

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

September 10, 2010

2:30 p.m. – Room F210

MEMBERS PRESENT:

L. Lovett-Doust, K. Bergman, V. Paine-Mantha, C. Cooper, R. Vanderlee,
A. Carfagnini, B. Nettlefold, A. Robinson

G. Brown, G. Brophay, S. Lechlitner, K. McCullough, J. Nadeau

J. Abbott, A. Burk, N. Colborne, R. Gendron, T. Koivukoski, U. Kundraats,
C. McFarlane, J. Murton, R. Nagy, F. Noël, S. O'Hagan, G. Phillips, S. Renshaw,
H. Valov, H. Zhu

C. Brew, K. Clausen, J. Corkett, S. Elliott-Johns, K. Ferguson, D. Franks, B. Hatt,
D. Hay, D. Jarvis, N. Maynes, M. Parr, G. Raymer, C. Ricci, A. Steele

J. Vitale (Brantford), A. Wagner (Muskoka)

W. Ingwersen, R. Mulligan

C. Dennis

ABSENT WITH REGRETS:

S. Rich

D. Jowett

L. McLaren

B. Woodford

D. Armstrong

A. Fielding, R. Lahti, A. Qushair

The Speaker thanked faculty for the excellent turnout at the Deans' breakfast earlier today.

The minutes of the Senate meetings of June 4 and 14, 2010 were adopted with no objections.

READING AND DISPOSING OF COMMUNICATIONS

A letter from Senator Hay was read notifying Senate of the name change to the Personal Harassment and Discrimination Committee. The Speaker indicated that the name change request would be forwarded to the Bylaws and Elections Subcommittee.

REPORTS of STANDING COMMITTEES and FACULTY or UNIVERSITY COUNCILS**Senate Executive Committee**July 7, 2010 Report

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

September 2, 2010 Report

MOTION 2: Moved by L. Lovett-Doust, seconded by G. Phillips that the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated September 2, 2010 be received.
CARRIED

MOTION 3: Moved by L. Lovett-Doust, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate adopt the Nipissing University Academic Polices and Regulations outlined in the document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Polices, 2010."
CARRIED

MOTION 4: Moved by L. Lovett-Doust, seconded by S. Elliott-Johns that degrees and certificates be awarded to students listed in the Report of Graduating Applicants dated August 30, 2010 who have completed all requirements for their respective degrees and certificates.
CARRIED

Academic Planning Committee

MOTION 5: Moved by K. Bergman, seconded by J. Corkett that the Report of the Academic Planning Committee dated June 29, 2010 be received.
CARRIED

MOTION 6: Moved by K. Bergman, seconded by C. Cooper that Senate give Stage One approval to the 4-year BA Honours Combined in Civic Leadership Studies, as outlined in the attached proposal.
CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

The Vice-President Academic and Research advised senators that the university is moving forward with the Institutional Quality Assurance Program (IQAP) as required by the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities. More information will be brought to the October Senate meeting.

MOTION 7: Moved by L. Lovett-Doust, seconded by G. Phillips that Senate move into an in-camera session.
CARRIED

MOTION 8: Moved by L. Lovett-Doust, seconded by U. Kundrats that Senate move out of the in-camera session.
CARRIED

The Dean of Arts and Science requested that final exams for COSC2406 – Introduction to Game Design and Development be waived. The rationale for the request is that this is a project-based course where students must submit a project and present it to class. The following motion was passed:

MOTION 9: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by K. Bergman that Senate approve the waiving of the final exam requirements for COSC2406 - Introduction to Game Design and Development.
CARRIED

ELECTIONS

- Elect one SSHRC faculty representative to serve on the University Research Council.

Elected: Barbi Law

REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

Council of Ontario Universities

Senator Nadeau introduced himself as the Academic Colleague and indicated he would be making a report at the October Senate meeting. He thanked Senator Elliott-Johns for agreeing to stand in as the alternate representative.

President's Task Force on Civil Discourse

Senator Koivukoski provided senators with a brief update on the President's Task Force on Civil Discourse. He indicated he, along with the Chief Information Officer, had been approached by the President to co-chair this task force with the purpose to give advice to the President. One of the first orders of business will be to determine if there should be a policy on protests.

One of the original members elected by Senate, was Dr. John Knox. Dr. Knox submitted his resignation and an alternate individual, Dr. Richard Wenghoefer, has come forward to replace him. The President sought and received Senate's permission to have Dr. Wenghoefer serve on the task force.

Senator Toivukoski noted that the task force has divided into three small working groups to research and provide reports on: existent policies at other universities; past protests at Nipissing University; and past protests at other Canadian universities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President welcomed senators back for a new academic year. Dr. Katherine Bergman, the new Vice-President Academic and Research was introduced.

She was also pleased to report that Ms. Pauline Rochefort is the new Executive Director of External Relations and Advancement. Senators should become aware of the new structure in place in that department. The Centre for Flexible Learning is beginning to take shape and the President indicated that the search for a new director is almost complete.

The grand opening of the Office of Aboriginal Initiatives will occur on September 23. An e-mail invitation will be going out shortly for this event.

The President also noted that after receiving more than 500 sets of input, the Strategic Plan is almost finalized and will be posted to the website. The final version will be brought to the October Senate meeting for approval.

The official recruiting cycle for the 2011-12 academic year will be launched at the Ontario University Fair to be held in Toronto on September 24 to 26.

The university community barbecue held on September 3 was deemed a success and will become an annual event.

The Vice-President Academic and Research thanked everyone for making her feel welcome. Despite being here for only two months, Senator Bergman indicated she has a sense of the great potential at Nipissing University and that we should capitalize on it.

The Vice-President Finance and Administration provided an update on the various capital initiatives. The new connector wing is complete. Residence construction at the Muskoka campus is on target and should be open by March 2011. The Library is moving along rapidly. The Office of Aboriginal Initiative was renovated and the Advancement Office has moved to the third floor of the "F" wing.

Senator Nettlefold was pleased to announce that as a result of a \$10K grant, the library is able to reinstate special acquisitions. He also added that the annual faculty book launch will take place on October 23 during Homecoming Weekend.

ADJOURNMENT

Senate was adjourned at 4.20 p.m.

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L. Lovett-Doust, President

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C. Jenkins, Senate Secretary