

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ACADEMIC SENATE

March 11, 2005

2:30 p.m. – Room A246

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

J. Baffoe, J. Barker, G. Brophey, G. Brown, R. Brozowski,
T. Chase, E. Cholewa, P. Cook, M. Denike, T. Dokis, D. Flynn,
D. Geden, A. Graff, D. Hackett, D. Jowett, A. Karassev, S. Kariuki,
J. Knox, J. Kovacs, L. Kruk, S. Kulkarni, J. LeClair, C. McFarlane,
F. Noël, T. Parkes, G. Pyle, S. Renshaw, D. Rowbotham, C. Sarlo,
S. Strigley, K. Topps, M. Tuncali, V. Valov, A. Weeks, G. Williams,
W. Young, H. Zhu

W. Blair, K. Clausen, E. Duncan, D. Franks, L. Frost, T. Horton,
P. Joong, M. Kariuki, L. Keuhl, H. Langford, G. Laronde, J. Long,
G. McEwen, J. McIntosh, J. Mroczkowski, M A Parr, M. Parr,
O. Ridler, T. Ryan, J. Scott, S. Van Nuland

B. Calcafuoco, S. McQueen, A. Thompson
C. Johnston

Guests: D. Bourne-Tyson, A. Fera, C. Furst, J. Graham, J. Jones

ABSENT WITH REGRETS:

E. Berger, R. Bergquist (on leave), W. Borody (on leave),
K. Brozowski, D. Hall, P. Kelly (on leave), U. Kundrats, S. Lawlor,
E. Mattson (on leave), S. O'Hagan, A. Page, L. Patriquin (on leave),
G. Phillips (on leave), R. Pyper, B. Schreyer

A. M. Aquino, J. Barnett, D. Brackenreed, T. Campbell, K. Noël,
B. Olmstead, S. Reid, C. Ricci, H. Rintoul, C. Shields

L. McLaren
B. Pipe, T. Silveri
M. Roycroft

MEMBERS ABSENT:

C. Boterbloem, P. Chow, A. Clendinning, D. Ford, D. Hemsworth,
S. High, L. Janzen, T. Jones, B. Lorezkowski, S. Muhlberger, P. Nosko,
G. Olsen, B. Riome, L. Robinson, J. Ryan, M. Saari, K. Stange,
D. Tabachnick, D. Walton

D. Berry, M. Cantilini-Williams, K. Clausen, J. Corkett,
C. Harvey, K. Kirkwood, A. Le Sage, M. McCabe, G. McEwen,
J. Price, G. Swanson, K. Waller, R. Weeks

T. Condotta, S. Ince, G. Yantha

I. Bajewsky, T. Banakh, J. Boivin, M. Brewes, P. Clandfield, C. Cook,
M. Crane, K. Currie, C. Dale, U. Frisse, K. Gratton-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,
M. Ostashewski, B-A. Pentney, M. Quirt, L. Richards,
O. Sanniguel-Valderrama, U. Stange, D. Walters, D. Yule

MOTION #1: Moved by B. Nettlefold, seconded by D. Jowett that the minutes of the regular meeting of the Academic Senate dated February 4, 2005 be adopted.
CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Mock began his address to Senate by stating that Jamie Graham, Director of Finance, would make the budget presentation on behalf of Murray Green, Vice-President, Administration and Finance who was on holidays.

Senators were updated on the advocacy campaign regarding the Rae Review. Senator Mock reiterated the fact that it is essential that the unfunded BIU issue be addressed. Senator Mock has been in contact with four area MPPs to help ensure passage of this document. The provincial budget is not expected to be released until mid to late April and there is the added concern that the recent federal budget did not address the equalization shortfall to the extent that was hoped. Senator Mock also advised senators of the open letter to Premier McGuinty that appeared in the Toronto Globe and Mail on Thursday, March 11. Two hundred high-profile people agreed to let their names appear in this open letter. Local names included Frank Dottori, President and CEO of Tembec, His Worship Mayor Vic Fedeli and Ted Hargreaves.

Dr. Mock congratulated all senators who were involved with the successful International Women's Week. He also reminded senators that March 21 to 25 was Leadership Week which will be capped by the Dave Marshall Leadership Awards on March 23. There are about 30 award winners this year. Senators were also reminded of March UpClose to be held on campus March 14, 16 and 18. He ended his announcements by thanking all members of the Strategic Planning Task Group, most of who were present, for their hard work.

Dr. Mock invited Jamie Graham to give a presentation on the 2005-2006 budget. Mr. Graham explained that, as in the past, the budget is a draft only and is based on the assumption of a balanced budget. With the anticipation of normal wage increases, frozen tuition and the unknown factors from the provincial budget, it is difficult to plan the revenue side of the budget. Any grants are also unknown at this time. Mr. Graham indicated there will likely be a supplemental budget process in late summer.

Since Nipissing University's revenue is driven by enrolment numbers, senators were reminded that next year is the peak of the double cohort as this group of students will begin to graduate in June 2006.

On the expense side, Mr. Graham brought to Senate's attention the new faculty and staff positions at the Brantford campus. This is a direct result of the increased enrolment at that campus.

Senator Hawkins commented on the number of activities by students such as the Children's Literature Fair on March 16. Senator Hawkins also announced the first place finish in a poster competition by five 3rd year nursing students at a cardiac rehabilitation conference in Sudbury. Michelle Black from Psychology was also successful at a competition for potential graduate studies in neuroscience at Dalhousie University.

Senator Dean announced that Senator Zhu was the recipient of the Eclipse Award from IBM valued at US\$23,500.

Senator Common reported that there was a recent OCGS meeting concerning the money flow for graduate studies from the Rae report. The contentious issue of money allocation was discussed. There could be a formula approach to this issue or the approach that any expansion for graduate education would go to institutions that could best provide financial support to the students.

Senator McQueen from NUSU updated senators about the current campaign to defederate from the Canadian Federation of Students. She requested that students be permitted to speak for a few minutes in each class, if requested. A question and answer booth will be set up beginning Monday, March 14 with voting to be held on March 23 and 24.

QUESTION PERIOD

Concerns were raised about the janitorial services at Nipissing. Senators noted the overflowing garbage bins, lack of toiletries in the washrooms, poor hygiene in the showers and lunch rooms. The issue was also raised about how this would appear to campus visitors. A concern was also raised about the parking lots not being properly plowed. Senator Mock stated he would be meeting with Barb Taylor from Canadore College to address these issues.

Executive Committee

MOTION #2: Moved by D. Mock, seconded by J. Baffoe, that the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated March 3, 2005 be received.
CARRIED

Academic Planning Committee

MOTION #3 Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by G. Williams that this report of the Academic Planning Committee dated February 23, 2005 be received.

CARRIED

MOTION #4: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by G. Brown that Senate approve in principle the inclusion of service learning components in the Nipissing University program with implementation guidelines to be considered by APC and UCC as appropriate

CARRIED

Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee

MOTION #5: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by D. Geden that the Report of the Admissions, Promotions, and Petitions Committee dated February 11, 2005 be received

CARRIED

MOTION #6: 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 Common announced that a number of teachers' federations have passed strike mandates. Some federation presidents have agreed to attend an information session with the Bachelor of Education students to discuss their April practicum.

AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

MOTION #7: Moved by J. McIntosh, seconded by G. Brown that Senate amend the composition of Senate Search Committees in Arts and Science to: A minimum of three tenure-track or tenured continuing faculty members chosen by the discipline(s) concerned, the Dean or Associate Dean (non-voting), a faculty senator (tenured or tenure-track) chosen from outside the discipline(s) and department(s) and elected by Senate, a student chosen by the faculty members of the committee (an upper year student in good academic standing).

Note: All search committees must have voting faculty representation from both sexes.

CARRIED

ELECTIONS

- Election to appoint three tenured senators from the Faculty of Arts and Science and three tenured senators from the Faculty of Education to sit on the Senate-level Appointments, Promotions and Tenure Appeal Committee.

M. Denike nominated G. Williams

W. Blair nominated R. Wideman

L. Frost nominated S. Reid

D. Franks nominated R. Weeks

M. Denike nominated C. Boterbloem

J. Baffoe nominated J. Kovacs

MOTION #8: Moved by W. Blair, seconded by O. Ridler that nominations cease.
CARRIED

Acclaimed: C. Boterbloem (Arts and Science)
J. Kovacs (Arts and Science)
G. Williams (Arts and Science)
R. Wideman (Education)
S. Reid (Education)
R. Weeks (Education)

OTHER BUSINESS

MOTION # 9: Moved by D. Mock, seconded by G. Pyle that The Nipissing University Strategic Plan: 2005-2010, Addressing our Future, as submitted by the Strategic Planning Task Group, dated February 2005 be received.
CARRIED

MOTION #10: Moved by D. Mock, seconded by A. Weeks that The Nipissing University Strategic Plan: 2005-2010, Addressing our Future, as submitted by the Strategic Planning Task Group, dated February 2005 be approved.
CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #11 Moved by J. LeClair, seconded by T. Parkes that Senate do now adjourn: 4:10 p.m.
CARRIED

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D. Mock, President

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J. Baffoe, Secretary