

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

September 11, 2009

2:30 p.m. – Room F210

MEMBERS PRESENT:

L. Lovett-Doust, E. Aspevig, V. Paine-Mantha, C. Cooper, S. Rich,
R. Vanderlee, A. Carfagnini, B. Nettlefold, A. Robinson

J. Barker, N. Brown, J. Knox, S. Lechlitner, K. McCullough

N. Colborne, AB Graff, D. Jowett, S. Kariuki, T. Koivukoski, J. Kovacs,
U. Kandrats, G. Morrell, J. Murton, R. Nagy, F. Noël, G. Phillips,
T. Smith, M. Tuncali, H. Zhu

J. Barnett, A. Bell, J. Corkett, S. Elliott-Johns, D. Hay, D. Jarvis,
N. Maynes, J. McIntosh, MA Parr, G. Raymer, J. Scott

A. Wagner (Muskoka)

K. Chutko

L. McLaren

R. Beauchamp

T. Benevides

M. den Haan, R. Lahti

ABSENT WITH REGRETS:

P. Nosko

K. Clausen, D. Franks, B. Hatt

P. Gavan

A. Fitzsimmons

The minutes of the Senate meeting of June 19, 2009 were adopted with no objections.

The Speaker indicated that announcements were being moved to the end of the agenda for this meeting on a trial basis.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM THE SENATE MEETING OF June 19, 2009

Senate Executive Committee

May 27, 2009 Report

MOTION 1: Moved by L. Lovett-Doust, seconded by AB Graff that Senate receive the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated May 27, 2009 as outlined in the attached report.
CARRIED

May 28, 2009 Report

MOTION 2: Moved by L. Lovett-Doust, seconded by J. McIntosh that Senate receive the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated May 28, 2009 as outlined in the attached report.
CARRIED

Annual Report of the Senate Executive Committee

MOTION 3: Moved by L. Lovett-Doust, seconded by J. McIntosh that Senate receive the Annual Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated June 9, 2009 as outlined in the attached report.
CARRIED

June 11, 2009 Report

MOTION 4: Moved by L. Lovett-Doust, seconded by J. McIntosh that Senate receive the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated June 11, 2009 as outlined in the attached report.
CARRIED

Academic Planning Committee

Annual Report of the Academic Planning Committee

MOTION 5: Moved by E. Aspevig, seconded by G. Phillips that Senate receive the 2009 Annual Report of the Academic Planning Committee dated June 8, 2009 as outlined in the attached report.
CARRIED

Annual Report of the Admissions and Enrolment Subcommittee

- MOTION 6: Moved by A. Robinson, seconded by S. Lechlitner that Senate receive the 2009 Annual Report of the Admissions and Enrolment Subcommittee dated June 6, 2009 as outlined in the attached report.
CARRIED

Annual Report of the Program Review and Appraisals Subcommittee

- MOTION 7: Moved by E. Aspevig, seconded by G. Phillips that Senate receive the 2009 Annual Report of the Program Review and Appraisals Subcommittee of the Academic Planning Committee dated June 8, 2009 as outlined in the attached report.
CARRIED

May 21, 2009 Report

- MOTION 8: Moved by E. Aspevig, seconded by G. Phillips that Senate receive the Report of the Academic Planning Committee dated May 21, 2009 as outlined in the attached report.
CARRIED

Annual Report of the Graduate Studies Committee

- MOTION 9: Moved by E. Aspevig, seconded by C. Cooper that Senate receive the 2009 Annual Report of the School of Graduate Studies Committee dated June 8, 2009 as outlined in the attached report.
CARRIED

Annual Report of the Teaching & Learning Committee

- MOTION 10: Moved by S. Elliott-Johns, seconded by N. Maynes that Senate receive the 2009 Annual Report of the Teaching and Learning Committee dated June 7, 2009 as outlined in the attached report.
CARRIED

Annual Report of the University Research Council

- MOTION 11: Moved by E. Aspevig, seconded by C. Cooper that Senate receive the 2009 Annual Report of the University Research Council dated June 2, 2009 as outlined in the attached report.
CARRIED

AMENDMENTS OF BY-LAWS

- MOTION 12: Moved by J. McIntosh, seconded by C. Cooper that Article 9.6(a) of the Senate by-laws be amended to add the position of Executive Director of Library Services, or designate, as a non-voting member of the Teaching and Learning Committee.
CARRIED

REPORTS of STANDING COMMITTEES and FACULTY or UNIVERSITY COUNCILSSenate Executive CommitteeJune 23, 2009 Report

MOTION 13: Moved by L. Lovett-Doust, seconded by R. Vanderlee that Senate receive the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated June 23, 2009 as outlined in the attached report.
CARRIED

August 25, 2009 Report

MOTION 14: Moved by L. Lovett-Doust, seconded by AB Graff that Senate receive the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated August 25, 2009 as outlined in the attached report.
CARRIED

September 3, 2009 Report

MOTION 15: Moved by L. Lovett-Doust, seconded by J. McIntosh that Senate receive the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated September 3, 2009 as outlined in the attached report.
CARRIED

MOTION 16: Moved by E. Aspevig, seconded by AB Graff that Senate adopt the Nipissing University Academic Polices and Regulations outlined in the document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Polices, 2009."
CARRIED

ELECTIONS

One Senator to serve on the Personal Harassment and Discrimination Committee for a 2-year term.

- ACCLAIMED: D. Hay

REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIESAlumni Association

Senator Benevides indicated that the Nipissing University Alumni Association voted to obtain articles of dissolution for the Nipissing University Alumni Association Incorporated and to create a Nipissing University Alumni Association Advisory Board. A retreat is being planned for Saturday, September 19.

Council of Ontario Universities

Academic Colleague, Senator Graff, provided a brief update on three areas of interest to senators. There is a movement from the familiar UPRAC review to a new Quality Assurance process. This process will oversee university audits and the approval of new degree programs while maintaining transparency and accountability. Senator Graff also noted that the province has begun working on the development of Reaching Higher II, a follow up to the first Reaching Higher document that was introduced in May 2005. COU is also working with the

province on an initiative that will enable post secondary students to be able to transfer credits more readily between colleges and universities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President began by extending a welcome to all senators and especially to the interim Vice-President Academic and Research, Dr. Errol Aspevig and the new Dean of Education, Dr. Sharon Rich. She indicated that one of her priorities this fall/winter will be the development of a new strategic plan. Part of the development will include an exercise to determine how much progress was made from the previous plan.

Senator Lovett-Doust informed senators that the new interim President of the Council of Ontario Universities is Bonnie Patterson. Ms. Patterson is replacing Dr. Paul Genest, who has taken a position in the Premier's office.

The President was pleased to report that there was a hot link button on the Nipissing web page regarding H1N1 pandemic planning information. She encouraged Senators to please check it out.

The President expressed a concern over the enrolment gap of returning students. Approximately 220 eligible students have not registered for the fall semester.

A number of events are planned for the next few weeks. The Ontario University Fair will be held September 25 to 27. The annual Board of Governors dinner is planned for Tuesday, September 15. This dinner honours retirees and employees with at least 15 years of service.

The Vice-President Academic and Research was pleased to report good turnouts for both the NSERC and SSHRC workshops. Senator Aspevig noted that the Ontario Council of Academic Vice-Presidents (OCAV) is currently reviewing the process by which new programs are approved and current ones are reviewed (the Quality Assurance process mentioned above by the Academic Colleague). He noted that he will consult with the Deans and faculty before he provides a response from Nipissing.

Senator Aspevig spoke of the importance of faculty governance in the mission of the university. Senator Aspevig stressed faculty participation and respect. He added that meetings will be held in a timely manner. The Vice-President also was pleased to note that he had attended the oral defense of a MA History student. He was impressed with the quality of the paper and the extraordinary defense.

The Vice-President Finance and Administration announced that \$5.19M in funds was recently received jointly by Nipissing University in partnership with the Town of Bracebridge, from the federal Community Adjustment Fund Initiative. These funds are earmarked for the construction of a residence unit at the Muskoka campus. With students using the residence in the fall/winter and seasonal workers using this facility in spring/summer, it is hoped to have a 100% occupancy rate on a year round basis. Senator Paine-Mantha also noted that the new Research Wing will officially open November 24. Additionally, capital infrastructure funds will be used to construct a connector access between the H and R wings.

The Dean of Arts & Science was delighted to report that Senator Noël's book titled *Family and Community Life in Northeastern Ontario* will be launched at the North Bay Public Library on October 15. The Dean also advised senators that he will be hosting another faculty book launch in late October or early November. Details will be provided later.

The Dean of Applied and Professional Studies was delighted to report that Dr. Natalya Brown recently received her PhD from the University of Texas. He also welcomed Dr. Anne Wagner, the Senate representative from the Muskoka campus to her first Senate meeting.

The Dean of Education thanked all members of the Faculty of Education for being supportive in her transition to Nipissing University.

Senator den Haan from the Nipissing University student Union (NUSU) reminded senators that frosh week activities were ongoing and Shinerama will be out in full force in the city on Saturday. All proceeds go to cystic fibrosis research. Elections for student senators will be held at the end of the month and Senator den Hann announced that on Friday, September 18, there will be a staff and faculty appreciation day at The Wall. All menu items will be 20% off.

ADJOURNMENT

Senate was adjourned at 3.55 p.m.

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L. Lovett-Doust, President

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C. Jenkins, Senate Secretary