

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

May 22, 2009

2:30 p.m. – Room A137

- MEMBERS PRESENT: D. Mock, P. Ricketts, V. Paine-Mantha, C. Cooper, R. Wideman,  
R. Vanderlee, A. Carfagnini, B. Nettlefold, A. Robinson
- J. Barker, G. Brophay, N. Brown, J. Knox, S. Lechlitner
- AB Graff, D. Jowett, U. Kundra, I. Mueller, J. Murton, F. Noel,  
P. Nosko, G. Phillips, S. Renshaw, M. Tuncali,
- J. Barnett, A. Bell, B. Hatt, D. Hay, D. Jarvis, G. Raymer, J. Scott
- P. Joong (Brantford)
- W. Dew, S. Lawlor, C. Mang
- L. McLaren
- C. Boston, L. Moncion
- T. Benevides
- M. den Haan, A. Fitzsimmons, R. Lahti
- ABSENT WITH REGRETS: N. Colborne, T. Koivukoski, J. Kovacs, H. Zhu
- K. Clausen, S. Elliott-Johns, G. Laronde, N. Maynes, J. McIntosh,  
MA Parr
- T. Waldock (Muskoka)
- ABSENT: G. Morrell, T. Smith
- J. Corkett
- C. Irwin

The minutes of the Senate meeting of April 17 2009 were adopted with no objections.

MOTION 1:            Moved by D. Mock, seconded by G. Phillips that the first election in item 9, nominations for the search committee for the Vice-President, Academic and Research, be moved to the first item on the agenda and be dealt with immediately.  
CARRIED

F. Noël nominated J. Barker (Applied & Professional Studies)

I. Mueller nominated F. Noël (Arts & Science)

A. Bell nominated J. Long (Education)

G. Phillips nominated AB Graff (Arts & Science)

S. Renshaw nominated S. Srigley (Arts & Science)

D. Hay nominated G. Raymer (Education)

J. Murton nominated J. Kovacs (Arts & Science)

P. Nosko nominated C. Sarlo (Applied & Professional Studies)

G. Brophay nominated J. Knox (Applied & Professional Studies)

Nominations ceased.

The Speaker indicated that a list of the nominees will go out via e-mail on Monday, with voting to occur between business hours on Tuesday, May 26 until Thursday, May 28, 2009 in the Office of the President.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President began his comments by announcing that the provincial government is in the process of working on a new 5-year Reaching Higher II plan. The consultation process will be similar to the Reaching Higher I that was chaired by Mr. Bob Rae. The President noted that there will be an opportunity for all institutions to provide submissions. Some of the themes to be covered in the new plan will include differentiation and system design, long-term capital and deferred maintenance and the credit transfer system with the community colleges. The results of this plan will be included in the 2010 budget.

The federal and provincial governments continue to discuss the \$2B allocated to Canada's post secondary sector. The President anticipates a province wide announcement will be forthcoming the last week of May and individual allocations will be known in June.

At their last meeting, the Board of Governors passed the budget with its \$1.5M deficit. The President noted that last week, the provincial government released \$150M in one time money for the post secondary system with \$81M earmarked for universities. Nipissing University will receive \$1.323M. He stressed that this money was unforeseen.

Dr. Mock reminded Senators of the importance of the upcoming convocation ceremonies to the graduating students as well as the installation of Dr. Lesley Lovett-Doust as new President on June 6.

The Library Learning Centre (LLC) gala that was held on Saturday, May 9 was a success. The President was delighted to report that the LLC was presented with \$1M from the Heritage Fund. To date, \$6.3M of the \$7.0M has been reached. It is still to be hoped that funding will be coming through from Fednor. The President went on to state that the campaign is deemed a success. The official groundbreaking is June 16.

The President noted that a promotion and tenure report will be presented at the June Senate meeting. He also congratulated Senator Ricketts on his appointment at Carleton University as Provost and welcomed the incoming President, Dr. Lesley Lovett-Doust. Dr. Lovett-Doust indicated she would be seeking input from the university community on transition in the VPAR area.

Senator Robinson provided an update on enrolment numbers and indicated that acceptances to the Faculty of Education are close to target. She added that first-year enrolment will not be known until after May 28. There are still a number of undecided applicants.

The Vice-President Academic and Research was pleased to announce that the recipient of the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching is Dr. Hilary Earl, while the Part-time Teaching Award is going to Joseph Boivin and Peter Ryback (Muskoka campus). Senator Ricketts was also pleased to report that he received a call earlier today that OCGS has approved the Master of Science in Mathematics commencing in September 2009. Additionally, Dr. Dan Walters is the co-recipient of a SSHRC strategic grant.

The Vice-President Finance and Administration indicated that a memo will be sent out in June outlining requests for office relocations. She noted that there will be a two-week period this summer in which moves will take place. Senator Paine-Mantha also advised senators that the tenders have now closed for the e-learning library and will close in two weeks for the student centre.

The Dean of Applied and Professional Studies extended congratulations to Bob Carpenter, Director of the School of Business and Economics and Dr. John Nadeau, Assistant Professor in the SBE on the receipt of a \$71,500 grant for the creation of a biomass energy centre at Nipissing University. Senator Vanderlee also commented on the Business Challenge Bowl held recently. West Ferris Secondary School won the challenge in which students were required to solve a business case study. The business case involved marketing the new Nipissing University Men's Varsity hockey team.

The Dean of Arts and Science was pleased to announce a unique community based initiative in Wikwemikong that would offer a Bachelor of Arts in Native Studies to an initial cohort of students. Twenty-four applications have been received to date.

The Dean of Education extended his thanks to all members of the Faculty of Education for another good year and a series of successful international placements.

Senator denHaan, President of NUSU, indicated that the new NUSU executive assumed their positions on May 1. They are in the process of working on Shinerama activities, preparing Frosh handbooks and seeking out volunteers for the barbecues.

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

##### Senate Executive Committee

MOTION 2: Moved by D. Mock, seconded by AB Graff that the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated May 14, 2009 be received.  
CARRIED

MOTION 3: Moved by D. Mock, seconded by P. Ricketts that diplomas be awarded to students listed on Appendix A who have completed all requirements for their respective degrees and certificates.  
CARRIED

##### Academic Planning Committee

MOTION 4: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by C. Cooper that the Report of the Academic Planning Committee dated May 7, 2009 be received.  
CARRIED

MOTION 5: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by B. Hatt that Senate give Stage 3 "Implementation Approval" to the Combined Major in Classics and History, as outlined in the attached document.  
CARRIED

##### Undergraduate Studies Committee

MOTION 6: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by AB Graff that Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee dated May 7, 2009 be received.  
CARRIED

MOTION 7: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by C. Mang that the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2008" be amended by changing the status of 4U Mathematics in the Bachelor of Commerce program from required to recommended, as outlined in the attached document.  
CARRIED

MOTION 8: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by R. Lahti that the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2008” be amended by the addition of COSC-1666 – Engineering Graphics to the Computer Science and Mathematics curriculum, as outlined in the attached document.  
 CARRIED

MOTION 9: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by J. Barnett that the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2008” be amended with the addition of EDUC4836 - Teaching in French Immersion, an optional Education course, as outlined in the attached document.  
 CARRIED

Graduate Studies Committee

MOTION 10: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by J. Barnett that the Report of the Graduate Studies Committee dated May 5, 2009 be received.  
 CARRIED

MOTION 11: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by C. Cooper that Senate approve the School of Graduate Studies Academic Regulations document as attached, with the term “Faculty” replaced by “School” throughout the document, and the term “Dean” replaced by “Director or Dean” throughout the document.  
 CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Senate was adjourned at 4:50 p.m. as quorum was lost.

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 D. Mock, President

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 C. Jenkins, Senate Secretary