

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

December 18, 2009  
2:30 p.m. – Room F210

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

J. Barker, N. Brown, K. McCullough

N. Colborne, T. Koivukoski, J. Kovacs, U. Kundraats, R. Nagy,  
F. Noël, P. Nosko, G. Phillips, M. Tuncali

A. Bell, K. Clausen, J. Corkett, S. Elliott-Johns, D. Franks, B. Hatt, D. Hay,  
D. Jarvis, N. Maynes, J. McIntosh, MA Parr, G. Raymer, J. Scott

A. Wagner (Muskoka)

K. Chutko

P. Gavan

M. del Vecchio, M. den Haan, J. Downs, A. Fielding, A. Fitzsimmons,  
R. Lahti, A. Sukhai

ABSENCE WITH REGRETS:

J. Knox, S. Lechlitner

AB Graff, D. Jowett, S. Kariuki, J. Murton, H. Zhu

J. Barnett

J. Vitale (Brantford)

R. Don, W. Ingwersen

T. Benevides

L. McLaren

S. Campbell

ABSENT:

G. Morrell, T. Smith

The minutes of the Senate meeting November 13, 2009 were adopted.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Senate Executive Committee

MOTION 1: Moved by E. Aspevig, C. Cooper seconded by E. Aspevig that the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated December 10, 2009 be received.  
CARRIED

Academic Planning Committee

MOTION 2: Moved by E. Aspevig, seconded by R. Vanderlee that Senate receive the Report of the Academic Planning dated October 23, 2009.  
CARRIED

Undergraduate Studies Committee

MOTION 3: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by S. Rich that Senate receive the Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee dated November 17, 2009.  
CARRIED

MOTION 4: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by J. Kovacs that Senate approve the addition of ANTR3006 - Anthropology of Development in the Canadian North, as outlined.  
CARRIED

MOTION 5: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by J. Scott that Senate approve the amendment of the degree requirements for the Classics Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Combined Major with History as outlined.  
CARRIED

MOTION 6: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by J. Corkett that Senate approved the following as an omnibus motion:

- substantive changes in course title, description and prerequisite to FAVA3026 as outlined;
- substantive changes in course title and description to FAVA3027 as outlined;
- approve the addition of FAVA3126 – Screenprinting, as outlined, and
- approve the addition of FAVA 3127 – Lithography, as outlined.

CARRIED

MOTION 7: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by P. Nosko that Senate approve the revision of the prerequisites, as outlined, for:

- FAVA 3377
- FAVA 2237
- FAVA 3047
- FAVA 4046
- FAVA 4056
- FAVA 4057
- FAVA 3036
- FAVA 4036
- FAVA 2047

CARRIED

MOTION 8: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by S. Rich that Senate approve the addition of FAVA2146 - Design and Colour I and FAVA2147 - Design and Colour II, and the deletion of FAVA2045 – Design and Colour, as outlined.  
CARRIED

MOTION 9: Moved by C. Cooper , seconded by R. Vanderlee that Senate approve the revision of the program requirements for the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree and the Bachelor of Arts (3-year general) single and combined major in Fine Arts.  
CARRIED

Teaching and Learning Committee

MOTION 10: Moved by R. Nagy, seconded by S. Elliott-Johns that Senate receive the Report of the Teaching & Learning Committee dated December 3, 2009 as amended.  
CARRIED

MOTION 11: Moved by R. Nagy, second by C. Cooper that effective January 1, 2010, the writing competency test be discontinued as part of the requirements for graduation and that a task force will report to the Teaching and Learning Committee in May 2010 regarding a more explicit, simplified, voluntary, and faculty-specific approach to enhancing literacy and other competencies across the curriculum for all students.

MOTION 12: Moved by U. Kundrats, seconded by MA Parr that Motion 2 of the Report of the Teaching and Learning Committee be split.  
DEFEATED

MOTION 13: Moved by R. Nagy, second by C. Cooper that effective January 1, 2010, the writing competency test be discontinued as part of the requirements for graduation and that a task force will report to the Teaching and Learning Committee in May 2010 regarding a more explicit, effective, voluntary, and faculty-specific approach to enhancing literacy and other competencies across the curriculum for all students.  
CARRIED

AMENDMENT of BY-LAWS

MOTION 14: Moved by K. McCullough, seconded by G. Raymer 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)).  
CARRIED

MOTION 15: Moved by K. McCullough, seconded by S. Rich 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)).  
CARRIED

MOTION 16: Moved by K. McCullough, seconded by C. Cooper 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)).

CARRIED

MOTION 17: Moved by K. McCullough, seconded by S. Elliot-Johns 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.

CARRIED

### ELECTIONS

- Elect six (6) Faculty members, one faculty member from each Faculty representing the Tri-council disciplines to include 2 CIHR, 2 NSERC and 2 SSHRC, to the University Research Council.

#### CIHR

Nominated: T. Curwen, D. Hemsworth, T. Smith

**Elected: D. Hemsworth, T. Smith**

#### NSERC

Nominated: J. Dech, J. Kovacs, G. Raymer, V. Valov

**Elected: J. Kovacs, G. Raymer**

#### SSHRC

Nominated: A. Clendinning, T. Curwen, R. Gendron, D. Gosse, J. Nadeau, D. Neal, D. Jarvis, S. Winters

**Elected: A. Clendinning, D. Jarvis**

- Elect two (2) Faculty members, one (1) female and one (1) male, from the Faculty of Education and elected by the Faculty of Education members of Senate to serve on the search committee for an Associate Dean of Education. Of those elected, only one (1) may be a probationary faculty member.

**Acclaimed: J. Scott**

Nominated: N. Maynes, J. McIntosh

**Elected: J. McIntosh**

- Elect one (1) Senator to serve as the University’s Academic Colleague on the Council of Ontario Universities, for the term January 2010 to June 2010.

Nominated: U. Kundrats, F. Noël

**Elected: F. Noël**

## REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

### Council of Ontario Universities (Academic Colleague)

Senator Phillips, on behalf of Senator Graff provided an update on several COU issues. She indicated that almost every university in Ontario, except Nipissing and UWO, will have a solvency payment due in the short term, potentially hundreds of millions of dollars. Nipissing and UWO are exempt because we are defined contribution not defined benefit. Consequently other universities are cutting their budgets to meet the pension shortfall precipitated by the economic crisis and the universities, through COU, are advocating to be exempted from the solvency requirement.

Regarding Reaching Higher 2, COU, on behalf of the universities in Ontario has presented the government with its argument for financial support. COU would like to see "quality" funded. There is a growing recognition that the kind of growth that was sponsored by Reaching Higher I took place at the expense of quality.

Senator Phillips reported that the Academic Colleagues will be preparing a short paper on collaborative online degrees for the April meeting

## NEW BUSINESS

MOTION 18: That Senate consider receipt of the Report of the Academic Planning Committee dated December 11, 2009  
CARRIED

MOTION 19: That the Report of the Academic Planning Committee dated December 11, 2009 be received.  
CARRIED

MOTION 20: That Senate amend the Senate Admission Policy on English Language Proficiency to include The Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic) with a minimum overall score of 55 in writing for admission consideration to undergraduate studies and a minimum overall score of 67 including a minimum score of 60 in each of listening, reading, speaking and writing, for admission consideration to the Bachelor of Education (Consecutive). (See Appendix A)  
CARRIED

MOTION 21: That Senate amend the undergraduate admission policy to include that graduates of one-year (2 semester) recognized College of Applied Arts and Technology (CAAT) certificate programs with a minimum 3.0 GPA (70%) be considered for admission to undergraduate studies on probation. Such applicants will not be eligible for advanced standing. Program specific subject requirements must still be met in order to be considered for some programs. (See Appendix B)  
CARRIED

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President commented on Universities' Days held at Queen's Park on November 26. The purpose of this venue is to draw attention to the critical role that universities play in the province as well as to outline the sector's policy requests for the next multi-year plan.

The President also noted that COU is requesting an increase to the base budgets of the universities. However, MTCU has indicated their desire to capture system wide goals through to advance differentiated missions and aspirations and that the multi-year accountability agreements (MYAAs) may not be the only means used. The President summarized this concept by stating that funding will probably be based on institution specific goals and get rid of fluctuating targets.

The President was pleased to report that the strategic planning process has begun in earnest with six sessions held to date. Additional group discussions are planned for the new year.

On December 16, the Office of Aboriginal Initiatives had the pleasure of distributing more than \$40K in bursaries. The President explained that this is part of a funding strategy by MTCU for First Nation post secondary students. The goal is to increase participation and retention rates of First Nation students by providing financial assistance.

The President extended congratulations to the School of Business and Economics faculty and student volunteers for a successful Biomass Conference. She indicated that she has just been notified that Fednor is contributing an additional \$30K towards the conference.

On December 22 at 3:00 p.m. there will be a staff get-together in the front foyer to celebrate the upcoming holidays. Additionally, there will be a Lakers exhibition hockey game against the Waterloo Warriors on January 2 at 2:30 pm. The Learning Library will be the beneficiary of the Rotary Club Jazz Fest on January 16, 2010.

The Vice-President Academic and Research attended a recent OCAV meeting and was pleased to report that Ken Norrie from HEQCO, an advisory group for the provincial government, singled out Nipissing's course UNIV1011, University Success, as important work spearheaded by Senator Carfagnini.

Senator Aspevig noted that the new UPRAC approval process has been significantly revised and the document should arrive in the next few months. Also, a small task force has been formed to review Senate policies and ascertain where there are gaps. Currently, there are four members on this ad hoc group and Senator Aspevig is requesting additional volunteers.

The Vice-President of Finance and Administration thanked the faculty and students who helped with the official opening of the research wing. She also added that there has been a delay on the delivery of steel that will be used for the connector between the H and R wings. However, she was pleased to report that the Learning Library is moving ahead on schedule.

The Dean of Applied and Professional Studies was pleased to announce that Dr. John Nadeau from the School of Business and Economics was a co-recipient of the Best Paper Award at the International Conference on Destination Branding and Marketing in China.

The Dean of Arts and Science commented on the successful book launch hosted by the Library on December 3. The launch represented 17 works by 19 authors.

NUSU President, Senator den Haan was pleased to report that the Shinerama campaign had its most successful year to date, raising almost \$24K, surpassing a long standing record. The campaign was also nationally recognized with the most improved Shinerama campaign award. The students have been involved in several other fundraising events most notably "Movember" for prostate cancer awareness and "Soles for Africa." Senator den Haan also reported that the newest recognized student group campus was the Pride group.

Senate was adjourned: 4:38 p.m.

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L. Lovett-Doust, President

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C. Jenkins, Senate Secretary