

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

November 13, 2009
2:30 p.m. – Room F210

MEMBERS PRESENT:

L. Lovett-Doust, E. Aspevig, C. Cooper, R. Vanderlee, B. Nettlefold
J. Barker, N. Brown, J. Knox, K. McCullough
N. Colborne, AB Graff, D. Jowett, S. Kariuki, T. Koivukoski, J. Kovacs,
U. Kundrats, G. Morrell, J. Murton, R. Nagy, F. Noël, P. Nosko, G. Phillips,
T. Smith
J. Barnett, A. Bell, K. Clausen, S. Elliott-Johns, D. Franks, D. Hay,
D. Jarvis, N. Maynes, J. McIntosh, MA Parr, G. Raymer
J. Vitale (Brantford), A. Wagner (Muskoka)
K. Chutko
R. Don, W. Ingwersen
T. Benevides
M. del Vecchio, J. Downs, A. Fielding, A. Fitzsimmons, R. Lahti, A. Sukhai

ABSENCE WITH REGRETS:

A. Carfagnini, A. Robinson, V. Paine-Mantha
S. Lechlitner
M. Tuncali, H. Zhu
B. Hatt, J. Scott
R. Beauchamp, P. Gavan
L. McLaren
M. den Haan

The minutes of the Senate meeting October 9, 2009 were adopted.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Senate Executive Committee

MOTION 1: Moved by L. Lovett-Doust, seconded by E. Aspevig that the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated November 5, 2009 be received.
CARRIED

Undergraduate Studies Committee

• October 20, 2009 Report

MOTION 2: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by AB Graff that Senate receive the Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee dated October 20, 2009.
CARRIED

MOTION 3: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by AB Graff that Senate consider receipt of the USC motion to amend the Exam Policy and Procedures document to add the statement “*students shall not be permitted to submit their exam and leave the exam room within the first hour of the scheduled exam.*”
CARRIED

MOTION 4: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by AB Graff that Senate approve the USC motion to amend the Exam Policy and Procedures document to add the statement “*students shall not be permitted to submit their exam and leave the exam room within the first hour of the scheduled exam.*”
CARRIED

• October 27, 2009 Report

MOTION 5: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by AB Graff that Senate receive the Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee dated October 27, 2009.
CARRIED

MOTION 6: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by R. Vanderlee that Senate approve that each academic unit review their course descriptions in the academic calendar for consistency, namely that they are 1) written in the active voice; 2) consistent in the use of tenses (present tense only); 3) provide the overarching themes that highlight the essence of the course; 4) written in language that is understandable to students; and 5) confined to 50-75 words in length. Deadline February 28, 2010.
DEFEATED

MOTION 7: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by AB Graff that Senate approve only those curricular packages submitted by an academic unit by June 30 to be included in the academic calendar for the following academic year.

MOTION 8: Moved by L. Lovett-Doust, seconded by AB Graff that Motion 7 of the USC report be referred back to the Undergraduate Studies Committee with instructions to take into account:

1. the necessity of preparing new course offerings for programs;
2. the necessity of proper editing; and
3. bearing in mind the timeline of the calendar production.

CARRIED

Graduate Studies Committee

MOTION 9: Moved by E. Aspevig, seconded by J. Murton that the Report of the Graduate Studies Committee dated November 2, 2009 be received as outlined.
CARRIED

MOTION 10: Moved by E. Aspevig, second by L. Lovett-Doust that Senate approve the addition of the EDUC5296 New Literacies: Making Multiple Meanings to the MEd program, as outlined.
CARRIED

AMENDMENT of BY-LAWS

- **Notice of Motion (regarding Admissions & Enrolment Subcommittee)**
That Article 9.2.1(c(i)) of the Senate bylaws be removed from the terms of reference of the Admissions and Enrolment Subcommittee and added to the terms of reference of the Undergraduate Studies Committee as Article 9.3(c(iv)).
- **Notice of Motion (regarding Undergraduate Standing & Petitions Subcommittee)**
That Article 9.3.1(c(iv)) of the Senate bylaws be removed from the terms of reference of the Undergraduate Standing and Petitions Subcommittee and added to the terms of reference of the Senate Executive Committee as Article 9.1(c(ix)).
- **Notice of Motion (regarding the Order of Senate Business)**
That Article 6.3 of the Senate bylaws be modified so that Announcements be moved from its current position as 6.3(a(iv)) to 6.3(a(xi)).
- **Notice of Motion (regarding Nipissing University Research Council)**
That Article 10.2(a) of the Senate bylaws be modified to read as follows:
Voting Members:
 - (i) the Dean of each Faculty;
 - (ii) Two (2) Canada Research Chairs (one NSERC representative and one SSHRC representative);
 - (iii) Six (6) Faculty members, one faculty member from each Faculty representing the Tri-Council disciplines to include: 2 CIHR, 2 NSERC, and 2 SSHRC as elected by Senate.Non-Voting Members:
 - (iv) Vice-President, Academic & Research, who shall be Chair;
 - (v) Director of Research Services and Graduate Studies;
 - (vi) Executive Director of Library Services

**Quorum is reached when six (6) voting members are in attendance of which four (4) will be faculty representatives.

Resource Persons:

Persons that are invited to provide information or participate in a meeting at the request of the NURC, as need be;
Chair of the Research Ethics Board
Chair of the Animal Care Committee
Chief Information Office or his/her delegate responsible for UTS research support
Director of Finance or his/her delegate responsible for research support

Executive Director of Advancement or his/her delegate, preferably the Manager of Integrated Marketing Communications
One student representative from a Graduate Program
One 4th year Honours Student representative

MOTION 11: Moved by K. McCullough, seconded by E. Aspevig that Senate consider voting on the Notice of Motion regarding changes to the membership of the Nipissing University Research Council.
CARRIED

MOTION 12: Moved by K. McCullough, seconded by AB Graff that Senate approve the changes to the membership of the Nipissing University Research Council.
CARRIED

- **Notice of Motion (regarding the Academic Planning Committee)**
That Article 9.2(a) of the Senate bylaws be amended to add “*the Executive Director Library, Services, or designate*” as a non-voting member.

ELECTIONS

MOTION 13: Moved by J. McIntosh, seconded by A. Bell that Senate approve the membership of the Library Advisory Subcommittee as outlined.
CARRIED

REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

Alumni Association

Senator Benevides announced that the Nipissing University Alumni Association is beginning the process of planning a homecoming for October 2010. The hope is to have a large faculty turnout so alumni will be able reconnect with their former professors.

Council of Ontario Universities (Academic Colleague)

Senator Graff provided an update on several COU issues. She indicated that the IUTS service will no longer be housed at York University but will be done by Purolator on a cost recovery basis.

Senator Graff also noted that COU, on behalf of the Ontario government, is launching a competition for one Chair in Renewable Energy Technologies and Health and two Chairs in Green Chemistry and Engineering.

At their recent meeting, COU academic colleagues were advised that the provincial government is focusing on a number of key areas in their upcoming post secondary plan. Enrollment growth, differentiation grants (a hot button item at smaller institutions), student mobility and pathways, multi-lateral agreements and accountability are some of the areas that will be examined. Senator Graff also noted that UPRAC responsibility has now been assumed by OCAV. Academic colleagues were also given a presentation by the Ontario Council of University Libraries (OCUL), part of which outlined a new model of libraries.

Personal Harassment and Discrimination Committee

Senator Hay announced that the committee met in September and October and is currently in the process of reviewing the personal harassment and discrimination policy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President commented on the recent meeting of the Association of Universities and Colleges in Canada (AUCC) held in Ottawa. AUCC's new president, Paul Davidson, announced new AUCC initiatives including an internationalization strategy and second language strategies. Mr. Davidson acknowledged the impact on the Canadian economy by international students.

The President also attended the Ontario Economic Summit where participants had the opportunity to question the various provincial ministers about post secondary education and the economy and its impact in various parts of the province. Of particular interest to the northern Presidents is the parallel between regional economic development and post secondary education. The Proposed Growth Plan for Northern Ontario was released in late October and outlines areas such as infrastructure, education, training, energy, research and economic development that must be brought together to strengthen the north. The President remarked that this plan appears to be less developed than the Golden Horseshoe Growth Plan.

The Globe & Mail and Maclean's surveys were recently published. There are categories Nipissing excelled in but the President added that there are challenges that must be addressed. She added that all of Nipissing's publications will be reviewed as these are our face to the world.

The Vice-President Academic and Research provided an oral report from Academic Planning (with a notation that a written report will be forthcoming for the December Senate meeting) He indicated that the UPRAC reports for Geography and Fine Arts have been received. There will be a UPRAC review for English Studies in 2010. Advice is being sought from COU to determine if the Nursing and Education accreditation reports could be used as their submission for UPRAC reviews. The Vice-President commented on the great BIOMASS Conference and the positive feedback that was generated.

The Dean of Applied and Professional Studies congratulated the organizers of the recent BIOMASS conference which hosted more than 400 participants, including political and international representatives.

The Dean of Arts and Science extended his congratulations to Dr. Jeff Dech, a co-recipient of a \$160K grant from Geoide. This funding is part of a larger project that includes additional funding from Ontario Centres of Excellence (proposal under review) and Queen's University. The grants go towards a 2-year project on forest bioproducts. The total project cost is \$3.0M.

Senator Fitzsimmons from NUSU announced that students had signed a petition against the rise in tuition fees. These petitions are being sent to the province. She also mentioned that November was "Movember" month with students growing moustaches and raising awareness of prostate cancer research. Senator Fitzsimmons noted that a table has been set up in the student centre hallway where donations can be made to this worthy cause. To date, more than \$1.0K has been raised. She also announced that the student food bank was very low and a food drive was currently underway. The students were also entering a parade float for the Santa Claus parade.

Senator Nettlefold announced that there will be a faculty book launch in the Library Lounge on December 3 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Senator Maynes was pleased to report that a successful Scholastic Book Fair was held earlier this week by the Year 5 Concurrent Education Students. A portion of the fair's proceeds will be donated to the library at One Kids Place.

Senate was adjourned: 4:30 p.m.

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L. Lovett-Doust, President

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C. Jenkins, Senate Secretary