

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

December 9, 2005  
2:30 p.m. -- Room F210

MEMBERS PRESENT: D. Mock, T. Chase, R. Common, D. Lawrence, B. Nettlefold, R. Vanderlee

R. Breton, W. Borody, G. Brown, K. Brozowski, R. Brozowski, D. Ford,  
D. Geden, A. Graff, D. Hackett, T. Jones, P. Kelly, J. LeClair,  
C. McFarlane, G. Morrell, S. Muhlberger, A. Page, G. Pyle, S. Renshaw,  
C. Sarlo, S. Srigley, D. Tabachnick, K. Topps, M. Tuncali, A. Weeks,  
W. Young, H. Zhu

J. Allison, D. Calverley, J. Cardwell, K. Ferguson, D. Franks, L. Frost,  
D. Gosse, T. Horton, M. Kariuki, H. Langford, J. McIntosh, K. Noel,  
M. Parr, J. Scott, H. Vail

A. Williams

M. Cooper

K. Marsh

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: J. Barker (on leave), R. Bergquist (on leave), M. Denike (on leave), D. Hall,  
A. Karashev, L. Kruk (on leave), F. Noël (on leave), L. Patriquin, R. Pyper,  
B. Riome (on leave), M. Saari, K. Stange, V. Valov

J. Barnett, D. Berry, D. Brackenreed, M. Cantilini-Williams, K. Clausen,  
E. Duncan, P. Joong, L. Keuhl, J. Long, M. McCabe,  
J. Mroczkowski (on leave), K. Noel, B. Olmsted, J. Price, S. Reid, C. Ricci,  
O. Ridler, H. Rintoul, T. Ryan, S. Van Nuland (on leave),  
R. Weeks (on leave)

L. McLaren

ABSENT: A. Sparkes, R. Wideman

E. Berger, G. Brophey, N. Brown, E. Cholewa, P. Chow, A. Clendinning,  
P. Cook, A. Dean, T. Dokis, H. Earl, D. Flynn, D. Hemsworth,  
D. Jowett, S. Kariuki, K. King, J. Knox, J. Kovacs, S. Kulkarni,  
U. Kundrats, S. Lawlor, S. Lechlitrner, E. Mattson, D. Murphy, P. Nosko,  
S. O'Hagan, T. Parkes, G. Phillips, D. Rowbotham, J. Ryan, B. Schreyer,  
M. Sroga, R. Teigrob, S. Wall, D. Walton

A-M. Aquino, D. Berry, W. Blair, T. Campbell, J. Corkett, R. Fix,  
C. Harvey, K. Kirkwood, G. Laronde, A. Le Sage, R. Lynn,  
K. MacLeod, B. McMahan, M. Parr, K. Quigg, C. Richardson,  
W. Richardson, C. Shields, G. Swanson, K. Waller

B. Pipe

T. Condotta, J. deBruyn, S. Feretycki, C. Kent

MOTION #1: Moved by D. Gosse, seconded by D. Hackett that the minutes of the regular meeting of the Academic Senate dated November 11, 2005 be adopted.  
CARRIED

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

As a result of the absence of both the Senate Speaker and the Alternate Speaker, there were no objections to Senator Chase's offer to chair Senate.

The President gave an update on Nipissing's Strategic Plan, noting that on its last page, it clearly identifies the President's responsibilities of reporting both orally and in writing on the plan's progress on a bi-annual basis. He informed Senate that the Board had already been updated. He proceeded with a PowerPoint presentation and no further questions arose. Senator Mock requested faculty participation and input with upcoming task forces.

Senate was also informed that the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities still have not announced grant allocations for this year and tuition rates for 2006 have not been finalized. Dr. Mock has met with various MTCU individuals in order to do some heavy lobbying while Ted Chase, Vicky Paine-Mantha, Denis Lawrence and the rest of UMG are assisting in writing and signing letters. In late October, the President, once again in a ten-page letter, justified the case for \$3.4M in unfunded BIUs which he has since heard the government is planning to phase in over a three-year timeframe. This letter of justification also included areas where investments have to be made; it is critical we indicate to the government where we will spend the money. These expenditures do not include \$2M in expected increased costs per year. We will be receiving less than 1% of what the total university system will be receiving. Senator Mock also noted that we are requesting money from the Quality Improvement where we may have a competitive advantage. Funding is being actively sought towards library services, communications systems and research networks, to name a few. Senior administration is currently in the process of assembling a budget based on the \$1.1M per year BIU funding assumption.

Dr. Mock advised Senate that the Maclean's issue is being addressed through the work of a small task group and that we, along with other institutions, are actively lobbying Macleans to reinstate the graduate survey this spring. There is strong opposition to this reinstatement by some of the larger universities.

The President was in China in November and signed agreements with Guangxi University and Shenyang University.

In November, a luncheon was held for our international students. There are now more than 50 international students registered. Senator Mock requested that senators assist any of our international students while Karen Strang recuperates from a motor vehicle accident.

As a follow-up to Senate's concerns about the recognition of Remembrance Day, the President indicated that this issue was discussed at a recent university management group meeting. The consensus was that Nipissing should promote a minute of silence and as part of being a good community member; a representative from the university, the students and faculty should participate in the formal wreath-laying

ceremony in the city. It was noted that some professors observe a moment of silence in their classrooms as some students are veterans and are unable to attend the local community service because of class scheduling. Dr. Mock advised that canceling classes is not the norm; however, he will do some research and come up with a policy for Senate to review.

The President concluded his announcements by inviting all Senators to a Christmas reception in the front foyer on December 19<sup>th</sup>.

The Vice-President Academic & Research advised Senate that the science wing proposal which had a November 15<sup>th</sup> deadline is now moved to February 13<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Chase thanked Lorraine Frost for her graduate program presentation. The President's Review Committee has met, reviewed, approved and passed the full set of nomination papers for the Mathematics CRC nomination. Senator Chase thanked those involved in the process. UPRAC reviews in computer science, philosophy and classical studies have taken place in the last three weeks. All reviews went well and Dr. Chase credited the members involved. The Vice-President noted that other institutions are lowering their average for honours programs (Wilfrid Laurier 63%; Trent 65%) and that we are the only university who requires 66 credits for an honours degree (Trent requires 60 credits while York 42 requires credits, with 54 credits for a specialized honours degree). He indicated that there would be more discussions on this issue.

The Dean of Arts and Science informed Senate that two business students have reached the finals at the Intercollegiate Business Competition hosted by Queen's University. They will attend the final competition with five other finalists in January. Senator Vanderlee was also pleased to report that four of our BBA graduates were successful in writing the Charter Accountant's Uniform Final Exam. Nipissing graduates had an 80% success rate with one of our graduates making it to the UFE Honour Roll as one of the top 54 writers in Canada. The first graduates from the Nursing program were all successful in writing their RN exams and all graduates are working in their field. The Dean of was also delighted to report that Senator McFarlane was the recipient of an innovative course award and Senator Muhlberger recently published a book titled *Knightly Combat*. He was also pleased to report that the course master for 2006 was almost complete and reminded senators of the Dean of Art and Science's wine and cheese following Senate in A246.

The Dean of Education reported that there was a successful book launch on December 8<sup>th</sup>. At the recent Ontario Council on Graduate Studies meeting, there was considerable discussion around funding. Senator Common also reported that international exchanges at the graduate level are down 31% in the last two years. Possible reasons could be the improved quality of universities in China and India. Scholarship funding is unlikely to increase at the same rate as applications; therefore, it will be very competitive over the next two to three years.

Student representative, Kyle Marsh, congratulated Nipissing on its 13<sup>th</sup> year as a university. He was pleased to report that over \$700 was raised by NUSU for world vision relief. Student representatives recently met with local MPP Monique Smith. Senator Marsh also indicated that NUSU was holding a fundraiser at the Wall with donations going towards the Santa Fund and the Salvation Army. Students are pleased that the cafeteria is now open until 3:00 a.m. for those wishing to study for final exams.

The Alumni representative reported to Senate that the movie night had a disappointing turnout and he hoped that Senate would be more involved with future alumni events. The Alumni wine is now available for sale and Senator Cooper stressed that the wines sales are an important source of revenue and they would appreciate the support of the university.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Executive Committee

MOTION #2: Moved by D. Mock, seconded by T. Jones that the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated December 1, 2005 be received.  
CARRIED

University Curriculum Committee

MOTION #3: Moved by D. Lawrence, seconded by A. Page that the Report of the University Curriculum Committee dated November 2, 2005 be received.  
CARRED

MOTION #4: Moved by D. Lawrence, seconded by C. McFarlane that the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2005" be amended to delete PSYC3205, Psychological Measurement, a 6-credit course, in the Psychology Department, as outlined in the attached document.  
CARRIED

MOTION #5: Moved by D. Lawrence, seconded by M. Tuncali that the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2005" be amended to split PSYC3205, Psychological Measurement, a 6-credit course, to:

- PSYC3216 Psychological Measurement I: Measuring Achievement, a three-credit course, and
- PSYC3217 Psychological Measurement II: Measuring Attitude, Personality, Interest, Intelligence, and Other Psychological Constructs, a three-credit course,

in the Psychology Program, as outlined in the attached document.

CARRIED

MOTION #6: Moved by D. Lawrence, seconded by M. Tuncali that the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2005" be amended to change the prerequisite of PSYC4207 from PSYC3205 to PSYC3217 Psychological Measurement II, as outlined in the attached document.  
CARRIED

MOTION #7: Moved by D. Lawrence, seconded by D. Ford that the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2005" be amended to add GEOG2011, Fundamentals of GIS and Computer Mapping, a three-credit course, as outlined in the attached document.  
CARRIED

MOTION #8: Moved by D. Lawrence, seconded by S. Renshaw that the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2005" be amended to add GEND3207, The United Nations and International Justice, a 36-hour course, as outlined in the attached document.

CARRIED

MOTION #9: Moved by D. Lawrence, seconded by S. Renshaw that the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2005" be amended to add GEND2167 Miscarriages of Justice, a 36-hour course, as outlined in the attached document.

CARRIED

MOTION # 10: Moved by D. Lawrence, seconded by S. Renshaw that the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2005" be amended to add to the courses listed below the following prerequisite:

- GEND2006 Gender and Education I – add *prerequisite*: "Student must have completed 18 credits."
- GEND2007 Gender and Education II – add *prerequisite*: "GEND 2006 Gender and Education I"
- GEN 2206Sex, Body and Identity I – add *prerequisite*: "Any course in or cross-listed with Gender Equality and Social Justice"
- GEN 2207Sex, Body and Identity II – add *prerequisite*: "GEND 2206 Sex, Body and Identity I"
- GEND2305 and FILM2305 (this course is cross-coded) – add *prerequisite*: "Students must have completed 18 credits."

CARRIED

#### Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee

MOTION #11: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by H. Langford that the Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee Report dated November 28, 2005 be received.

CARRIED

MOTION #12: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by D. Lawrence that Senate grant degrees to those students listed in Appendix A.

CARRIED

MOTION #13: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by D. Lawrence that Senate approve the new TOEFL IBT (Internet-based) test as a measure of English Proficiency for admission purposes.

CARRIED

University Research Council

MOTION #14:                    Moved by G. Pyle, seconded by B. Nettlefold that the Report of the University Research Council dated November 29, 2005 be received.  
CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

MOTION #15:                    Moved by R. Common, seconded by L. Frost that the report to Senate on Selection Committees from the Dean of Education be received.  
CARRIED

ELECTIONS

Elect one Senator from the Faculty of Arts and Science to serve on the Senate Selection Committee for the tenure track positions of: Language and Literacy, Curriculum Methods, and Music Education.

M. Parr nominated S. Renshaw

MOTION #16:                    Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by M. Tuncali that nominations cease.  
CARRIED

**Acclaimed: S. Renshaw**

Elect one Senator from the Faculty of Arts and Science to serve on the Senate Selection Committee for the tenure track positions of: Social Studies, Art Education, Science Education and Curriculum Development and Evaluation.

L. Frost nominated P. Kelly

MOTION #17:                    Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by D. Franks that nominations cease.  
CARRIED

**Acclaimed: P. Kelly**

Elect one Senator from the Faculty of Education to serve on the Appointment, Promotions and Tenure Committee.

L. Frost nominated T. Horton

MOTION #18:                      Moved by R. Common, seconded by S. Renshaw that nominations cease.  
CARRIED

**Acclaimed: T. Horton**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #19:                      Moved by D. Lawrence seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate do now  
adjourn: 4:10 p.m.  
CARRIED

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D. Mock, President

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T. Jones, Secretary