

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

October 5, 2007  
2:45 p.m. – Room F210

MEMBERS PRESENT:

D. Mock, P. Ricketts, B. Bergquist, D. Lawrence, B. Nettlefold,  
D. Parker, R. Wideman

NJ Baker, J. Barker, G. Brophey, G. Brown, N. Brown, K. Brozowski,  
B. Carpenter, N. Colbourne, H. Earl, R. Gendron, AB Graff, D. Hall,  
D. Hemsworth, D. Jowett, A. Karassev, S. Kariuki, T. Koivukoski,  
J. Kovacs, L. Kruk, U. Kundrats, S. Lechlitner, K. McCullough,  
C. McFarlane, G. Morrell, I. Mueller, J. Murton, D. Neal, F. Noël,  
S. O'Hagan, A. Page, T. Parkes, L. Patriquin, C. Sarlo, S. Srigley,  
D. Tabachnick, K. Topps, R. Vanderlee, M. Wachowiak, T. Waldock,  
D. Walters, H. Zhu

A. Adler, J. Allison, E. Ashworth, A. Bell, R. Bernardes, T. Campbell,  
S. Elliott Johns, K. Ferguson, B. Fix, D. Franks, T. Horton, J. Humble,  
D. Jarvis, K. Mantas, J. McAuliffe, B. Olmsted, MA Parr, J. Pitt,  
C. Richardson, W. Richardson, O. Ridler, J. Scott, S. Tedesco,  
L. Vokes Leduc

L. Drinkwalter

T. Benevides

J. Fortier, C. Fraser, I. Wassink, G. de Bruyn

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: E. Berger (leave), R. Breton, A. Clendinning (leave), D. Geden,  
D. Hemsworth, P. Kelly (leave), J. Knox (leave), M. Owens, S. Renshaw,  
A. Sparkes (leave), K. Stange (leave), M. Tuncali, S. Winters

J. Barnett, D. Berry (leave), M. Cantalini-Williams, K. Clausen (leave),  
D. Gosse, C. Harvey (leave), P. Joong, M. Kariuki (leave),  
H. Langford (leave), J. Long (leave), M. McCabe (leave),  
J. McIntosh (leave), K. Noël, K. Quigg, S. Reid (leave),

L. McLaren

S. Anderson

ABSENT:

R. Common

P. Babady-Bila, W. Borody, R. Brozowski, E. Cholewa, P. Chow,  
T. Curwen, A. Dean, T. Dokis, D. Flynn, J. Grant, D. Hackett,  
D. Horning-Lafrance, N. Kozuskanich, E. Mattson, S. Muhlberger,  
D. Murphy, R. Nagy, W. Peters, L. Peturson, G. Phillips, G. Pyle,  
D. Rowbotham, M. Saari, B. Schreyer, T. Smith, K. Srigley, M. Sroga,  
V. Valov, A. Weeks, W. Young

AM Aquino, D. Brackenreed, J. Bumstead, J. Corkett, L. Frost,  
R. Graham, A. Frierson, B. Hatt, C. Jodoin, L. Julien Schultz,  
G. Laronde, N. Maynes, B. McMahon, M. Parr, R. Phillips, G. Raymer,  
C. Ricci, H. Rintoul, T. Ryan, G. Sharpe, C. Shields, M. Tessaro, K. Waller

MOTION 1: Moved by L. Patriquin, seconded by D. Hemsworth that the minutes of the meeting of September 14, 2007 be adopted.  
CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President began his brief announcements by thanking the senators who worked at the Nipissing booth at the recent Ontario University Fair in Toronto. As always, this venue marks the beginning of the recruitment cycle of new students. The President was very pleased to report that more than 92,000 people went through the turnstiles, with 10,000 pamphlets distributed.

There were several other notable events about which the President wished to apprise Senate. The Higher Education Quality Council of Ontario (HEQCO) made an official visit on September 26. This group is a buffer body established by the provincial government to conduct research into accountability, quality and accessibility of postsecondary institutions. On October 12, there will be a groundbreaking ceremony at the Muskoka campus celebrating the construction of a new \$6.2M building in Bracebridge. In addition to this building, there are plans for new program development. The official opening of the Monastery will be on November 30.

The Vice-President Academic and Research was pleased to announce that the Board of Governors has approved the faculty restructuring plan. This will result in the first new faculty since the university was established. As a result, the Office of the Vice-President of Academic and Research is moving ahead with two decanal searches.

Last evening, the Board of Governors received reports from the Animal Care Committee and the Research Ethics Board, and Senator Ricketts extended his thanks to all senators and community members who have served on these committees in the past year. The Vice-President concluded his comments by noting that he will be attending a meeting next week with his counterparts across the province to review the role of OCGS on graduate proposals.

The Dean of Arts and Science was pleased to announce that Senator Nadeau (School of Business and Economics) has successfully defended his PhD thesis. The Dean was also delighted to report that Senator Waldock from the Muskoka campus will be giving a keynote address at a children's rights symposium to be held on this campus on October 24. UNICEF has selected Nipissing as one of two sites for this event.

Senator de Bruyn, President of NUSU, indicated that the latest version of the schematic design of the new Student Centre building is now available for viewing in the Student Centre hallway. The Senator was also pleased to announce that as a result of recent elections, the new representatives of the constituents groups for NUSU are: Samantha Cox, Faculty of Education; Marianne Den Haan, Social Sciences; Stacy Sheremeta, Sciences; Gavan Jamieson, Professional Schools; Katharina Prince, Residence and Alicia Brown, Muskoka.

Senator Nettlefold wished to advise Senate that Access Copyright has requested to check on a sample of course packs that are available to students. This request is mandated by AUCC.

### QUESTION PERIOD

A question was raised about recent changes to the policy regarding SSHRC applications. The concern was that two individuals from the Department of English Studies had prepared their SSHRC applications, but were informed they could not apply because of their employment status (9/10 month contracts). The Vice-President Academic and Research responded that he understood the disappointment from these individuals but there had been no changes to the policy. He added that the university attempts to support as many faculty as possible, but tri-council policies must be complied with. SSHRC applications must be signed off by the university, indicating that the applicant has a formal affiliation with the university. This does not apply to individuals on a 9 or 10 month sessional appointment. Past practice has been to try to support applications if there is a reasonable expectation that there will be ongoing employment with the university. It was further noted that NSERC only considers applications from individuals who have at least a three-year appointment.

MOTION 2:                    Moved by C. McFarlane, seconded by L. Kruk that Senate consult with SSHRC to seek clarification on employees of 9, 10 and 12 month contract for standard grants.  
WITHDRAWN

Senator Ricketts indicated his commitment to verify SSHRC's eligibility criteria and report back to Senate in November.

### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

#### Executive Committee

MOTION 3:                    Moved by D. Mock, seconded by L. Patriquin that the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated September 27, 2007 be received.  
CARRIED

ELECTIONS

MOTION 4: Moved by B. Bergquist seconded by L. Kruk that the Friday, October 5, 2007 Senate elect only the fourth out-of-faculty representatives to the Search Committees for the future Dean of Arts and Science and the future Dean of the Applied and Professional Studies. The three Senate representatives internal to those faculties will be elected by balloting conducted during the week of October 9 to 15 inclusive.

CARRIED

• **Senate representation on the Search Committee for the Dean of Arts and Science**

Elect three Senate representatives from the Faculty of Arts and Science and one Senate representative from another Faculty to serve on the Search Committee for the Dean of Arts and Science. Of those elected, at least one shall be female and one shall be male. Only one may be a probationary (tenure track) faculty member.

**Three Senators from the Faculty of Arts and Science:**

H. Earl nominated G. Morrell

I. Mueller nominated S. Srigley

L. Kruk nominated AB Graff

D. Walter nominated J. Kovacs

S. Kariuki nominated F. Noël

S. Srigley nominated D. Hall

F. Noël nominated P. Nosko

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

CARRIED

**Elected: AB Graff, D. Hall, G. Morrell**

**One Senator from another Faculty**

O. Ridler nominated S. Elliott-Johns

MOTION 6: Moved by D. Frank, seconded by B. Olmsted that nominations cease.

CARRIED

**Acclaimed: S. Elliott-Johns**

- **Senate representation on the Search Committee for the Dean of Applied and Professional Studies**

Elect three Senate representatives from the Faculty of Applied and Professional Studies and one Senate representative from another Faculty to serve on the Search Committee for the Dean of Applied and Professional Studies. Of those elected, at least one shall be female and one shall be male. Only one may be a probationary (tenure track) faculty member.

**Three Senators from the Faculty of Applied and Professional Studies:**

B. Carpenter nominated C. Sarlo  
B. Carpenter nominated G. Brophay  
J. Barker nominated K. McCullough  
S. Lechlitner nominated G. Brown  
G. Brown nominated J. Barker

MOTION 7:            Moved by G. Brown, seconded by J. Barker that nominations cease.  
CARRIED

**Elected:            G. Brown, K. McCullough, C. Sarlo**

**One Senator from another Faculty**

O. Ridler nominated J. Allison  
G. Raymer nominated J. McAuliffe  
T. Parkes nominated F. Noël

MOTION 8:            Moved by B. Fix seconded by AB Graff that nominations cease.  
CARRIED

**Elected:            J. Allison**

- One education Senator to serve on the APT Assessment Sub-committee for Education

MA Parr nominated T. Horton

MOTION 9:            Moved by AB Graff, seconded by C. McFarlane that nominations cease.  
CARRIED

**Acclaimed:        T. Horton**

NEW BUSINESS

Academic Planning Committee

MOTION 10: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by I. Wassink that Senate consider receipt of the Report of the Academic Planning Committee dated September 25, 2007.  
CARRIED

MOTION 11: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by I. Wassink that the Report of the Academic Planning Committee dated September 25, 2007 be received.  
CARRIED

MOTION 12: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by D. Mock that Senate approve the continuation of the probationary tenure-track position in the School of Business and Economics, effective July 1, 2008.  
CARRIED

MOTION 13: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate approve the continuation of the tenure-track position in Geography, effective July 1, 2008  
CARRIED

MOTION 14: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by B. Fix that Senate approve the continuation of the two probationary tenure-track positions in MEd, effective July 1, 2008.  
CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

**If there is no objection, Senate will now adjourn: 4.26 p.m.**

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D. Mock, President

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D. Brackenreed, Secretary