

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

November 7 2008
2:30 p.m. - Room F210

MEMBERS PRESENT: D. Mock, P. Ricketts, V. Paine-Mantha, R. Vanderlee, R. Wideman,
B. Nettlefold, A. Robinson

J. Barker, G. Brophey, N. Brown, S. Lechlitner

N. Colbourne, AB Graff, D. Jowett, T. Koivukoski, U. Kundrats,
G. Morrell, I. Mueller, J. Murton, F. Noël, G. Phillips, S. Renshaw,
T. Smith, M. Tuncali, H. Zhu

K. Clausen, J. Corkett, K. Ferguson, B. Hatt, N. Maynes, J. McIntosh,
J. McAuliffe, MA Parr, G. Raymer, J. Scott

T. Benevides , W. Dew, R. Kilpatrick, S. Lawlor, C. Mang,
T. Waldock (Muskoka)

D. Bernardi, R. Cameron, J. Fortier, B. Greenshields, AM McKenney,
I. Wassink

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: C. Cooper, A. Carfagnini

J. Knox

J. Barnett, S. Elliott-Johns, D. Jarvis, G. Laronde

L. McLaren

A. Brown

ABSENT:

J. Kovacs, P. Nosko

P. Joong (Brantford)

C. Boston, C. Irwin

READING and DISPOSING of COMMUNICATIONS

There was letter from the President of the Nipissing University Alumni Association, Mr. Brendan Wilson, requesting that Senate continue to appoint a Senator to the Association. Mr. Wilson added that this representative creates a strong tie between the academic community and the alumni. Senator Jowett indicated that this request would be brought to the next Senate Executive Committee meeting for discussion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President began his announcements by commenting on the impressive results from the recent Globe and Mail student survey. Nipissing University ranked at the top of many categories. These results reinforce our unique learning environment and the President thanked faculty, staff and students for their continuing support.

The Courtyard Group, a consulting firm hired by the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities to review Ontario postsecondary infrastructure and capital needs, visited our campus on October 29. The President indicated that a good case was made for our acute lack of space. Senators were reminded that Nipissing has the 2nd lowest space rate in the province. The provincial government has set aside \$60B for investment in infrastructure, and postsecondary institutions are part of this allocation.

The Board of Governors retreat was held over the weekend of October 25 and 26 in Bracebridge. The President indicated that the focus of the retreat was the SWOT analysis. This is a strategic planning method used to evaluate the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats involved in a project or business. This analysis will serve as the preliminary ground work for the next strategic planning exercise. The retreat also coincided with the official opening of the new Muskoka regional campus. The President added that the event was well attended. The University is currently involved with developing new programming for Muskoka. The President also reminded Senators that the second building at the Brantford campus will officially open on November 19th.

The President was pleased to report that the recent Fall UpClose event on November 1st attracted almost 350 visitors, of which 150 were potential students. He thanked all the faculty, staff and students who participated in this occasion.

The University 2008-09 budget, approved by the Board of Governors, carried a structural deficit of \$2.6M. The President noted that at that time Nipissing University was anticipating a \$1.2M end-of-fiscal-year grant from the province. Universities have recently been informed that these grants will not be forthcoming. We must now focus on making up this \$1.2M. All areas of the university will be asked to review their budgets and make cuts where possible. The province has, however, agreed to fund fully any additional enrollment growth, even though provincial revenues are down. The President noted that the average budget cut at other Ontario universities is 4%. He added that Nipissing is in better financial shape relative to universities that have defined benefit plans and large endowments. An email will be sent out to the university community next Tuesday regarding our budget.

The President announced that on November 11 there will be a brief ceremony to observe Remembrance Day in the front foyer.

Vice-President Academic and Research was delighted to report that 13 SSHRC applications, which included seven from the Faculty of Arts and Science, two from the Faculty of Applied and Professional Studies and four from the Faculty of Education, have been submitted. There have also been six NSERC discovery grants and two equipment grants submitted. Senator Ricketts wish all applicants success in their endeavour.

The Dean of Education was very pleased to announce that Dr. David Booth has accepted the Elizabeth Thorne Chair. Dr. Booth will be working with the language arts faculty. The Dean reminded Senators that Dr. Booth was the recipient of an Honorary Degree at the June 2008 convocation.

NUSU President Fortier was pleased to report that the Student Centre expansion plan has been approved by the Canadore Board of Governors. Senator Wassink reported that delegate elections were held this past Monday and Tuesday. He introduced the new student Senator delegates. Senator Wassink reminded Senators that November is Lung Cancer Awareness Month and some students will be having their head shaved. Their motto is "A Head Shaved is a Lung Saved".

Senator Lawlor announced that next Wednesday, November 12 at 12 noon, there is an open invitation for people to come together and help clean up the grounds. Participants should come with gloves. Bags will be provided.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Senate Executive Committee

MOTION 1: Moved by D. Mock, seconded by C. Mang that the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated October 30, 2008 be received.
CARRIED

AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

NOTICE OF MOTION

- That the position of Senate Secretary be added to the membership of the By-Laws and Elections Subcommittee as a non-voting member.

ELECTIONS

One Education Senator to serve for a 2-year term on the Teacher Education Advisory Council

Acclaimed: Senator McIntosh

REPORTS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

Senator Kilpatrick, Board representative to Senate, also reported on a successful Board of Governors retreat and the opening of the new building for the Muskoka campus.

COU Academic Colleague Senator Graff advised Senators that COU President Dr. Paul Genest will be visiting the campus on Monday. Senator Graff noted that she attended COU meetings on October 30 and 31 where a number of topics were discussed included changes to the UPAC process, the transferability of academic credentials and graduate program funding. She also indicated that an academic colleague working paper titled *Learning Disabilities: A Guide for Faculty at Ontario Universities* is available for viewing at: <http://www.nipissingu.ca/senate/COUAcademicColleaguesWorkingPapers.asp>

On behalf of the Teacher Education Advisory Council (TEAC), Senator Wideman reported that the Ontario Teacher's Federation is encouraging its members to support publicly funded institutions, not offshore training which then requires upgraded qualifications.

NEW BUSINESS

Academic Planning Committee

October 22, 2008 Report

MOTION 2: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by C. Mang that Senate consider receipt of the Report of the Academic Planning Committee dated October 22, 2008.
CARRIED

MOTION 3: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by N. Brown that the Report of the Academic Planning Committee dated October 22, 2008 be received.
CARRIED

MOTION 4: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by G. Brophy that Senate accept the UPAC report, the School and Decanal responses, and the Report of the Vice-President, Academic and Research for the School of Business and Economics.
CARRIED

MOTION 5: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by C. Mang that Senate give Stage 1 approval to the proposal for a Second Degree Entry program in Nursing.
CARRIED

MOTION 6: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by G. Brophy that Senate approve the major program revisions to the BComm program.
CARRIED

November 5, 2008 Report

MOTION 7: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by AB Graff that Senate consider receipt of the Report of the Academic Planning Committee dated November 5, 2008.
CARRIED

MOTION 8: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by B. Hatt that the Report of the Academic Planning Committee dated November 5, 2008 be received.
CARRIED

MOTION 9: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by AB Graff that Senate approve the following proposals for full-time faculty positions for 2009/10:

- a) The continuation of the probationary (tenure-track) position in Biology (Aquatic Ecology, Anatomy and Physiology), effective July 1, 2009.
- b) The continuation of the probationary (tenure-track) position in Business and Economics (Finance and Economics), effective July 1, 2009.
- c) The continuation of the probationary (tenure-track) position in Consecutive Education (Music and Education), effective July 1, 2009.
- d) The continuation of the probationary (tenure-track) position in Consecutive Education (Education and Schooling), effective July 1, 2009.
- e) The continuation of the probationary (tenure-track) position in Concurrent Education, Brantford (Language and Literacy), effective July 1, 2009.
- f) The continuation of the probationary (tenure-track) position in Consecutive Education (Classroom Management/Physical and Health Education), effective July 1, 2009.
- g) The establishment of a probationary (tenure-track) position in Fine and Performing Arts (Printmaking and Painting), effective July 1, 2009.
- h) The establishment of a three (3) year limited-term position in English (Drama), effective July 1, 2009.
- i) The establishment of a probationary (tenure-track) position in Psychology (Personality, Emotion, and Motivation), effective July 1, 2009.
- j) The establishment of a probationary (tenure-track) position in Computer Science (Computational Geometry/Topology, Optimization, and Geomatics), effective July 1, 2009.
- k) The establishment of a probationary position in Canadian Political History, effective July 1, 2010, with the proviso that the position could be commenced on July 1, 2009 if there are no budgetary implications of doing so.
- l) The establishment of a probationary (tenure-track) position in Concurrent Education, North Bay (Language and Literacy), effective July 1, 2009.
- m) The establishment of a probationary (tenure-track) position in Concurrent Education, North Bay (Education and Schooling, and Methods), effective July 1, 2009.
- n) The establishment of a probationary (tenure-track) position in Concurrent Education, Brantford (Education and Schooling, and Methods), effective July 1, 2009.

- o) The establishment of a probationary (tenure-track) position in Child and Family Studies, Muskoka, effective July 1, 2009.
- p) The establishment of one (1) probationary (tenure-track) position in Physical and Health Education, effective July 1, 2009.
- q) The establishment of one (1) three-year limited-term position in Physical and Health Education, effective July 1, 2009.

CARRIED

Senate was adjourned: 3:45 p.m.

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D. Mock, President

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C. Jenkins, Senate Secretary