

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

January 11, 20
2:45 p.m. - Room F210

MEMBERS PRESENT:

D. Mock, P. Ricketts, L. Frost, D. Lawrence, D. Parker, R. Wideman

NJ Baker, J. Barker, W. Borody, R. Breton, B. Carpenter, E. Cholewa, H. Earl, D. Geden, R. Gendron, AB Graff, J. Grant, D. Hemsworth, D. Jowett, A. Karassev, T. Koivukoski, J. Kovacs, N. Kozuskanich, U. Kundrats, S. Lechlitner, E. Mattson, K. McCullough, C. McFarlane, G. Morrell, S. Muhlberger, J. Murton, D. Neal, F. Noël, S. O'Hagan, M. Owens, T. Parkes, L. Patriquin, W. Peters, L. Peturson, G. Phillips, G. Pyle, S. Renshaw, C. Sarlo, T. Smith, K. Srigley, S. Srigley, D. Tabachnick, K. Topps, M. Tuncali, R. Vanderlee, D. Walters, H. Zhu

J. Allison, E. Ashworth, J. Barnett, A. Bell, R. Bernardes, T. Campbell, S. Elliott-Johns, B. Fix, D. Franks, T. Horton, J. Humble, M. Kariuki, G. Laronde, K. MacLeod, K. Mantas, J. McAuliffe, B. Olmsted, MA Parr, M. Parr, R. Phillips, J. Pitt, C. Richardson, O. Ridler, J. Scott, S. Tedesco, L. Vokes-Leduc

L. McLaren

L. Drinkwalter

T. Benevides

A. Brown, S. Cox, J. Fraser, I. Wassink, G. deBruyn

ABSENT WITH REGRETS:

P. Babady-Bila, E. Berger, G. Brophey, G. Brown (leave), A. Clendinning (leave), S. Kariuki, P. Kelly (leave), J. Knox (leave), L. Kruk, A. Page, A. Sparkes (leave), K. Stange (leave), T. Waldock

D. Berry (leave), D. Brackenreed, M. Cantalini-Williams, K. Clausen (leave), P. Joong, H. Langford (leave), J. Long (leave), M. McCabe (leave), J. McIntosh, K. Noël, K. Quigg, W. Richardson (leave)

ABSENT:

N. Brown, K. Brozowski, R. Brozowski, P. Chow, N. Colbourne, T. Curwen, A. Dean, T. Dokis, D. Flynn, D. Hackett, D. Hall, D. Horning-Lafrance, I. Mueller, D. Murphy, J. Nadeau, R. Nagy, P. Nosko, D. Rowbotham, M. Saari, B. Schreyer, M. Sroga, V. Valov, M. Wachowiak, A. Weeks, S. Winters, W. Young

A. Adler, J. Bumstead, J. Corkett, R. Graham, A. Grierson, D. Gosse, C. Harvey, B. Hatt, D. Jarvis, C. Jodoin, L. Julien-Schultz, N. Maynes, B. McMahan, G. Raymer, C. Ricci, H. Rintoul, T. Ryan, C. Shields, M. Tessaro, K. Waller

S. Anderson

C. Fraser

The minutes of the Senate meeting of December 7, 2007 were adopted with a minor revision on page 3.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President began his announcements by welcoming Senators back for the winter term. He provided an update on the power failure that occurred over the holidays and thanked the staff who came in to expedite the return of power and computer systems. This incident reaffirmed the need for redundancy. A complete report will be completed for insurance purposes, which will include the research data that was destroyed. The President also noted that both institutions may go to the government to get deferred maintenance monies to update the power systems.

There was a COU meeting on December 13, and the President reported that the new MTCU Minister, John Milloy attended. Minister Milloy advised COU that his three main priorities were economy and job creation, poverty and Aboriginal issues. He added that special funding would be provided to address the needs in those three areas. Another area that will receive funding is the university-college relationships and the President added that Nipissing and Canadore are in an excellent position to received funding.

The proposed OCGS changes were approved at the December COU Executive Heads meeting.

On December 17, the new Minister of Northern Development and Mines, the Honorable Michael Gravelle, visited the campus. The President noted that he is continually lobbying for capital and increased operating grants.

The President was pleased to announce that the new Human Rights/Human Resource Advisor is Mr. David McCuaig, who will be commencing his duties on Monday, January 14.

The President concluded his comments by advising Senators that admissions from high school applicants are >90% processed and applications across the province are up 1.5%.

The Vice-President Academic and Research updated Senate on the decanal searches and indicated that the next meetings will be to review the initial applicant pool.

It was also noted that David McMurray from Wilfrid Laurier University was on campus conducting an external review of the Department of Student Affairs.

The Vice-President was pleased to announce that Senators Brown, Hemsworth, W. Richardson and Tabachnick were the successful recipients of the research achievement awards. These annual awards, valued at \$5K each, are referenced in the collective agreement and recognize meritorious research.

The Dean of Education (interim) indicated that the Faculty is seeking a Memorandum of Understanding with Curriculum Services Canada for external research funding from the private sector. The purpose of the funding is to bridge the gap between IT and teachers.

The NUSU President announced that nomination packages for a new NUSU Executive are now available until January 25. Senator deBruyn also indicated that the Student Union was pleased to take part in the Student Affairs review.

QUESTION PERIOD

A question was raised about the challenges of keeping power on at this campus and the subsequent follow-up to the most recent incident. One of the issues was receiving merely a phone call. Concern was also expressed about the generators and their difficulty in supplying power to the freezers and about having e-mail servers off campus when the on-site servers go down.

The President indicated that we were fortunate in that the server that runs our campus homepage is off-campus and staff was able to get updates. Alternatives regarding redundancy issues are being investigated. The generator that was purchased for the research wing did not have the proper hookups to go to a -80° freezer. The President indicated that he would be meeting with the Vice-President Finance and Administration and the various stakeholders to determine what went right and what went wrong and would report back to the February Senate. He expressed his worry about the research environment being compromised with these problems. To rectify these problems will mean a major investment in infrastructure and will be in the budget for next year.

Senate Executive Committee

MOTION 1: Moved by D. Mock, seconded by AB Graff that the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated January 3, 2008, be received.
CARRIED

Academic Planning Committee

MOTION 2: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by D. Parker that the Report of the Academic Planning Committee dated December 17, 2007 be received.
CARRIED

University Curriculum Committee

MOTION 3: Moved by P. Ricketts, second by D. Franks that the Report of the University Curriculum Committee dated December 13, 2007 be received.
CARRIED

MOTION 4: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by L. Frost that Senate approve as a consolidated motion, the addition of the following three-credit courses in the Physical and Health Education program:

1. PHED 1116 - Physical Education Practical I
2. PHED 1117 - Physical Education Practical II
3. PHED 2116 - Physical Education Practical III
4. PHED 2117 - Physical Education Practical IV
5. PHED 3116 - Physical Education Practical V
6. PHED 3117 - Physical Education Practical VI
7. PHED 4116 - Physical Education Practical VII
8. PHED 4117 - Physical Education Practical VIII

CARRIED

MOTION 5: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by B. Olmsted that Senate approve the degree requirements for the Bachelor of Physical and Health Education (BPHE) be modified to remove the NCCP accreditation, as detailed in the attached document.

CARRIED

MOTION 6: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by F. Noël that Senate approve as a consolidated motion, the following:

1. The addition of HIST3267 Food, Land & Subsistence in Human History.
2. The addition of HIST3275 North American Environmental History and its cross-listing to Geography.
3. The deletion of HIST3277 North American Environmental History.
4. The addition of HIST3426 England 1460-1560.
5. The addition of HIST3427 Britain 1560-1660.
6. The addition of HIST3936 History of Sexuality in Western Societies I and its cross-listing to Gender Equality and Social Justice.
7. The modification of HIST3576 America in the Colonial Era (title, prerequisite, description).

CARRIED

MOTION 7: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by S. Renshaw that Senate approve the renaming and reorganizing of the groups for the Gender Equality and Social Justice major, as detailed in the attached document.

CARRIED

MOTION 8: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate approve as a consolidated motion, the following:

1. The addition of PSYC2257/2267 Psychology of Art I and II both 3 credit courses to replace PSYC2255 Psychology of Art, a 6 credit course.
2. The deletion of PSYC 2255.
3. The addition of PSYC 2616 Theories of Personality.
4. The addition of PSYC3616 Personality and Adjustment
5. The deletion of PSYC2615 Personality and Adjustment.
6. The modification of PSYC3606 Psychopathology I (prerequisite).

7. The addition of PSYC2716 Emotion.
8. The addition of PSYC3716 Motivation.
9. The deletion of PSYC 2705 Motivation and Emotion.
10. The modification of PSYC3405 Psychology of Education (prerequisite and description).
11. The addition of PSYC3636 Psychology of Corrections.
12. The addition of PSYC4637 Psychology of Crime and Victimization
13. The deletion of PSYC3635 Psychology of Crime and Corrections.
14. The modification of PSYC4616 Neural Bases of Consciousness (prerequisite).

CARRIED

MOTION 9: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by D. Geden that Senate approve as a consolidated motion the following:

1. The addition of PHIL3476 and PHIL3477 Existentialism I and II.
2. The deletion of PHIL3475 Existentialism.

CARRIED

MOTION 10: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by G. Phillips, that Senate approve as a consolidated motion, the following:

1. The modification of the 4000 level requirements for the BA Honours Single and Combined majors in English Studies to include ENGL 4695.
2. The addition of ENGL3276 and ENGL3277 Studies in the Native Literatures of North America I and II and their cross-listing to Native Studies.

CARRIED

MOTION 11: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by J. Barker that Senate approve the modification of CRJS3206 Canadian Criminal Law and the Criminal Code (removal of the restriction).

CARRIED

MOTION 12: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate approve the modification of the program requirements in the BA4 and BA3 Environmental Geography majors to remove HIST3276 Topics in Environmental History from the systematic groups.

CARRIED

MOTION 13: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by B. Olmsted that Senate approve the modification of the degree requirements for the Bachelor of Physical and Health Education (BPHE), as detailed in the attached document.

CARRIED

MOTION 14: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by L. Frost that Senate approve the addition of the prerequisite for EDUC1205 Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

CARRIED

MOTION 15: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate approve the addition of EDUC4115 Education in the Intermediate Division – Religion, a 36 hour course, to the Additional Basic Qualifications.
CARRIED

Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee

MOTION 16: Moved by H. Earl, seconded by K. Srigley that the Report of the Admissions, Promotions, and Petitions Committee dated December 5, 2007 be received.
CARRIED

MOTION 17: Moved by H. Earl, seconded by K. Srigley 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

REPORTS OF AD HOC COMMITTEES

Report from the Senate Review Committee

The President provided a brief overview of the Senate Review Committee and its mandate. He reminded Senators that this committee was struck as a result of the Nipissing University Strategic Plan. The committee members were introduced as well as the committee's consultant, Dr. Ted Chase. At the last meeting of the Senate Review Committee, the President indicated that it was decided to bring a "progress report" forward to the January Senate along with four notices of motion. The first decision of the committee was to decide whether to retain the present "omnibus" structure or proceed to a representational Senate. If the latter prevails, the implementation target is September 2008. The four notices of motions that follow will appear on February's Senate agenda as motions.

Dr. Chase prepared a PowerPoint presentation and outlined several assumptions that the Committee had made and provided a series of tables outlining the proposed Senate structure and voting membership from the various constituency groups. These tables included models based on a 3-faculty and 4-faculty membership. It was noted that with the proposed Senate restructuring, membership by faculty would be an allocation based on a percentage of the faculty total. There would be four faculty representatives from two previously unrepresented constituencies, namely, limited-term faculty with appointments of less than 12 months and two full-time sessional instructors. There would also be one designated faculty representative from each of the Brantford and Muskoka campuses. Student representation would consist of three NUSU Executive members, one elected undergraduate student from each faculty and one elected graduate student.

Notices of Motion

1. That, subject to identifying an appropriate and workable membership structure, Senate approve in principle the move to a representational Senate, for implementation by September, 2008.
2. That Senate approve, for implementation by September, 2008, the representational Senate membership model outlined in Table III of the *Report of the (Ad Hoc) Senate Review Committee on the Review and Restructuring of the Nipissing University Senate*, dated 04 January, 2008.
3. That, subject to the approval of Motion 2, Senate approve that the normal term of office for elected faculty Senate representatives be: (i) 3 years (renewable) for all positions allocated to the individual Faculties; and (ii) 2 years (renewable) for the 6 designated positions in Table III. 4.
4. That Senate approve in principle that the pending revision of the Senate By-Laws include formal recognition of Nipissing's Faculty Councils and their role in the academic decision-making structure of the University.

OTHER BUSINESS

Honorary Degrees Committee

MOTION 18: Moved by AB Graff, seconded by D. Mock that Senate move into an in-camera session.
CARRIED

MOTION 19: Moved by D. Mock, seconded by P. Ricketts that Senate move out of the in-camera session.
CARRIED

ELECTIONS

Elect one Senator from the Faculty of Arts and Science to serve on the search committee for two probationary positions in Graduate Studies

Acclaimed: D. Hall

Elect one Senator from the Faculty of Arts and Science to serve on the search committee for a probationary position in Social Studies (Primary/Junior)

Acclaimed: L. Patriquin

Elect one Senator from the Faculty of Arts and Science to serve on the search committee for three positions in Curriculum Methods (two probationary and one limited-term in North Bay)

Acclaimed: S. Renshaw

Elect one Senator from the Faculty of Arts and Science to serve on the search committee for two probationary positions in Computer Education

Acclaimed: D. Hemsworth

Elect one Senator from the Faculty of Arts and Science to serve on the search committee for a probationary position in Education and Schooling (Junior/Intermediate)

Acclaimed: D. Tabachnick

Elect one Senator from the Faculty of Arts and Science to serve on the search committee for a probationary position in Physical and Health Education

Acclaimed: R. Vanderlee

Elect one Senator to serve on the Search Committee for a probationary position in Human Geography

Acclaimed: F. Noël

Elect one Senator to serve on the Search Committee for a probationary position in Canadian Environmental History

Acclaimed: E. Mattson

Elect one Senator to serve on the Search Committee for a probationary position in Nursing

Acclaimed: G. Pyle

Elect one Senator to serve on the Search Committee for a probationary position in Organic Chemistry

Acclaimed: J. McAuliffe

Elect one Senator to serve on the Search Committee for a 3-year limited-term position in English Studies

Acclaimed: N. Kozuskanich

ADJOURNMENT

If there is no objection, Senate will now adjourn: 5:55 p.m.

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D. Mock, President

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D. Brackenreed, Secretary