

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

May 17, 2006

2:30 p.m. -- Room F210

MEMBERS PRESENT:

D. Mock, T. Chase, D. Lawrence, R. Vanderlee

J. Barker, R. Breton, G. Brophrey, G. Brown, K. Brozowski,
R. Brozowski, A. Clendinning, T. Dokis, H. Earl, D. Geden, AB Graff,
D. Hemsworth, T. Jones, A. Karassev, J. Kovacs, S. Lechlitner,
E. Mattson, C. McFarlane, G. Morrell, S. Muhlberger, D. Murphy,
F. Noël, A. Page, L. Patriquin, G. Phillips, S. Renshaw, C. Sarlo,
S. Srigley, M. Sroga, M. Tuncali, D. Walters

J. Allison, J. Barnett, W. Blair, D. Brackenreed, T. Campbell,
K. Ferguson, L. Frost, D. Gosse, T. Horton, M. Kariuki, H. Langford,
K. MacLeod, J. McIntosh, B. Olmsted, MA Parr, W. Richardson,
K. Waller

B. Pipe

M. Cooper

L. McLaren

S. Feretycki, K. Knapp

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: R. Common, B. Nettlefold, A. Sparkes, R. Wideman

R. Bergquist (leave), E. Berger, E. Cholewa, M. Denike (leave), D. Ford,
D. Hall (leave), D. Jowett, P. Kelly, L. Kruk (leave), T. Parkes,
G. Pyle, R. Pyper, B. Riome (leave), M. Saari, K. Srigley, K. Stange,
K. Topps, W. Young

D. Berry (leave), M. Cantilini-Williams, J. Cardwell, E. Duncan,
D. Franks, C. Harvey, P. Joong, L. Keuhl, K. MacLeod, M. McCabe,
J. Mroczkowski (leave), K. Noël, M. Parr, S. Reid, O. Ridler, H. Rintoul,
C. Shields, H. Vail, S. Van Nuland (leave), R. Weeks (leave)

ABSENT:

W. Borody, N. Brown, P. Chow, P. Cook, D. Flynn, D. Hackett,
S. Kariuki, J. Knox, U. Kundrats, S. Lawlor, J. LeClair, P. Nosko,
S. O'Hagan, D. Rowbotham, J. Ryan, B. Schreyer, D. Tabachnick,

V. Valov, S. Wall, D. Walton, A. Weeks, H. Zhu

AM Aquino, D. Calverley, K. Clausen, J. Corkett, K. Kirkwood,
G. Laronde, A. LeSage, R. Lynn, B. McMahon, J. Price, K. Quigg
C. Ricci, C. Richardson, T. Ryan, G. Swanson, H. Vail,

A. Williams

K. Marsh, B. Overholt

MOTION 1:

Moved by C. McFarlane, seconded by D. Brackenreed that the minutes of the regular meeting of the Academic Senate dated April 7, 2006 be adopted.

CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President began his announcements by thanking Senator Chase and all Senators who provided assistance with the graduate program proposal that was sent to MTCU on April 28th.

Senator Mock also announced that it appeared that MacLean's is going forward with its graduate survey. Surveys have already been distributed and early indications are that the response rate is very high.

The President reminded senators that FIPPA comes into effect on June 10th and that Peggy Cook would be the point person for Nipissing. FIPPA will result in requests for information that in the past had been deemed confidential.

June 8th, 9th and 10th are the Convocation dates and Senator Mock issued a reminder that this occasion is a celebration of our students and hoped that most senators will be able to attend.

Senator Mock was pleased to report that work on Objective 14 of the Strategic Plan has begun. Three separate activities have been defined to address this objective: a review of existing academic structure; a review of the role, responsibilities and operation of the Board of Governors; and a review of the role, responsibility and operation of Academic Senate. With regard to academic structure, the President and Vice-President Academic and Research met on several occasions with the Dean and Chairs of the Faculty of Arts and Science to explore alternative structures and other university norms. After extended consultation, the decision to maintain the current two-Faculty structure has been taken and the Faculty of Arts and Science is considering alternative internal structures. A search for a new Dean of Arts and Science will begin in the fall.

Senator Mock reminded senators that following the October 2005 Retreat of the Board of Governors that focused on governance, a six-member sub-committee was struck to review role, responsibilities and operation. Any recommended changes will go to the Board in early Fall for discussion. The review of Academic Senate will commence when the Board Review is complete.

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It now appears that the provincial government will be signing a three-year accountability framework every June with all universities. Senator Mock stated that it is difficult to know what our revenue will be for the current year, let alone three years in advance. This will make for difficult planning.

The President summed up his comments by announcing that the government has created a Higher Education Quality Council that will be chaired by Frank Iacobucci. The terms of reference of this council has yet to be determined but it will monitor the quality, accessibility and accountability of the province's postsecondary institutions.

The Vice-President Academic and Research thanked incoming Vice-President Peter Ricketts and Senator Common for their assistance with the graduate expansion plan. The plan proposes 60 Masters FTEs and 10 PhD FTEs. Senator Chase reported that since the graduate templates had adhered to the Academic Master Plan deadline, he was able to use this information when submitting to MTCU. The proposal made the case that Nipissing was a capacity-building institution (a concept that had been acknowledged by them in the past). Senator Chase provided a brief history on how the government initiated the graduate expansion and how the numbers for graduate enrollment would be determined.

Senator Chase was very pleased to announce the awards for teaching and research that will be formally presented at Convocation next month. The co-recipients of the Nipissing University Part-time Teaching award are Professors Georgia Irwin and Catherine Morabito-King. The Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching is being awarded to Professor Jo-Anne Ryan and Dr. Helen Langford, while the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Research is going to Dr. John Kovacs.

The Dean of Arts & Science was pleased to report that a new record had been established for final marks submissions. He also announced that it was with regret that Senators Jones and Ford were leaving to take up new positions at Memorial University in Newfoundland. Senator Vanderlee reminded senators that the AMP templates are due May 19th with readings on June 12th and 13th. He also reported that the teaching evaluations were completed and will be in the mailboxes next week. Senator Vanderlee completed his announcements by thanking Dr. Alan Sparkes for his work as Associate Dean of Arts and Science on an interim basis. Senator Sparkes will be returning to teaching in September.

NUSU representative Sean Feretycki was pleased to report that the new student union began their duties on May 1st. Senator Marsh is the new President, Senator Knapp is the Vice-President External, Senator Feretycki is the Vice-President Internal and Senator Overholt is the Vice President of Student Life. Senator Feretycki stated they were looking forward to working with the entire university community.

Senator Lawrence invited all senators to the local applicant reception to be held at 7:00 p.m. on May 23rd. He also reported there will be another Guidance Counselor's Holiday from August 7th to 9th. This is an excellent opportunity for Nipissing to showcase their programs, facilities and residences to guidance counselors from across the province.

Mark Cooper, Alumni Representative, advised Senate that the Alumni Association has approved their 2005-06 budget and to date, have set aside \$3000 for scholarships and \$3000 toward a capital campaign donation. Senator Cooper was also pleased to announce that Ms. Jamie Lim will be

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presented with the Distinguished Alumni Award at the convocation dinner on June 9th. The Association's Annual General Meeting will be held on July 8th and will include a cruise on the Chief Commanda.

QUESTION PERIOD

Senator Renshaw inquired about the lack of gender equity on key Senate committees and in administration. It was felt that there was a systemic gender problem on this campus. Senator Mock responded by indicating that this had been brought to his attention when he initially arrived at Nipissing. Since then, he is pleased to report that the new Vice-President Finance and Administration is Ms. Vicky Paine-Mantha, the Associate Vice-President of Human Resources is Ms. Connie Vander Wall and the Chair of the Board of Governors for the upcoming year is Ms. Tiz Silveri.

An observation was also made that all the academic administration is male. Senator Chase reported that this would be taken "under advisement" to the Senate Executive Committee with the possibility of developing a protocol on gender balance on committee structures.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Executive Committee

MOTION 2: Moved by D. Mock, seconded by K. Knapp that the Annual Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated May 1, 2006 be received.
CARRIED

May 2nd Report

MOTION 3: Moved by D. Mock, seconded by D. Gosse that the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated May 2, 2006 be received.
CARRIED

May 8th Report

MOTION 4: Moved by D. Mock, seconded by D. Brackenreed that the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated May 8, 2006 be received.
CARRIED

University Curriculum Committee

MOTION 5: Moved by T. Chase, seconded by J. Allison that the Annual Report of the University Curriculum Committee dated May 2, 2006 be received.
CARRIED

Academic Planning Committee

MOTION 6: Moved by T. Chase, seconded by L. Frost that the Annual Report of the Academic Planning Committee dated May 3, 2006 be received.
CARRIED

Library Committee

MOTION 7: Moved by C. McFarlane, seconded by D. Gosse that the Annual Report of the Library Committee dated May 4, 2006 be received.
CARRIED

Distance Education Committee

MOTION 8: Moved by G. Brown, seconded by T. Campbell that the Annual Report of the Distance Education Committee dated May 2, 2006 be received.
CARRIED

Cultural Affairs Committee

MOTION 9: Moved by T. Campbell, seconded by J. Barnett that the Annual Report of the Cultural Affairs Committee dated May 1, 2006 be received.
CARRIED

Appointments, Promotions and Tenure Committee

MOTION 10: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by L. Frost that the Annual Report of the Appointments, Promotions and Tenure Committee dated May 5, 2006 be received.
CARRIED

Student Affairs Committee

MOTION 11: Moved by D. Murphy, seconded by M. Sroga that the Annual Report of the Student Affairs Committee dated May 1, 2006 be received.
CARRIED

Student Academic Standing Appeals and Petitions Committee

MOTION 12: Moved by M A Parr, seconded by S. Feretycki that the Annual Report of the Student Academic Standing Appeals and Petitions Committee dated April 26, 2006 be received.
CARRIED

By-laws and Striking Committee

MOTION 13: Moved by J. McIntosh, seconded by K. Waller that the Report of the By-laws and Striking Committee dated April 24, 2006 be received.
CARRIED

April 26, 2006 Report

MOTION 14: Moved by J. McIntosh, seconded by D. Brackenreed that the Annual Report of the By-laws and Striking Committee dated April 24, 2006 be received.
CARRIED

Honorary Degrees Committee

MOTION 15: Moved by D. Mock, seconded by C. McFarlane that the Annual Report of the Honorary Degrees Committee dated April 26, 2006 be received.
CARRIED

Research Ethics Committee

MOTION 16: Moved by J. Barker, seconded by T. Jones that the Annual Report of the Research Ethics Committee dated May 2, 2006 be received.
CARRIED

Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee

MOTION 17: Moved by D. Lawrence, seconded by J. Barnett that the Report of the Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee dated April 28, 2006 be received.
CARRIED

May 1, 2006 Report

MOTION 18: Moved by S. Feretycki, seconded by K. Knapp that the Annual Report of the Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee dated May 1, 2006 be received.
CARRIED

University Research Council

MOTION 19: Moved by T. Chase, seconded by S. Srigley that the Annual Report of the University Research Council dated May 2, 2006 be received.
CARRIED

Appeals Committee for Ethics

MOTION 20: Moved by T. Jones, seconded by B. Olmsted that the Annual Report of the Appeals Committee for Ethics dated May 8, 2006 be received.
CARRIED

Concurrent Education Coordinating Committee

MOTION 21: Moved by B. Olmsted, seconded by W. Richardson that the Annual Report of the Concurrent Education Coordinating Committee dated May 3, 2006 be received.
CARRIED

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

Senator Sarlo, Senate representative to COU, advised members that the community colleges that issue associate degrees are interested in being able to offer Masters and PhD programs, a concept that is of concern to the universities. Senator Sarlo also commented on the uncertainty and repercussion around the FIPPA implementation. He also noted that the Maclean's graduate survey, which measures student satisfaction, is not supported by at least four universities in Ontario and that there were questions as to why COU does not produce its own survey.

AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

Notice of Motion #1:

That, in keeping with accepted practices at many other universities and the recommendations of the National Council on Ethics in Human Research (NCEHR), the Senate By-Laws be amended to eliminate the Research Ethics Committee and the Appeals Committee for Ethics in favour of a new Nipissing University Research Ethics Board (NUREB), which shall: (i) be created effective September, 2006; (ii) include five faculty members (one each from the Humanities, Social Sciences, Business, Nursing and Education, with alternates), one external community representative and the Director of research Services (non-voting); (iii) report to the Board of Governors through the Vice-President Academic and Research; and (iv) establish an arms-length appeal process, possibly involving a mutual agreement with another university.

It was recommended that this notice of motion be e-mailed to all senators.

ELECTIONS

- Elections for APT Chair: L. Frost, S. Muhlberger

Elected: S. Muhlberger

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- Elections for APT Subcommittee (Arts): A. Clendinning, D. Flynn, J. LeClair,
G. Pyle, V. Valov

Elected: A. Clendinning, J. LeClair, G. Pyle

- Elections for Cultural Affairs Committee: T. Campbell, T. Dokis, L. Duncan,
C. Richardson, K. Stange

Elected: T. Campbell, T. Dokis, L. Duncan, C. Richardson

- Elections for Concurrent Education Coordinating Committee: R. Breton, G. Morrell,
K. Topps, A. Weeks

Elected: G. Morrell, K. Topps, A. Weeks

- Elections for Student Academic Standing and Appeals Committee: E. Berger, J. Knox

Elected: J. Knox

- Elections for the University Curriculum Committee (Arts): A. Page, C. McFarlane,
S. Srigley

Elected: C. McFarlane, S. Srigley

- Elections for the University Research Council: A B Graff, D. Hemsworth, D. Murphy,
T. Parkes, H. Zhu

Elected: A B Graff, D. Murphy, T. Parkes, H. Zhu

- Elections for Senate Speaker: D. Flynn, D. Jowett

Elected: D. Jowett

- Elections for Senate Representative on COU: M. McCabe, A. Page

Elected: M. McCabe

- Election for Senate Representatives (Arts) on the Board of Governors:
E. Mattson, F. Noël, S. O'Hagan

Elected: E. Mattson, F. Noël

Acclaimed: L. Frost for Alternate Speaker

Acclaimed: D. Brackenreed for Senate Secretary

Acclaimed: H. Earl & S. Elliot-Johns for APP Committee

Acclaimed: M. Cantilini-Williams for Senate Representative on Alumni Association

Acclaimed: T. Ryan for APT Committee (Education senator)

Acclaimed: S. Renshaw for APT Committee (Arts senator)

**Acclaimed: C. Richardson, I. Sinfield for University Research Council
(Education senators)**

Acclaimed: D. Gosse for UCC Committee (Education senator)

Acclaimed: C. Ricci for APC Committee (Education senator)

Acclaimed: S. Muhlberger for APC Committee (Arts senator)

Acclaimed: H. Rintoul for the Consolidated Committee (Education senator)

Acclaimed: W. Richardson for APT Subcommittee (Education)

Acclaimed: K. Ferguson for Concurrent Education Co-ordinating Committee

Acclaimed: D. Jarvis for Academic Computing Committee

Acclaimed: K. Srigley for Student Affairs Committee

- Election for four Senators for the Chancellor's Reappointment Committee

Elected: J. Allison, G. Brophy, T. Campbell, M. Kariuki

NEW BUSINESS

Academic Computing Committee

MOTION 22: Moved by K. Waller, seconded by J. Barnett that Senate consider receipt of the Annual Report of the Academic Computing Committee dated May 3rd, 2006.
CARRIED

MOTION 23: Moved by K. Waller, seconded by D. Gosse that the Annual Report of the Academic Computing Committee dated May 3rd, 2006 be received.
CARRIED

Admissions, Petitions and Promotions Report

MOTION 24: Moved by D. Lawrence, seconded by S. Renshaw that Senate consider receipt of the Report of the Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee dated May 16, 2006.
CARRIED

MOTION 25: Moved by D. Lawrence, seconded by S. Renshaw that the Report of the Admissions, Promotions, and Petitions Committee dated May 16, 2006 be received.
CARRIED

MOTION 26 Moved by D. Lawrence, seconded by B. Olmsted that the students listed on Appendix A and B, who have completed all requirements of their respective degrees, be admitted to their degrees in-course and that diplomas for the degrees be awarded at the 2006 Spring convocation.
CARRIED

MOTION 27: Moved by D. Lawrence, seconded by C. McFarlane that the President's Gold Medal winner and the J.W. Trusler Proficiency Award winners for BEd (North Bay and Brantford) be awarded at the 2006 Spring convocation.
CARRIED

MOTION 28: Moved by D. Lawrence, seconded by S. Renshaw that the President's Gold Medal winner and the Governor General's Academic Gold Medal for MEd be awarded at the 2006 Spring convocation.
CARRIED

MOTION 29: Moved by D. Lawrence, seconded by A. Page that the students listed on Appendix C, who have completed all requirements of their respective certificates, be awarded their certificates for Bilingualism and Geomatics at the 2006 Spring convocation.
CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 30: Moved by S. Muhlberger, seconded by T. Jones that Senate do now adjourn:
4:30 p.m.
CARRIED

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D. Mock

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T. Jones