

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

November 12, 2004

2:30 p.m. -- Room A246

MEMBERS PRESENT:

D. Mock, R. Common, A. Dean, R. Hawkins, D. Lawrence,  
B. Nettlefold, A. Sparkes

J. Baffoe, J. Barker, R. Brozowski, K. Brozowski, T. Chase, P. Chow,  
A. Clendinning, P. Cook, M. Denike, D. Geden, A. Graff, S. High,  
D. Jowett, S. Kariuki, L. Kruk, S. Kulkarni, C. McFarlane, D. Murphy,  
F. Noël, A. Page, R. Pyper, S. Renshaw, L. Robinson, M. Saari, C. Sarlo,  
S. Strigley, D. Tabachnick, K. Topps, A. Weeks, G. Williams, W. Young,  
H. Zhu

W. Blair, T. Campbell, D. Franks, L. Keuhl, G. Laronde, J. McIntosh,  
J. Mroczkowski, B. Olmsted, Michelann Parr, Mike Parr, C. Richardson,  
W. Richardson, O. Ridler, J. Scott, H. Vail, S. Van Nuland, K. Waller

J. Malette, L. McLaren, B. Pipe, T. Silveri, S. Ince, S. McQueen,  
T. Condotta, B. Calcafuoco, G. Yantha

P. Clandfield, C. Johnston, O. Sammiguel-Valderrama

Guests: A. Fera

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: R. Vanderlee, R. Wideman, R. Bergquist

E. Berger, W. Borody (sabbatical), P. Kelly (sabbatical), U. Kundrats,  
E. Mattson (sabbatical), L. Patriquin (sabbatical), G. Phillips

J. Barnett, E. Duncan, T. Horton, P. Joong, H. Langford, M. Ostaszewski

MEMBERS ABSENT:

C. Boterbloem, G. Brophay, G. Brown, E. Cholewa, T. Dokis, D. Flynn,  
D. Ford, D. Hackett, D. Hall, D. Hemsworth, L. Janzen, T. Jones,  
A. Karassev, J. Knox, J. Kovacs, S. Lawlor, J. LeClair,  
B. Lorenzkowski, E. Mattson, S. Muhlberger, P. Nosko, S. O'Hagan,  
G. Olsen, T. Parkes, G. Pyle, B. Riome, D. Rowbotham, J. Ryan,  
B. Schreyer, K. Stange, M. Tuncali, V. Valov, D. Walton

A.-M. Aquino, D. Berry, D. Brackenreed, M. Cantilini-Williams,  
K. Clausen, J. Corkett, R. Fix, L. Frost, C. Harvey, M. Kariuki,  
K. Kirkwood, A. Le Sage, J. Long, M. McCabe, G. McEwen, K. Noël,  
J. Price, S. Reid, C. Ricci, H. Rintoul, T. Ryan, C. Shields, G. Swanson,  
R. Weeks

A. Thompson

I. Bajewsky, T. Banakh, J. Boivin, M. Brewes, C. Cook, M. Crane,  
K. Currie, C. Dale, U. Frisse, K. Grattan-Miscio, J. Harden, S. Hevenor,  
W. Ingwersen, M. Jackson, J. Kmiec, J. Kooistra, K. Lee, C. Lobsinger,  
K. Lucas, J. Madeley, J. Morton, I. Mueller, B. Pentney, M. Quirt,  
L. Richards, M. Roycroft, U. Stange, D. Walters, D. Yule

MOTION #1: Moved by L. Kruk, seconded by S. McQueen that the minutes of the regular meeting of the Academic Senate dated October 8, 2004 be adopted.

CARRIED

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Speaker gave recognition to Susan Robineau for her dedication and service to the Senate in her previous position as Assistant to the President/Assistant Secretary of Senate.

Senator Mock announced that the dates for convocation have been changed from a Wednesday/Thursday/Friday (June 8, 9, 10) to Thursday/Friday/Saturday (June 9, 10, 11) due to various requests from students and parents, making it easier for them to travel and take less time off from work. Convocation will take place as follows: June 9 – P/J Convocation; June 10 - J/I, I/S Convocation, June 11 - Arts & Science Convocation.

Senator Mock reported that the National Science Advisor has indicated a change in government research funding with a move toward economic impact and commercialization. Funding could be granted more for applied research (medical/scientific), adversely affecting humanities, social science and basic science research.

With regard to the Rae Postsecondary Review, Nipissing University had successful town hall and roundtable dialogue meetings. Our submission to the Rae report was signed off today and includes a strong case for Nipissing's need for funding. It also identifies who we are, our shortcomings and what our expectations are. The Commission will report to the Government in January and the Government will respond within three to five months. This exercise has the potential for impact. Senator Mock expressed his thanks to all who participated in the process, including Senator Hawkins, Susan Robineau, NUFA and NUSA.

Senator Mock stated that the results of the Maclean's Graduate Survey are very gratifying, particularly the fact that our graduates indicate that they are very proud to have been a part of Nipissing University and would recommend NU to their friends. It is the best way to promote and build our profile. He noted that the results of this survey were not included in the overall ranking process. Senator Mock also referred to a recent Globe & Mail report in which Nipissing also performed very well. At the suggestion of Senator Lawrence, it was agreed to record Senate's appreciation for the tremendous support of the alumni in the MacLean's survey.

Senator Mock reported on the Board Retreat held November 6/7. The retreat dealt with two issues: the draft strategic plan and the feasibility of a capital fundraising campaign over the next couple of years. He noted that \$2.8B has been raised by Ontario universities in the last ten years, with the three northern universities raising \$50M, and Nipissing raising \$8-9M. He stated that the Board responded positively and is very committed to the need to initiate a campaign.

Senator Mock reported on the Fall UpClose Open House and stated that the response was larger than the double cohort year with nearly 500 attendees, including 192 students. He stated that many students and parents wish to speak with faculty. This need is becoming more important and we need to respond to it, given the competitive environment. He cited York as an example where every student with an average of 90% or more had a personal visit from faculty. Senator Mock thanked all those who participated in the Fall UpClose event, especially faculty.

With regard to the draft Strategic Plan, Senator Mock advised that we are close to releasing a draft of the vision, mission, values, goals and objectives to the Nipissing University community to get feedback. It is hoped that a report can be presented to Senate in February and to the Board in March.

Senator Mock advised that a budget review will be underway to review this year's budget and work on the 2005-06 budget. It appears that the government may have a different BIU value which will have to be examined.

Senator Hawkins congratulated Steven High for receiving the Raymond Klibansky Award for the best English language book in Humanities. He also reported that three program reviews are underway this year: Gender Studies (Nov. 11/12), Math (Nov. 25/26) and the Bachelor of Education Program (Dec. 13/14). He thanked the various groups for their efforts in providing impressive reports which will result in constructive suggestions from the reviewers. Senator Hawkins announced that the VP Research Luncheon series has been enjoyable and is well attended. He welcomed all to attend. He also announced that Paul Kelly was giving a lecture at 7:30 that night at the Whitewater Gallery in connection with his current art exhibition. This was the final night that his exhibition was in North Bay before traveling across the province and country.

Senator Dean congratulated Ilse Mueller of Classical Studies for recently obtaining her PhD.

Senator Common reported on the Brantford Campus and the concern that stronger links to the Nipissing University program are needed. Currently being explored is the concept of Nipissing acquiring its own building in Brantford; we now share a building with Wilfrid Laurier. He noted that, while less than 50% of the students in Brantford are concurrent, all but 5 of the 42 students on the Dean's Honours List are in education. As such, it appears the program is attracting the highest-achieving students. Senator Common also reported that two administrative reviews will take place since the terms of the Associate Dean, Dr. Wideman, and Sandra Reid, Director of the Concurrent Program in Brantford, are coming to an end, and both wish to be re-appointed.

Senator Malette was introduced. She reported that the Alumni Association is currently advertising its second annual movie night at the Galaxy Theatres. The event will take place November 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. and it is free for alumni. They are also accepting donations to the food bank. She also reported that in August 2005, they will be co-hosting the National Alumni Conference. Other projects include a golf tournament in September, sponsorship for Romeo Dallaire, an increase in affinity partners and the recruitment of new members.

Senator Sparkes distributed a COU organizational chart which showed the level of activity and the various affiliates. He also noted that the Human Rights Committee is an amalgamation of three committees (disabilities, workplace equity and women's issues) and that Dan Pletzer is a member.

Senator Lawrence distributed a handout from Standard Life showing various investments in the faculty retirement pension plan. He requested other senators to let him know if they have any questions in relation to the funds. He also reported that he will get clarification from Standard Life regarding the fee to be charged in the new year, their 'trades' as well as our desire to be provided with a history of funds and GICs we have with their rates of returns.

#### University Curriculum Committee

MOTION #2: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by M. Denike that the Report of the University Curriculum Committee dated October 21, 2004 be received.  
CARRIED

MOTION #3: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by M. Denike that Senate amend the document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies September 2004" as follows:

- that the prerequisites "GEND 1025 or any course in, or cross-listed with, Classical Studies" be eliminated for CLAS 3096 and CLAS 3097;
- that the prerequisite CLAS 2106 be eliminated for CLAS 2107 Greek Drama (renamed course);
- that the prerequisite CLAS 3106 be eliminated for CLAS 3107 Roman Literature II.

CARRIED

MOTION #4: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by D. Geden that Senate amend the document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies September 2004" to cross-list PHIL 3205 Philosophy of Sex and Love with Religions and Cultures.

CARRIED

MOTION #5: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by S. Renshaw that Senate amend the document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies September 2004" to alter the course description for PHIL 3205 Philosophy of Sex and Love as follows:

**Existing Version:** Major philosophers from Plato to Simone de Beauvoir have contributed much to our understanding of sex and love.

This course will closely examine a number of important philosophical contributions to this field and will draw on a range of materials from sacred texts to the contemporary cinema. This course may be credited towards Gender Equality and Social Justice.

**Amended Version:** Attitudes and beliefs surrounding the virtues of sex and love have changed dramatically over time and across cultures. Moreover as two of the most central aspects of human life and human experience, both sex and love have variously been seen as either ways to the divine or impossible obstacles. This course offers a critical engagement with a range of philosophical and religious ideas which have shaped both Western and Eastern understandings of the role of sex and love in human relationships and human societies. Particular attention will also be paid to the way these concepts are inseparable from gender ideologies.

CARRIED

MOTION #6: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by S. Renshaw that Senate amend the document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies September 2004" to change the year of RLCT 2035 20<sup>th</sup> Century Religious Thought from 2<sup>nd</sup> year to 3<sup>rd</sup> year, RLCT 3035.  
CARRIED

MOTION #7: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by D. Geden that Senate amend the document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies September 2004" to cross-code RLCT 3026 Women and the Feminine in Eastern Religions I and RLCT 3027 Women and the Feminine in Eastern Religions II with Gender Equality and Social Justice.  
CARRIED

MOTION #8: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by S. Renshaw that Senate amend the document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies September 2004" to add RLCT 2056 Peace and Non-Violence, a three credit course, to the Religions and Cultures program and will be cross-listed with Gender Equality and Social Justice.  
CARRIED

MOTION #9: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by L. Kruk that Senate amend the document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies September 2004" to add RLCT 2057 Religions and Violence, a three credit course, to the Religions and Cultures program and will be cross-listed with Gender Equality and Social Justice.  
CARRIED

MOTION #10: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by S. Renshaw that Senate amend the document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies September 2004" to add RLCT 3306 Holy Women: Mystics, Saints and Visionaries, a three credit course, to the Religions and Cultures program and will be cross-listed with Gender Equality and Social Justice.  
CARRIED

MOTION #11: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by W. Blair that Senate amend the document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies September 2004" to add RLCT 3307 Spiritual Journeys, a three credit course, to the Religions and Cultures program.  
CARRIED

MOTION #12: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by M. Denike that Senate amend the document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies September 2004" to add RLCT 3406 Sacred Space, a three credit course, to the Religions and Cultures program.  
CARRIED

MOTION #13: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by S. Renshaw that Senate amend the document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies September 2004" to add RLCT 3407 Profane Places, a three credit course, to the Religions and Cultures program.  
CARRIED

MOTION #14: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by M. Saari that Senate amend the document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies September 2004" to cross-list CRJS 3106 Forensic Psychology I and CRJS 3107 Forensic Psychology II with Psychology. PSYC 3635 Psychology of Crime and Corrections as an antirequisite to both CRJS 3106 and CRJS 3107 and vice-versa.  
CARRIED

#### Academic Planning Committee

MOTION #15: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by M. Denike that the Report of the Academic Planning Committee dated October 19, 2004 be received.  
CARRIED

MOTION #16: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by M. Denike that in accordance with the Nipissing University Policy for New Program Implementation Procedures, Senate give Stage One "Developmental Approval" (Approval in Principle) to a four-year single Honours degree in Gender Equality and Social Justice as outlined in the attached proposal.  
CARRIED

MOTION #17: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by S. Renshaw that in accordance with the Nipissing University Policy for New Program Implementation Procedures, Senate give Stage One “Developmental Approval” (Approval in Principle) to a three-year single major, a three-year combined major and a four-year Honours combined major in Religions and Cultures as outlined in the attached proposal.  
CARRIED

Appointments, Promotions and Tenure Committee

MOTION #18: Moved by A. Dean, seconded by R. Common that the Report of the APT Committee dated October 24, 2004 be received.  
CARRIED

By-laws and Striking Committee

MOTION #19: Moved by J. McIntosh, seconded by B. Olmsted that the Report of the By-laws and Striking Committee dated October 29, 2004 be received.  
CARRIED

Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee

MOTION #20: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by D. Lawrence that the Report of the Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee dated October 21, 2004 be received.  
CARRIED

MOTION #21: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by D. Lawrence that the Report of the Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee dated October 18, 2004 be received.  
CARRIED

MOTION #22: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by D. Lawrence 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

University Research Council

MOTION #23: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by R. Pyper that the Report of the University Research Council dated October 21, 2004 be received.  
CARRIED

AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

MOTION #24: Moved by J. McIntosh, seconded by S. Van Nuland that Senate amend the membership of the Library Committee to include three Senators from Arts and Science and three Senators from Education.  
CARRIED

ELECTIONS

Election of one Arts and Science and one Education Senator to the Library Committee.

F. Noël nominated B. Lorenzkowski  
G. Laronde nominated K. Clausen  
R. Hawkins nominated A. Page

MOTION #25: Moved by K. Topps, seconded by D. Lawrence that nominations cease.  
CARRIED

Elected: B. Lorenzkowski  
Acclaimed: K. Clausen

OTHER BUSINESS

MOTION #26: Moved by A. Dean, seconded by S. Van Nuland that the Senate requirement that all first-year and second-year Arts & Science courses have an invigilated 3-hour final examination be waived for MATH 2386 – Problem Solving.  
CARRIED

MOTION #27: Moved by D. Lawrence, seconded by J. Baffoe that Senate do now adjourn: 4:13 p.m.  
CARRIED

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D. Mock, President

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J. Baffoe, Secretary