

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

April 4, 2008

2:30 p.m. - Room F210

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

R. Breton, K. Brozowski, R. Brozowski, E. Cholewa, N. Colbourne,
T. Dokis, E. Earl, D. Geden, R. Gendron, AB Graff, J. Grant, D. Jowett,
T. Koivukoski, J. Kovacs, L. Kruk, E. Mattson, K. McCullough,
S. Muhlberger, J. Nadeau, F. Noël, P. Nosko, A. Pages, T. Parkers,
L. Peturson, G. Phillips, G. Pyle, S. Renshaw, C. Sarlo, S. Srigley,
D. Tabachnick, K. Topps, M. Tuncali, R. Vanderlee, D. Walters,
S. Winters,

J. Allison, E. Ashworth, A. Bell, S. Elliott-Johns, K. Ferguson, B. Fix,
D. Franks, B. Hatt, D. Jarvis, G. Laronde, N. Maynes, J. McAullife,
MA Parr, R. Phillips, G. Raymer, J. Scott, L. Vokes Leduc

L. Drinkwalter

T. Benevides

A. Brown, G. deBruyn, C. Fraser, I. Wassink

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: E. Berger, G. Brown, A. Clendinning, P. Kelly, J. Knox, C. McFarlane,
D. Murphy, M. Owens, L. Patriquin, A. Sparkes, K. Stange, T. Waldock

D. Berry, D. Brackenreed, M. Cantalini-Williams, K. Clausen, P. Joong,
H. Langford, J. Long, M. McCabe, J. McIntosh, K. Noël, S. Reid,
C. Richardson, W. Richardson, H. Rintoul

L. McLaren

ABSENT:

L. Frost

P. Babady-Bila, NJ Baker, J. Barker, W. Borody, G. Brophy, N. Brown,
P. Chow, T. Curwen, A. Dean, D. Flynn, D. Hackett, D. Hall,
D. Hemsworth, D. Horning Lafrance, A. Karassev, S. Kariuki,
N. Kozuskanich, U. Kundrats, S. Lechlitner, G. Morrell, I. Mueller,
J. Murton, R. Nagy, D. Neal, S. O'Hagan, W. Peters, D. Rowbotham,
M. Saari, B. Schreyer, T. Smith, K. Srigley, M. Sroga, V. Valov,
M. Wachowiak, A. Weeks, Young, H. Zhu

A. Adler, AM Aquino, J. Barnett, R. Bernardes, J. Bumstead, T. Campbell,
J. Corkett, R. Graham, A. Grierson, D. Gosse, C. Harvey, T. Horton,
J. Humble, C. Jodoin, L. Julien-Schultz, M. Kariuki, K. MacLeod,
K. Mantas, B. McMahan, B. Olmsted, M. Parr, J. Pitt, C. Ricci, O. Ridler,
T. Ryan, G. Sharpe, C. Shields, S. Tedesco, M. Tessaro, K. Waller

S. Anderson

S. Cox, J. Fortier

The minutes of the Senate meeting of March 14, 2008 were adopted with no objections.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President began his announcements by commenting on the recent 2008 Ontario budget and its impact on universities in Ontario. The province has earmarked \$200M for deferred maintenance and renewal. Nipissing University is slated to get \$2.1M of that amount. There is also a new Textbook and Technology Grant for each full-time student, which means \$150 per student for the 2008-09 academic year. This amount will increase to \$225 the following year. The President added that there was no money made available for operating budgets.

Recently, the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities issued a funding policy framework review, outlining changes to potential principles and objectives of operating grants allocated to universities and colleges. The President noted that the Ministry has identified a number of challenges which will result in systems design and redesign, including the concept of polytechnics in the GTA and surrounding regions. Also under consideration is the differentiation of institutional missions and program offerings. Universities will have to define who they are and adhere to that definition. HECQO will be taking a leading role in this issue. There will also be an increase in pathways and linkages between colleges and universities. The President also indicated that funding formulas may be outdated and fail to reflect the new reality. The Ministry will be looking at actual BIUs per student. This could have a significant impact on Nipissing.

The President invited the Vice President, Finance and Administration to comment on the status of Nipissing's 2008-09 budget. Ms. Paine Mantha indicated there are a number of issues that must be dealt with including capped tuition increases, the zero increase in operating values of our BIUs and the increase in compensation costs. Essentially, our expenses are escalating faster than our revenue increases, despite the projected growth in the number of students this September. Also, we will not have the extra \$1.1M from the unfunded BIUs. She added that the average cut at Ontario universities is 2 to 2.5%. The budget will go to the Board of Governors in May.

On March 20, the downtown location was officially opened. This site is home to the Biidaaban project. The President encouraged Senators to drop by and visit the new location.

The President was delighted to report on the success of the first annual Undergraduate Research Conference on March 28 and 29 at Monastery Hall. About 75 people were in attendance. The President expressed his thanks to Senators Ricketts and Vanderlee, Jack Jones, the Research Office and all faculty who assisted with this initiative.

The President also acknowledged the success of the local history seminar on *Histories of the Near North: Remembering our Community*. He thanked the History Department as well as the Institute for Community Studies and Oral History. This was an opportunity for students, faculty and local historians to present their research on the local community.

The President concluded his comments by encouraging faculty to make phone calls to high school applicants. He noted that our 1st choice applicants were up by 15.3% and that we must take advantage of this and convert applicants into registrants.

The Vice-President, Academic and Research was pleased to report that the School of Nursing has been granted a five-year accreditation from the Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing.

The new Masters of Arts in History is already attracting top quality applicants. The Vice-President announced that MTCU has allocated 10 OCGS scholarships.

The Vice-President provided a brief update on the two decanal searches. Interviews for the Dean of Applied and Professional Schools will commence late next week. He added that he hoped to be able to make an announcement regarding the Dean of Arts and Science next week.

Senators Kovacs, Parkes, Pyle and Valov have all received renewals of their NSERC grants. The Vice-President reported that this brings the total number of NSERC grantees to eleven.

The Vice-President also extended his thanks for those involved in the very successful undergraduate research conference. A total of 38 students made presentations.

The President of NUSU announced that voting was occurring for the valedictorians for the respective convocations. Results should be known this evening and will be posted on the NUSU website. She also thanked the faculty and staff who were involved in the very successful undergraduate research conference and noted that this type of venue gives undergraduates a unique academic experience. Senator deBruyn indicated this was her last Senate meeting and indicated it had been a remarkable learning experience.

Senator Tuncali reported that the National Science Foundation has provided more than US\$15K in funding for 10 primarily graduate students to attend the Workshops on Topological Methods in Algebra, Analysis and Dynamic Systems. This workshop will be held May 12-16, 2008. This funding is in addition to the funding provided by the Fields Institute for Research in Mathematical Science.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Senate Executive Committee

MOTION 1: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by D. Parker that the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated March 27, 2008, be received.
CARRIED

Academic Planning Committee

MOTION 2: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by G. deBruyn that Senate approve the Academic Plan as outlined.

MOTION 3: Moved by G. Phillips, seconded by AB Graff to refer the Nipissing University Academic Plan back to the Academic Planning Committee to:

- 1) strive for a balance between new initiatives and established programs;
- 2) provide information on cost, academic credit for service learning and explicit consideration of small programs, and
- 3) review criteria of Appendix III with a view towards greater inclusivity.

CARRIED

University Curriculum Committee

MOTION 4: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by B. Bergquist that the Report of the University Curriculum Committee dated March 3, 2008 be received.
CARRIED

MOTION 5: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by B. Bergquist that Senate approve the addition of BIOL1011 Introduction to Molecular and Cell Biology for Nursing and Physical and Health Education” to the prerequisites for BIOL2706 Human Anatomy and Physiology I.
CARRIED

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MOTION 6: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by N. Colbourne that Senate approve the reduction of laboratory hours in ENSC1005 Introduction to Environmental Science from 48 to 24 hours.
CARRIED

MOTION 7: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by B. Bergquist that Senate approve a change in the prerequisites for the course PSYC3615 Psychological Disorders in Children, replacing PSYC2615 Personality and Adjustment with PSYC2616 Theories of Personality.
CARRIED

MOTION 8: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by D. Geden that Senate approve the addition of three new three-credit courses:

- CRJS 3406 Serial and Mass Murder I,
- CRJS 3407 Serial and Mass Murder II, and
- CRJS 3416 Aboriginal Legal Issues

CARRIED

MOTION 9: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by AB Graff that Senate approve the modification of the Criminology Stream of the Criminal Justice program to include CRJS3406 Serial and Mass Murder I and CRJS3407 Serial and Mass Murder II.
CARRIED

Appointments, Promotions and Tenure Committee

MOTION 10: Moved by G. Phillips, seconded by B. Hatt that the Report from the Appointments, Promotions and Tenure Committee dated March 25, 2008 be received.
CARRIED

Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee

MOTION 11: Moved by B. Bergquist, seconded by D. Lawrence that the Report of the Admissions, Promotions, and Petitions Committee dated March 12, 2008 be received.
CARRIED

MOTION 12: Moved by B. Bergquist, seconded by D. Lawrence 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

University Research Council

MOTION 13: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by G. Phillips that the Report of the University Research Council dated January 29, 2008 be received.
CARRIED

ELECTIONS

MOTION 14: Moved by B. Hatt, seconded by J. Allison that elections for Senators for the search committee for a President and Vice-Chancellor be postponed to the May 9, 2008 Senate meeting.
CARRIED

REPORTS OF AD HOC COMMITTEES

Report from the Senate Review Committee

MOTION 15: Moved by D. Mock, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve the proposed committee structure as presented in Table II of the *Report of the (Ad Hoc) Senate Review Committee on the Review and Restructuring of the Nipissing University Senate*, dated 06 March, 2008.
CARRIED

MOTION 16: Moved by D. Mock, seconded by S. Renshaw that Senate approve the proposed Senate committee and subcommittee compositions, as 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 06 March, 2008.
CARRIED

MOTION 17: Moved by D. Mock, seconded by AB Graff that Senate approve the formal establishment of a Faculty Council for each Faculty, together with a University Research Council and an Academic College, as provided for in the *Report of the (Ad Hoc) Senate Review Committee on the Review and Restructuring of the Nipissing University Senate*, dated 06 March, 2008.
CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

If there in no objection, Senate is now adjourned: 5:20 p.m.

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D. Mock, President

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D. Brackenreed, Secretary