

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

October 10, 2008  
2:30 p.m. – Room F210

MEMBERS PRESENT:

D. Mock, P. Ricketts, C. Cooper, R. Vanderlee, R. Wideman,  
A. Robinson

J. Barker, G. Brophay, J. Knox, S. Lechlitner

N. Colborne, T. Koivukoski, J. Kovacs, U. Kundra, I. Mueller,  
J. Murton, F. Noël, P. Nosko, S. Renshaw, T. Smith, M. Tuncali

J. Barnett, J. Corkett, S. Elliott-Johns, K. Ferguson, B. Hatt,  
D. Jarvis, G. Laronde, N. Maynes, J. McAuliffe, MA Parr,  
G. Raymer, J. Scott

W. Dew, S. Lawlor

P. Joong

C. Boston

T. Benevides

AM McKenney, I. Wassink

ABSENCE WITH REGRETS:

V. Paine-Mantha, A. Carfagnini, B. Nettlefold

AB Graff, D. Jowett, G. Phillips, H. Zhu

J. McIntosh, T. Waldock, L. McLaren, R. Kilpatrick

ABSENT:

N. Brown, G. Morrell, K. Clausen, J. Fortier

Senate was called to order at 2:33 p.m. by Senator Hatt, Deputy Speaker.

The minutes of the Senate meeting September 12, 2008 were adopted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President began his updates by announcing the first meeting of the Nipissing University Academic College (NUAC) for Friday, November 7 at 1:30 p.m. in F210 immediately prior to the regular Senate meeting. NUAC was created under the revised Senate bylaws and will be used to provide a forum for

discussion of University-wide issues. The President indicated that the broad University community involved in the delivery of academic programs and service are encourage to attend. The first meeting will be an open agenda.

The President was pleased to report that the recent Ontario University Fair in Toronto was a successful event with over 108,000 people going through the turnstiles. Sixty-two individuals from Nipissing staffed our booth and the President thanked those people who put in that extra effort. He added that he received favourable comment from parents who had the opportunity to talk directly to faculty.

The President reported that enrolment is up more than 6% compared to the November 1 figures from last year. This figure includes students enrolled in Additional Qualification (AQ) courses.

The annual Board of Governor's dinner was held on September 16 and the President noted that Bob Bergquist was honoured for his 30 years of service while Roman Brozowski and Denis Lawrence were each honoured for 35 years. On October 17, there will be a service awards ceremony in A246 honouring staff who have completed five and ten years service.

The President reported that the Board of Governor's retreat will be held on October 25 and 26 in Bracebridge. Topics for this retreat will include funding and accountability measures and systems design. Further discussions around visioning and where the University would like to be in 10 years will act as the precursor to a round of future meetings for the development of a new strategic plan. October 25 is also the official opening of the new Muskoka campus building.

The President summed up his comments by noting that COU will be interesting because of the current economic decline and nominations for honorary degrees are still being received.

The Vice President Academic and Research was pleased to confirm that Industry Canada has officially announced that Dr. Dean Bavington is a Canada Research Chair.

The Joint Committee on the Administration of the Agreement (JCAA) recently met and Senator Ricketts indicated that the tenure and promotions standard document with the revisions was approved. The committee agreed that the document would not be sent to external reviewers. It was noted that a training session for members on review committees would be organized to allow for exposure to the processes of reviewing applications, etc.

The Vice-President was pleased to announce that the second undergraduate research conference will be held on March 27 and 28, 2009. The 2008 conference was a great success and Senator Ricketts requested that this conference be promoted in all classes.

There has been an initial meeting of the search committee for a Dean of Education. An advertisement will be going to press in the next couple of weeks, and the Vice-President noted that the committee will be engaging the Faculty of Education into developing the profile.

The Dean of Applied and Profession Studies extended his congratulations to Senator Trevor Smith and Dr. Greg Brown for the hosting a very successful international conference on the design and implementation of new instruments in Forensic Psychiatry. Also new tools in corrections and front-line

screening for mental health with police was also discussed. Dr. Vanderlee noted that the conference was sponsored/funded by a number of organizations including CIHR, interRAI, Nipissing (IASR) and the Ontario Mental Health Foundation.

The Dean of Arts and Science was pleased to announce that Senator Dew will be part of TV Ontario's best lectures series. Taping will commence next Thursday. He also reported that Senator Zhu has received an Innovation and Commercialization award. On November 4, the Dean noted that there will be an all day workshop called Alternative Futures for Canada's Forests and Forest Sector held at the Monastery. This workshop is jointly sponsored by CIF-IFC, the Canadian Ecology Centre and Nipissing University.

Senator McAuliffe also added that there was a successful workshop with a medical college from Georgia regarding the implications of stroke and driving. He added that colleagues from the School of Nursing were also involved.

Senator Wassink from NUSU announced that nominations for NUSU delegate elections and student Senators will be received the week of October 20 with polling to be held on November 3 and 4. The Canadian Organization of Campus Activities (COCA) will be holding their regional conference in North Bay on November 8 and 9 and Senator Wassink noted that about 100 delegates are expected. He also commented on the success of the "Flip-a-Cup Program" campaign. Funding was provided by Aramark, the Nipissing University Student Union, the Sustainability Task Force and the Nipissing History department. Four hundred mugs could have a minimum 15 per cent reduction in the amount of waste produced each week if the cups are used once per day.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

### Senate Executive Committee

MOTION 1: Moved by D. Mock, seconded by S. Lawlor that the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated October 2, 2008 be received.  
CARRIED

### Academic Planning Committee

MOTION 2: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by J. Knox that the Report of the Academic Planning Committee dated September 23, 2008 be received.  
CARRIED

MOTION 3: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by J. Barnett that Senate approve that the School of Physical and Health Education be established within the Faculty of Education in accordance with attached document.  
CARRIED

MOTION 4: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by J. Knox that Senate approve the Stage 3 implementation of a four-year Bachelor of Fine Arts (Honours) degree in accordance with the attached document and to permit eligible students currently enrolled in a BA3 (FAVA) the opportunity to transfer.  
CARRIED

AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

MOTION 5: Moved by I. Wassink seconded by S. Elliott-Johns that the language in Article 9.1.1(b)(i) be amended to read: one (1) faculty Senator or non Senator from each Faculty.  
CARRIED

ELECTIONS

One Senator from the outside the School of Nursing, to serve on the search committee for a probationary position in Nursing.

**Nominated:** Senator Nosko and Senator Raymer

**Elected:** Senator Raymer

Senate was adjourned: 3:45 p.m.

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D. Mock, President

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C. Jenkins, Senate Secretary