

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

February 11, 2011

2:30 p.m. – Room F210

MEMBERS PRESENT:

L. Lovett-Doust (Chair), V. Paine-Mantha, S. Rich, R. Vanderlee,
B. Nettlefold

G. Brown, G. Brophey, C. Mang, K. McCullough, J. Nadeau

J. Abbott, A. Burk, N. Colborne, R. Gendron, T. Koivukoski, U. Kundrats,
C. McFarlane, R. Nagy, F. Noël, S. O'Hagan, 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, G. Raymer, C. Ricci, A. Steele

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

D. Armstrong

W. Ingwersen, R. Mulligan

L. McLaren

C. Dennis

D. Thompson

I. Laplante

ABSENCE WITH REGRETS:

K. Bergman, C. Cooper, A. Robinson

J. Murton, G. Phillips

J. Corkett, B. Hatt

B. Woodford

M. Adamson, A. Fielding, R. Lahti, N. Smart, B. Smith

The minutes of the January 14, 2011 Senate meeting were adopted.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

On behalf of the Faculty of Applied and Professional Studies, Senator Vanderlee requested clarification with reference to the timeline for implementation of the common degree structure. Specifically, he wanted to know if the new degree structure would be introduced in the Fall of 2011 with full implementation for Fall 2012 or are there expectations that the common degree structure would be fully implemented for all students by September 2011. Senator Lovett-Doust indicated that good progress has been made on many degree programs but recognizes that some programs may not be ready by Fall 2011, especially those involved with external certification bodies.

QUESTION PERIOD

There was a question to ascertain if the new student survey would include questions about the effects of the new scheduling changes. Senator Rich indicated that the survey was going out this afternoon with responses due February 18, 2011. It parallels the survey that went out to faculty.

A question was raised regarding SSHRC research funding and how it relates workloads. Senator Rich responded by noting that no funding is supplied by SSHRC for course release. This practice was discontinued several years ago. Departments must now cover the costs.

There was a question from the floor requesting information on how the loss of classroom space this year will be covered. The President responded by indicating that the changes to scheduling resulting in more efficient use of space should offset this problem.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Senate Executive Committee

MOTION 1: Moved by L. Lovett-Doust, seconded by S. Rich that Senate receive the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated February 3, 2011.
CARRIED

Teaching and Learning Committee

MOTION 2: Moved by R. Nagy, seconded by S. Renshaw that the Report of the Teaching and Learning Committee dated January 31, 2011 be received.
CARRIED

MOTION 3: Moved by R. Nagy, seconded by S. Renshaw that Senate charge the Teaching and Learning Committee to develop an online system of course evaluations.
CARRIED

Academic Planning Committee

MOTION 4: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by C. McFarland that the Report of the Academic Planning Committee dated January 21, 2011, be received.
CARRIED

MOTION 5: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by C. McFarland that Senate give Stage One approval to the BA Honours Single in Political Science, as outlined in the attached document.
CARRIED

MOTION 6: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by V. Valov that Senate give Stage Three approval to the BSc Honours/Combined in Science and Technology program, as outlined in the attached document.
CARRIED

MOTION 7: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by S. O'Hagan that Senate give Stage Three approval to the BSc Honours in Environmental Geography, as outlined in the attached document.
CARRIED

Undergraduate Studies Committee

MOTION 8: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by S. Elliott-Johns that the Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee dated January 26, 2011, be received.
CARRIED

FACULTY OF APPLIED & PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

MOTION 9: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by C. Mang that Senate approve the addition of MKTG3206 - Sports Marketing to the Business programs and that it be included in the Marketing stream electives.
CARRIED

MOTION 10: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by C. Mang That Senate approve the addition of ORGS2006 Recruitment and Selection to Business programs and that it be included in the Organizational Studies stream electives.
CARRIED

MOTION 11: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by C. Mang that Senate approve that the anti-requisites for ADMN2136 Research in Management be changed to delete PSYC2126, PSYC2127 and SOCI3127.
CARRIED

MOTION 12: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by C. Mang that Senate approve that the 10 year time limit for the completion of the Bachelor of Commerce (BComm) program be removed as a requirement for completion of the program.
CARRIED

MOTION 13: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by C. Mang That Senate approve:

- a) the addition of ADMN4155 - International Academic Internship
- b) the addition of ADMN4165 - Intercultural Academic Internship
- c) the addition of ADMN3146 - International Study Exchange Project
- d) the modifications of ADMN4335 -Honours Thesis
- e) the addition ADMN3096 - Canadian Academic Internship
- f) the deletion of ORGS4145 and TMGT3096
- g) the modifications of ADMN4336 - Directed Studies

- h) the addition of ADMN4146 - Community Organization Internship
 - i) the creation of the iLEAD Business Experience Certificate
- CARRIED

FACULTY OF ARTS & SCIENCE

Biology and Chemistry:

- MOTION 14: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate approve the addition of BIOL3147 - Herpetology, as outlined.
CARRIED
- MOTION 15: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by R. Mulligan that Senate approve the addition of CHEM1006 - General Chemistry I and CHEM1007 – Chemistry II, as outlined.
CARRIED
- MOTION 16: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by R. Mulligan that Senate approve that CHEM1005 - General Chemistry be deleted, as outlined.
CARRIED
- MOTION 17: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by G. Brown that Senate approve the addition of CHEM1911 - Basic Chemistry, as outlined.
CARRIED
- MOTION 18: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by K. McCullough that Senate approve the prerequisite change for BIOL4347 - Chemistry in Life Sciences from CHEM1005 – General Chemistry to CHEM2307 - Organic Chemistry II, as outlined.
CARRIED
- MOTION 19: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate approve the revision to the Chemistry minor, as outlined.
CARRIED
- MOTION 20: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by H. Zhu that Senate approve the title and course description changes to COSC1901 and COSC1902, as outlined.
CARRIED
- MOTION 21: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by H. Zhu that Senate approve the addition of COSC3806 Service Computing, as outlined.
CARRIED

Culture and the Arts:

- MOTION 22: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by A. Burk that Senate approve that the prerequisites for CULT2006 be changed to:

CULT2006
Prerequisite: CULT1005 or 18 Nipissing University credits
CARRIED

Graduate Studies Council

- MOTION 23: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by D. Franks that the Report of the Graduate Studies Council dated February 1, 2011 be received.
CARRIED
- MOTION 24: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by V. Valov that Senate approve the addition of MATH5237 - Computational Topology to the MSc Mathematics program, as outlined.
CARRIED
- MOTION 25: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by V. Valov that Senate approve the addition of MATH5236 – Advanced Numerical Methods to the MSc Mathematics program, as outlined.
CARRIED
- MOTION 26: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by V. Valov that Senate approve the addition of MATH5256 – Graph Theory, MATH5247 – Cryptography and Coding Theory and MATH5246 – Optimization to the MSc Mathematics programs as outlined.
CARRIED
- MOTION 27: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by V. Valov that Senate approve the changes to the MSc Mathematics program requirements, as attached.
CARRIED

University Research Council

- MOTION 28: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by B. Nettlefold that the Report of the Nipissing University Research Council dated January 14, 2011 be received.
CARRIED
- MOTION 29: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by A. Burk that the Nipissing University Policy on Intellectual Property be adopted as outlined.
CARRIED

Regarding two concerns about the Intellectual Property policy, Senator Rich responded by indicating raw qualitative data would not have to be shared with other researchers. Additionally, the posting of lecture notes on line would not mean that a course is transformed.

- MOTION 30: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by S. Elliott-Johns that the Nipissing University Policy on Centre and Institutes be adopted as outlined.
CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

MOTION 31: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by C. McFarlane that the degrees, diplomas and certificates be awarded to the students listed in the Report of Graduate Applicants dated February 8, 2011 to all who have completed their respective degrees, diplomas and certificates.
CARRIED

AMENDMENT of BY-LAWS

MOTION 32: Moved by K. McCullough, seconded by V. Paine-Mantha that Article 9.5.2(c)(ii)(4) of the Senate bylaws be amended to read as follows:
➤ The allocation of the annual budgets in technology and *academic* infrastructure areas.
CARRIED

MOTION 33: Moved by K. McCullough, seconded by V. Paine-Mantha that Article 9.5.2(b)(iv) of the Senate bylaws be amended to read as follows:
➤ Two (2) student representatives from any faculty
CARRIED

MOTION 34: Moved by K. McCullough, seconded by C. McFarlane that Article 9.0 of the Senate bylaws be amended to read:
9.0 Annual Standing Committee/Subcommittee Election Process
(a) Senate standing committee/subcommittee shall be elected annually by members of respective faculty councils, with membership staggered where possible to ensure an adequate degree of continuity.
(b) The committee/subcommittees election process shall be co-ordinated by the faculty councils.
(c) During April of each year, the faculty councils shall begin preparing a slate of faculty (Senators and non-Senators) for the various standing committees/subcommittees and present the slate in time for the May Senate meeting.
(d) Following the August election of faculty Senators for the designated limited-term and instructor positions, a second slate of candidates will be presented at the September Senate meeting. The second slate shall be designed to complete the elected faculty and student membership of all standing committee/subcommittee positions.
(e) If a candidate from one of the three faculties cannot be found, then the vacant position can be filled from another faculty or faculties, for that Senate year only.
CARRIED

MOTION 35: Moved by K. McCullough, seconded by L. Lovett-Doust that Article 7.6(b) of the Senate bylaws be amended to read as follows:

If a candidate from one of the three faculties cannot be found to fill a Senate committee/subcommittee position, then nominations from the floor shall be accepted.
CARRIED

MOTION 36: Moved by K. McCullough, seconded by C. McFarlane that Article 2.1(a)(vii) be amended to read: the Chief Operating Officer.
CARRIED

MOTION 37: Moved by K. McCullough, seconded by L. Lovett-Doust that Article 9.3.2(a)(i) be amended to read: the Chief Operating Officer, who shall be Chair.
CARRIED

Notice of Motion

- Notice of Motion (regarding amendment to the Undergraduate Services and Awards Subcommittee)

That Article 9.2.3 (a) of the Senate bylaws be amended to add

- The Director of Student Development and Success (non-voting)

ELECTIONS

- Elect **one limited-term faculty member** to serve on the Teaching and Learning Committee

Acclaimed: C. Mang

REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

Board of Governors

Senator Dennis, Board of Governors representative to Senate, reported that there was a meeting of the Board of Governors on February 3, 2011. The Board meeting was held on Thursday, February 3. He noted that there was a presentation by Ms. Megan Venasse, Development Officer, on the role of planned giving and investing in the future. Senator Dennis indicated that there were two resolutions from the Advancement Committee that were passed outlining revisions to the *Naming of Campus Assets Policy* and the *Gift Acceptance Policy*. A resolution was also passed to grant an easement on the east side of College Drive to the City of North Bay to construct a Booster Pumping Station and water main. This is subject to finalization of a legal agreement and Memorandum of Understanding on a 4 metre wide year round multi-use trail.

Council of Ontario Universities

Senator Elliott-Johns announced that at the recent COU meeting for academic colleagues, the affordability of post secondary education was discussed. She also reported that the University of Toronto is currently reviewing their course teaching evaluations.

Harassment and Discrimination Committee

Senate representative Senator Hay, announced that there was a successful human rights complaint against the university. Details may be found in the Canadian Legal Information Institute under docket number 0058-59. Senator Hay noted that the Harassment and Discrimination Committee will be meeting to discuss the ramifications of this decision.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President reported that she still was waiting for news from the provincial government regarding teacher education spaces. She assured senators that as soon as she received the news she would pass it on.

There was a student awards and donor reception on January 27 and the President was delighted to report that students received \$1.9M in the form of academic and needs-based scholarships. With increased financial pressures, students are grateful for the contributions these awards make to their education.

Senators were reminded that March 1 is the deadline for nominations for non-academic staff awards. This award recognizes non-academic staff members for their exceptional performance and/or service. All nominations are confidential.

Senator Rich spoke on behalf of the Vice-President Academic and Research and reminded senators of the Fourth Annual Undergraduate Research Conference on April 1 and 2. She encourages faculty, staff and students to come out and support the participants.

The Vice-President Finance and Administration reported that she along with other colleagues will be in Toronto next week to propose long term capital plans to MTCU. She added that the current capital projects should be complete in the required timelines. Senator Paine-Mantha noted that she is unable to provide a budget update at this time.

Bob Bergquist spoke on behalf of the Dean of Arts and Science and announced that Drs. April James and Dan Walters, in partnership with Dokis First Nation, are the recipients of Health Canada funding for a source water protection study in the community.

Senator Rich was pleased to advise senators that the appraisers for the PhD program in Education will be on campus March 31 and April 1.

The NUSU representative, Senator LaPlante, reported the following results for the 2011-12 NUSU Executive as a result of their recent elections: Jordan Doucette, President; Nicole Brady, Vice-President External, Tyler Budd, Vice-President Internal and Michelle Redman, Vice-President Student Life.

Senator Nettlefold, Executive Director of Library Services thanked senators and others who completed the LibQual survey. The purpose of this survey is to ascertain what students, faculty and staff think of the quality of library service. Senator Nettlefold noted that the survey results will serve as a comparator to future responses, especially with the move to the new Library later this year.

Senate was adjourned: 4:40 p.m.

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L. Lovett-Doust, President

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C. Jenkins, Senate Secretary