

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

October 8, 2004  
2:30 p.m. -- Room A246

MEMBERS PRESENT:

R. Common, A. Dean, R. Hawkins, D. Lawrence, A. Sparkes  
  
J. Baffoe, J. Barker, C. Boterbloem, G. Brophrey, R. Brozowski,  
K. Brozowski, T. Chase, M. Denike, T. Dokis, D. Geden, D. Hemsworth,  
A. Karassev, S. Kariuki, S. Kulkarni, J. LeClair, D. Murphy, F. Noël,  
P. Nosko, S. O'Hagan, S. Renshaw, M. Saari, C. Sarlo, D. Tabachnick,  
K. Topps, M. Tuncali, D. Walton, G. Williams, W. Young  
  
D. Brackenreed, R. Fix, T. Horton, P. Joong, M. Kariuki, H. Langford,  
G. Laronde, A. Le Sage, J. McIntosh, B. Olmsted, C. Richardson,  
W. Richardson, S. Van Nuland  
  
L. McLaren, B. Pipe, J. Kmiec, O. Sanniguel-Valderrama

ABSENT WITH REGRETS:

D. Mock, B. Nettlefold, R. Bergquist  
E. Berger, W. Borody (sabbatical), A. Clendinning, P. Cook, A.B. Graff, P.  
Kelly (sabbatical), L. Kruk, U. Kundrats, C. McFarlane, G. Olsen, A. Page,  
L. Patriquin (sabbatical), G. Phillips, R. Pyper, L. Robinson, V. Valov, H.  
Zhu  
  
J. Barnett, W. Blair, K. Clausen, E. Duncan, D. Franks, K. Noel,  
Michelann Parr, M. Parr, S. Reid, H. Rintoul, J. Scott, C. Shields, K. Waller  
  
C. Dale, C. Johnston, M. Ostashewski, M. Roycroft

MEMBERS ABSENT:

R. Wideman  
G. Brown, E. Cholewa, P. Chow, D. Flynn, D. Ford, D. Hackett,  
D. Hall, S. High, L. Janzen, T. Jones, D. Jowett, J. Knox, J. Kovacs,  
S. Lawlor, B. Lorezkowski, E. Mattson, S. Muhlberger, T. Parkes, G. Pyle,  
B. Riome, D. Rowbotham, J. Ryan, B. Schreyer,  
S. Srigley, K. Stange, A. Weeks  
  
A.M. Aquino, D. Berry, T. Campbell, M. Cantilini-Williams,  
J. Corkett, L. Frost, C. Harvey, L. Keuhl, K. Kirkwood, J. Long,  
M. McCabe, G. McEwen, J. Mroczkowski, J. Price, C. Ricci, O. Ridler,  
T. Ryan, G. Swanson, H. Vail, R. Weeks  
  
T. Silveri  
I. Bajewsky, T. Banakh, J. Boivin, M. Brewes, P. Clandfield, C. Cook,  
M. Crane, K. Currie, U. Frisse, K. Grattan-Miscio, J. Harden, S. Hevenor,  
W. Ingwersen, M. Jackson, J. Kooistra, K. Lee, C. Lobsinger, K. Lucas,  
J. Madeley, J. Morton, I. Mueller, B.A. Pentney, M. Quirt, L. Richards, U.  
Stange, D. Walters, D. Yule

MOTION #1: Moved by S. Van Nuland, seconded by T. Horton that the minutes of the regular meeting of the Academic Senate dated September 10, 2004 be adopted.  
CARRIED

#### BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The Speaker noted that a question had been raised at the September Senate meeting with regard to the legitimacy of Senator Sparkes continuing his role at the Council of Ontario Universities. According to COU's constitution, one is eligible if he/she is a member of Senate at his/her institution. The Speaker was satisfied that Senator Sparkes meets this criterion and therefore has the right to continue as a member of COU. Furthermore, the Speaker pointed out that COU currently includes members who are Vice-Presidents, Deans, Associate Vice-Presidents, etc.

#### READING AND DISPOSING OF COMMUNICATIONS

Correspondence was received from Senator Muhlberger indicating his resignation from the Academic Planning Committee.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Hawkins presented the announcements from the President, in his absence. He informed senators that the topic of mandatory retirement had been discussed at an Executive Heads Retreat held on September 17. It appears that mandatory retirement at age 65 will be removed and this could have a dramatic effect on universities. The Universities Fair (September 24-26) was the largest attended university fair to date with 75,000 people. On behalf of the President, the Vice-President conveyed his appreciation to all departments and staff members who contributed to the successful outcome of this event. It was announced that the Strategic Planning Task Group had held two Town Hall meetings on September 29 and October 1, attended by 60 people. Everyone was reminded to submit their responses to the discussion paper by the Thanksgiving deadline. Many departmental responses have already been received. The task group is currently engaged in editing the objectives section of the strategic plan. The Rae Postsecondary Panel will be in North Bay for a Town Hall meeting on Monday, October 18 (7-9 p.m.) and a Roundtable Dialogue on Tuesday, October 19 (8-11 a.m.) Senators were referred to the web site at [www.raereview.on.ca](http://www.raereview.on.ca) and encouraged to read the document. Copies are also available in the President's office.

Reporting on a recently attended Vice-Presidents Research meeting, Senator Hawkins explained that all current provincial government funding agencies will be rolled into one agency: the Ontario Research Fund. The Ontario government has set aside \$300 million to continue research funding in the province, namely CFI funding for new opportunity grants as well as round 5 of CFI innovation grants. A final decision will be made in February 2005. Senator Hawkins announced the names of the external reviewers who have been selected for the UPRAC reviews for Education, Math and Gender Studies scheduled in the Fall. Senators were informed of the opening of Dr. Paul Kelly's exhibit on Saturday at the WPK Gallery. The exhibit extends to November 15 and will then tour extensively across Canada. The Vice-President encouraged senators to attend.

Senator Dean announced that Dr. Larry Patriquin's book entitled, Inventing Tax Rage: Misinformation in the National Post, has been released and a book launch will be held on November 20 at Gulliver's. He informed senators of the appointment of Aroha Page, noting that she is the first full-time tenure track member hired for the Collaborative BScN program. The Dean stated that applications for sabbatical are due on November 1.

Senator Common reported that the Minister's office had announced that there would be no teacher test in April. He stated that discussions are ongoing with regard to changing the terms to multi-year for Ontario graduate scholarships. Representatives from small universities are opposed due to the possibility that the lion's share may end up going to PhD students. Discussion is taking place about a new university in Toronto, along the waterfront, called United Nations' University that will offer only Masters and PhD programs in peace studies. Two campuses already exist in Costa Rica and Tokyo.

Senator Lawrence distributed an enrolment summary for senators' information. He commented that there are too many students who initially intend to complete an Honours degree, but instead finish with a 3-year degree. The Registrar noted that more than 60% of students attending any Ontario university have an entering average of 80%. He stressed the importance of doing more to get our share of these students.

Senator Sparkes encouraged everyone to review the Rae document. He noted that the document contains no mention of a university education for its own sake, and no mention of Humanities and Social Sciences.

#### Executive Committee

MOTION #2: Moved by J. Baffoe, seconded by J. McIntosh that the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated September 30, 2004 be received.  
CARRIED

#### Academic Planning Committee

MOTION #3: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by M. Denike that the Report of the Academic Planning Committee dated September 28, 2004 be received.  
CARRIED

MOTION #4: Moved by B. Hawkins, seconded by C. Richardson that Senate approve the guidelines entitled, "Nipissing University Undergraduate Review Process, Revised Fall, 2004," attached, to take effect on January 1, 2005.

MOTION #5: Moved by A. Dean, seconded by O. Sammiguel-Valderrama that an amendment to the guidelines be made by adding a sentence to Step 5 to indicate that the external reviewers should receive both the unit response and the decanal response.  
CARRIED

MOTION #6: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by C. Richardson that Senate approve the guidelines entitled, "Nipissing University Undergraduate Review Process, Revised Fall, 2004" attached, to take effect on January 1, 2005.  
CARRIED AS AMENDED

MOTION #7: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by M. Denike that Senate approve the guidelines entitled, "Nipissing University New Program Approval Process, Revised Fall, 2004," attached, to take effect on January 1, 2005.  
CARRIED

MOTION #8: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by M. Saari that pursuant to "Step 5" of the Nipissing University Revised Program Review Procedures (October 2002), Senate receive the attached report entitled, "Nipissing Psychology Program UPRAC Review – Academic Planning Committee Report to Senate Including Executive Summary and Recommendations – September 2004."  
CARRIED

#### Library Committee

MOTION #9: Moved by S. Van Nuland, seconded by T. Horton that the Report of the Library Committee dated September 21, 2004 be received.  
CARRIED

#### By-laws and Striking Committee

MOTION #10: Moved by J. McIntosh, seconded by T. Horton that the Report of the By-laws and Striking Committee dated September 24, 2004 be received.  
CARRIED

#### Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee

##### September 14<sup>th</sup> Report

MOTION #11: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by D. Walton that the Report of the Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee dated September 14, 2004 be received.  
CARRIED

MOTION #12: Moved by A. Sparkes seconded, by D. Walton 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

September 20<sup>th</sup> Report

MOTION #13: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by D. Lawrence that the Report of the Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee dated September 20, 2004 be received.  
CARRIED

MOTION #14: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by S. Renshaw 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

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

Senator Saari presented a brief, verbal report summarizing the Board of Governors meeting held on October 6, 2004. He noted that the Dean of Arts and Science had made a presentation on the Faculty of Arts and Science. The dates of the Board Retreat were confirmed as November 6 & 7. It was reported by the Vice-President Administration and Finance that tenders received for restructuring the second floor of the Science wing were twice the budgeted amount. Some problems have been caused by the blasting associated with the new residence construction. It was announced that the university will replace another old transformer to reduce potential problems resulting from blackouts. The acquisition of new space in Brantford is being considered. A resolution was passed regarding the review of appointments of senior administrators. It was also announced that the university has confirmed that Retired General Romeo Dallaire will be a guest speaker at the university on Thursday, January 27<sup>th</sup>.

AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

MOTION #15: Moved by J. McIntosh, seconded by W. Richardson that Senate establish a new standing, joint Arts & Science and Education Co-ordinating Committee for the Concurrent Education Program to be called the Concurrent Education Co-ordinating Committee.  
CARRIED

MOTION #16: Moved by J. McIntosh, seconded by T. Horton that the composition of the Concurrent Education Co-ordinating Committee consist of:

Three senators from Arts and Science elected from the departments involved in the program (i.e., providing the degree programs and the required courses);  
Three Senators from Education;  
One student enrolled in the program;  
One representative from the Office of the Registrar (non-voting);  
One representative from the Office of the Dean of Arts and Science (non-voting);  
One representative from the Office of the Dean of Education (non-voting);

The Chair will be elected annually by the committee membership.  
CARRIED

MOTION #17: Moved by J. McIntosh, seconded by M. Tuncali that the following Terms of Reference for the Concurrent Education Co-ordinating Committee be adopted:

1. The Committee shall be responsible for examining the joint interests of the two faculties in terms of the Concurrent Program and will jointly problem-solve any unanticipated issues that emerge during the implementation phase.
2. The Committee shall be responsible for making recommendations to Senate on any proposed expansion to include other departments in the Faculty of Arts and Science.
3. The Committee will address anomalies in student progression and, subject to Senate By-laws, will make recommendations to Senate and appropriate Senate committees including UCC and APC concerning such matters as size of the program, scheduling and modeling, the practicum and evaluation of the program.
4. The Committee will provide information about the program to faculty and engage in consultation activities within the university.
5. The Committee shall have such other responsibilities as may be assigned from time to time by Senate.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION (for discussion at November 12<sup>th</sup> Senate meeting)

That Senate amend the membership of the Library Committee to include three Senators from the Arts and Science faculty and three Senators from the Education faculty.

#### ELECTIONS

Election of three representatives from Arts and Science and three representatives from Education to serve on the Concurrent Education Co-ordinating Committee.

K. Boterbloem nominated G. Williams

R. Brozowski nominated K. Topps

F. Noël nominated P. Cook

G. Laronde nominated M. Saari

T. Horton nominated G. Laronde

G. Laronde nominated H. Veil

A. Le Sage nominated J. Mroczkowski

MOTION #18: Moved by M. Denike, seconded by A. Sparkes that nominations cease.  
CARRIED

ELECTED: G. Williams, K. Topps, P. Cook, G. Laronde, H. Veil, J. Mroczkowski

Election of one Arts and Science senator to the Academic Planning Committee

K. Topps nominated J. Kovacs  
M. Denike nominated D. Jowett

MOTION #19: Moved by J. Baffoe, seconded by D. Lawrence that nominations cease.  
CARRIED

Elected: J. Kovacs

Election of two Senate representatives to serve on the Pension and Benefits Committee

M. Saari nominated D. Lawrence  
K. Topps nominated S. Lawlor

MOTION #20: Moved by W. Young, seconded by A. Sparkes that nominations cease.  
CARRIED

Acclaimed: D. Lawrence, S. Lawlor

MOTION #21: Moved by M. Saari, seconded by K. Boterbloem that Senate do now adjourn:  
4:10 p.m.  
CARRIED

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D. Mock, President

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J. Baffoe, Secretary