

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

December 17, 2010

2:30 p.m. – Room F210

MEMBERS PRESENT:

L. Lovett-Doust (Chair), K. Bergman (Vice-Chair), V. Paine-Mantha,
C. Cooper, S. Rich, R. Vanderlee, B. Nettlefold, A. Robinson

G. Brophy, G. Brown, J. Nadeau

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

C. Brew, K. Clausen, S. Elliott-Johns, K. Ferguson, D. Franks, D. Hay,
D. Jarvis, N. Maynes, M. Parr, C. Ricci, A. Steele

A. Wagner (Bracebridge)

D. Armstrong, W. Ingwersen, R. Mulligan

L. McLaren

C. Dennis, B. Woodford

A. Fielding, R. Lahti, I. Laplante, A. Qushair, B. Smith

ABSENCE WITH REGRETS:

A. Carfagnini

S. Lechlitner, K. McCullough

D. Jowett, R. Nagy

J. Corkett, B. Hatt, G. Raymer

J. Vitale (Brantford)

D. Thompson

M. Adamson, N. Smart

The minutes of the November 12, 2010 Senate meeting were adopted.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Senate Executive Committee

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

Academic Planning Committee

MOTION 2: Moved by K. Bergman, seconded by C. McFarlane that the Report of the Academic Planning Committee dated November 19, 2010 be received.
CARRIED

MOTION 3: Moved by K. Bergman, seconded by C. Cooper that Senate approved the revised Institutional Quality Assurance Process (IQAP) as outlined in the attached document.
CARRIED

Undergraduate Studies Committee

MOTION 4: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate receive the Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee dated November 9, 2010, be received.
CARRIED

MOTION 5: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by K. Bergman that Senate approve that the degree requirements for the Environmental Geography Bachelor of Arts (3-Year General) – Single Major be amended as outlined in the accompanying documentation.
CARRIED

MOTION 6: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by C. Cooper that Senate approve that the degree requirements for the Environmental Geography Bachelor of Arts (Honours) – Single Major be amended as outlined in the accompanying documentation.
CARRIED

MOTION 7: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by K. Bergman that the following degree requirements be amended as outlined for:

- the Geography Bachelor of Arts (3- Year General) – Single Major
- the Geography Bachelor of Arts (3-Year General) – Combined Major
- the Geography Bachelor of Arts (Honours) – Single Major
- the Geography Bachelor of Arts (Honours) – Combined Major

CARRIED

MOTION 8: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate approve the addition of GEOL1006 - The Earth's Interior and GEOL1007 – Surficial Geology, to the Geography curriculum.
CARRIED

- MOTION 9: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by S. O'Hagan that Senate approve the deletion of GEOL1005 - Introductory Geology, from the Geography curriculum.
CARRIED
- MOTION 10: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by S. O'Hagan that Senate approve the addition of GEOL1031 – The Earth's Interior for non-Science and GEOL1032 – Surficial Geology for non-Science, to the Geography curriculum.
CARRIED
- MOTION 11: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by S. O'Hagan that Senate approve the deletion of GEOL1020 –Understanding the Earth, from the Geography curriculum.
CARRIED
- MOTION 12: Moved by J. Murton, seconded by K. Bergman that Senate consider Motions 13 to 29 of the Undergraduate Studies Report dated November 9, 2010.
CARRIED
- MOTION 13: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate approve, as outlined, the addition of:
- PHYS1006 - General Physics I: Mechanics
 - PHYS 1007 - General Physics II: Mechanical Wave, Fluid Mechanics and Thermodynamics
 - PHYS 2006 - General Physics III: Electromagnetism
 - PHYS 2007 - General Physics IV: Optics and Introduction to Modern Physics.
- CARRIED
- MOTION 14: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by H. Zhu that Senate approve, as outlined, the addition of MATH3256 – Operations Research, as outlined.
CARRIED
- MOTION 15: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by H. Zhu that Senate approve, as outlined, the addition of:
- COSC 3407 - Systems Control
 - COSC4106 – Human Computer Interaction
 - COSC3017 – Introduction to Robotics
- CARRIED
- MOTION 16: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by C. Cooper that Senate approve the deletion of PHYS1005 – General Physics.
CARRIED
- MOTION 17: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by H. Zhu the change of name of COSC3007 from Artificial Intelligence and Robotics to Artificial Intelligence.
CARRIED
- MOTION 18: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by H. Zhu that Senate approve the addition of PHYS1912 – Understanding Concepts of Classical Physics.
CARRIED

MOTION 19: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by K. Bergman that Senate approve, as outlined, the addition of:

- ANTR3026 – Medical Anthropology
- ANTR3027 – Anthropology, Aboriginal Peoples and the Law.

CARRIED

MOTION 20: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by C. Cooper that Senate approve, as outlined, the addition of:

- RLCT2026 - The Roots of Evil
- RLCT3046 – Religion and Science
- RLCT2067 – Special Topics in Religions and Cultures

CARRIED

MOTION 21: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by K. Bergman that Senate approve the addition of EDUC3745 - Inclusive Classroom Part III to the Group Three Additional Qualification Courses provided by the Centre for Flexible Learning.

CARRIED

MOTION 22: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by K. Bergman that Senate approve the addition of EDUC4685 - Special Education for Administrators to the Group Three Additional Qualification Courses provided by the Centre for Flexible Learning>

CARRIED

MOTION 23: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by A. Robinson that Senate approve the modification of the Mature Student Admission Policy, as outlined.

CARRIED

Graduate Studies Council

MOTION 24: Moved by K. Bergman, seconded by C. Cooper that the Report of the Graduate Studies Council dated December 3, 2010 be received.

CARRIED

MOTION 25: Moved by K. Bergman, seconded by C. Cooper that Senate approve the Master of Environmental Studies/Master of Environmental Sciences (MES/MESc) OCGS brief and business plan as outlined in the attached documents.

CARRIED

MOTION 26: Moved by K. Bergman, seconded by S. Rich that Senate approve the PhD in Education OCGS brief and business plan as outlined in the attached documents.

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

MOTION 27: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by A. Robinson that Senate waive the final exam requirements for MUSC2127 – Fundamentals of Conducting.

CARRIED

AMENDMENT of BY-LAWS

MOTION 28: Moved by L. Lovett-Doust, seconded by K. Bergman that the following articles in the Senate by-laws be amended to read:

- Article 2.1 *Ex officio* Senators
(a) the following, or their designate, shall be *Ex officio* voting members of Senate
- Article 9.1 Senate Executive Committee
(a)(ii) the VPAR, or designate, who shall be Vice-Chair
(a)(iii) the Dean of each Faculty, or their designate
- Article 9.1.2 Honorary Degrees Subcommittee
(a)(ii) the VPAR, or designate, who shall be Vice-Chair
(a)(iii) one (1) Dean, or designate, chosen by the Senate Executive Committee
- Article 9.2 Academic Planning Committee
(a)(i) the VPAR, or designate, who shall be Chair
(a)(iii) the Dean of each Faculty, or their designate
- Article 9.2.1 Admissions & Enrolment Subcommittee
(a)(v) the VPAR, or designate, (non-voting)
- Article 9.2.2 Program Review and Appraisals Subcommittee
(a)(i) the VPAR, or designate, who shall be Chair
- Article 9.3 Undergraduate Studies Committee
(a)(i) the Dean of each Faculty, or their designates, two of whom, on a rotating basis shall be Chair and Vice-Chair
- Article 10.1 Faculty Councils
(a)(i) the Dean of the Faculty, or designate, who shall be Chair

CARRIED

MOTION 29: Moved by L. Lovett-Doust, seconded by C. Cooper that Article 10.0(a) of the Senate Bylaws be amended to read “the Graduate Studies Council.”

CARRIED

MOTION 30: Moved by L. Lovett-Doust, seconded by C. Cooper that Article 9.5(b)(iii) be amended to read “a limited-term appointment faculty member” for election to the Teaching and Learning Committee.

CARRIED

ELECTIONS

- Search Committee for an Associate Dean of Arts and Science

Elect two faculty members, one (1) female, and one (1) male, from the Faculty of Arts and Science, elected by the Faculty of Arts and Science members of Senate. Of those elected, only one (1) may be a probationary (tenure track) faculty member; and there shall be at least one (1) representative who shall be from the Arts and Social Sciences departments of the Faculty of Arts and Science.

ACCLAIMED: J. Abbott and G. Phillips

REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

Board of Governors

Senator Woodford notified Senate that there was a very successful Board of Governors retreat in Brantford at the end of November. The theme of the retreat was 'Advancing Nipissing.' He also announced that at the December Board meeting, two new Board members were introduced. Mr. Dwayne Nashkawa, will represent the Aboriginal Council on Education and His Worship, Al McDonald, Mayor of the City of North Bay will represent the city. The Board was notified that the 2011-12 budget process was underway.

Council of Ontario Universities (Academic Colleague)

On behalf of the Academic Colleague, Senator Elliott-Johns advised senators that the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities has still not decided how the cuts to teacher education spaces will be implemented. A total of one thousand seats will be eliminated. She also informed senators that any institutions that have sent in their IQAP submissions have had them returned for revisions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President began her announcements by advising senators that the provincial government is committed to increasing the proportion of Ontarians with post secondary credentials. Some of the targeted groups will be Aboriginal groups, mature students, college graduates and first generation learners. She added that Nipissing is well placed in this area of the government's interest.

As an addendum to the Academic Colleague's earlier comments, the President noted that the potential loss of education students would have serious financial consequences.

The President was pleased to report the Strategic Plan is making headway with six action planning teams having already met and one pending. Each team will produce and present an action plan. The President thanked all senators who have volunteered to serve on these teams and invited others to notify the President's office as to which strategic objectives are of particular interest to them.

A thank you was extended to everyone who was able to participate in the installation of Dr. Jon Dellandrea as the third Chancellor of Nipissing University.

The Vice-President Academic and Research extended her appreciation to Senators Cooper, Elliott-Johns and Phillips who assisted in the writing of the IQAP documents.

The Vice-President of Finance and Administration was pleased to report that the Library construction was on target and the permanent staircases have been installed. The Muskoka residence will be substantially complete by March 2011 and be ready for occupancy for the summer.

Senator Paine-Mantha also informed senators that there is intense pressure in the area of Additional Qualifications (AQ). Tuition for AQ courses has dropped significantly now that the Ontario College of Teachers has given the Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario (ETFO) permission to offer many of the popular AQ courses. The tuition that ETFO is charging is significantly lower than what the universities charge and it does not appear that this will change.

The Dean of Applied and Professional Studies acknowledged the growth in the areas of business and nursing and reminded senators to get their marks in.

The Dean of Arts and Science extended his congratulations to Senator Koivukoski and Dr. Tabachnick for receiving an external grant from The Fulbright Canada-RBC Eco-Leadership Program. This grant will help fund a Peace Research Initiative project that explores the link between community environmentalism and peace realization.

The Dean of Education reported that eight smart boards have been installed at the main campus and two at Brantford. Also, Mylae Costello and Luke Durrer will be in A136 in the new year.

Senator Qushair of the student union was pleased to announce faculty, staff and students from Nipissing and Canadore raised more than \$7600 was raised in the Movember initiative.

Senator Nettlefold reported that the successful recipients of the special acquisition grants from the Library are Callie Mady (Education), Rosemary Nagy (Gender equality / social justice), Pauline Dewan (Education - Brantford), David Tabachnick (Politics, Philosophy, Economics) and Christina DeRoche and Amir Erfani (Sociology).

MOTION 31: Moved by L. Lovett-Doust, seconded by K. Bergman that Senate move into an in-camera session.
CARRIED

MOTION 32: Moved by L. Lovett-Doust, seconded by K. Bergman that Senate move out of the in-camera session.
CARRIED

Senate was adjourned: 4:22 p.m.

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L. Lovett-Doust, President

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C. Jenkins, Senate Secretary