

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

January 15, 2010

2:30 p.m. – Room F210

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

N. Brown, J. Knox, S. Lechlitner

N. Colborne, S. Kariuki, T. Koivukoski, J. Kovacs, U. Kundrats,
C. McFarlane, G. Morrell, J. Murton, R. Nagy, F. Noël,
P. Nosko, G. Phillips, T. Smith, M. Tuncali, H. Zhu

R. Don, W. Ingwersen

K. Chutko

J. Barnett, J. Corkett, S. Elliott-Johns, K. Ferguson, B. Hatt,
D. Hay, D. Jarvis, N. Maynes, J. McIntosh, MA Parr,
G. Raymer, J. Scott

J. Vitale (Brantford)
A. Wagner (Bracebridge)
L. McLaren
S. Campbell
T. Benevides

M. del Vecchio; J. Downs; A. Fielding; A. Fitzsimmons;
R. Lahti; A. Sukhai

ABSENCE WITH REGRETS: J. Barker, K. McCullough

D. Jowett, K. Ferguson

D. Franks

P. Gavan

M. den Haan

The minutes of the Senate meeting December 18, 2009 were adopted, with one amendment.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Senate Executive Committee

MOTION 1: Moved by L. Lovett-Doust, seconded by C. McFarlane that the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated January 7, 2010 be received.
CARRIED

Academic Planning Committee

MOTION 2: Moved by E. Aspevig, seconded by J. Knox that Senate receive the Report of the Academic Planning Committee dated December 11, 2009.
CARRIED

MOTION 3: Moved by E. Aspevig, seconded by R. Vanderlee that Senate give Stage 1 development approval to the Applied Health Studies Honours Single, as outlined.
CARRIED

MOTION 4: Moved by E. Aspevig, seconded by R. Vanderlee that Senate give Stage 1 development approval to the BSW Honours Single, as outlined.
CARRIED

Undergraduate Studies Committee

November 24, 2009 Report:

MOTION 5: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by J. Scott that Senate receive the Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee dated November 24, 2009.
CARRIED

MOTION 6: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by R. Vanderlee that Senate approve the addition of the 3 credit course, NURS4057 Special Topics in Nursing, to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing curriculum, as outlined.
CARRIED

December 8, 2009 Report:

MOTION 7: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate receive the Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee dated December 8, 2009, as outlined.
CARRIED

Classics

MOTION 8: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate approve the addition of CLAS4106 – Advanced Readings in Latin Prose Authors and CLAS4107 Advanced Readings in Latin Poetry, as outlined.
CARRIED

MOTION 9: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate approve the deletion of CLAS4105 – Latin Honours Seminar: Latin Authors, as outlined.
CARRIED

Computer Science and Mathematics

MOTION 10: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve the addition of a one-hour tutorial for MATH1070 Fundamentals of Arithmetic for Teachers, as outlined.
CARRIED

MOTION 11: Moved by C. Cooper , seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve the creation of a New Certificate program in Game Design and Development, as outlined.
CARRIED

History

MOTION 12: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by J. Murton that Senate approve the addition of HIST2275 – Environmental History: Canada and the World, as outlined.
CARRIED

MOTION 13: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by J. Murton that Senate approve the deletion of HIST3275 – North American Environmental History, as outlined.
CARRIED

MOTION 14: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by J. Murton that Senate approve the addition of HIST3937 – History of Sexuality in Western Societies II: Transformation of Modernity, as outlined.
CARRIED

Joint Certificate in Digital Humanities

MOTION 15: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by G. Phillips that Senate give Stage 2 curriculum approval to the new Joint Certificate in Digital Humanities, as outlined.
CARRIED

MOTION 16: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by S. Elliott-Johns that Senate approve the addition of DIGI4006 – Project in Digital Humanities, as outlined.
CARRIED

ELECTIONS

- Elect three (3) faculty representatives, one from each faculty, to serve on the Selection Committee for the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching and the Nipissing University Award for part-time teaching.

The following faculty representatives were acclaimed:

G. Morrell (Faculty of Arts & Science)

K. Ferguson (Faculty of Education)

N. Brown (Faculty of Applied & Professional Studies)

REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

Senator Benevides from the Alumni Association announced that there will be a homecoming event from October 22-24, 2010. More details will follow.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President welcomed Senators back to the New Year. The Strategic Plan is moving forward with more focus group meetings being held this past week and next, as well as on the weekend. She asked Senators to refer to her email which was sent to the University community, or to our web site. She stressed that, even if someone is not able to attend any of the sessions, they can email us their suggestions as well as their input to our mission, vision and values. The next phase of our Strategic Plan will be to identify strategic goals which can be started on and we will be asking for volunteers to move forward on this.

The President noted that today is the last day to do the Accessibility Training Module and the provincial government has mandated 100% compliance.

The President advised that she will be attending a nation-wide Aboriginal workshop this month and advised Senators that the next NUAC meeting will be held on Friday, February 12th.

Senior Executive is monitoring student applications and was pleased to report that there is a slight increase in applications. However, the President noted that we must work together in attracting students to Nipissing. Recruitment is critical in order to have sustainability. The Vice President Academic and Research has been working on strategies. All creative ideas and suggestions are welcome.

The Vice-President Academic and Research was delighted to report that the following faculty have been awarded the Research Achievement Award: Dan Jarvis (Faculty of Education); Stephen Kariuki (Faculty of Arts & Science); Derek Neal (Faculty of Arts & Science); Katrina Srigley (Faculty of Arts & Science); and Andrew Weeks (Faculty of Arts & Science). Senator Aspevig noted that there were more outstanding people at Nipissing conducting research than there are awards which made the committee's work challenging.

The Vice-President Finance & Administration thanked Senators for their patience with regard to parking issues as a result of the Learning Library and other construction occurring. She advised that the Bracebridge residence will be going out to tender in the next few weeks. She is also doing fundraising for the Rotary Club in relation to Valentine's Day.

The Student Representative advised that the VP Student Life is trying to get our Muskoka campus students involved in various ways (e.g. bus them up for Winter Classics; Semester Club Days). The NUSU elections will be held from January 28 to February 4.

The Rotary Club is hosting a Blues Feast Saturday night; cost is \$75 with a \$40 tax receipt. Please contribute to the Haiti disaster relief fund through Margarida Shail.

Senator Tuncali announced that he and his colleagues will be holding Topology workshops in May and are the recipients of \$22K from the National Science Foundation.

The Truth, Reconciliation and the Residential Schools Conference is being held March 5-7. Early registration ends January 31; thereafter, the fees will go up. Registration fees are waived for Nipissing University students.

Nipissing is hosting the Varsity Ski Races this weekend. There are 30 volunteers working and there are still some spots open for trail marshals. Please come out and support the race.

Senate was adjourned: 4:30 p.m.

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L. Lovett-Doust, President

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C. Jenkins, Senate Secretary