## NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

# MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

## April 2, 2004 1:00 p.m. -- Room A246

MEMBERS PRESENT:	D. Mock, R. Bergquist, R. Common, A. Dean, R. Hawkins, B. Nettlefold, L. Stamler, R. Wideman
	J. Baffoe, J. Barker, C. Boterbloem, R. Brozowski, T. Chase, A. Clendinning, M. Denike, A. Graff, A. Karassev, J. Knox, J. LeClair, B. Lorenzkowski, C. McFarlane, S. Muhlberger, F. Noël, P. Nosko, G. Pyle, L. Robinson, M. Saari, C. Sarlo, B. Schreyer, A. Sparkes, K. Topps, M. Tuncali, V. Valov, H. Zhu
	J. Barnett, W. Blair, K. Clausen, E. Duncan, D. Franks, L. Frost, T. Horton, G. Laronde, J. Lundy, M. McCabe, J. McIntosh, Michelann Parr, J. Price, S. Reid, C. Richardson, W. Richardson, O. Ridler, J. Scott, S. Van Nuland, K. Waller
	A. Brophey; K Charron, D. McMeekin, R. Molica-Lazzaro, W. Ingwersen, U. Stange; A. Fera, M. Wallace (guests)
ABSENT WITH REGRETS	: W. Borody, P. Chow (sabbatical), D. Jowett (sabbatical), D. Murphy, G. Olsen (sabbatical), R. Pyper, D. Walton (sabbatical), G. Williams (sabbatical)
	R. Bowness, T. Campbell, C. Harvey (sabbatical), M. Kariuki, H. Langford (sabbatical), J. Long, B. Olmsted, H. Rintoul W. Abreu
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u> :	<ul> <li>D. Lawrence</li> <li>G. Brophey, K. Brozowski, P. Cook, T. Dokis, D. Flynn, D. Geden,</li> <li>D. Hackett, D. Hall, D. Hemsworth, S. High, L. Janzen, P. Kelly,</li> <li>J. Kovacs, L. Kruk, S. Kulkarni, U. Kundrats, S. Lawlor, E. Mattson,</li> <li>T. Parkes, L. Patriquin, G. Phillips, B. Riome, D. Rowbotham,</li> <li>J. Ryan, K. Stange, A. Weeks, W. Young</li> </ul>
	D. Berry, D. Brackenreed, M. Cantilini-Williams, P. Joong, A. Le Sage, G. McEwen, J. Mroczkowski, K. Noël, M. Parr, C. Ricci, T. Ryan, C. Shields, G. Swanson, H. Vail, R. Weeks
	<ul> <li>S. Carmichael; D. Gerecht, N. Dean</li> <li>S. Anderson, I. Bajewsky, M. Brewes, L. Campbell, C. Cook,</li> <li>K. Cowcill, K. Grattan-Miscio, R. Hank, R. Hemmings, S. Hevenor,</li> <li>M. Jackson, T. Jones, S. Kariuki, J. Kooistra, K. Lee, K. Morrison,</li> <li>J. Morton, S. O'Hagan, M. Ostashewski, B. Pentney, M. Quirt,</li> <li>S. Renshaw, L. Richards, M. Roycroft, L. St. Louis, T. Waldock</li> </ul>

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MOTION #1: Moved by B. Nettlefold, seconded by S. Muhlberger that the minutes of the regular meeting of the Academic Senate dated March 12, 2004 be adopted. CARRIED

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President indicated that he had received a letter from the speaker of Senate, and in response, gave a commitment, on behalf of his administrative team, to recognize and follow existing Senate policies and to respect a consultative process. He stated that this has been the approach he has adopted throughout his academic career. To date, he has had extended discussions with Department Chairs and is looking forward to meeting with all departments over the next 6-7 weeks. He stated that it was important for Nipissing University, as a community, to move forward. He emphasized that Nipissing is at a critical point in its evolution as a university, with many positives that can be built upon. For instance, NU has doubled its first-year enrolment and has good prospects for another successful enrolment cycle, has a committed group of faculty and staff, two satellite campuses with excellent potential, a growing and successful research environment, a vibrant strategic planning process currently underway, a strong Board of Governors, a supportive community and great students many of whom were celebrated that day as mentors, dons, and leadership award winners. Nipissing has a lot of which to be proud and has many ingredients for success. It remains incumbent upon everyone to work together to achieve our potential. Many of our values must be maintained. The President stressed his commitment to fight for "the student experience" because students choose NU for its size and personal service. As President, Senator Mock stated that he wants a collegial environment without bickering or animosity with the administration or faculty. He noted that he has already met with the Senate Speaker and Chairs and has asked the chairs for access to their departments. He expressed his appreciation to the chairs for facilitating these meetings. Having been around universities for a long time, the President stated that he is keenly aware of the unique environment that Nipissing has and the many personal touch assets that are strengths of our university. He announced to Senate that he fully accepts the challenge and responsibility to work with everyone to move this university forward.

Senator Mock announced that the Board of Governors had approved the budget at its April meeting. The President presented some background to senators regarding the opposition of Cedar Heights residents to the proposed construction of a new student residence at the northeast corner of the property. The issue of off-campus housing is a real challenge for Nipissing. The President also reported on the AUCC conference held in British Columbia in late March. The government made a decision to close the University College of Okanagan; the college portion will revert to a college and the university will become a campus of UBC. Postsecondary education in BC is at the forefront of the government's agenda. The federal budget has indicated increased support for research, for student assistance and for promoting internationalization and student exchanges. The President extended an invitation to everyone to attend the Dave Marshall Leadership Awards ceremony to be held following the Senate meeting.

Senator Hawkins announced that three of Nipissing's five SSHRC applications were successful and awarded to Dr. Boterbloem, Dr. Graff and Dr. Noël. NSERC applications were approved for Drs.

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Karassev and Tuncali and Dr. Pyle received a CFI grant. This is outstanding news for Nipissing University and great for students who work with the faculty involved.

Senator Hawkins expressed the desire to help faculty who had applied, but had not received grants. They were encouraged to reapply. The Vice-President reminded senators that broad based consultation is being sought with regard to the proposed transformation of SSHRC from a granting council to a knowledge council. Senators were encouraged to provide input specifically to pages 14-19 of the previously circulated SSHRC booklet. It was also announced that, in conjunction with the research luncheons, a videotaped interview with Marc Renaud will be being added to the series.

The Dean of Arts and Science congratulated faculty for their hard work during the past academic year. He stated that a decision had been made to split the Arts and Science Convocation into two ceremonies, divided by discipline, as a result of the recent growth in students and the number of guests expected at the graduation ceremonies.

Senator Common circulated a document for senators' information entitled "10 Year Goal: Double Graduate Enrolment at Ontario Universities."

Roberto Molica-Lazzaro reported that voting had occurred on Wednesday and Thursday to complete the process for choosing a valedictorian. He announced that all departments will be asked for input concerning the 2004-2005 student handbook. NUSU is in the process of introducing two new part-time scholarships. Mr. Molica-Lazzaro stated that an appreciation social had been organized to honour the volunteers who had helped with NUSU's success.

The Speaker reminded Senate committee chairs that annual reports are due at the May Senate meeting. Annual reports must include a summary of the yearly attendance.

By-laws and Striking Committee

MOTION #2: Moved by J. McIntosh, seconded by J. Baffoe that the Report of the By-laws and Striking Committee dated March 15, 2004 be received. CARRIED

Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee

- MOTION #3: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by J. Scott that the Report of the Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee dated March 10, 2004 be received. CARRIED
- MOTION #4: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by A. Sparkes that the students listed on Appendix A, who have completed all requirements of their respective degrees, be admitted to their degrees in-course and that diplomas for the degrees be awarded. CARRIED

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#### REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

Senator Topps made two announcements as per the Board of Governors meeting held on April 1. Congratulations were extended to Senators Dean Berry and Warnie Richardson whose reappointment with tenure had been approved. Senate was informed that Deanna Hodgins had communicated her decision to seek early retirement from Nipissing, effective May 7, 2004.

### AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

MOTION #5: Moved by J. McIntosh, seconded by R. Wideman that the Terms of Reference for the Distance Education Committee be changed to:

The Committee shall be responsible for making recommendations to Senate concerning the coordination and support of distance education at Nipissing University.

The Committee shall recommend to Senate policies for the development, delivery, and review of distance education at Nipissing University.

The Committee shall conduct research on program development in distance education.

The Committee shall promote collaboration with other institutions to further distance education at Nipissing University.

CARRIED

#### ELECTIONS

- 1. Presentation by By-laws and Striking Committee of slate of candidates for Senate Standing Committees for 2004-2005.
  - L. Frost nominated J. Scott for Academic Computing Committee
  - S. Van Nuland nominated J. Barnett for Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee
  - K. Boterbloem nominated F. Noël for Arts APT Subcommittee
  - G. Pyle nominated P. Nosko for Arts APT Subcommittee
  - J. Price nominated L. Frost as Representative on Board of Governors
  - W. Richardson nominated T. Campbell as Representative on Board of Governors
  - D. Franks nominated H. Langford as Representative on Consolidated Committee

MOTION #6:	Moved by M. Saari, seconded by A. Sparkes that nominations cease. CARRIED
Acclaimed:	J. Scott for Academic Computing Committee
Acclaimed:	J. Barnett for Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee
Elected:	F. Noël for Arts APT Subcommittee
Elected:	T. Campbell as representative on Board of Governors
Elected:	H. Langford as representative on Consolidated Committee

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- MOTION #7: Moved by J. McIntosh, seconded by M. Saari that the slate of candidates for Senate Standing Committees for 2004-2005 be approved as elected. CARRIED
- 2. One Arts and Science representative and one Education representative to serve on both the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching Committee and the Nipissing University Award for Excellence in part-time Teaching Committee.

D. Geden nominated L. Robinson J. Price nominated C. Ricci K. Clausen nominated T. Horton

MOTION #8: Moved by M. Denike, seconded by M. Saari that nominations cease. CARRIED

Elected: L. Robinson, T. Horton

3. One Arts and Science senator to replace Senator Saari on the Sociology Selection Committee.

A. Sparkes nominated F. Noël

MOTION #9: Moved by M. Denike, seconded by M. Saari that nominations cease. CARRIED

Acclaimed: F. Noël for Sociology Selection Committee

### NEW BUSINESS

- MOTION #10: Moved by R. Common, seconded by O. Ridler that Senate consider receipt of the Report of the Senate Education Selection Committees dated March 31, 2004. CARRIED
- MOTION #11: Moved by R. Common, seconded by S. Muhlberger that the Report of the Senate Education Selection Committees dated March 31, 2004 be received. CARRIED
- MOTION #12: Moved by R. Common, seconded by L. Frost that Senate recommend to the Board through the President or Vice-President Academic that Jason Price be offered a four-year probationary appointment as an Assistant Professor of Education: Curriculum Studies: Education and Schooling, effective July 1, 2004. CARRIED

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- MOTION #13: Moved by R. Common, seconded by S. Muhlberger that Senate recommend to the Board through the President or Vice-President Academic that Gerald Laronde be offered a four-year probationary appointment as an Assistant Professor of Education: Science Education, effective July 1, 2004. CARRIED
- MOTION #14: Moved by R. Common, seconded by L. Frost that Senate recommend to the Board through the President or Vice-President Academic that Kathryn Noel be offered a four-year probationary appointment as an Assistant Professor of Education: Language and Literacy, effective July 1, 2004. CARRIED
- MOTION #15: Moved by R. Common, seconded by M. Saari that Senate recommend to the Board through the President or Vice-President Academic that Kris Kirkwood be offered a three-year probationary appointment as an Assistant Professor of Education: Graduate Studies, effective July 1, 2004. CARRIED
- MOTION #16: Moved by R. Common, seconded by S. Muhlberger that Senate recommend to the Board through the President or Vice-President Academic that Thomas Ryan be offered a four-year probationary appointment as an Assistant Professor of Education: Classroom Management, effective July 1, 2004. CARRIED
- MOTION #17: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by R. Brozowski that Senate do now adjourn: 2:20 p.m. CARRIED

D. Mock, President

J. Lundy, Secretary