

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

January 11, 2009  
2:45 p.m. - Room F210

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

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

N. Colborne, AB Graff, D. Jowett, T. Koivukoski, J. Kovacs, U. Kundrats,  
G. Morrell, I. Mueller, J. Murton, F. Noël, P. Nosko, G. Phillips,  
S. Renshaw, T. Smith, M. Tuncali

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

C. Mang, W. Dew

T. Benevides, C. Boston, L. McLaren

D. Bernardi, A. Brown, R. Cameron, J. Fortier, AM McKenney, I. Wassink

WITH REGRETS: V. Paine-Mantha

T. Waldock, H. Zhu

D. Jarvis, G. Raymer

C. Irwin, S. Lawlor

R. Kilpatrick

B. Greenshields

The minutes of the December 5, 2008 Senate meeting were adopted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President welcomed all Senators back to the new term. He indicated January would be a busy month with the visit by the Ontario College of Teachers reaccreditation team.

The President indicated he has extended his congratulations to Dr. Lesley Lovett-Daoust on her appointment as Nipissing University's 3<sup>rd</sup> President. He advised Senators that he and the new President would make the transition as seamless as possible.

At the December COU meeting, the financial challenges facing universities set the tone for a somber meeting. As an example, the President noted that Wilfrid Laurier University has publicly announced they will be cutting 7% from their 2009-2010 budget. Nipissing is beginning its budget process and should have it finalized by the end of April. There has been some positive feedback from the province regarding the infusion of money for deferred maintenance. Unfortunately, there is no indication of money to be directed to operating grants.

The President indicated that he is currently involved with two initiatives. The first is with a group of small universities who are attempting to obtain money from differentiation grants and the second is with the group of five northern Ontario universities who are lobbying for increased funding through northern grants.

The President provided an update to senators around the Learning Library Campaign and was pleased to announce that \$4.1M has been committed to date. There is still \$1.8M in outstanding proposals. Once those are finalized, \$1M will be needed to reach the \$7M target. The groundbreaking ceremony is slated for June 2009.

As a final note, the President advised Senators there will be the second meeting of the Nipissing University Academic College immediately prior to the February 6<sup>th</sup> Senate meeting.

At the invitation of the President, Ms. Sharon McQueen provided an update on the Centennial Celebrations. Ms. McQueen noted that a press release was going out today and would highlight some of the events that will occur throughout the year. She added that there has been an active organizing committee and asked senators to mark these important events on their calendars. The signature event is a celebration dinner to be held on January 31 at The Wall. The keynote speaker will be Dr. David Booth. This will also serve as a book launch for Drs. Warnie and Carole Richardson's book *Walking the Talk*.

The Vice-President Academic and Research announced that he attended a December 11, 2008 meeting in Sudbury regarding the northern growth plan. This is part of the provincial government's initiative to look at specific development in certain regions of the province. The Vice-President noted that this is an ideal opportunity to get the needs of northern Ontario universities on the provincial agenda.

Senator Ricketts was delighted to confirm the nomination for a Tier II Research Chair, Dr. April James. Dr. James is a watershed hydrologist with a PhD from McGill University and currently holds a faculty appointment at North Carolina State University. It is hoped that the nomination will be submitted for the September round of selections. The Vice-President thanked the selection committee for their work.

The Dean of Education reminded Senators of the Ontario College of Teachers (OCT) accreditation review January 19 to 23. A panel of seven people from OCT will be on site to review all of our education programs in North Bay and Brantford. This review occurs every five years. The Exhibits Room will be in the Owl's Nest. The Dean also noted that applications to the Bachelor of Education closed on December 10 and there is a 20% decrease in applications across the province. The application rate at Nipissing is down 23%.

The Dean of Applied and Professional Studies was pleased to announce the second annual Undergraduate Research Conference to be held the weekend of March 27 and 28, 2009. The conference will showcase the diverse student-driven research that is being conducted in all disciplines at Nipissing University and the Dean asked senators if they would get the word out to students. The abstract deadline is January 23. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Dean Bavington.

Senator Fortier from the Nipissing University Student Union announced that Executive election packages are now available from the NUSU office. The deadline for nominations is January 23. Senator Fortier was also pleased to report that the Student Centre expansion project has now gone through. He also invited Senators to try the new Euphoria outlet in the walkway.

### REPORTS of STANDING COMMITTEES and FACULTY or UNIVERSITY COUNCILS

#### Senate Executive Committee

- MOTION 1: Moved by D. Mock, seconded by C. Mang that the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated December 18, 2008 be received.  
CARRIED
- MOTION 2: Moved by D. Mock, seconded by P. Ricketts that Senate move into an in-camera session.  
CARRIED
- MOTION 3: Moved by D. Mock, seconded by P. Ricketts that Senate move out of the in-camera session.  
CARRIED

#### Academic Planning Committee

- MOTION 4: Moved by AB Graff, seconded by S. Renshaw that the Report of the Academic Planning Committee dated December 15, 2008 be received.  
CARRIED
- MOTION 5: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by I. Mueller that Senate give Stage 1 developmental approval to the Proposal for a Four-Year Classical Studies Combined Major with History, dated December 10, 2008, as outlined in the attached document.  
CARRIED

#### Undergraduate Studies Committee

- MOTION 6: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by AB Graff that Senate receive the Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee dated November 14, 2008.  
CARRIED

#### Faculty of Applied & Professional Studies *Social Welfare*

- MOTION 7: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by C. Mang that Senate approve the addition of SWLF3995 Community Service Learning for Social Development, a 6 credit course, to the Social Welfare program as outlined in the attached document.  
CARRIED

Faculty of Arts & Science  
*Religions & Cultures*

MOTION 8: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by N. Colborne that Senate approve the degree requirements in Religions and Cultures for a four year single major be changed to: 48 upper level credits, to a maximum of 24 cross-listed courses; and for a four year combined major: 30 upper level credits, to a maximum of 12 cross-listed courses as outlined in the attached document.

CARRIED

MOTION 9: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by N. Colborne that Senate approve the deletion of RLCT3205 - Theory and Method in the Study of Religion, a 6 credit course and the addition of RLCT3206 - Constructing Religion; Theorizing God: Theory and Method in the Study of Religion, a 3 credit course, RLCT2046 - Critical Themes in Eastern Religious Thought I, a 3 credit course and RLCT2047 - Critical Themes in Eastern Religious Thought II, a 3 credit course as outlined in the attached document.

CARRIED

*English Studies*

MOTION 10: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by AB Graff that Senate approve the following as outlined in the attached document:

1. that the degree requirements for English Studies, all majors, be amended to include ENGL1106 Introduction to English Studies I, ENGL1107 Introduction to English Studies II, ENGL2006 British Literature Before 1800, and ENGL2007 British Literature After 1800 as required courses, and that ENGL1105 Introduction to English Studies and ENGL2005 British Literature from the Medieval to the Modern be deleted from the degree requirements.
2. that the degree requirement for an Honours degree in English Studies (single or combined) “\*Students must complete ENGL1105 with a minimum grade of 60% and ENGL2005 with a minimum grade of 65%” be changed to read “\*Students must complete ENGL1106 and ENGL1107 with a minimum grade of 60% in each and ENGL2006 and ENGL2007 with a minimum grade of 65% in each.”
3. that the degree requirement for a three year degree in English Studies (single or combined) “\*Students must complete ENGL1105 and ENGL2005 with a minimum grade of 60%” be changed to “\*Students must complete ENGL1106, ENGL1107, ENGL2006 and ENGL2007 with a minimum grade of 60% in each.”
4. that ENGL2006 British Literature Before 1800, and ENGL2007 British Literature After 1800 be designated “British”
5. that the degree requirement in English Studies Honours Single Major for “12 credits of 4000-level courses” be changed to “6 credits of Honours Seminars”, and that students complete 60 credits in English Studies for a Single Major.
6. that a restriction be added to the degree requirements for the English Studies Honours Single Major stating that “students are limited to a maximum 30 credits of 2000-level courses.”

7. that the title for ENGL3175 Studies in Twentieth-century Literature be changed to ENGL3175 Studies in Literature after 1900.

CARRIED

*Political Science*

MOTION 11: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by C. Cooper that Senate approve the addition of the following four, 3-credit courses in Political Science, as outlined in the attached document:

POLI 2206 - Introduction to Comparative Politics,  
 POLI 2207 - The Comparative Politics of Democratization and Development,  
 POLI 3207 - Comparative Political Institutions,  
 POLI 3206 - Comparative Political Cultures

CARRIED

*History*

MOTION 12: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by J. Murton that Senate approve the deletion of HIST3555 – Canadian Political History, a 6 credit course, and the addition of HIST2555 – Canadian Political History, a 6 credit course, as outlined in the attached document:

CARRIED

*Classical Studies*

MOTION 13: Moved by r. Vanderlee, seconded by I. Mueller that Senate approve the following as outlined in the attached document:

1. the addition of the following twelve 3-credit courses designed to take the place of six 6-credit courses (to be deleted)

COURSE	TITLE
CLAS1006	The Civilization of Ancient Greece
CLAS1007	The Civilization of Ancient Rome
CLAS2116	Intermediate Latin I: Advanced Latin Grammar
CLAS2117	Intermediate Latin II: Introduction to Latin Literature
CLAS2216	Intermediate Ancient Greek I: Advanced Greek Grammar
CLAS2217	Intermediate Ancient Greek II: Introduction to Greek Literature
CLAS3116	Selected Latin Authors I
CLAS3117	Selected Latin Authors II
CLAS2006	Myth and Religion in Ancient Greece
CLAS2007	Myth and Religion in Ancient Rome
CLAS3326	Greek Drama and Theatre
CLAS3327	Roman Comedy

2. the deletion of the following six-credit courses:

COURSE	TITLE
CLAS1005	Greek and Roman Civilization
CLAS2115	Intermediate Latin I
CLAS3115	Intermediate Latin II
CLAS2205	Intermediate Ancient Greek
CLAS2005	Classical Mythology
CLAS2705	Greek and Roman Theatre

CARRIED

MOTION 14: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by I. Mueller that Senate approve the following, as outlined in the attached document:

1. the addition of the following new courses in Classical Studies

COURSE	TITLE
CLAS2316	Introduction to Greek Literature in Translation
CLAS2317	Introduction to Roman Literature in Translation
CLAS2416	The History of Ancient Greece
CLAS2417	The History of Ancient Rome
CLAS2426	Famous Figures of Ancient Greece
CLAS2427	Famous Figures of Ancient Rome
CLAS3066	Race, Racism, and Ethnic Identity in Antiquity
CLAS3317	Selected Readings in Roman Literature in Translation
CLAS3416	Selected Topics in Greek History and Culture
CLAS3417	Selected Topics in Roman History and Culture

2. the deletion of the following courses which have been replaced and/or overlap substantively with new courses.

COURSE	TITLE
CLAS2106	Greek Epic and Lyric Poetry
CLAS2107	Greek Drama
CLAS3305	From Myth to Argument
CLAS3106	Roman Literature I
CLAS3107	Roman Literature II

CARRIED

Faculty of Education

*Additional Qualification courses*

MOTION 15: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by R. Wideman that Senate approve the addition of EDUC 1725 Alternative Education, a 6 credit course, and EDUC1735 Teaching Combined Grades, a 6 credit course, to the Additional Qualification Courses as outlined in the attached document.

CARRIED

*Option Course*

- MOTION 16: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by R. Wideman that Senate approve the addition of EDUC4826 Exclusion to Inclusion: Imagination and Creativity in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Classroom, a 3 credit course, an Option Course, as outlined in the attached document.  
CARRIED

*BPHE program*

- MOTION 17: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by J. McAuliffe that Senate approve the following, as outlined in the attached document:
1. the addition of PHED2026 Psychology of Physical Activity, a 3 credit course and PHED4046 Contemporary Issues in Sport and Physical Activity a 3 credit course, to the BPHE program.
  2. the addition of the elective courses PHED4906 Special Topics in Sport and Physical Activity, a 3 credit course and PHED4986 Directed Study a 3 credit course, to the BPHE program.
  3. change the course number PHED3027 Nutrition a 3 credit third year level course, to PHED4227 Nutrition a 3 credit course, to a fourth year level course.
  4. change the course number PHED4017 Research Methods in Physical Activity, a 3 credit fourth year level course, to PHED3217 Research Methods in Physical Activity, a 3 credit third year level course. Remove MATH1257 Technical Statistics, a 3 credit course, as a requirement for the BPHE Program.
  5. remove PHED3007 Wellness and Physical Activity Promotion as a requirement for the BPHE Program, rename PHED4996 Research Project, a 3 credit course, to PHED4995 Research Project and offer as a 6 credit elective course, restricted to third and fourth year students.
  6. remove PHED4006 Exercise Physiology II as a required course in the BPHE Program. Retain PHED4006 Exercise Physiology as an elective in the BPHE Program.
- CARRIED

AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWSNOTICES OF MOTION

- a) That the terms of reference in Article 9.2.1(c)(iv) of the Admissions and Enrolment Subcommittee in the Senate Bylaws be removed and added to the terms of reference of Article 9.3.1(c) of the Undergraduate Standing and Petitions Subcommittee.
- b) The addition of the position of Senior Development Officer be added as an ex-officio, non-voting member to the Undergraduate Service and Awards Subcommittee
- c) The addition of the position of Registrar be added as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Academic Planning Committee.

ELECTIONS

- Elect faculty representatives, one from each of faculty, to serve on the Selection Committee for the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching and for the Nipissing University Award for part-time teaching.

**ACCLAIMED: Cameron McFarlane – Faculty of Arts and Science**

**ACCLAIMED: John Nadeau – Faculty of Applied and Professional Studies**

**ACCLAIMED: Susan Elliott-Johns – Faculty of Education**

- Elect one faculty member from outside Gender Equality and Social Justice, to serve on the search committee for a tenure track position in Gender Equality and Social Justice.

**ACCLAIMED: Derek Neal**

- Elect one faculty member from outside Psychology, to serve on the search committee for a tenure track position in Psychology.

**ACCLAIMED: Dave Hackett**

- Elect two faculty members from outside Classical Studies, to serve on the search committee for a 3-year limited term position in Classical Studies.

**ACCLAIMED: Donna Jowett and Gordon Morrell**

- Elect one faculty member from outside Mathematics, to serve on the search committee for a 3-year limited term position in Mathematics.

**ACCLAIMED: John Kovacs**

- Elect one faculty member from outside Psychology, to serve on the search committee for a 3-year limited term position in Psychology.

**ACCLAIMED: Greg Brown**

Senate was adjourned: 4:50 p.m.

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D. Mock, President

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C. Jenkins, Senate Secretary