

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

April 16, 2010

2:30 p.m. - Room F210

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

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

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

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

J. Vitale (Brantford)

R. Don, W. Ingwersen

K. Chutko

T. Benevides

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

ABSENT WITH REGRETS:

R. Vanderlee

J. Knox

D. Jowett, S. Kariuki

J. Corkett

A. Wagner (Muskoka)

L. McLaren

S. Campbell, P. Gavan

M. den Haan

The minutes of the Senate meeting of March 19, 2010 were adopted.

QUESTION PERIOD

The naming of the Learning Library was raised. The President advised senators that the building is 18 months away from completion and that the responsibility and timing for naming the Learning Library rests with the donor, under the terms of the Learning Library Campaign.

A question was asked regarding the status of the search for a new Chancellor. Senator Lovett-Doust responded by stating that a candidate is being approached. She also noted that the current Chancellor's term does not end until June 30, 2010 and he has agreed to officiate at this year's graduation ceremonies if required..

A question raised at the March 2010 Senate regarding the status of the course evaluation forms that was brought to Senate several years ago resulted in the following motion:

MOTION 1: Moved by L. Lovett-Doust, seconded by J. Barnett that the Senate Committee on Teaching and Learning prepare a progress report on the course teaching evaluations to be filed with the Senate Secretary for the June 2010 Senate meeting.
CARRIED

It was noted that an ad hoc committee had worked on the content of the course teaching evaluations, but a number of those members have since retired. That current status of this committee and any results are unknown. Bob Keech, Chief Information Officer, was able to advise Senate that the technical underpinnings for compiling the results of evaluations are currently being put into place. The Senate Secretary will track down any documentation and forward them to the Teaching and Learning Committee.

REPORTS of STANDING COMMITTEES and FACULTY or UNIVERSITY COUNCILSSenate Executive Committee

MOTION 2: Moved by L. Lovett Doust, seconded by J. McIntosh that the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated April 8, 2010 be received.
CARRIED

Undergraduate Studies Committee

MOTION 3: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by T. Smith that the Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee dated April 6, 2010 be received.
CARRIED

MOTION 4: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by P. Nosko that Senate approve that the description of BIOL3117 - Biostatistics be revised to reflect dropping the 3-hour lab from this course.
CARRIED

MOTION 5: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by P. Nosko that Senate approve that the description of BIOL3066 - Flora of Northern Ontario be revised by deleting reference to a 3-hour lab and elimination of the prerequisite.
CARRIED

- MOTION 6: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by P. Nosko that Senate approve that the BSc 4 in Biology be revised to provide an alternative for students who wish to graduate with a four-year degree but do not wish to undertake a thesis, as outlined in the accompanying documentation.
CARRIED
- MOTION 7: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by P. Nosko that Senate approve that the BSc in Environmental Biology and Technology be revised to provide an alternative for students who wish to graduate with a four-year degree but do not wish to undertake a thesis as outlined in the accompanying documentation.
CARRIED
- MOTION 8: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by K. Chutko that Senate approve that the prerequisites for GEOG4247 - Watershed Hydrology be changed from GEOG3056 Spatial Analysis Using GIS and GEOG3086 Principles of Biogeography to read GEOG3056 Spatial Analysis Using GIS and GEOG3096 Environmental Hydrology.
CARRIED
- MOTION 9: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by J. Kovacs that Senate approve that henceforth all Physical Systematic and all Systematic Techniques courses be deemed science credit courses, as outlined in the attached document.
CARRIED
- MOTION 10: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate approve that the following Classical Studies courses be cross-listed with English Studies:
- CLAS2316 - Introduction to Ancient Greek Literature in Translation
 - CLAS2317 - Introduction to Roman Literature in Translation
 - CLAS3326 - Greek Drama and Theatre
 - CLAS3327 - Roman Comedy
- CARRIED
- MOTION 11: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by T. Smith that Senate approve that for all upper-year Sociology courses currently having as prerequisite SOCI1016 and SOCI1017; or SOCI1015 the prerequisite be changed to SOCI1016 or SOCI1015.
CARRIED
- MOTION 12: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by K. McCullough that Senate approve the addition of the following 3-credit courses to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing:
- NURS4426 - Transitions: Introduction to Canadian Healthcare
 - NURS4446 - Concepts and Strategies in Gerontological Nursing
 - NURS4447 - Concepts and Strategies in Pediatric Nursing
- CARRIED
- MOTION 13: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by K. McCullough that Senate approve the additional information “or NURS4426” to the prerequisite for NURS4026, NURS4036, NURS4007, NURS4017, and NURS4027.
CARRIED

MOTION 14: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by K. McCullough that Senate approve the change to modify the requirements in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing curriculum to include SOCI1016 and an additional 3 credit elective to replace SOCI2036 and SOCI3186.
CARRIED

MOTION 15: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by A. Robinson that Senate approve the modifications to the existing Academic Standing and Progression Policy for Undergraduate Studies as outlined in Appendix A. *(Changes from the existing policy are italicized in bold).*
CARRIED

Teaching and Learning Committee

MOTION 16: Moved by R. Nagy, seconded by C. Cooper that the Report of the Teaching and Learning Committee dated March 11, 2010 be received.
CARRIED

ELECTIONS

Faculty of Applied and Professional Studies

- One faculty Senator (tenure or tenure track) to serve on the search committee for a tenure-track position in Criminal Justice. This Senator must be outside the discipline and department.

ACCLAIMED: W. Richardson

- One faculty Senator (tenure or tenure track) to serve on **two** search committees for tenure-track positions in Accounting. This Senator must be outside the discipline and department.

ACCLAIMED: M. Parent

- One faculty Senator (tenure or tenure track) to serve on the search committee for a tenure-track position in Social Welfare. This Senator must be outside the discipline and department.

ACCLAIMED: F. Noel

Faculty of Arts and Science

- One faculty Senator (tenure or track) to serve on **two** search committees for tenure-track positions in Sociology. This Senator must be outside the discipline and department.

ACCLAIMED: J. Barker

- One faculty Senator (tenure or tenure track) to serve on the search committee for a tenure-track position in Psychology (Clinical). This position must be outside the discipline and department.

ACCLAIMED: T. Smith

- One faculty Senator (tenure or tenure track) to serve on the search committee for a tenure-track position in Religion and Culture (Eastern Traditions). This Senator must be outside the discipline and department.

ACCLAIMED: J. Murton

- One faculty Senator (tenure or tenure track) to serve on the search committee for a tenure-track position in English Studies (American Literature). This Senator must be outside the discipline and department.

ACCLAIMED: N. Colborne

- One faculty Senator (tenure or tenure track) to serve on the search committee for a tenure-track position in Geography (Human). This Senator must be outside the discipline and department.

ACCLAIMED: R. Nagy

Schulich School of Education

- One tenured faculty member, not from the Schulich School of Education, to serve on the search committee for a tenure-track positions in Music.

ACCLAIMED: D. Neal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President updated senators on a variety of issues from the Council of Ontario Universities (COU). Of concern to Nipissing University is the overproduction of teachers with the provincial government aiming to trim 1000 places in the 2011-12 admissions cycle. The President acknowledged that this could have significant repercussions for Nipissing. Nipissing is advocating for exemption from this initiative. The Ministry has not made it clear how these cuts will be made and whether they will involve consecutive or concurrent education.

Another COU discussion is the additional grants from the provincial government to assist with full funding for our students. The President noted that we had budgeted optimistically for 100% year-end funding. These additional funds, along with the number of new students in the January intake, have assisted with the budget deficit challenges.

The President also reported that at the recent AUCC meeting in Montréal, serious concerns were raised over access copyright. Access Copyright has asked for a large increase in fees (an overall increase from \$13.6M to \$32.9M). They are proposing a flat rate based on FTEs and plan to extend their control to scanned material, photocopying, electronic media, etc. AUCC plants to explore actions on behalf of the membership. Additional information may be found at: <http://www.accesscopyright.ca/default.aspx?id=310> and <http://www.accesscopyright.ca/default.aspx?id=311>

The Vice-President Academic and Research was pleased to report that SSHRC grants have been awarded to Senator Scott (\$25K), Senator Nagy (\$50K for three years) and Dr. Barbi Law (\$12K). He was also pleased to announce that Dean Rich has been elected as the 2nd Vice-President of the Canadian Society for the Study of Education (CSSE).

The Undergraduate Research Conference proved to be a very successful event with the largest number of attendees ever. The Vice-President extended his thanks to Drs. Earl and Tabachnick for the great job in organizing this event. The Vice-President apprised senators of National Nursing Week from May 10 to 16. Dr. Page will be exhibiting her Nursing History memorabilia in the glass cabinet by the Student Affairs office. This is in recognition of the International Year of the Nurse as designated by the United Nations and the marking of the centennial of the death of Florence Nightingale on May 12.

The Vice-President Finance and Administration indicated that departmental budgets are currently under review. She also noted that administration is attempting to stay true to the renewal of PCs for faculty for next year. Also being addressed is the upgrading of the labs. The Vice-President also advised Senate that the university is allowing an easement on its property to run a fibre optics cable to the new regional hospital. This is in conjunction with ONTC. She also noted that space needs for the 2010-11 year have already begun and must be completed before the end of the summer.

NUSU was pleased to report that the elections for valedictorians were complete. The current NUSU executive's mandate will be finished on April 30.

ADJOURNMENT

With no objections, Senate adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

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L. Lovett Doust, President

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C. Jenkins, Senate Secretary