NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

May 18, 2007

2:30 p.m. - Room F210

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


P. Gavan

G. deBruyn, C. Fraser, I. Wassink

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: R. Wideman


D. Berry (leave), M. Cantalini-‐Williams (Brantford), D. Franks (leave)B. Hatt, T. Horton (leave), D. Jarvis, P. Joong (Brantford), H. Langford (leave), M. McCabe J. McIntosh, K. Noël (Brantford)(leave), B. Olmsted, K. Quigg (Brantford), W. Richardson (leave), H. Rintoul, C. Shields (leave), S. Van Nuland (leave)

MOTION 1: Moved by K. Topps, seconded by D. Geden that the minutes of the regular meeting of the Academic Senate dated April 5, 2007 be adopted. CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President began his announcements by commenting on the number of government grants that have been given to Nipissing University in the past month. Fednor has announced a $500K grant towards the new academic and research wing and a $45K grant for the conceptual drawings for the new Library/Learning Centre. The Northern Ontario Heritage Fund has given Nipissing $1M for the new academic and research wing. The Brantford expansion is the recipient of $1M from the provincial government. On May 1, the President, accompanied by the President of Canadore College and MPP Monique Smith, met with the Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities, Chris Bentley, to push for funding for the Library/Learning Centre. The Minister indicated that this project is top priority on the Ministry’s list because of the critical space needs and the fact the project is in conjunction with Canadore College.

In April, the Consolidated Committee heard 16 applications for promotion and tenure. The President was delighted to report one full professor, five associate professors and 10 tenure applications were approved.
The President commented on the problems that have occurred in the IT area. He noted that it is affecting all areas but especially the Registrar’s office. New hardware is now onsite and it is hoped that all systems will be up and running this weekend. These challenges are occurring at a pivotal time of year for the university.

The Family Campaign for the Library/ Learning Centre was launched this week and the President was pleased that to date, $125K has been pledged from the internal group. He noted that it is encouraging when the internal community is committed to the project as it sends a strong message to potential external donors.

Convocation is the highlight of our year and the President encouraged senators to attend at least one ceremony. He reminded senators it is an exciting time for graduates and their families and the list of honorary degree recipients is impressive.

The Vice-President of Finance and Administration was invited to provide a brief synopsis of the 2007-08 budget. Ms. Paine-Mantha distributed a summary package that outlined the steps that were used to arrive at the budget. She noted that as always, there are more requests than there are funds, so choices were made based on the goals of the Strategic Plan. Any funds received from the provincial government at the end of the fiscal year are being applied to the various capital projects. This is a deficit budget and it has been approved by the Board of Governors.

The Vice-President Academic and Research congratulated Senator Price, the recipient of this year’s Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching, and Professor Dean Decaire the recipient of the Nipissing University Award for Part-Time Teaching. He was also pleased to report that Senator Murton is the recipient of a three-year SSHRC grant and Senator Jarvis is the recipient of an International Opportunities Fund Grant in collaboration with Brock University and University of Cambridge. The Vice President also extended his congratulations to Senator Hackett for the publication of his new book *Living in the Environment*. He expressed his hope that this new book will be used in introductory courses for environmental studies.

The restructuring of the Faculty of Arts and Science is ongoing and the Vice President indicated that he would like to bring a plan forward to the June Senate. He reiterated the President’s comments about the importance of convocation to the students and their parents.

In his announcements, the Dean of Arts of Science also congratulated Senator Hackett on his book publication and was very pleased to state that Senator Brophy had successfully defended his doctoral thesis. He also offered his condolences to the MacDonald family in the sudden and tragic death of their son Jeremy, a history and political science student.

The new NUSU President, Genevieve deBruyn introduced herself as well as the VP Internal, Ian Wassink and the VP Student Life, Candice Fraser.
REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Executive Committee

Annual Report

MOTION 2: Moved by D. Mock, seconded by AB Graff that the Annual Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated May 1, 2007 be received. CARRIED

May 10, 2007 Report

MOTION 3: Moved by D. Mock, seconded by AB Graff that the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated May 10, 2007 be received. CARRIED

Academic Planning Committee

Annual Report

MOTION 4: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by J. Barnett that the Annual Report of the Academic Planning Committee dated May 18, 2007 be received. CARRIED

May 18, 2007 Report

MOTION 5: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by R. Fix that the Report of the Academic Planning Committee dated May 18, 2007 be received. CARRIED

MOTION 6: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by F. Noël that Senate grant Stage 1 approval to develop a Master of Arts in History, as outlined in the attached document. CARRIED

University Curriculum Committee

Annual Report

MOTION 7: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by C. McFarlane that the Annual Report of the University Curriculum Committee dated May 18, 2007 be received. CARRIED
May 18, 2007 Report

MOTION 8: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by I. Wassink that the Report of the University Curriculum Committee dated May 18, 2007 be received.
CARRIED

MOTION 9: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by S. Reid that Senate approved the following consolidated motions relating to the Nipissing/Laurier Bachelor of Education Concurrent program, as outlined in the attached document to:

(a) modify the Nipissing/Laurier Concurrent program from a 4-year to a 5-year program;
(b) add EDUC 4687 Observation and Practice Teaching 5, a 3-credit course, and EDUC 4697 Observation and Practice Teaching 5, a 3-credit course;
(c) modify Primary/Junior and Junior/Intermediate Year 1, 2, 3, and 4 Practicum course descriptions for:
   (i) EDUC 4641
   (ii) EDUC 4661
   (iii) EDUC 4671
   (iv) EDUC 4686
   (v) EDUC 4651
   (vi) EDUC 4681
   (vii) EDUC 4591
   (viii) EDUC 4696;
(d) modify the credit value of EDUC 4686 and EDUC 4696, Primary/Junior and Junior Intermediate Practicum courses from 3 credits to 1 credit;
(e) modify the number of attempts to complete Year 4 Practicum courses EDUC 4686 and EDUC 4696;
(f) change the degree requirements for the Primary/Junior and Junior/Intermediate programs.
CARRIED

MOTION 10: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by R. Common that Senate approve the following consolidated motions relating to the MEd program, as outlined in the attached document to:

(a) remove the admission requirement of one year teaching experience from both the part-time and full-time MEd programs;
(b) add a period of study of a maximum of three years for students enrolled in the full-time MEd program.
CARRIED
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MOTION 11: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by T. Campbell that Senate add UNIV2011 Introduction to Community Service-Learning, a 3 credit course, to all programs, and that this course be offered through the Office of the Dean of Arts and Science along with UNIV1011. CARRIED

MOTION 12: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by A. Page that Senate approve to modify the prerequisite for NURS2037 Pharmacology, a 3-credit course, as outlined in the attached document. CARRIED

MOTION 13: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by D. Geden that Senate approve to modify the prerequisites and co-requisites for FAVA3047 Seminar in Art, a 3-credit course, as outlined in the attached document. CARRIED

Library Committee

MOTION 14: Moved by B. Nettlefold, seconded by M. Sroga that the Annual Report of the Library Committee dated May 5, 2007 be received. CARRIED

Distance Education Committee

MOTION 15: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by J. Barker that the Annual Report of the Distance Education Committee dated April 24, 2007 be received. CARRIED

Cultural Affairs Committee

MOTION 16: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by J. Barnett that the Annual report of the Cultural Affairs Committee, dated May 1, 2007, be received. CARRIED

Appointments, Promotions and Tenure Committee

MOTION 17: Moved by J. Long, seconded by L. Frost that the Annual Report of the Appointments, Promotions and Tenure Committee dated April 12, 2007 be received. CARRIED
Student Affairs Committee

MOTION 18: Moved by D. Hackett, seconded by AB Graff that the Annual Report of the Student Affairs Committee dated May 3, 2007 be received.
CARRIED

Student Academic Standing Appeals and Petitions Committee

MOTION 19: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by M. Sroga that the Annual report of the Student Academic Standing, Appeals and Petitions Committee, dated May 7, 2007, be received.
CARRIED

By-Laws and Striking Committee

MOTION 20: Moved by K. Brozowski, seconded by K. Srigley that the Annual Report of the By-Laws and Striking Committee dated March 27, 2007 be received.
CARRIED

Honorary Degrees Committee

MOTION 21: Moved by D. Mock, seconded AB Graff that the Annual Report of the Honorary Degrees Committee dated April 25, 2007 be received.
CARRIED

Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee

Annual Report

MOTION 22: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by K. Srigley that the Annual Report of the Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee dated April 13, 2007 be received.
CARRIED

Report of April 13, 2007

MOTION 23: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by AB Graff that the Report of the Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee dated April 13, 2007 be received.
CARRIED
University Research Council

Annual Report

MOTION 24: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by C. McFarlane that the Annual Report of the University Research Council dated May 18, 2007 be received. CARRIED

May 18, 2007 Report

MOTION 25: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by C. McFarlane That the Report of the University Research Council dated May 18, 2007 be received. CARRIED

Academic Computing Committee

MOTION 26: Moved by K. Waller, seconded by M. Kariuki that the Annual Report of the Academic Computing Committee dated May 3, 2007 be received. CARRIED

Concurrent Education Coordinating Committee

MOTION 27: Moved by K. Ferguson, seconded by C. Richardson that the Annual Report of the Concurrent Education Coordinating Committee dated March 27, 2007 be received. CARRIED

ELECTIONS

- Elect one Senator to the Pension and Benefits Committee for a two-year term

K. Topps nominated D. Hall

Acclaimed: D. Hall

- Elect one Senator to the Search Committee for the tenure track position in History

A. Clendinning nominated C. McFarlane

MOTION 28: Moved by S. Srigley, seconded by L. Patriquin that nominations cease. CARRIED

Acclaimed: C. McFarlane
Elections for positions on Senate Committees for 2007-08

- Elect one Senator from the Faculty of Education for the Academic Computing Committee

M. Kariuki nominated K. Waller

MOTION 29: Moved by AB Graff, seconded by C. McFarlane that nominations cease.
CARRIED

Acclaimed: K. Waller

- Elect two Senators from the Faculty of Education for the Academic Planning Committee

L. Frost nominated J. Allison
R. Common nominated D. Gosse

MOTION 30: Moved by AB Graff, seconded by C. McFarlane that nominations cease.
CARRIED

Acclaimed: J. Allison and D. Gosse

- Elect one Senator from the Faculty of Education for the Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee

T. Campbell nominated S. Elliott-Johns

MOTION 30: Moved by L. Frost, seconded by C. Richardson that nominations cease.
CARRIED

Acclaimed: S. Elliott-Johns

- Elect two Senators from the Faculty of Education for the Appointments, Promotions and Tenure Committee

MA Parr nominated T. Ryan
D. Gosse nominated C. Shields

MOTION 31: Moved by AB Graff, seconded by C. McFarlane that nominations cease.
CARRIED

Acclaimed: T. Ryan and C. Shields
Elect one Senator from the Faculty of Arts and Science for the Appointments, Promotions and Tenure Committee

AB Graff nominated C. McFarlane

MOTION 32: Moved by K. Srigley, seconded by L. Patriquin that nominations cease.
CARRIED

Acclaimed: C. McFarlane

Elect one Senator from the Faculty of Arts and Science and one Senator from the Faculty of Education for the APT Assessment Sub-Committee (Arts)

F. Noël nominated Morrell (Arts)
R. Common nominated J. McAuliffe (Education)

MOTION 33: Moved by C. McFarlane, seconded by P. Ricketts that nominations cease.
CARRIED

Acclaimed: G. Morrell and J. McAuliffe

Elect three Senators from the Faculty of Education for the APT Assessment Sub-Committee (Education)

R. Common nominated L. Frost
R. Common nominated C. Ricci
R. Common nominated D. Franks

MOTION 34: Moved by AB Graff, seconded by P. Ricketts that nominations cease.
CARRIED

Acclaimed: L. Frost, C. Ricci and D. Franks
Elect one Senator from the Faculty of Arts and Science and one Senator from the Faculty of Education for the By-Laws and Striking Committee

AB Graff nominated R. Breton
F. Noël nominated R. Fix

MOTION 35: Moved by AB Graff, seconded by C. McFarlane that nominations cease.
CARRIED

Acclaimed: R. Breton and R. Fix

Elect two Senators from the Faculty of Education for the Distance Education Committee

MA Parr nominated K. MacLeod
C. Richardson nominated K. Noël

MOTION 36: Moved by T. Campbell, seconded by J. Barnett that nominations cease.
CARRIED

Acclaimed: K. MacLeod and K. Noël

Elect one Senator from the Faculty of Education for the Library Committee

L. Frost nominated G. Sharpe

MOTION 37: Moved by AB Graff, seconded by C. McFarlane that nominations cease.
CARRIED

Acclaimed: G. Sharpe

Elect one Senator from the Faculty of Education for the Student Affairs Committee

T. Campbell nominated A. Bell

MOTION 38: Moved by C. McFarlane, seconded by AB Graff that nominations cease.
CARRIED

Acclaimed: A. Bell
Elect three Senators from the Faculty of Arts and Science for the Concurrent Education Coordinating Committee

C. McFarlane nominated R. Breton
B. Nettlefold nominated M. Sroga
K. Srigley nominated J. Murton

MOTION 39: Moved by AB Graff, seconded by C. McFarlane that nominations cease.
CARRIED

Acclaimed: R. Breton, M. Sroga and J. Murton

Elect one Senator from the Faculty of Arts and Science and one Senator from the Faculty of Education to the Board of Governors

T. Campbell nominated C. Richardson
S. Srigley nominated K. Srigley

MOTION 40: Moved by C. McFarlane, seconded by AB Graff that nominations cease.
CARRIED

Acclaimed: C. Richardson and K. Srigley

Elect one Senator from the Faculty of Education for the Consolidated Committee

C. Frost nominated H. Rintoul

MOTION 41: Moved by AB Graff, seconded by C. McFarlane that nominations cease.
CARRIED

Acclaimed: H. Rintoul

There were three names offered from the Faculty of Arts and Science for the Distance Education Committee. Elections were held for Senate to elect two names from the following: NJ Baker, J. Barker and U. Kundrats.

Elected: NJ Baker and J. Barker
REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVE ON OTHER BODIES

Personal Harassment and Discrimination Committee

Senate representative K. Srigley announced that the committee has recently met twice to respond to discussions and a motion made at the October and November Senate meetings. She is pleased to report that the entire policy will be reviewed including definitions, procedures and administration and the language will be made more sensitive. Other actions include the posting of the policy on the web and a direct link to a Campus Safety site. Senator Srigley also indicated that there is now approval for the appointment of a Human Rights Officer. A one-page pamphlet will be published clearly outlining the steps that should be taken if you are a victim of personal harassment. In order to assist with disseminating this information to students, the VP Student Life will consider this as part of their mandate.

AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

Notice of Motion

That Senate approve the Guidelines for the Operation of the Student Academic Standing Appeals and Petitions Committee in Brantford.

*Once passed by Senate, this document will go to By-laws and Striking to determine if a separate Senate Committee should be struck.

OTHER BUSINESS

Article 45.27 in the Collective Agreement

MOTION 42: Moved by D. Mock, seconded L. Patriquin that Senate approve the procedure for program redundancy established in this Article, and specifically the delegation, to a Senate Redundancy Committee, of Senate’s power and authority to recommend to the Board a declaration of program redundancy, in accordance with Article 22(2)(j) of the Nipissing University Act. If Senate does not grant approval, Articles 26.23 to 26.26 of the 2003-2006 collective agreement will continue in force for the terms of this agreement.

CARRIED
NEW BUSINESS

University Curriculum Committee

MOTION 43:  Moved by D. Mock, seconded by J. Long that Senate consider receipt of the Report of the University Curriculum Committee dated May 7, 2007. CARRIED

MOTION 44:  Moved by D. Mock, seconded by J. Long that the Report of the University Curriculum Committee dated May 7, 2007 be received. CARRIED

MOTION 45:  Moved by D. Mock, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate approve the following consolidated motions relating to the proposed diploma: Teacher of a Native Language as a Second Language: Algonquin (Ojibwe), to add:

a. EDUC 1441 The Ojibwe Curriculum Gr. 1-12 Part 1, a 2-credit course;
b. EDUC 1442 Ojibwe Methodology Part 1, a 3-credit course;
c. EDUC 1443 Education and Schooling/Educational Psychology/Special Education Part 1, a 2-credit course;
d. EDUC 1444 The Ojibwe Language Part 1, a 2-credit course;
e. EDUC 1445 Technology and Learning Materials for Ojibwe 1, a 1-credit course;
f. EDUC 1446 Ojibwe Team-Teaching 1, a 3-credit course;
g. EDUC 2441 The Ojibwe Curriculum Gr. 1-12 Part 2, a 2-credit course;
h. EDUC 2442 Ojibwe Methodology Part 2, a 3-credit course;
i. EDUC2443 Education and Schooling/Educational Psychology/Special Education Part 2, a 2-credit course;
j. EDUC 2444 The Ojibwe Language Part 2, a 2-credit course;
k. EDUC2445 Technology and Learning Materials for Ojibwe 2, a 1-credit course;
l. EDUC 2446 Ojibwe Team Teaching 2, a 3-credit course;
m. EDUC2447 Observation and Practice Teaching 2 (Ojibwe), a 5-credit course;
n. EDUC 3441 The Ojibwe Curriculum Gr. 1-12 Part 3, a 2-credit course;
o. EDUC 3442 Ojibwe Methodology Part 3, a 3-credit course;
p. EDUC3443 Education and Schooling/Educational Psychology/Special Education Part 3, a 2-credit course;
q. EDUC 3444 The Ojibwe Language Part 3, a 2-credit course;
r. EDUC3445 Technology and Learning Materials for Ojibwe 3, a 1-credit course;
s. EDUC3446 Ojibwe Team Teaching 3, a 3-credit course;
MOTION 46: Moved by D. Mock, seconded by I. Wassink that Senate give Stage Two “Curriculum Approval” to a Diploma: Teacher of a Native Language as a Second Language: Algonquin (Ojibwe) for the Native Language as a Second Language (NSL) Program, as outlined in the attached document. CARRIED

MOTION 47: Moved by D. Mock, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate approve the following consolidated motions relating to the proposed diploma: Teacher of Cree as a First Language, to add:

a. EDUC 1551 Cree Language and Literacy 1, a 3-credit course;
b. EDUC 1552 Cree Curriculum & Foundations 1, a 7-credit course;
c. EDUC1553 Observation and Practice Teaching (Primary/Junior) 1: Cree, a 5-credit course;
d. EDUC 2551 Cree Language and Literacy 2, a 2-credit course;
e. EDUC 2552 Cree Curriculum & Foundations 2, a 6-credit course;
f. EDUC2553 Observation and Practice Teaching (Primary/Junior) 2: Cree, a 5-credit course;
g. EDUC 3551 Cree Language and Literacy 3, a 3-credit course;
h. EDUC 3552 Cree Curriculum & Foundations 3, a 6-credit course;
i. EDUC3553 Observation and Practice Teaching (Primary/Junior) 3: Cree, a 5-credit course.
CARRIED

MOTION 48: Moved by D. Mock, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate give Stage Two “Curriculum Approval” to a Diploma: Teacher of Cree as a First Language (P/J) for the Native Language as a First Language (NFL) Program, as outlined in the attached document. CARRIED

Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee

MOTION 49: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by J. Barnett that Senate consider receipt of the Report of the Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee dated May 16, 2007. CARRIED
MOTION 50: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by H. Earl that the Report of the Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee dated May 16, 2007 be received.
CARRIED

MOTION 51: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by H. Earl that Senate admit to their respective degrees in-course the students listed in Appendix A,B,C, D, E who have completed all requirements to their respective degrees and that diplomas for the degrees be awarded at the 2007 Spring Convocation for the conferring of degrees.
CARRIED

If there is not objection, Senate will now adjourn: 4:47 p.m.

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D. Mock

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