NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

December 5, 2003
2:30 p.m. – A246

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

J. Baffoe, J. Barker, W. Borody, C. Boterbloem, G. Brophey, G. Brown,
R. Brozowski, K. Brozowski, T. Chase, A. Clendinning, M. Denike,
T. Dokis, D. Geden, A. Graff, D. Hall, D. Hemsworth, S. High,
L. Janzen, L. Kruk, S. Kulkarni, J. LeClair, B. Lorenzkowski,
C. McFarlane, S. Muhlberger, D. Murphy, F. Noel, G. Phillips,

J. Barnett, W. Blair, R. Bowness, D. Franks, L. Frost, C. Harvey,
T. Horton, P. Joong, M. Kariuki, G. Laronde, J. McIntosh,
B. Olmsted, Michelann Parr, O. Ridler, H. Rintoul, S. Van Nuland

A. Brophey
K. Charron
W. Abreu, D. McMeekin, R. Molica-Lazzaro
K. Grattan-Misco, T. Jones, J. Kooistra, M. Ostashewski,
S. Renshaw, M. Roycroft, U. Stange
A. Carfagnini, A. Fera, M. Gauthier, B. Plumstead (guests)

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: P. Chow (sabbatical), D. Jowett (sabbatical), A. Karassev,
P. Kelly, U. Kundra, G. Olsen (sabbatical), L. Patriquin, R. Pyper,
B. Schreyer (sabbatical), V. Valov, G. Williams (sabbatical)

D. Brackenreed, H. Langford (sabbatical), J. Lundy, S. Reid,
J. Scott, J. Price
S. Carmichael

MEMBERS ABSENT: P. Cook, D. Flynn, D. Hackett, J. Knox, J. Kovacs, S. Lawlor,
E. Mattson, P. Nosko, T. Parkes, G. Pyle, B. Riome, D. Rowbotham,
K. Stange, K. Topps, D. Walton, A. Weeks, W. Young

D. Berry, T. Campbell, M. Cantilini-Williams, K. Clausen, E. Duncan,
A. Le Sage, J. Long, M. McCabe, G. McEwen, J. Mroczkowski, K. Noël,
C. Ricci, C. Richardson, W. Richardson, T. Ryan, C. Shields,
G. Swanson, H. Vail, K. Waller, R. Weeks

D. Gerecht, N. Dean
S. Anderson, I. Bajewsky, M. Brewes, L. Campbell, C. Cook,
K. Cowcill, R. Hanks, R. Hemmings, S. Hevenor, W. Ingwersen,
B. Pentney, M. Quirt, L. Richards, L. St. Louis, T. Waldock
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MOTION #1: Moved by S. Muhlberger, seconded by D. Franks that the minutes of the Academic Senate dated November 7, 2003 be adopted.  
CARRIED

READING AND DISPOSING OF COMMUNICATIONS

The Speaker read a letter submitted by Paula Barber that advised of her resignation as a member of the APT Committee. Senator Chase announced that tickets to see the production of Mamma Mia in Toronto are available by contacting Sandra Managhan (ext. 4519) prior to the deadline of December 12th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President extended best wishes of the season to all senators. He reported on the government caucus meeting and noted that the minister, as well as Monique Smith, will be invited to visit the campus. Senate was informed that there is a cap on tuitions at last year’s rates. It will not be until March that the government’s plan of action will be known. COU has asked the government for a full 2% covering the loss of tuition and a full 10% on deregulated programs (at Nipissing, these include Business and Computer Science). It is not known what the increased formula will be – Ontario universities still remain the lowest funded per capita in Canada. Senator Mock said that he would provide regular updates to senators. He announced the details of a two-year international agreement that Nipissing recently signed with Monterrey Tech in Tampico, Mexico. This technologically advanced institution will send 30-35 students to Nipissing for a 4-week period from mid-June to July.

Senator Mock noted that a tentative agreement has been reached with the support staff at Canadore College. He also announced that a Maclean’s Work Group has been established comprised of D. Lawrence, R. Bergquist, C. Sarlo and P. Cook. Senator Mock outlined the main categories addressed in the Maclean’s ranking exercise: student averages, class size, faculty research and student services, awards, library support, and reputation and he asked senators to provide their input to the Work Group. Senator Mock stated that he had met with the 7-member OCT accreditation panel at the Brantford campus. He emphasized the importance of the OCT visit, not only to the Faculty of Education, but to everyone. The President asserted that all of Nipissing benefits from the high profile that is enjoyed by the Faculty of Education. He expressed his appreciation to all faculty involved in the organization of the OCT visit. Senator Mock stated that he was assembling a strategic planning working group that would assume responsibility for producing a green paper by April. He thanked the faculty for their feedback with regard to faculty representation on the working group. The President noted that he had received 25 names, and, from this input, he will select seven members who will broadly represent the faculty. The working group will be comprised of two co-chairs, seven faculty members, two Board, two UMG, two staff, two students and one alumnus.

Senator Hawkins congratulated the Faculty of Education on the impressive performance with the OCT accreditation review. The Vice-President thanked everyone for their work during the past term.
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Senator Dean announced that Dr. Shaun Watmough has been chosen as the successful CRC candidate. The Dean explained that he is a biogeochemist who has published more than 42 papers. Dr. Watmough’s name will be put forward for nomination; the results will not be known until May. If the nomination proves successful, it includes $1 million dollars in funding.

Senator Common stated that the Ontario Association of Deans of Education is engaged in discussions about how to deal with graduates of applied degrees. The College of Teachers is willing to allow these graduates to proceed to BEd programs, but the Deans are not in agreement. The issue will be addressed eventually at COU. The Dean noted that the Faculty of Education had prepared for nine months for the OCT review and had produced six binders of documentation. He reported that the accreditation panel had examined the concurrent, consecutive and Aboriginal programs and had interviewed all appropriate faculty. A final report will be sent in January and there will be an opportunity for a response from the Faculty. The Dean thanked the entire Faculty for pulling together as a team. It was noted that the exhibits room is available all next week; senators were encouraged to view it since it offers a visual presentation of all the artifacts of the BEd program.

Senator Abreu announced that the students had made a presentation to the Board of Governors on December 4 concerning the results of the student referendum and plans for expansion of the Student Center and/or Library. He felt that it had been a positive presentation. Senator Abreu wished everyone an enjoyable Christmas holiday.

Executive Committee

MOTION #2: Moved by D. Mock, seconded by J. Baffoe that the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated November 25, 2003 be received. CARRIED

University Curriculum Committee

MOTION #3: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by O. Ridler that the Report of the University Curriculum Committee dated November 25, 2003 be received. CARRIED

MOTION #4: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by O. Ridler that the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2003” be amended to divide six 6-credit courses in Classical Studies into six pairs of 3-credit courses with the corresponding course description as outlined on pages 1 to 26 in the 25 November 2003 UCC Minutes. CARRIED
MOTION #5: 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 FREN 2206 “La littérature canadienne française”. In addition the course prerequisite will be FREN 2007 “Test de compétence en français”. The corresponding course description, as outlined on page 27 in the 25 November 2003 UCC Minutes, should also be added.

CARRIED

MOTION #6: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by S. Muhlberger that the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2003” be amended to add a North American Stream to the Honours Single Major in History and,

(b) That the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2003” be amended to add HIST 3316 “Topics in North American Cultural History”. The corresponding course description, as outlined on page 32, in the 25 November 2003 UCC Minutes, should also be added.

CARRIED

MOTION #7: 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 new 3-credit course in Geography – GEOG 2126 “Physical Hydrology” and corresponding course description as outlined on page 35 in the 25 November 2003 UCC Minutes.

CARRIED

MOTION #8: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by D. McMeekin that the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2003” be amended to add a new 3-credit course in Geography – GEOG 2127 “Hydrological Resources” and corresponding course description as outlined on page 38 in the 25 November 2003 UCC Minutes.

CARRIED

MOTION #9: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by L. Kruk that the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2003” be amended to modify the course title and description for GEOG 4126 from “Applied Hydrology for Environmental Planning” to “Applied Hydrology for Snow and Ice Environments” as outlined on page 41 in the 25 November 2003 UCC Minutes.

CARRIED
MOTION #10: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by W. Blair that the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2003” be amended to modify the course description for GEOG 4106 “Applied Geomorphology” as outlined on page 43 in the 25 November 2003 UCC Minutes.
CARRIED

MOTION #11: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by B. Olmsted that the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2003” be amended to change the course prerequisite for GEOG 4216 “World Population Growth” from the present prerequisite, GEOG 1016 “Introduction to Human Geography” to the new prerequisite, GEOG 2206 “Population Geography” as outlined on page 45 in the 25 November 2003 UCC Minutes.
CARRIED

MOTION #12: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by H. Rintoul that the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2003” be amended to change the course prerequisite for GEOG 4317 “Issues in Economic Geography and Development” from the present prerequisite, GEOG 1016 “Introduction to Human Geography” to the new prerequisite, GEOG 2306 “Economic Geography” or GEOG 2807 “Local and Regional Development” as outlined on page 47 in the 25 November 2003 UCC Minutes.
CARRIED

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MOTION #14: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by M. Denike that the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2003” be amended to add a new 3-credit course in MUSIC – MUSC 1007 “Exploring Music and Culture II” and corresponding course description as outlined on page 52 in the 25 November 2003 UCC Minutes.
CARRIED

MOTION #15: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by R. Bowness that the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2003” be amended to add a new 3-credit course in MUSIC - MUSC 2006 “Immigrant and Diaspora Musics in Canada” and corresponding course description as outlined on page 54 in the 25 November 2003 UCC Minutes.
CARRIED
MOTION #16: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by T. Dokis that the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2003” be amended to add a new 3-credit course in MUSIC - MUSC 2007 “Aboriginal Musics in Canadian Contexts” and corresponding course description as outlined on page 56 in the 25 November 2003 UCC Minutes.

CARRIED

MOTION #17: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by T. Horton that the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2003” be amended to add a new 3-credit course in Religious Studies – RLST 2016 “Ceremony, Celebration and Community” and corresponding course description as outlined on page 58 in the 25 November 2003 UCC Minutes. This course is cross-listed with Sociology.

CARRIED

MOTION #18: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by W. Abreu that the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2003” be amended to add a new 3-credit course in Religious Studies - RLST 2017 “Perspectives on Death and Dying” and corresponding course description as outlined on page 60 in the 25 November 2003 UCC Minutes. This course is cross-listed with Sociology.

CARRIED


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MOTION #20: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by R. Wideman that the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2003” be amended to modify the course description and prerequisite for EDUC 1515F “French as a Second Language Part I” as outlined on page 63 in the 25 November 2003 UCC Minutes.

CARRIED

MOTION #21: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by W. Abreu that the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2003” be amended to modify the course description and prerequisite for EDUC 2515F “French as a Second Language Part II” as outlined on page 64 in the 25 November 2003 UCC Minutes.

CARRIED
MOTION #22: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by R. Wideman that the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2003” be amended to modify the course description and prerequisite for EDUC 3515F “French as a Second Language Part III” as outlined on page 65 in the 25 November 2003 UCC Minutes. CARRIED

MOTION #23: Moved by M. Denike, seconded by R. Hawkins that the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2003” be amended to change the prerequisite for CLAS 2005 “Classical Mythology” to read “restricted to upper students” as outlined on page 26. CARRIED

Academic Planning Committee

MOTION #24: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by R. Molica-Lazzaro that the Report of the Academic Planning Committee dated November 7, 2003 be received. CARRIED

MOTION #25: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by C. Sarlo that Senate recommend to the Board, through the President, that the following current limited term and sessional positions be converted to tenure track status.

1. Modern British History
2. Integrated Management
3. Technology Management
4. Human Geography
5. Plant Biology
6. Chemistry
7. Gender Studies, Religion and Philosophy
8. Religion and Culture
9. Human Resources/OB
10. Education and Schooling
11. Educational Psychology/Special Education
CARRIED

MOTION #26: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by H. Rintoul that Senate recommend to the Board, through the President, that the following new tenure track positions be created:

1. Psychology
2. Sociology
3. Business
4. Political Science
5. Nursing
6. Thorn Chair in Language and Literacy
7. Graduate Position: Research Methods (Educ.)
8. Language Arts/Methods (Brantford)
CARRIED
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Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee

MOTION #27: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by D. Lawrence that the Report of the Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee dated November 18, 2003 be received.
CARRIED

MOTION #28: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by D. Lawrence that ENGL 3487 Studies in Genre II whose topic in 2003-2004 is British Romance, be credited to either Group 1 or Group 2 English Studies under the requirements in effect prior to 2003 for any student graduating with those requirements.
CARRIED

ELECTIONS

MOTION #29: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by R. Common that Senate elect a senator from the Faculty of Education to fill the vacancy on the Appointments, Promotions and Tenure Committee.
CARRIED

R. Common nominated J. Mroczkowski

MOTION #30: Moved by F. Noël, seconded by M. Denike that nominations cease.
CARRIED

Acclaimed: J. Mroczkowski

MOTION #31: Moved by M. Saari, seconded by D. Franks that Senate do now adjourn: 4:50 p.m.
CARRIED

D. Mock, Interim President  
J. Lundy, Secretary