georgia Tech on a collaborative study. Senators applauded the fact that Nipissing had six NSERC applications totalling \$770,000 and a record five SSHRC applications totalling \$314,000. Senator Hawkins reported on the Academic Vice-Presidents meeting held recently in Thunder Bay; he noted that the issue of UPRAC reviews was of critical importance. He spoke about Lakehead's impressive new technology building built with SuperBuild funds. Nipissing needs to be aware of the competition. Strategic planning will be affected by space requirements. Senator Hawkins stated that the Ontario Innovation Fund may not be able to continue to match CFI grants. Ontario would like to adopt the federal granting agency model and rationalize all research offerings. More discussion will follow and he stated that he would keep Senate posted. He thanked senators for sending him e-mails about their IT concerns; these responses will be summarized and improvements will be made. Senator Hawkins stated that, this year, the academic investment was focused on supporting the double cohort in first-year. Next year, faculty, unit heads, department chairs need to focus on second year. The Vice-President reported that he had received very good, long-range academic plans from the various departments that will be useful when applying resources. He announced that a total of 30 tenure track requests had been received; some tough decisions will need to be made because not all can be implemented. He also informed senators that the preliminary budget for next year has been based on an enrolment of 575 101s, which he feels is a slightly optimistic aim.

Senator Dean announced that David Hemsworth of the School of Business and Economics had successfully defended his PhD thesis. Senator Common noted that the seven members of the OCT review panel had been selected. The panel will be on campus the first week of December. The Dean commented about discussions proposing the dismantling of the professional learning program.

Senator Abreu urged faculty and administration to use the student newspaper as an information or marketing tool. The first publishing date is November 26; submissions should be made by November 17. He stated that monies generated from a film in February about the Vagina Monologues will be donated to women's charities. The student referendum results were announced: 85% of the students had voted in favour of expanding the Student Centre. Further consultation will occur with the Board.

Senator Lawrence reminded senators of the charity run on November 9 with proceeds to be used to build a school in Cameroon. He announced that Nipissing's current enrolment is 5,682 which represents the fall/winter total including full-time, part-time, Education, Arts, MEd and AQ students. The Registrar noted that this figure is an increase of 215 compared with last year.

University Curriculum Committee

MOTION #2: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by O. Ridler that the Report of the University Curriculum Committee dated October 27, 2003 be adopted.
CARRIED

MOTION #3: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by O. Ridler that the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2003" be amended to add a group 7 course, EDUC 4966 Information Technology in Educational Leadership with the corresponding course description as outlined in the 27 October 2003 UCC Minutes.
CARRIED

MOTION #4: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by L. Kruk that the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2003" be amended to add a group 7 course, EDUC 4906 The Educational Leader's Role in Curriculum Implementation with the corresponding course description as outlined in the 27 October 2003 UCC Minutes.
CARRIED

MOTION #5: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by Michelann Parr that the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2003" be amended to add the following Additional Qualification courses to the Senate approved list of courses with the corresponding course description as outlined in the 27 October 2003 UCC Minutes:

EDUC 1235 Special Education Part I
EDUC 2235 Special Education Part II
EDUC 3235 Special Education Part III
CARRIED

MOTION #6: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by D. Lawrence that the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2003" be amended to change EDUC 5167 Holistic Education to EDUC 5266 Holistic Education.
CARRIED

MOTION #7: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by L. Kruk that the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2003" be amended to change RLST 3030 - 20th Century Religious Thought Freud, Weil, James and Jung to RLST 2030 - 20th Century Religious Thought with the corresponding course description as outlined in the 27 October 2003 UCC Minutes.
CARRIED

MOTION #8: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by G. Laronde that the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2003" be amended to add a new 3-credit course in the Native Studies program NATI 2016 "Cultural Production in an International Environment" and that the course be added to the Native Studies option list for the major. In addition it should be noted that this course can be taken concurrently with NATI 1005. The corresponding course description, as outlined in the 27 October 2003 UCC Minutes, should also be added.
CARRIED

MOTION #9: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by H. Vail that the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2003" be amended to add six new courses to the Department of English Studies program and add the corresponding course descriptions as outlined in the 27 October 2003 UCC Minutes:

ENGL 2055, Studies in Drama: Classical to Contemporary
ENGL 3016 & ENGL 3017, Studies in Marginalized Literatures I & II
ENGL 3036 and ENGL 3037, Studies in Media I and II
ENGL 2025, Language and Rhetoric
ENGL 3026 & ENGL 3027, Advanced Language & Rhetoric I and II
ENGL 3126 & ENGL 3127, Composition: Theory & Practice I & II
CARRIED

MOTION #10: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by L. Kruk that the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2003" be amended to change the title of ENGL 3095 Studies in Eighteenth-Century Literature to ENGL 3095 Studies in Restoration and Eighteenth-Century Literature and corresponding course description as outlined in the 27 October 2003 UCC Minutes.
CARRIED

MOTION #11: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by D. Lawrence that the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2003" be amended to cross-code BIOL 3397, GEOG 3397, and GEOL 3397, and amend the corresponding program requirements in Environmental Science, Physical Geography, and Environmental Geography majors.
CARRIED

MOTION #12: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by L. Kruk that the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2003" be amended to cross-code BIOL 4397 and GEOG 4397 and amend the corresponding course description as outlined in the 27 October 2003 UCC Minutes.
CARRIED

Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee

MOTION #13: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by D. Lawrence that the Report of the Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee dated October 21, 2003 be received.
CARRIED

MOTION #14: 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

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

Senator Sparkes reported on the recent meeting of the Council of Ontario Universities. He stated that COU's lobbying with the new government will focus on graduate studies. Senator Sparkes informed senators that he had been appointed to a two-year term on the Employment Equity Committee and the Status of Women Committee.

Senator Lawrence reported on his recent meeting of the Association of Education Registrars held last week. He stated that the Ontario government has agreed that some colleges can grant degrees; however, Nipissing cannot admit these students into our Faculty of Education because OCT will not recognize them. OCT will only recognize degrees from members accredited by AUCC. More discussion is needed since this may have a huge impact. A COU committee has now been created to review this. The Registrar recommended that Nipissing develop a policy outlining the degrees that we will and will not accept for admission to Education.

AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

MOTION #15: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by T. Horton that Senate establish a new standing committee, the Appeals Committee for Ethics.
CARRIED

MOTION #16: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by T. Horton that the composition of the Appeals Committee for Ethics consist of three Senators who are faculty members, to be elected annually by Senate, with at least one member from each of the Arts and Science and Education Faculties; where possible, members should have experience with research involving human subjects.
CARRIED

MOTION #17: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by W. Richardson that the following terms of reference for the Appeals Committee for Ethics be adopted:

1. The Committee shall be responsible for recommending to Senate the procedures by which any researcher may appeal the decision of the Nipissing University Research Ethics Committee (NUREC) with respect to his/her proposed research with human subjects.
2. The Committee shall be responsible for conducting all such appeals in a timely fashion, according to the procedures approved by Senate.
3. The Committee shall have such other responsibilities as may be assigned from time to time by Senate.

CARRIED

ELECTIONS

MOTION #18: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by R. Hawkins that Senate now hold an election to fill the positions on the Appeals Committee for Ethics.
CARRIED

A. Sparkes nominated S. Van Nuland
F. Noël nominated K. Brozowski
S. Reid nominated M. Cantilini-Williams

MOTION #19: Moved by T. Campbell, seconded by D. Lawrence that nominations cease.
CARRIED

Acclaimed: S. Van Nuland, K. Brozowski, M. Cantilini-Williams

MOTION #20: Moved by D. Lawrence, seconded by M. Kariuki that Senate do now
 adjourn: 3:50 p.m.
 CARRIED

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D. Mock, Interim President

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J. Lundy, Secretary