

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SPECIAL SENATE MEETING

June 21, 2007

1:30 p.m. - Room F210

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

N.J. Baker, J. Barker, R. Bergquist, G. Brophey, N. Brown,
K. Brozowski, R. Brozowski, A. Clendinning, A. Dean,
D. Flynn, D. Geden, AB Graff, D. Hemsworth, D. Jowett,
T. Koivukoski, L. Kruk, U. Kundrats, S. Lechlitner, J. LeClair,
K. McCullough, C. McFarlane, G. Morrell, D. Murphy,
F. Noël, S. O'Hagan, A. Page, T. Parkes, L. Penno, G. Pyle,
S. Renshaw, C. Sarlo, S. Srigley, M. Sroga, D. Tabachnick,
T. Waldock, D. Walters, W. Young

J. Allison, E. Ashworth, A. Bell, J. Barnett, D. Brackenreed,
T. Campbell, M. Cantalini-Williams, J. Corkett,
S. Elliott- Johns, K. Ferguson, L. Frost, R. Graham, D. Gosse,
B. Hatt, T. Horton, P. Joong, L. Keuhl, M. Kariuki,
G. Laronde, J. Long, N. Maynes, B. Olmsted, MA Parr,
M. Parr, S. Reid, C. Richardson, W. Richardson, O. Ridler,
H. Rintoul, J. Scott, K. Waller

P. Gavan
T. Benevides
G. deBruyn, J. Fortier, C. Fraser, I. Wassink

ABSENT WITH REGRETS:

J. Baffoe (leave), E. Berger, W. Borody, R. Breton, G. Brown,
E. Cholewa, P. Chow, P. Cook, T. Curwen, T. Dokis, H. Earl,
D. Hackett, D. Hall, A. Karassev, S. Kariuki, P. Kelly (leave),
J. Knox, J. Kovacs (leave), S. Lawlor (leave), E. Mattson,
S. Mayhall, I. Mueller, S. Muhlberger, P. Nosko, M. Owens,
L. Patriquin, G. Phillips (leave), D. Rowbotham, J. Ryan,
M. Saari, B. Schreyer, A. Sparkes, K. Srigley,
K. Stange (leave), R. Teigrob, K. Topps, M. Tuncali (leave),
V. Valov, M. Wachowiak, A. Weeks, S. Winters, H. Zhu

A.-M. Aquino, D. Berry (leave), K. Clausen, R. Davis, R. Fix,
D. Franks, H. Gardner, C. Harvey, D. Jarvis, K. Kirkwood, H.
Langford (leave), R. Lynn, K. MacLeod, M. McCabe,
J. McIntosh, B. McMahon, K. Noël, J. Price, K. Quigg,

C. Ricci, T. Ryan, G. Sharpe, C. Shields (leave), I Sinfield,
M. Szakacs, S. Van Nuland (leave), L. Vokes-Leduc,
N. Zur Nedden

M. Couchie
D. Pletzer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President thanked all faculty who participated in the 7th Convocation, the biggest Convocation to date, with 190 faculty members attending. He also thanked all the staff who assisted.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Academic Planning Committee

MOTION 1: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by I. Wassink that the Report of the Academic Planning Committee dated June 4, 2007 be received.
CARRIED

MOTION 2: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by B. Bergquist, 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 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.

MOTION 3: Moved by G. Laronde, seconded by D. Tabachnick, that the vote for Motion 2 be a secret ballot.
CARRIED

Questions from Senators

At the request of individual Senators the following questions were minuted.

Senator Tabachnick: If the creation of a professional faculty is related to the Strategic Plan and the Academic Plan, does this now indicate the university's intention to put more resources into professional programs than Arts and Science?

Senator Reid: My question has a qualitative and a quantitative part.

Qualitative: If Arts and Science is a dysfunctional faculty, as was mentioned at the Faculty of Education meeting, how will this restructuring make it more functional?

Quantitative: Why does the Faculty of Education have to cut 12% of its budget line at the same time that there is apparently enough money to pay for a new Dean and Faculty structure? Is this the most efficient use of resources that are badly needed to support classroom instruction?

Senator Tabachnick: Will the professors working in that faculty be paid the same as other faculty? Will the students be paying the same tuitions? Will the professors and students have the same qualifications/standards?

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In Favour – 49

Opposed – 26

CARRIED

ELECTIONS

- Elect one Senator to serve as Chair of the Appointments, Promotions and Tenure Committee (procedural)

G. Morrell nominated M. Tuncali

MOTION 5: Moved by AB Graff, seconded by C. McFarlane that nominations cease.
 CARRIED

Acclaimed: M. Tuncali

If there is not objection, Senate will now adjourn: **3:39 p.m.**

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D. Mock

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D. Brackenreed