

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

June 6, 2007
10:30 a.m. - Room F210

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

N J Baker, J. Barker, R. Bergquist, R. Breton, G. Brown, K.
Brozowski, E. Cholewa, A. Clendinning, A. Dean, T. Dokis,
H. Earl, D. Geden, AB Graff, D. Hemsworth, D. Jowett,
A. Karassev, S. Kariuki, L. Kruk, S. Lechlitner, J. LeClair,
E. Mattson, S. Mayhall, K. McCullough, G. Morrell, I. Mueller,
D. Murphy, F. Noël, S. O'Hagan, A. Page, L. Patriquin, G. Pyle,
A. Sparkes, M. Sroga, D. Tabachnick, R. Teigrob, K. Topps.
W. Young, H. Zhu

J. Allsion, A-M Aquino, A. Bell, D. Brackenreed, T. Campbell,
J. Corkett, R. Davis, S. Elliott-Johns, K. Ferguson, R. Fix, L. Frost,
D. Gosse, D. Jarvis, P. Joong, M. Kariuki, G. Laronde, J. Long,
N. Maynes, M. McCabe, J. McIntosh, B. Olmsted, M-A Parr,
M. Parr, S. Reid, C. Richardson, W. Richardson, L. Vokes-Leduc,

P. Gavan

J. Fortier, C. Fraser, I. Wassink, G. deBruyn

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: J. Baffoe (leave), E. Berger, W. Borody, P. Kelly (leave),
J. Kovacs (leave), S. Lawlor (leave), C. McFarlane, M. Owens,
G. Phillips (leave), C. Sarlo (leave), K. Stange (leave),
M. Tuncali (leave), S. Winters

E. Ashworth, J. Barnett, D. Berry (leave),
M. Cantilini-Williams (Brantford), D. Franks (leave),
T. Horton (leave), H. Langford (leave), K. Noël (leave),
K. Quigg (Brantford), H. Rintoul, C. Shields (leave),
S. Van Nuland (leave)

M. Couchie

T. Benevides

ABSENT:

G. Brophay, N. Brown, R. Brozowski, P. Chow, P. Cook,
T. Curwen, D. Flynn, D. Hackett, D. Hall, J. Knox, T. Koivukoski,
U. Kundrats, S. Muhlberger, P. Nosko, T. Parkes, S. Renshaw,
D. Rowbotham, J. Ryan, M. Saari, B. Schreyer, K. Srigley,
S. Srigley, V. Valov, D. Walters, M. Wachowiak, A. Weeks

K. Clausen, H. Gardner, R. Graham, C. Harvey, B. Hatt, L. Keuhl,
K. Kirkwood, R. Lynn, K. MacLeod, B. McMahon, J. Price,
C. Ricci, T. Ryan, J. Scott, G. Sharpe, I. Sinfield, M. Szakacs,
K. Waller, N. Zur Nedden

D. Pletzer

MOTION 1: Moved by D. Brackenreed, seconded by J. McIntosh that the minutes of the regular meeting of the Academic Senate dated May 18, 2007 be adopted.

CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President began his announcements by commenting on the meeting of the Council of Ontario Universities he attended last week. He indicated that COU has a new President, Dr. Peter Genest, who is replacing the outgoing President, Dr. Ian Clark. Other discussions of note at COU were the government's intention, after the next election, to establish Algoma University College as an independent institution. The President reminded Senators of the five convocations being held at the North Bay campus beginning Thursday and thanked them in advance for a good turnout. He added that there will be more than 1900 students crossing the stage. The graduating students and their families are always delighted to see their professors. The President also updated Senate on the status of the Family Campaign for the Library/Learning Centre and was pleased to report that to date; \$175K has been committed by staff, Board of Governors and UMG. Faculty will be approached in the Fall.

At the request of the Board of Governors, the President raised the issue around concerns with confidentiality in search committees. The President reminded Senators that deliberations are strictly confidential. He indicated that there would be discussions with Senators in the Fall with Board members in attendance.

A PowerPoint presentation was given by the President to update Senators on the status of the various task groups from the Strategic Plan. He reminded Senators that the Strategic Plan was passed in 2005 by both Senate and the Board of Governors and it is part of the plan's mandate to provide annual reports to both bodies. The status of each objective was outlined and it was noted that the entire plan as well as recommendations from task force reports received are posted on the President's office website.

At the request of the President, Senator Lawrence, Registrar, provided a brief update on admission numbers for September. Senator Lawrence noted that this information can be found on the Intranet site. Overall, there is a 34% increase in admissions for first year compared to June 2006. Most programs have experienced a significant enrolment increase. To date, 896 first year students have accepted Nipissing's offer.

Senator Lawrence also announced that students will be using a new e-mail system beginning next week. It is expected that GMail will be able to better serve the student body. He also encouraged Senators to use the new Grade Book which will greatly assist with marks calculations and downloading final grades to Datatel.

The Vice-President Academic and Research noted that Jack Jones had organized a learning outcomes workshop last week for faculty. This was in response to the OCAV learning outcomes initiative. He indicated that there will be a future workshop for those who were unable to attend.

The Dean of Education asked that Senator Reid be recognized for her work as Director for the Brantford Campus and noted that in his opinion she was key to the success of that program. He also wished to recognize Senator Vanderlee for his contribution to the Faculty of Arts and Science and with the work he did on the new Physical and Health Education program.

Senator deBruyn, President of NUSU introduced the VP External, Josh Fortier to Senate. She reminded Senators that NUSU and the Alumni Association were hosting a luau social at the Wall on the evenings of June 8th and 9th and that the events were open to faculty, staff and families of the graduates.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Executive Committee

MOTION 2: Moved by D. Mock, seconded by I. Wassink that the Report of the Executive Committee dated May 29, 2007, be received.
CARRIED

Academic Planning Committee

MOTION 3: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by B. Olmsted that the Report of the Academic Planning Committee dated May 17, 2007 be received.
CARRIED

MOTION 4: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by J. Long that Senate give Stage 3 Implementation Approval to the proposed diploma, Teacher of Native Language as a Second Language: Algonquian (Ojibwe) for the Native Language as a Second Language (NSL) program, as outlined in the attached document.
CARRIED

MOTION 5: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by J. Long that Senate give Stage 3 Implementation approval to the proposed 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

MOTION 6: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by L. Frost that the APC Report for the UPRAC Review of Computer Science, and the APC Report for the UPRAC Review of History, be received.

CARRIED

MOTION 7: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by L. Patriquin that Senate give Stage 1 Development Approval to the Bachelor of Arts (Honours) – Combined Major in Social Welfare and Social Development.

CARRIED

ELECTIONS

- Elect one Education Senator to the Appointments, Promotions and Tenure Committee

L. Frost nominated D. Brackenreed

MOTION 8: Moved by A B Graff, seconded by R. Breton that nominations cease.

Acclaimed: D. Brackenreed

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

Senator McCabe, Academic Colleague to COU, reported on a working paper co-authored by faculty members from Ryerson University and Trent University titled *Academic Dishonesty: A Survey of Policies and Procedures at Ontario Universities*. Senator McCabe also stated that Dr. Richard Van Loon has embarked on a review of COU, including the number of council meetings per year. It has been recommended that the status remain at five meetings per year, with two of those meetings with the Executive Heads.

Senator Common informed Senate that the Ontario Council on Graduate Studies is currently reviewing their structure with the idea of moving towards streamlining the process of approval of graduate studies, less rigorous follow up appraisals, but more rigorous initial appraisals.

AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

MOTION 9: Moved by J. McIntosh, seconded by R. Fix that Senate approve the Guidelines for the Operation of the Student Academic Standing Appeals and Petitions Committee in Brantford.

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

MOTION 10: Moved by D. Mock, seconded by P. Ricketts that Senate discharge the non-standing Senate Committees of 2006-07.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

NOTICE OF MOTION & SPECIAL MEETING OF SENATE

The motion will be reviewed by the Academic Planning Committee and a recommendation will be forwarded to Senate. Following consideration by APC, a special meeting of Senate will be held on Thursday, June 21, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. in F210.

That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the creation of a four-Faculty structure at Nipissing University, to be achieved in the following steps:

- 1) establish a Faculty of Applied and Professional Studies (initially comprising four Schools of Business and Economics, Nursing, Criminal Justice, and Social Development and Family Studies) to be operational by July 1, 2008 at the latest;
- 2) establish a Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and a Faculty of Science (initially comprising five departments of Biology/Chemistry; Mathematics and Computer Science; Geography and Geology; Psychology; and Environmental Sciences) to be operational by July 1, 2012 at the latest

Concurrent Education Coordinating Committee

MOTION 11: Moved by K. Topps, seconded by R. Fix that Senate considers receipt of the Report of the Concurrent Education Coordinating Committee dated 1 June 2007.

CARRIED

MOTION 12: Moved by K. Topps, seconded by K. Ferguson that the Concurrent Education Coordinating Committee Report dated 1 June 2007 be received.

CARRIED

MOTION 13: Moved by K. Topps, seconded by K. Ferguson that Computer Science BSC4 options be added to the P/J and J/I divisions in the Concurrent Education program.

CARRIED

Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee

May 30th Report

MOTION 14: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by M. Sroga that Senate consider the Report of the Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee dated May 30, 2007
CARRIED

MOTION 15: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by D. Lawrence that the Report of the Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee dated May 30, 2007 be received.
CARRIED

June 5th Report

MOTION 16: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by P. Ricketts that Senate consider the Report of the Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee dated June 12, 2007
CARRIED

MOTION 17: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by P. Ricketts that the Report of the Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee dated June 5, 2007 be received.
CARRIED

MOTION 18: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by I. Wassink that Senate admit to their respective degrees in-course, the students listed in Appendix A 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: 12:07 p.m.

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D. Mock

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D. Brackenreed