

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

February 12, 2010  
2:30 p.m. - Room F210

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

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

S. Kariuki, T. Koivukoski, U. Kundrats, C. McFarlane, J. Murton, F. Noel,  
G. Phillips, T. Smith, M. Tuncali, H. Zhu

K. Clausen, S. Elliott-Johns, K. Ferguson, D. Franks, D. Hay, N. Maynes,  
J. McIntosh, G. Raymer

J. Vitale, A. Wagner

K. Chutko, R. Don

L. McLaren

S. Campbell

T. Benevides

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

ABSENT WITH REGRETS:

A. Carfagnini, A. Robinson

N. Colborne, D. Jowett, J. Kovacs, G. Morrell, R. Nagy, P. Nosko

J. Barnett, J. Corkett, B. Hatt, D. Jarvis, MA Parr, J. Scott

P. Gavan

W. Ingwersen

J. Downs

The minutes of the Senate meeting of January 15, 2010 were adopted with a correction as to the attendance of Senator Wagner.

QUESTION PERIOD

Senator Clausen asked a lengthy question with reference to a meeting that was held with members of the Faculty of Education on February 3, 2010. He read the entire letter he had sent to the Senate Secretary on February 8. Specifically, Senator Clausen wanted to know if there would be any changes in terms of administrative structure and authority within the Faculty of Education, and if so, could the process be outlined as to which changes will be made. Senator Lovett-Doust reminded Senators that currently there was news embargo on that announcement so it

should be treated with confidentiality until March 18. She did indicate however, that the announcement would not necessitate any changes within the faculty.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND FACULTY OR UNIVERSITY COUNCILS

### Senate Executive Committee

MOTION 1: Moved by E. Aspevig, seconded by J. McIntosh that the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated February 4, 2010 be received.  
CARRIED

MOTION 2: Moved by E. Aspevig, seconded by C. McFarlane 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 3: Moved by E. Aspevig, seconded by G. Phillips, that the Report of the Academic Planning Committee dated January 29, 2010 be received.  
CARRIED

MOTION 4: Moved by E. Aspevig, seconded by G. Phillips that Senate give Stage 3 implementation approval to the Joint Certificate in Digital Humanities, as outlined.  
CARRIED

### Undergraduate Studies Committee

#### ▪ **December 15, 2009 Report**

MOTION 5: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate receive the Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee dated, December 15, 2009.  
CARRIED

### ***Gender Equality and Social Justice:***

MOTION 6: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate approve the modification of the course description for GEND3037 Applied Activism, as outlined.  
CARRIED

MOTION 7: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by J. Murton that Senate approve the modification of the course description for GEND2306 Art and Social Justice, as outlined.  
CARRIED

MOTION 8: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate approve the title change and modification of the course description for GEND3207 The United Nations and International Justice, as outlined.  
CARRIED

- MOTION 9: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by G. Phillips that Senate approve the cross-coding of GEND3205 to the existing course PHIL3205 Philosophy of Sex and Love, as outlined.  
CARRIED
- MOTION 10: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate approve the cross-coding of RLCT3205 to the existing course PHIL3205 Philosophy of Sex and Love, as outlined.  
CARRIED
- MOTION 11: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate approve the addition of GEND3205 to the Culture and Criticism stream, as outlined.  
CARRIED

***Sociology:***

- MOTION 12: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate approve the change in restrictions for all 4000 level SOCI courses for students in the fourth year of Honours Sociology and/or Criminal Justice from: those who have completed 36 credits in Sociology/and or Criminal Justice to those who have completed 24 credits in Sociology and/or Criminal Justice.  
CARRIED

***School of Criminal Justice & Legal Studies:***

- MOTION 13: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by J. Barker that Senate approve the modification of CRJS2106 Psychology and the Law, as outlined.  
CARRIED
- MOTION 14: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by J. Barker that Senate approve that CRJS2206 Introduction to Canadian Law be recoded to CRJS1206, as outlined.  
CARRIED

▪ **January 22, 2010 Report**

- MOTION 15: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by G. Phillips that Senate receive the Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee dated, January 22, 2010.  
CARRIED
- MOTION 16: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by J. Barker that Senate approve the proposed Certificate in Health Studies and Gerontology as outlined.  
CARRIED
- MOTION 17: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate consider motions 3 – 28 of the USC report dated January 22, 2010, as one omnibus motion.  
CARRIED

- **Motion 3:** That Senate approve that the name for GEOG2017 be changed from “Introduction to Cartography and Geographic Information Systems” to Introduction to Geomatics” and that the course description be updated as described in the accompanying document.
- **Motion 4:** That Senate approve that GEOG2206: Population Geography be changed to a third year course GEOG3306 “Population Geography”.

- **Motion 5:** That Senate approve that the name for GEOG3016 be changed from “Field and Laboratory Techniques in Physical Geography” to “Field Techniques in Geography” and that the course description be updated as described in the accompanying document.
- **Motion 6:** That Senate approve that the name of GEOG4317: Issues in Economic Geography and Development be changed to “Issues in Global Economic Geographies” and that the course description be updated as described in the accompanying document.
- **Motion 7:** That Senate approve the addition of GEOG2226 – Environment and Society, to the Geography curriculum.
- **Motion 8:** That Senate approve the deletion of GEOG2227 – Introduction to Natural Resource Planning and Management from the Geography curriculum.
- **Motion 9:** That Senate approve the addition of a new course GEOG2136 - Cultural Geography to the Geography curriculum.
- **Motion 10:** That Senate approve the addition of a new course GEOG2137 - Social Geography to the Geography curriculum.
- **Motion 11:** That Senate approve the deletion of GEOG2215 - Cultural and Social Geography from the Geography curriculum.
- **Motion 12:** That Senate approve the addition of GEOG3136 - Global Economic Geographies to the Geography curriculum.
- **Motion 13:** That Senate approve the deletion of GEOG2306 - Economic Geography from the Geography curriculum.
- **Motion 14:** That Senate approve the addition of GEOG3436 - Earth Resources to the Geography curriculum.
- **Motion 15:** That Senate approve the deletion of GEOL2021 - Earth Resources from the Geography curriculum.
- **Motion 16:** That Senate approve that GEOG3436 - Earth Resources be added to the Certificate in Environmental Management in the section “And nine credits of:”
- **Motion 17:** That Senate approve the addition of GEOG4437 - Hazards Geography to the Geography curriculum.
- **Motion 18:** That Senate approve the deletion of GEOL2022 - Natural Disasters from the Geography curriculum.
- **Motion 19:** That Senate approve that GEOG4437 - Hazards Geography be added to the Certificate in Environmental Management in the section “And nine credits of:”
- **Motion 20:** That Senate approve the addition of GEOG2107 - Climatology to the Geography curriculum.
- **Motion 21:** That Senate approve the addition of GEOG3107 - Weather Analysis and Forecasting to the Geography curriculum.

- **Motion 22:** That Senate approve the deletion of GEOG3105 - Climatology from the Geography curriculum.
- **Motion 23:** That Senate approve the addition of GEOG3086 - Principles of Biogeography to the Geography curriculum.
- **Motion 24:** That Senate approve the addition of GEOG4087 - Advanced Biogeography to the Geography curriculum.
- **Motion 25:** That Senate approve the deletion of GEOG3115 - Biogeography from the Geography curriculum.
- **Motion 26:** That Senate approve the addition of a new course GEOG3076 - Regional Geography of Africa to the Geography curriculum.
- **Motion 27:** That Senate approve the addition of a new course GEOG3096 - Environmental Hydrology” to the Geography curriculum.
- **Motion 28:** That Senate approve the addition of a new course GEOG4247 - Watershed Modeling to the Geography curriculum.

MOTION 18: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by G. Phillips that Senate approve Motions 3 – 28 of the USC report dated January 22, 2010, as one omnibus motion.  
CARRIED

MOTION 19: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by R. Vanderlee that Senate approve ADMN1607-Business Mathematics or ECON1127 - Introduction to Mathematics for Economists as alternate prerequisites for ECON2126/ADMN2606 - Elementary Statistical Methods for Economists.  
CARRIED

#### Teaching and Learning Committee

MOTION 20: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate receive the report of the Teaching and Learning Committee dated January 26, 2010.  
CARRIED

#### REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

##### Alumni Association

Senator Benevides from the Alumni Association was pleased to report that the Alumni Homecoming Cards have been approved. She also reported that the Association has donated \$1000 to the student food bank. Cheques for \$500 will be issued twice a year.

##### Council of Ontario Universities

The COU report was forwarded to Senators earlier in the week at the request of the Academic Colleague, Senator Noel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President reported that the strategic planning process is well under way. Additional suggestions regarding strategic goals may still be made to the Board Secretary, Susan Robineau, or the President. The President announced that enrolment numbers looked positive with a 3% increase in 101's, a 1% increase for 105's going into first year and a substantial increase in the number of applicants from 105's who would be entering upper year. She also extended congratulations to Adam Adler and Gillian McCann for their outstanding work on the midwinter multi-arts festival. This was an opportunity to engage in community partnership. The President reminded senators that March 15, 17 and 19 was Nipissing UpClose, an initiative whereby applicants and their families visit our campus. She added that it is critical to convert our applicants to registrants. Senators were also reminded to complete their AODA on-line training.

The Vice-President Academic and Research commented on the retreat on Community Service Learning that was held earlier this week with the McConnell Foundation. It was an ideal opportunity to hear what was happening at other institutions across the country. This retreat serves to revitalize Community Service Learning by involving the community and using research to meet the needs of the community. The Vice-President also announced that at the recent OCAV meeting, the new UPRAC guidelines were approved. A workshop will be conducted on how to implement these guidelines. Senator Cooper, Dean of Arts and Science, will attend on Nipissing's behalf.

The Dean of Applied and Professional Studies thanked the Criminal Justice Student's Association for the special lecture given by the Ontario Provincial Police Commissioner, Julian Fantino on February 3.

The Dean of Arts and Science was pleased to report that Jeffrey Simpson, National Affairs Columnist for the Globe and Mail, will be on campus on March 2 making presentations to several classes.

Senator den Haan President of NUSU announced the election results for the new Executive for 2010-2011. They are: Ryan Lahti, President; Anna Fitzsimmons, VP External; Alex Fielding, VP Internal; and Trina Prince, VP Student Life. She also reported that \$3,500 was raised by students to go to Doctors Without Borders for their initiatives in Haiti. Valedictorian elections are currently underway and Green Week is March 8 to 12.

Senator Nettlefold, Executive Director of Library Services, provided an update on library cataloguing. Negotiations between the Ontario Colleges Library Service (OCLS), which acts on behalf of the Ontario colleges and Nipissing University, and the commercial cataloguing provider in Winnipeg have concluded. New materials ordered via the OCLS vendor of choice will be shipped directly to Winnipeg for cataloguing starting in April. Other materials will be dealt with separately and should commence this summer.

ADJOURNMENT

If there is no objection, Senate will now adjourn: 3:50 p.m.

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L. Lovett Doust, President

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C. Jenkins, Senate Secretary