

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

February 3, 2006

2:30 p.m. -- Room F210

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

J. Barker, E. Berger, W. Borody, K. Brozowski, R. Brozowski, E. Cholewa,
A. Clendinning, T. Dokis, H. Earl, D. Ford, D. Geden, D. Hemsworth,
T. Jones, D. Jowett, S. Kariuki, P. Kelly, J. Kovacs, S. Lechlitner,
E. Mattson, C. McFarlane, G. Morrell, S. Muhlberger, D. Murphy,
P. Nosko, S. O'Hagan, T. Parkes, G. Phillips, G. Pyle, J. Ryan, C. Sarlo,
M. Sroga, D. Tabachnick, K. Topps, W. Young

J. Allison, W. Blair, J. Cardwell, J. Corkett, E. Duncan, K. Ferguson,
L. Frost, D. Gosse, M. Kariuki, H. Langford, G. Laronde, A. LeSage,
J. Long, K. MacLeod, J. McIntosh, B. Olmsted, MA Parr, M. Parr,
C. Richardson, O. Ridler, H. Rintoul, J. Scott, H. Vail

B. Pipe, A. Williams

T. Condotta, J. deBruyn, S. Feretycki, K. Marsh

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: R. Bergquist (on leave), P. Cook, M. Denike (on leave), AB Graff,
D. Hall (leave), A. Karashev, L. Kruk (on leave), U. Kundraats,
F. Noël (on leave), A. Page, L. Patriquin, R. Pyper, B. Riome (on leave),
M. Saari, B. Schreyer, S. Srigley, K. Stange, M. Tuncali, V. Valov, H. Zhu

J. Barnett, D. Berry (on leave), D. Brackenreed, T. Campbell,
M. Cantilini-Williams, P Joong, J. Mroczkowski (on leave), K. Noël,
J. Price, S. Reid, C. Ricci, C. Shields, S. Van Nuland (on leave),
R. Weeks (on leave)

L. McLaren

ABSENT: R. Breton, G. Brophey, G. Brown, N. Brown, P. Chow, D. Flynn,
D. Hackett, J. Knox, S. Lawlor, J. LeClair, S. Renshaw, D. Rowbotham,
R. Teigrob, S. Wall, D. Walton

AM Aquino, D. Calverley, K. Clausen, R. Fix, D. Franks, C. Harvey,
L. Keuhl, K. Kirkwood, R. Lynn, M. McCabe, B. McMahan, K. Quigg,
W. Richardson, T. Ryan, G. Swanson, K. Waller

M. Cooper

C. Kent, J. Simpson

MOTION #1: Moved by D. Ford, seconded by D. Gosse that the minutes of the regular meeting of the Academic Senate dated January 13, 2006 be adopted.
CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President was pleased to announce that the recent NUSU election had the largest turnout ever in the university's history. He added that this is reflective of an active student body and extended his thanks to the outgoing NUSU executives.

Senator Mock was delighted to report that good news was received from the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities regarding performance-based funding. Recently released results indicate that Nipissing ranked fourth in the province for employment rates after six months and first after two years. With respect to graduation rates, we were second.

Ontario universities are now fully into the application cycle and the President reminded senators that any fluctuation in numbers will have a direct impact on our bottom line. Currently, we are down 6% in high school applications in what is deemed a very competitive market. The President emphasized that phoning applicants and encouraging campus visits will be vital in the next few months.

Nipissing held its annual student awards luncheon on January 20th and Senator Mock was pleased to report that more than \$1.5M was distributed to students in the forms of scholarships, bursaries and awards. This annual luncheon is an opportunity for the donors to meet the students who benefit from their philanthropy.

With respect to grant allocation and anticipated tuition increases, no information has been forthcoming from the provincial government. As a result, the President indicated that a budget will be produced based on assumptions. However, he was pleased to report that Nipissing received a FEDNOR grant in the amount of \$45K to be used towards consultant and architect fees for a new e-learning centre. He also added that the Board of Governors recently gave its approval for the university to go ahead, in conjunction with Canadore College, for a joint fundraising campaign towards that learning centre.

The President was pleased to inform Senate that he has received the first strategic planning task group report. The report from the recruitment and retention task group is very thorough and contains a major set of recommendations. Senator Mock thanked co-chairs Senator Brozowski and Connie Vander Wall and the rest of the task group for their time and effort.

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Senator Mock reminded senators that the February 13th deadline was fast approaching for nominations for the Dave Marshall Leadership Awards. These awards recognize and celebrate our student leaders. Senators were also reminded of the International Food Festival for Saturday, February 4th which expects to draw between 300 and 400 people. Following Senate, the President encouraged all senators to attend the mid-winter barbecue at the Wall.

The Vice-President Academic and Research (interim) began his announcements by reporting that the proposal for the science research facility was progressing well with the application deadline set for February 15th. He thanked all faculty and staff who worked on the physical plans, costing estimates and project descriptions.

Senator Chase also reported on the success with the SSHRC aid to small universities grant. Five applications were received and four shared the \$24K grant. The Vice-President also reported that in December, a research achievement awards committee was struck. From the three applications that were received, two were successful. The names of the successful recipients will be announced at the next Senate meeting. Senator Chase also reported that a memorandum of understanding is now being signed by the Ontario Partnership for Innovation and Commercialization (OPIC) consortium. This is a consortium of seven universities and involves the granting of intellectual property and technology transfers. The amount awarded to the consortium is \$1.1M.

Senator Chase reported that the History UPRAC review will be taking place shortly, followed by the UPRAC auditors on March 23rd and 24th. The UPRAC auditors have selected Biology, English Studies, Psychology and the concurrent Bachelor of Education program in North Bay as their focus.

The Vice-President concluded his announcements by commending Senator Parkes on his fruit fly presentation at the February Board of Governors meeting.

The Dean of Arts and Science (interim) reported the opening of the nursing simulation lab in January. This lab was made possible with a grant from the province in the amount of \$577K. MPP Monique Smith was also in attendance. Senator Vanderlee, along with Senator Phillips, reported on the success of the speaker series in English Studies. Senator Phillips indicated there would be two more speakers in March.

The Dean of Education was delighted to report the receipt of a \$30K research funding grant from Bell Canada Enterprises and Nortel Networks for the Connecting Chapleau Project. This joint initiative will research the impact of advanced technology on rural and dispersed communities. Senator Common also reported that with the provincial initiative to increase graduate intake by 12,000 by 2007, a new seven-member appraisal section under OCGS has been formed and that Senator Frost has been selected as a committee member. Senator Common was also pleased to report that 70 education students are involved in international placements in such places as China, England and Kenya.

Senator deBruyn gave announcements on behalf of NUSU and was pleased to report a large voter turnout at the recent student elections. A record 968 students voted with 10 candidates allowing their name to stand for various positions. The 2006-07 NUSU executive will include: Kyle Marsh, President; Sean Feretycki, Vice-President Internal; Kyra Knapp, Vice-President External; and Brian Overholt, Vice-President Student Life.

Senator deBruyn also reported on the successful volunteer fair on January 24th with more than 30 organizations represented in the shared hallway. The NUSU President also thanked the library for the food for fines program.

Senator Condotta was pleased to report on an improved student health plan that will cost \$53 per student. The plan will span a 12-month period and will allow part-time students to participate, an opt-out option as well as an opt-in option for families.

Senator Lawrence distributed a report on high school applications to date. He stated that the deadline was January 13th and, compared to last year, Nipissing is down overall by 6% with the first choice being down by 10%. He indicated that all applicants are receiving acknowledgement letters from the Dean and Department Chairs and that current students are calling these applicants. The Registrar requested that senators be available to make calls to applicants after offers have gone out. Senator Lawrence is of the opinion that the absence of the Maclean's graduate survey played a significant role in this decrease.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Executive Committee

MOTION #2: Moved by D. Mock, seconded by S. Feretycki that the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated January 26, 2006 be received.
CARRIED

Academic Planning Committee

MOTION #3: Moved by T. Chase, seconded by E. Cholewa that the Report of the Academic Planning Committee dated January 19, 2006 be received.
CARRIED

MOTION #4: Moved by T. Chase, seconded by C. McFarlane that, in accordance with Step 5 of the Nipissing Program Review guidelines, Senate receive the attached document entitled "APC Summary Report: Mathematics Program Review (January, 2006)".
CARRIED

MOTION #5: Moved by T. Chase, seconded by W. Blair that Senate grant Stage 1 approval to develop a proposed 3-Year and Honours programs in Political Science.
CARRIED

MOTION #6: Moved by T. Chase, seconded by D. Geden that Senate grant Stage 1 approval to develop a proposed Honours BFA program in Visual Arts.
CARRIED

MOTION #7: Moved by T. Chase, seconded by B. Olmsted that future minors in areas where no major exists follow the same approval process required for new programs.
CARRIED

MOTION #8: Moved by T. Chase, seconded by W. Blair that all Co-op programs require the same approval process as any other new programs.
CARRIED

Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee

MOTION #9: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by D. Lawrence that the Report of Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee dated January 16, 2006 be received.
CARRIED

MOTION #10: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by D. Lawrence that Senate grant degrees to those students listed in Appendix A.
CARRIED

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES FROM OTHER BODIES

Senator Nosko, Senate representative on the Board of Governors, reported that at the February board meeting, the MOU with the Town of Bracebridge was approved. He also reported that external members for the President's reappointment committee were elected.

Senator Nosko further advised senators that the board approved all new tenure-track and new and continuing limited-term positions. They also approved the list of honorary degree candidates.

ELECTIONS Four (4) faculty members elected by the Senate, at least one (1) of whom shall be a female, to the Review/Reappointment Committee of the President. Of those elected, only one (1) may be a probationary (tenure-track) faculty member.

AB Graff nominated by G. Phillips

C. Sarlo nominated by D. Jowett

S. Muhlberger nominated by D. Tabachnick

J. McIntosh nominated by O. Ridler

MOTION #11: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by D. Lawrence that nominations cease.
CARRIED

Acclaimed: AB Graff, C. Sarlo, S. Muhlberger and J. McIntosh

NEW BUSINESS

- MOTION #12: Moved by T. Chase, seconded by S. Muhlberger that Senate consider receipt of the Report of the Academic Planning Committee dated January 27, 2006.
CARRIED
- MOTION #13 Moved by T. Chase, seconded by D. Gosse that the Report of the Academic Planning Committee dated January 27, 2006 be received.
CARRIED
- MOTION #14: Moved by T. Chase, seconded by R. Common that, in accordance with Step 5 of the Nipissing Program Review guidelines, the APC Summary Report: Bachelor of Education Program Review (January, 2006) be received.
CARRIED
- MOTION #15: Moved by T. Chase, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate approve the addition of a new tenure-track position in Sociology, effective July 1, 2006.
CARRIED
- MOTION #16: Moved by T. Chase, seconded by D. Gosse that Senate approve the addition of a new tenure-track position in the concurrent BEd program in Brantford, effective July 1, 2006.
CARRIED
- MOTION #17: Moved by T. Chase, seconded by R. Common that Senate approve the addition of a new 2-year limited-term position in the concurrent BEd program in Brantford, effective July 1, 2006.
CARRIED
- MOTION #18: Moved by T. Chase, seconded by J. Allison that Senate approve the addition of a new 3-year limited-term position in the concurrent/consecutive BEd program in North Bay, effective July 1, 2006.
CARRIED
- MOTION #19: Moved by T. Chase, seconded by L. Frost that Senate approve the addition of a new 3-year limited-term position in Psychology, effective July 1, 2006.
CARRIED
- MOTION #20: Moved by T. Chase, seconded by D. Tabachnick that Senate approve the addition of a new 3-year limited-term position in Political Science, effective July 1, 2006.
CARRIED

ELECTIONS

- One senator to serve on the History Search Committee for a 2-year limited-term position.

S. Muhlberger nominated D. Calverley

MOTION #21: Moved by C. McFarlane, seconded by G. Phillips that nominations cease.
CARRIED

Acclaimed: D. Calverley

- One senator to serve on the Director of Nursing Search Committee.

A. Sparkes nominated K. Brozowski

MOTION #22: Moved by W. Blair, seconded by C. McFarlane that nominations cease.
CARRIED

Acclaimed: K. Brozowski

- One senator to serve on the Nursing Search Committee for a tenure-track position.

R. Vanderlee nominated T. Parkes

MOTION #23: Moved by C. McFarlane, seconded by W. Blair that nominations cease.
CARRIED

Acclaimed: T. Parkes

- One senator to serve on the Classical Studies Search Committee for a tenure-track position.

C. McFarlane nominated G. Phillips

MOTION #24: Moved by P. Kelly, seconded by D. Geden that nominations cease.
CARRIED

Acclaimed: G. Phillips

- One senator to serve on the Child and Family Studies Search Committee for a tenure-track position.

T. Jones nominated D. Ford

MOTION #25: Moved by T. Chase, seconded by T. Condotta that nominations cease.
CARRIED

Acclaimed: D. Ford

- One senator to serve on the Sociology Search Committee for a tenure-track position.

E. Berger nominated J. Barker

MOTION #26: Moved by G. Phillips, seconded by C. McFarlane that nominations cease.
CARRIED

Acclaimed: J. Barker

- One senator to serve on the Psychology Search Committee for a 3-year limited-term position.

A. Sparkes nominated L. Frost

MOTION #27: Moved by T. Chase, seconded by C. McFarlane that nominations cease.
CARRIED

Acclaimed: L. Frost

- One senator to serve on the Political Science Search Committee for a 3-year limited-term position.

D. Ford nominated T. Jones

MOTION #28: Moved by D. Tabachnick, seconded by K. Marsh that nominations cease.
CARRIED

Acclaimed: T. Jones

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #29: Moved by K. Marsh, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate do now adjourn:
 3:53 p.m.
 CARRIED

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D. Mock, President

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T. Jones, Secretary