

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

December 5, 2008  
2:30 p.m. - Room A137

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

J. Barker, N. Brown, J. Knox

N. Colbourne, D. Jowett, T. Koivukoski, J. Kovacs, U. Kundrats,  
G. Morrell, I. Mueller, J. Murton, F. Noël, P. Nosko, G. Phillips,  
S. Renshaw, H. Zhu

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

R. Kilpatrick, S. Lawlor, C. Mang, L. McLaren, T. Waldock (Muskoka)

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

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: S. Lechlitner,

AB Graff, M. Tuncali

J. Corkett, D. Jarvis

T. Benevides, W. Dew, P. Joong (Brantford)

D. Bernardi, B. Greenshields

ABSENT: C. Boston, A. Brown, C. Irwin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Senate Speaker indicated that as a result of interest expressed by Faculty Senators, she will be conducting a workshop on Senate procedures early in 2009.

The President was pleased to begin his announcements by thanking Senator Lawlor for undertaking the cleanup initiative last month. About 20 people spent their lunch hour picking up garbage in the visitor's parking lot and surrounding area.

This past week, Ms. Deborah Newman was named the new Deputy Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities. The President noted that this position serves as an advocate for colleges and universities at the Minister's table. He added that he will ensure the Deputy Minister understands Nipissing University's role and its needs.

The President indicated that the official opening of the new building in Brantford was well attended. The City of Brantford has been very supportive of Nipissing's growing presence. At the Board of Governor's meeting, Dr. Maria Cantalini-Williams, Director of the Brantford campus, gave an excellent presentation about that campus and its plans for the future.

The Council of Ontario Universities has been busy addressing state of the economy. The revenue base from both the federal and provincial governments have declined rapidly and the President indicated that institutions with large endowments and defined pension plans were suffering. At the November Senate meeting, Senators were advised that our structural deficit had to be addressed and steps have already been taken towards eliminating it. The university is committed to entering the next budget year with no cumulative deficit. Despite tightening the purse strings, the President added that he did not want to cut into the fabric of the university.

The President announced the departure of Ken Crocker, Executive Director of University Advancement, who will be leaving for a position at the University of Alberta. To date, \$5.7M of the targeted \$7M in private funding for the Learning Library has been achieved.

December 10<sup>th</sup> is Nipissing University Day and we are celebrating our 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary as an independent degree granting institution. The President recognized the many changes that have occurred since 1992.

The Vice President Academic and Research was delighted to report that Drs. Jane Barker, Hilary Earl, Douglas Gosse, Alex Karassev and Paul Kelly were the recipients of Research Achievement Awards. He was also pleased to confirm that Dr. David Booth has been appointed as the first Elizabeth Thorn Chair in Literacy. Senators were reminded that Dr. Booth was the recipient of an honorary degree from Nipissing University at last June's convocation.

The Northern Ontario Heritage Fund (NOHFC) recently announced it will invest \$333K in establishing an Industrial Research Chair to support the new bioeconomy in Northern Ontario and the Vice-President was please that Dr. Jeff Dech is the recipient of this Chair.

Congratulations went to the Library for organizing the inaugural Faculty Book Launch on November 28<sup>th</sup>. Faculty with published books had their books on display. There will be another event in the spring.

The Vice-President Finance and Administration provided a brief update on the budget and noted that with the cooperation of everyone, she has been able to identify and clean up some existing departmental budgets. She added that the university is operating on the assumption that it will not receive the \$1.2M from the province.

The Dean of Arts and Science was pleased to report that he, along with Senators Carfagnini and McLaren, had met with True Self Employment and Training to explore the possibility of establishing a Transitional Year Program that would operate from our downtown campus. If their funding application is successful, a group of women will begin this program in the fall of 2009. This is seen as a positive step for engaging our community.

The Dean of Education indicated that the preparation for the Bachelor of Education reaccreditation review by the Ontario College of Teachers is proceeding well. The written application has been submitted and the panel will be on campus the week of January 19<sup>th</sup>.

On behalf of the Student Union, Senator Fortier extended Seasons Greetings to all Senators.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

### Senate Executive Committee

MOTION 1: Moved by D. Mock, seconded by J. McIntosh that the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated November 27, 2008 be received.  
CARRIED

### Academic Planning Committee

MOTION 2: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by G. Phillips that the Report of the Academic Planning Committee dated November 17, 2008 be received.  
CARRIED

MOTION 3: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by J. Knox that Senate approve the establishment of the following full-time faculty positions as described in the attached report from the Vice-President, Academic and Research:

- a) a three (3) year limited-term position in Classical Studies, effective July 1, 2009, conditional upon the approval of the curriculum changes and 4 year combined Classical Studies/History program by Senate.
- b) a probationary (tenure-track) position in Gender Equality and Social Justice, 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.
- c) a three (3) year limited-term position in Mathematics, effective July 1, 2009, conditional upon the approval of the new MSc program in Mathematics by Senate and OCGS.
- d) a three-year limited term position in Psychology, effective July 1, 2009, conditional upon approval of curriculum changes for the honours restructuring by Senate.

CARRIED

MOTION 4: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by P. Ricketts that Senate give Stage 1 developmental approval to the Post Registered Practical Nurse (RPN) Bridging Program into the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN) Proposal, dated October 2008, as outlined in the attached document.  
CARRIED

MOTION 5: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by G. Phillips that Senate approve the revised UPRAC Audit Report and Revised Program Approval Process, as recommended to the Senate Academic Planning Committee by the Program Reviews and Appraisals Sub-committee, as outlined in the attached document.  
CARRIED

#### UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE

MOTION 6: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by C. Cooper that the Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee dated October 15, 2008 be received.  
CARRIED

#### GRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE

MOTION 7: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by J. Barnett that the Report of the Graduate Studies Committee dated November 26, 2008 be received.  
CARRIED

MOTION 8: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by H. Zhu that Senate approve the Brief for the Standard Appraisal of the Master of Science in Mathematics, as outlined in the attached document.  
CARRIED

MOTION 9: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by that Senate approve the recommendation that full-time Master of Education students be given the option to complete their graduate degree through the nine courses plus Research Project + Seminar Route, as outlined in the attached document.  
CARRIED

MOTION 10: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by J. Barnett that Senate approve the addition of EDUC5677, Quantitative Approaches to Educational Research, as outlined in the attached document.  
CARRIED

MOTION 11: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by J. Barnett that the students listed in the Report of Grad Applicants dated November 24, 2008, who have completed all requirements of their respective Master of Education degrees, be admitted to their degrees in-course and that diplomas for the degrees be awarded.  
CARRIED

#### AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

MOTION 12: Moved by B. Hatt, seconded by I. Wassink that the position of Senate Secretary be added to the membership of the By-Laws and Elections Subcommittee as a non-voting member.  
CARRIED

**ELECTIONS**

- Elect one Faculty member, not from the Faculty of Education, to serve on the search committee for a probationary position in Music Education

**ACCLAIMED: D. Geden**

- Elect one Faculty member, not from the Faculty of Education, to serve on the search committee for a probationary position in Education & Schooling and Education & Schooling/Methods

**ELECTED: S. O'Hagan**

- Elect one Faculty member, not from the Faculty of Education, to serve on the search committee for a probationary position in Physical & Health Education/Classroom Management

**ACCLAIMED: G. Morrell**

- Elect one Faculty member, and not from the Faculty of Education, to serve on the search committee for one probationary and one limited-term position in Language & Literacy

**ACCLAIMED: S. Renshaw**

- Elect one Faculty member, not from the Faculty of Education, to serve on the search committee for one probationary position in Social Studies

**ACCLAIMED: G. Brophy**

- Elect one Faculty member, not from the Faculty of Education, to serve on the search committee for one probationary position Science Education

**ACCLAIMED: E. Cholewa**

- Elect one Faculty member, not from the Faculty of Education, to serve on the search committee for one probationary position Graduate Studies – Leadership/Research Studies

**ACCLAIMED: J. Murton**

- Elect one Faculty member, not from the Faculty of Education, to serve on the search committee for one probationary position and one 3-year limited-term position in the Bachelor of Physical & Health Education.

**ACCLAIMED: D. Flynn**

- Elect one Faculty member, not from the Faculty of Education, to serve on the search committee for one probationary position in Methods/Social Studies (Brantford Campus)

**ACCLAIMED: AB Graff**

- Elect one Faculty member, from outside the Department of Computer Science and Mathematics, to serve on the search committee for one probationary position in Computer Science.

**ACCLAIMED: D. Murphy**

- Elect one Faculty member, from outside Child and Family Studies, to serve on the search committee for one probationary position in Child and Family Studies.

**ACCLAIMED: S. Renshaw**

- Elect on Faculty member, from outside of the School of Business and Economics, to serve on the search committee for one probationary position in the School of Business and Economics (Finance and Economics).

**ACCLAIMED: T. Koivukoski**

- Elect one Faculty member, from outside of Biology, to serve on the search committee for one probationary position in Biology.

**ELECTED: D. Walters**

- Elect one Faculty member, from outside of English Studies, to serve on the search committee for a 3-year limited-term position in English Studies (Drama).

**ACCLAIMED: N. Colborne**

- Elect one Faculty member, from outside History, to serve on the search committee for a probationary position in History

**ACCLAIMED: I. Mueller**

- Elect on non-Senator from the Faculty of Applied and Professional Studies, to serve on the Board of Governors

**ACCLAIMED: J. Nadeau**

**REPORTS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES**

Senator Kilpatrick, Board of Governors representative to Senate, provided a brief commentary on the Board meeting that was held the previous evening. He noted that Dr. Maria Canatalini-Williams gave an excellent presentation on the Brantford initiatives. He also indicated that the Board will be seeking three new Board members and that the design for the new Student Centre was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

UNDERGRADUATE STANDING AND PETITIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

MOTION 13: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by P. Ricketts that Senate consider receipt of the report from the Undergraduate Standing and Petitions Subcommittee dated October 16, 2008.  
CARRIED

MOTION 14: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by C. Cooper that Senate receive the report from the Undergraduate Standing and Petitions Subcommittee dated October 16, 2008.  
CARRIED

MOTION 15: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by C. Mang 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

Senate was adjourned: 4:30 p.m.

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D. Mock, President

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C. Jenkins, Senate Secretary