

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

February 2, 2007
2:30 p.m. - Room F210

MEMBERS PRESENT: D. Mock, R. Common, B. Nettlefold, P. Ricketts, R. Vanderlee,
R. Wideman

J. Barker, R. Bergquist, W. Borody, G. Brophey, B. Brown,
K. Brozowski, A. Clendinning, D. Geden, AB Graff, D. Hemsworth,
D. Jowett, S. Kariuki, L. Kruk, U. Kandrats, S. Lechlitner, J. LeClair,
S. Mayhall, C. McFarlane, G. Morrell, D. Murphy, F. Noël, S. O'Hagan,
M. Owens, A. Page, L. Patriquin, L. Penno, G. Pyle, S. Renshaw,
K. Srigley, S. Srigley, M. Sroga, K. Topps, D. Walters, S. Winters,
W. Young, H. Zhu

J. Allison, J. Barnett, T. Campbell, M. Cantalini-Williams, K. Ferguson,
L. Frost, D. Gosse, C. Harvey, B. Hatt, M. Kariuki, L. Keuhl, J. Long,
R. Lynn, M. McCabe, J. McIntosh, B. Olmsted, M. Parr, S. Reid,
W. Richardson, O. Ridler, J. Scott, L. Vokes-Leduc,

S. Feretycki, K. Knapp, B. Overholt, G. deBruyn, I. Wassink

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: D. Lawrence

J. Baffoe (leave), E. Berger, P. Kelly (leave), J. Kovacs (leave),
S. Lawlor (leave), S. Muhlberger, G. Phillips, M. Saari, C. Sarlo,
K. Stange (leave), M. Tuncali (leave), M. Wachowiak

E. Ashworth, D. Berry (leave), D. Brackenreed, T. Horton (leave),
P. Joong, H. Langford (leave), C. Richardson, H. Rintoul, C. Shields
S. Van Nuland (leave)

P. Gavan, D. Pletzer

T. Benevides

C. Dahmer

ABSENT: NJ Baker, R. Breton, N. Brown, R. Brozowski, E. Cholewa, P. Chow,
P. Cook, T. Curwen, A. Dean, T. Dokis, E. Earl, D. Flynn, D. Hackett,
D. Hall, A. Karassev, J. Knox, T. Koivukoski, E. Mattson, K. McCullough,
I. Mueller, P. Nosko, T. Parkes, D. Rowbotham, J. Ryan, B. Schreyer,
A. Sparkes, D. Tabachnick, R. Teigrob, V. Valov, A. Weeks

AM Aquino, A. Bell, J. Corkett, R. Davis, S. Elliott-Johns, R. Fix,
D. Franks, H. Gardner, R. Graham, D. Jarvis, K. Kirkwood, G. Laronde,
K. MacLeod, B. McMahon, MA Parr, J. Price, C. Ricci,

M. Couchie

MOTION 1: Moved by S. Renshaw, seconded by K. Srigley that the minutes of the meeting of January 12, 2007 be adopted.
CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President was pleased to report that the Board of Governors passed the NUFA and CASBU collective agreements at their meeting last night. He added that administration would like to move forward on the issue of appointments, promotions and tenure and a committee will be struck shortly.

On Tuesday, January 30th, the Deputy Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities was on campus. Dr. Philip Steenkamp and his entourage spent about five hours visiting Nipissing and Canadore. There was ample opportunity for Nipissing to talk about its goals, first generation students, Aboriginal students, the new library/e-learning centre and BIUs for education. Senator Mock indicated that he felt the Deputy Minister left with good sense of who we are.

Senator Mock was pleased to report that another successful Student Awards Luncheon was held on Friday, January 19th. Almost \$1.5M in scholarships and bursaries was given to our students. This annual luncheon is also an opportunity to recognize the contributions these donors make and for them to meet the students who are the beneficiaries of their generosity.

On Friday, January 26th, there was a luncheon that was held by the early history group in which there was occasion to celebrate the contributions of Senator Lawlor who is retiring. Senator Lawlor is one of the original group of seven founding professors. Also attending this luncheon were 15 individuals including former faculty, staff and students. The early history group is researching and chronicling the roots of our university.

Senator Mock congratulated the organizers of the recent Residence Life Conference. This conference was an opportunity to showcase our exceptional residence facilities to more than 330 delegates from 40 universities and colleges across Canada.

The President indicated that the Senate Review Committee had their first meeting earlier today and will periodically report back with updates. He also reminded Senators of the faculty/staff get together at the Wall on February 7 at 4:00 p.m. and the Dave Marshall Leadership Awards on March 21st. He urged Senators to nominate a worthy student for this award.

The Vice-President Academic and Research was delighted to announce that the recipients of the 2007 Research Awards are Senators Noël, Clendinning, Murphy and Zhu. These awards recognize outstanding research achievement and help to enhance the research productivity and external reputation of full-time faculty at Nipissing University. Senator Ricketts also extended congratulations to Senator Hemsworth for being the co-recipient of the prestigious 2006 Emerald Literati Networks Award for Excellence. Senator Hemsworth received his award in New Zealand in December 2006.

Now that Senate has approved the graduate studies report, Senator Ricketts extended his sincere thanks to Senators M. Kariuki, Kirkwood, Morrell and Pyle for their work on that report.

Senator Ricketts noted that he recently attended a research forum in Ottawa sponsored by the Conference Board of Canada. Since there is no national forum on research for small to medium universities, this was an opportunity to hear from the tri-council presidents and various government ministers. The three messages taken from this forum underscored the importance of multidisciplinary work, integrating teaching and research, and the value of integrating research into undergraduate work.

The Dean of Arts Science was pleased to report that Senator Kruk has just published a new book titled "Loving the Alien" which is published by Your Scrivener Press. Senator Vanderlee was also pleased to acknowledge the remarkable achievements of Joel Ahrens, Stephanie McGinnis and Justin Chartrand, three accounting students, who placed second in a competition sponsored by the Institute of Chartered Accountants. Twenty universities from across the province participated. Senate was also reminded that the English Speaker Series is featuring Dr. Barbara Bruce speaking on "The American Horror Cinema" on Monday, February 5th while Dr. Rosemary Daniels will be giving a talk entitled "Women's Work: The Domestic Muse Writes Back", on February 8th.

The Dean of Education was also pleased to announce that Senator Wideman has recently published a co-authored book entitled "Professional Learning to Reshape Teaching." He also reported that the Deputy Minister of Education, Ben Levin, is leaving the ministry to join OISE as a CRC Chair. Finally, Senator Common announced that the Computers in Education Conference was beginning this evening and going through the weekend. Up to 300 people will be in attendance, including delegates from the Brantford campus.

Senator Feretycki, NUSU president, alerted Senate to the Day of Action on February 7. This was a national day of protest for the rising costs of postsecondary education in Canada. He also advised senate that nominations for the NUSU executive election close at 4:00 p.m. today, with voting to occur on February 14 and 15.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Executive Committee

MOTION 2: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by R. Vanderlee that the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated January 25, 2007 be received.
CARRIED

Academic Planning Committee

MOTION 3: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by R. Vanderlee that the Report of the Academic Planning Committee dated January 18, 2007 be received.
CARRIED

MOTION 4: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by S. Srigley that Stage Three "Implementation Approval" be given to a four-year Honours Single Major in Religions and Cultures.
CARRIED

MOTION 5: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by B. Olmsted that Senate approve the continuation of the tenure-track position in Graduation Studies in the Faculty of Education effective July 1, 2007.
CARRIED

University Curriculum Committee

- MOTION 6: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by R. Vanderlee that the Report of the University Curriculum Committee dated January 22, 2007 be received.
CARRIED
- MOTION 7: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by D. Gosse that the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2006" be amended to add BIOL1011, Introduction to Molecular and Cell Biology for Nursing and Physical and Health Education, to the Nursing and Physical Health Education programs, as outlined in the attached documents.
CARRIED
- MOTION 8: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by R. Vanderlee that Senate approve the proposal for changes to the Faculty of Arts and Science degree requirements and academic standing, as outlined in the attached document.
CARRIED
- MOTION 9: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by W. Borody that the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, 2006" be amended to add PHIL4305 as a course towards the degree requirements for Philosophy and modify the major requirements from 66 credits to 60 credits in Philosophy, as outlined in the attached document.
CARRIED

Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee

- MOTION 10: Moved by K. Srigley, seconded by R. Wideman that the Report of the Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee dated January 12, 2007 be received.
CARRIED
- MOTION 11: Moved by K. Srigley, seconded by G. Morrell that the students listed in 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 12: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by H. Zhu that the Report of the University Research Council dated January 19, 2007 be received.
CARRIED

ELECTIONS

- ❖ **Elect one Senator from either Faculty, excluding the Senate Representatives to the Board, who is tenured and holds the rank of Associate Professor or above, to be elected and designated to serve as Chair of the Appointments, Promotions and Tenure Committee**

L. Frost nominated J. Long

Acclaimed: J. Long

- ❖ **Elect two Senators, one from each faculty, to sit on the Selection Committee for the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching and for the Nipissing University Award for Part-time Teaching (elected representatives sit on both committees)**

T. Campbell nominated J. Barnett

C. McFarlane nominated S. Winters

MOTION 13: Moved by S. Renshaw seconded by K. Srigley that nominations cease.
CARRIED

Acclaimed: J. Barnett and S. Winters

- ❖ **Elect one Senator from the Faculty of Arts and Science to sit on the Graduate Education selection committee.**

L. Patriquin nominated J. LeClair

MOTION 14: Moved by C. McFarlane seconded by K. Knapp that nominations cease.
CARRIED

Acclaimed: J. LeClair

- ❖ **Elect one Senator from the Faculty of Arts and Science to sit on the Physical and Health Education selection committee.**

L. Penno nominated K. McCullough

MOTION 15: Moved by B. Hatt seconded by C. McFarlane that nominations cease.
CARRIED

Acclaimed: K. McCullough

- ❖ **Elect one Senator from the Faculty of Arts and Science to sit on the Curriculum Methods/Educational Psychology/Special Education selection committee.**

J. Barnett nominated S. Renshaw

MOTION 16: Moved by K. Knapp seconded by G. deBruyn that nominations cease.
CARRIED

Acclaimed: S. Renshaw

- ❖ **Elect one Senator to sit on the Criminal Justice selection committee.**

J. Barker nominated D. Hall

MOTION 17: Moved by K. Knapp seconded by G. deBruyn that nominations cease.
CARRIED

Acclaimed: D. Hall

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

One of the Senate representatives to the Board, Senator Frost noted that at the last Board meeting, the new Board bylaws were approved and the faculty contracts were ratified.

OTHER BUSINESS

MOTION 18: Moved by R. Common, seconded by B. Hatt that the Report from the Dean of Education dated January 22, 2007 be received.
CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION 19: Moved by D. Mock, seconded by P. Ricketts that Senate move into an in-camera session.
CARRIED

MOTION 20: Moved by D. Mock, seconded by P. Ricketts that Senate move out of the in-camera session.
CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 21: Moved by S. Mayhall, seconded by S. Renshaw that Senate do now adjourn
 Time: 4:10 p.m.
 CARRIED

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D. Mock, President

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D. Brackenreed, Secretary