

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

December 7, 2007
2:45 p.m. - Room F210

MEMBERS PRESENT: D. Mock, P. Ricketts, B. Bergquist, L. Frost, D. Lawrence, B. Nettlefold,
D. Parker, R. Wideman

NJ Baker, J. Barker, R. Breton, R. Brozowski, B. Carpenter, H. Earl,
D. Geden, J. Grant, D. Horning-Lafrance, D. Jowett, T. Koivukoski,
L. Kruk, U. Kundraats, S. Lechlitner, G. Morrell, J. Nadeau, R. Nagy,
D. Neal, F. Noël, M. Owens, A. Page, L. Patriquin, G. Phillips, S. Renshaw,
C. Sarlo, K. Srigley, S. Srigley, D. Tabachnick, K. Topps, M. Tuncali,
W. Young

A. Adler, R. Bernardes, D. Brackenreed, T. Campbell, K. Ferguson, B. Fix,
D. Franks, D. Gosse, D. Jarvis, L. Julien-Schultz, K. Mantas, J. McAuliffe,
B. Olmsted, MA Parr, O. Ridler, J. Scott, S. Tedesco, L. Vokes-Leduc

L. McLaren

L. Drinkwalter

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

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: E. Berger, G. Brown, A. Clendinning, D. Hemsworth, P. Kelly, J. Knox,
A. Sparkes, K. Stange, T. Waldock

J. Barnett, D. Berry, M. Cantalini-Williams, K. Clausen, C. Harvey,
T. Horton, P. Joong, M. Kariuki, H. Langford, J. Long, M. McCabe,
J. McIntosh, K. Noel, J. Pitt, K. Quigg, S. Reid, W. Richardson

ABSENT: P. Babady-Bila, W. Borody, G. Brophey, K. Brozowski, E. Cholewa,
P. Chow, N. Colbourne, T. Curwen, A. Dean, T. Dokis, D. Flynn,
R. Gendron, AB Graff, D. Hackett, D. Hall, A. Karassev, S. Kariuki,
J. Kovacs, N. Kozuskanich, E. Mattson, K. McCullough, C. McFarlane,
I. Mueller, S. Muhlberger, D. Murphy, J. Nadeau, P. Nosko, S. O'Hagan,
T. Parkes, W. Peters, L. Peturson, G. Pyle, D. Rowbotham, M. Saari,
B. Schreyer, T. Smith, M. Sroga, V. Valov, R. Vanderlee, D. Walters,
A. Weeks, S. Winters, H. Zhu

J. Allsion, AM Aquino, E. Ashworth, A. Bell, J. Bumstead, J. Corkett,
S. Elliott-Johns, R. Graham, A. Grierson, B. Hatt, J. Humble, C. Jodoin,
G. Laronde, K. MacLeod, N. Maynes, B. McMahan, M. Parr, G. Raymer,
C. Ricci, C. Richardson, H. Rintoul, T. Ryan, G. Sharpe, C. Shields,
M. Tessaro, K. Waller

S. Anderson

T. Benevides

A. Brown

The minutes of the Senate meeting of November 9, 2007 were adopted with no objections.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President began his announcements by remarking on the sadness at the recent loss of two very popular students. A memorial service is being planned for January.

On November 19, the President, along with his counterparts from the other northern colleges and universities, met with the Deputy Ministers of Training, Colleges and Universities as well as Northern Development and Mines. They received the strong message that northern institutions are central for the overall growth strategy for the north and that funding will reflect that message.

The President provided a status report on the Strategic Plan and he informed Senate that he was still waiting for the final three task groups reports. Recommendations from the task group on Internationalization will be posted to the web in January. Outlines from the Scholarships and Bursaries group and the E-learning/E-teaching group will be submitted early in the new year.

At the January 2008 meeting of Senate, the President indicated the Senate Review Committee will be presenting a draft preliminary report.

The President reminded Senators that December 10 is the 15th anniversary of Nipissing's charter and noted the changes that have occurred since 1992.

An update of the two decanal searches was provided by the Vice-President Academic and Research. He noted that the position profile for the Dean's position in Arts and Science has been finalized and the job posting will appear in the Globe and Mail and the upcoming issues of University Affairs and CAUT. The search committee for the Dean of Applied and Professional Studies has met with the consultants and the committee has decided to hold consultations with faculty, administration and board members to get input on qualities and values they would like to see in the new dean. The advertisement for this position will go out in January 2008.

The Vice-President informed Senate that the UPRAC audit report has been received. Eleven recommendations and eight suggestions have been made as a result of the spring 2006 visit. Nipissing's response to the report's findings will be generated early in the new year. This week there were visits by the Sociology UPRAC review and the OCGS appraisal visit.

The Van Loon report, a review of the OCGS appraisal process, has resulted in a series of recommendations. One of the proposals is to develop a parallel process for new undergraduate and graduate programs with both processes reporting through a subcommittee of OCAV. Current undergraduate and graduate programs would be subject to internal institutional program quality appraisals. The Vice-President indicated that this report is being tabled at the COU Executive Heads meeting on December 13. The proposed target date for implementation is September 2009.

The Vice-President concluded his announcements by reporting that an application has been submitted for a CRC Chair for Dean Bavington and results should be known in May.

The Dean of Education was delighted to announce the Senator Sharpe is one of the nominees for the TVO best lecture competition.

Senator deBruyn, NUSU President, thanked all faculty and staff for their support following the tragic loss of two popular students. She also extended congratulations for the opening of Monastery Hall.

Senator Nettlefold requested that Senators who utilize the Journal from the National Research Council commence a letter writing campaign as the federal government has indicated they will restrict free-of-charge access to the top 100 libraries in Canada. Since 2000, this journal has been free to all Canadians.

Senator Lawrence announced that applications to the Bachelor of Education program have closed and, as expected, applications are down across the province. Nipissing has received 4400 applications, which should fill all available places.

QUESTION PERIOD

There was a question regarding the status of the search committee for the Director of Nursing position. Senator Parker indicated that the committee was finalizing the advertisement with the cooperation of Nipissing University and Candore College nursing faculty and should be approved shortly

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Senate Executive Committee

MOTION 1: Moved by D. Mock, seconded by D. Geden that the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated November 29, 2007 be received.
CARRIED

University Curriculum Committee

MOTION 2: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by J. Fortier that the Report of the University Curriculum Committee dated November 12, 2007 be received.
CARRIED

MOTION 3: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by D. Parker that students enrolled in the Bachelor of Physical and Health Education Program be allowed to enrol in either BIOL1011 or BIOL1006 to meet their 1st year Biology requirement.
CARRIED

MOTION4: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by W. Young that Senate approve the following consolidated motions in accordance with the New Program Implementation Policy, to give Stage Two "Curriculum Approval" to the Bachelor of Arts (Honours) – Combined Major in Social Welfare and Social Development including the following curriculum changes:

- a) The modification of the title and course description for SWLF1005 Introduction to Social Welfare Studies;
- b) The deletion of SWLF2105 Social Welfare as a Social Institution;
- c) The addition of a new course SWLF2006 Ideology and Social Welfare;

- d) The modification of the course number, title, description and prerequisite of SWLF 3107 Abolishing Poverty in Canada (to SWLF2007 Poverty and Social Policy in Canada);
- e) The modification of the course number, description and prerequisite of SWLF3106 Social and Economic Justice (to SWLF3006);
- f) The modification of the course number, description and prerequisite of SWLF2606 History of Social Welfare (to SWLF3007). The course will maintain its cross-listing to History;
- g) The modification of the course description for SWLF3296 Globalization and the Welfare State;
- h) The modification of the title and description of SWLF3306 Social Policy in the United States and Europe;
- i) The modification of the title and description of SWLF3307 Social Welfare in Developing Countries;
- j) The modification of the description of SWLF3445 Women and Social Welfare;
- k) The addition of a new course SWLF 505 Social Change for Social Justice;
- l) The modification of the title of SWLF3916 and SWLF3917 Selected Topics in Social Welfare I and II, and the addition of two new Selected Topics Courses in Social Welfare and Social Development SWLF3926 and SWLF3927;
- m) The addition of a new course SWLF4005 Honours Essay;
- n) The change of the current name of the major and minor in Social Welfare to Social Welfare and Social Development;
- o) The modification of the major requirements for both a three year General-Single and three year Combined major in Social Welfare;
- p) The addition of a four-year Honours combined major in Social Welfare and Social Development.

CARRIED

MOTION 5:

Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by D. Parker that Senate approve the following consolidated motions in accordance with the New Program Implementation Policy, Senate give Stage Two “Curriculum Approval” to the Bachelor of Arts (Honours) – Single Major in Child and Family Studies including the following curriculum changes:

- a) The addition of a new course CHFS2016 Children, Families and Equity Issues;
- b) The addition of a new course CHFS3037 Multiculturalism, Race and Childhood;
- c) The addition of a new course CHFS3025 Research Methods;
- d) The addition of a new course CHFS4005 Honours Seminar;
- e) The addition of a new course CHFS4105 Research Essay;
- f) The deletion of PSYC2126, PSYC2127 and SOCI3125 from the Child and Family Studies major;
- g) The modification of the major requirements for the three year General single major in Child and Family Studies;
- h) The addition of a four year Honours single major in Child and Family Studies.

CARRIED

MOTION 6: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by B. Fix that Senate approve the following consolidated motions relating to the Geography program:

- a) The modification of GEOG3825 Geography of Developing Countries (to be pulled from the archive);
- b) The modification of GEOG4227 The Social and Cultural Geography of the City (title, prerequisite and description).

CARRIED

MOTION 7: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by S. Srigley that Senate approve the following consolidated motions relating to the Religions and Cultures program:

- a) The addition of RLCT3506 Religion and Politics and that it be cross-listed with Political Science;
- b) The addition of RLCT3205 Constructing Religion; Theorizing God: Theory and Method in the Study of Religion;
- c) The addition of RLCT3036 Themes in 20th Century Religious Thought and RLCT3037 Figures in 20th Century Religious Thought, both 3 credit courses to replace RLCT3035 20th Century Religious Thought, a six credit course;
- d) The deletion of RLCT3035. Both new courses remain cross-listed with Philosophy;
- e) The addition of RLCT2126 Religious Themes in Literature, a 3 credit course to replace RLCT2125 Religious themes in Literature, a 6 credit course and the deletion of RLCT2125. The new course remains cross-listed with English Studies.

CARRIED

MOTION 8: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve the following consolidated motions relating to the Computer Science and Mathematics program:

- a) The addition of COSC2406 Introduction to Game Design and Development;
- b) The addition of COSC3406 Advanced Game Design and Development;
- c) The addition of COSC/MATH2216 Introduction to Computational Geometry;
- d) The addition of COSC/MATH3216 Advanced Computational Geometry

CARRIED

MOTION 9: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by K. Srigley that Senate approve the following consolidated motions relating to the Classics program:

- a) The cross-listing to History of CLAS3207 Slavery in the Roman World;
- b) The cross-listing to History and Gender Equality and Social Justice of CLAS3206 Gender and Sexuality in Greece and Rome;
- c) The modification of CLAS3097 Women in Classical Rome (title, description and cross-listing to History);
- d) The modification of CLAS3096 Women in Classical Greece (title, description and cross-listing with History).

CARRIED

MOTION 10: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by S. Renshaw that Senate approve the following consolidated motions relating to the Gender Equality and Social Justice program:

- a) The deletion of GEND2167 Miscarriages of Justice, GEND2216 Gender, Culture and Textiles and GEND3206 Persecution, Human Rights and International Justice;
- b) The modification of GEND1025 Introduction to Gender Equality and Social Justice (description only);
- c) The modification of GEND2055 Women in Diversity (title, and description);
- d) The modification of GEND2157 Gender and the Law II (title and description);
- e) The modification of GEND2166 Women, Media and Representation (description only);
- f) The modification of GEND2217 Gender and the Media: Themes and Controversies (description only);
- g) The modification of GEND2226 Case Studies in Persecution (title and description);
- h) The modification of GEND3127 Gender, Globalization and Human Rights (description);
- i) The addition of GEND2146 Law, Power and Justice;
- j) The addition of GEND2147 Citizenship and Social Justice with a cross-listing in Political Science;
- k) The addition of GEND3217 International Human Rights with a cross-listing in Political Science;
- l) The addition of GEND3227 Transitional Justice with a cross-listing in Political Science;
- m) The addition of GEND2266 Queer Media with a cross-listing in English Studies;
- n) The cross-listing to Political Science of GEND2226 Case Studies in Persecution, GEND3207 The United Nations and International Justice, and GEND3127 Gender, Globalization and Human Rights.

CARRIED

University Research Council

MOTION 11: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by B. Nettlefold that the Report of the University Research Council dated November 13, 2007 be received.
CARRIED

Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee

MOTION 12: Moved by B. Bergquist, seconded by I. Wassink that the Report of the Admissions, Promotions, and Petitions Committee dated November 14, 2007 be received.
CARRIED

MOTION 13: Moved by B. Bergquist, seconded by I. Wassink that the students listed on 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

ELECTIONS

- Elect one faculty Senator (tenured or tenure track) from outside the discipline for the search committee for a probationary position in Political Science.

D. Tabachnick nominated W. Borody

MOTION 14: Moved by D. Franks, seconded by I. Wassink that nominations cease.
 CARRIED

Acclaimed: W. Borody

ADJOURNMENT

If there is no objection, Senate will now adjourn: 3:30 p.m.

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D. Mock, President

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D. Brackenreed, Secretary