

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

May 20, 2011

2:30 p.m. – Room F210

MEMBERS PRESENT:

S. Rich (Vice-Chair), V. Paine-Mantha, C. Cooper, B. Keech, R. Vanderlee,  
J. McAuliffe, B. Nettlefold, A. Robinson

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

J. Abbott, N. Colborne, R. Gendron, D. Jowett, T. Koivukoski, N. Kozuskanich,  
K. Lucas, R. Nagy, F. Noël, S. O'Hagan, G. Phillips, S. Renshaw, H. Zhu

K. Clausen, K. Ferguson, B. Hatt, D. Hay, D. Jarvis, C. Ricci, A. Steele

A. Wagner (Muskoka)

R. Mulligan

L. McLaren

C. Dennis, B. Woodford

D. Thompson

T. Budd, J. Doucette

ABSENCE WITH REGRETS:

L. Lovett-Doust (Chair)

U. Kundraats, C. McFarlane, V. Valov

C. Brew, J. Corkett, S. Elliott-Johns, D. Franks, N. Maynes, M. Parr,  
G. Raymer

D. Armstrong, W. Ingwersen

The minutes of the April 15, 2011 Senate meeting were adopted with noted changes.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Regarding the 11-page statement read by Senator Dennis at the April Senate meeting, the question was raised as to whether this statement was written, vetted and endorsed by the entire board membership. The response was “no”, the statement was essentially compiled by Senator Dennis, the Chair of the Board of Governors and the Office of the President. In follow up, it was suggested that this document should have received board approval but as it is currently presented, it should clearly indicate that it is the opinion of three people.

A motion was put forward at the April 15 Senate meeting regarding the release of the vote count from the secret ballot of the March 11, 2011 Senate meeting. That motion was deferred so that the Senate Speaker could research this request. The Speaker sought the opinion of an expert on Robert’s Rules of Order who indicated that the vote count could be made public, but those who voted must be protected. The results of the motion of no confidence were: 40 for and 8 against.

The question was asked of Senator Dennis if these results would now be communicated to the Board of Governors. It was noted that the prepared statement by the three designated senators was not read at the closed session of the April Board meeting nor the May Board meeting. Senator Dennis responded by indicating it could be presented in the closed session of the June Board meeting.

**QUESTION PERIOD**

There was a request for confirmation that the two new hires for the School of Business and Economics have been approved. Senator Paine-Mantha responded by stating that the budget has not been approved by the board so nothing can be confirmed at this time.

A question was raised regarding the changes to the spring/summer timetabling, specifically who allowed these changes to occur and were faculty consulted. Concerns were also voiced as to whether compressed offerings were pedagogically inappropriate. The Dean of Arts and Science indicated he authorized the scheduling, but it was faculty members who decided to teach their respective course in the compressed schedule. The Registrar added that there have been a number of benefits that have occurred with the compressed schedule in that a large number of students are now able to graduate at the June convocation.

A request was made to include the names of APT members and results of the meetings on the website. It was noted that this information should be made available once the new website is up and running.

With the recent announcement of the Northern Ontario Policy Institute, a question was asked if there will be any role for Nipissing University. Senator Rich responded by noting that this initiative was started by Laurentian and Lakehead Universities and that the President is making a strong push for Nipissing to be part of this endeavour.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Senate Executive Committee**

MOTION 1:                    Moved by S. Rich, seconded by D. Jowett that the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated May 12, 2011 be received.  
CARRIED

MOTION 2:                    Moved by S. Rich, seconded by D. Jowett that Senate move into an in-camera session.  
CARRIED

MOTION 3: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by D. Jowett that Senate move out of the in-camera session.  
CARRIED

**Academic Planning Committee**

MOTION 4: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by N. Colborne that the Report of the Academic Planning Committee dated April 8, 2011 be received.  
CARRIED

MOTION 5: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by C. Cooper that Senate give Stage 1 approval to the BA PPE (Political Science, Philosophy and Economics), as outlined in the attached document.  
CARRIED

MOTION 6: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by D. Jowett that Senate give Stage 1 approval to the BA Honours Specialization, 4-year Major in Arts and Cultural Management, as outlined in the attached document.  
CARRIED

MOTION 7: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by C. Cooper that Senate give Stage 1 approval to the 4-year Major in Arts and Cultural Management, as outlined in the attached document.  
CARRIED

MOTION 8: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by S. Renshaw that Senate give Stage 1 approval to the Certificate in Arts and Cultural Management, as outlined in the attached document.  
CARRIED

MOTION 9: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by R. Vanderlee that Senate give Stage 1 approval to the Certificate in Health, Healing and Religion, as outlined in the attached document.  
CARRIED

**Undergraduate Studies Committee**

MOTION 10: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by C. Cooper that the Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee dated April 27, 2011 be received.  
CARRIED

MOTION 11: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by T. Koivukoski that Senate approve the degree requirement for Stage 2 of an Honours Single Major Program in Political Science.  
CARRIED

MOTION 12: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by A. Robinson that Senate approve that the transfer credit policy be amended to include students who successfully complete UNIV1011 through an approved partner will be eligible for transfer credit for this course only once they are admitted to Nipissing University and registered in an undergraduate degree program, as outlined.  
CARRIED

MOTION 13: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by C. Cooper that Senate approve that any course not offered in the past five calendar years will be banked automatically by the Registrar's Office.  
CARRIED

MOTION 14: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by R. Gendron that Senate approve that any banked course that has not been offered in the past 10 years will be automatically deleted by the Registrar's Office.  
CARRIED

MOTION 15: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by K. McCullough that Senate approve the change to modify the requirements for total number of hours and breakdown of hours in the course NURS 4426 Transitions: Introduction to Canadian Healthcare from 36 hours to 72 hours.  
CARRIED

### **University Research Council**

MOTION 16: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by A. Steele that the Report of the University Research Council dated May 2, 2011 be received.  
CARRIED

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

MOTION 17: Moved by A. Robinson, seconded by D. Thompson that the Approval to Graduate be granted to the students listed in the Report of the Graduate Applicants dated May 20, 2011, all who have successfully completed requirements for their respective degrees, diplomas and certificates.  
CARRIED

### **AMENDMENT of BY-LAWS**

MOTION 18: Moved by K. McCullough, seconded by D. Jowett that Article 9.5(a)(ii) and 9.5.3(v) be changed to: the Director for the Centre of Flexible Teaching and Learning.  
CARRIED

MOTION 19: Moved by K. McCullough, seconded by D. Jowett that Articles 9.1(b), 9.1.1(b), 9.1.2(b), 9.2(b), 9.2.1(b), 9.2.2(b), 9.3(b), 9.3.1(b), 9.3.2(b), 9.4(b), 9.5(b), 9.5.1(b), 9.5.2(b), and 9.5.3(b) be amended from: "Members elected by Senate" to "Members elected by Faculty Council."  
CARRIED

MOTION 20: Moved by K. McCullough, seconded by D. Jowett that the following Articles be changed as outlined:

#### **Article 9.1.2 (b)(i) and (ii) (Honorary Degrees Subcommittee)**

**From:** One (1) faculty Senator from each of two (2) Faculties;  
One (1) faculty non-Senator from each remaining Faculty

**To:** One (1) faculty Senator or non-Senator from each Faculty

#### **Article 9.2.1(b)(i) and (ii) (Admissions and Enrolment Subcommittee)**

**From:** One (1) faculty Senator from each of two (2) Faculties, one of whom shall be elected by the Committee to serve as Vice-Chair; and  
One (1) faculty non-Senator from each remaining Faculty

To: One (1) faculty Senator or non-Senator from each Faculty, one of whom shall be elected by the Committee to serve as Vice-Chair

**Article 9.3.1(b)(i) and (ii) (Undergraduate Standing and Petitions Subcommittee)**

From: One (1) faculty Senator from each of two (2) Faculties, one of whom shall be elected by the Committee to serve as Vice-Chair; and  
One (1) faculty non-Senator from each remaining Faculty

To: One (1) faculty Senator or non-Senator from each Faculty, one of whom shall be elected by the Committee to serve as Vice-Chair

**Article 9.3.2(b)(i) and (ii) (Undergraduate Service and Awards Subcommittee)**

From: One (1) faculty Senator from each of two (2) Faculties, one of whom shall be elected by the Committee to serve as Vice-Chair; and  
One (1) faculty non-Senator from each remaining Faculty

To: One (1) faculty Senator or non-Senator from each Faculty, one of whom shall be elected by the Committee to serve as Vice-Chair

**Article 9.5(b)(i) and (ii) (Teaching and Learning Committee)**

From: One (1) faculty Senator from each of two (2) Faculties, one of whom shall be elected by the Committee to serve as Chair and the other of whom shall serve as Vice-chair; and  
One (1) faculty non-Senator from each remaining Faculty

To: One (1) faculty Senator or non-Senator from each Faculty, one of whom shall be elected by the Committee to serve as Chair and one to serve as Vice-Chair

**Article 9.5.2(b)(i) and (ii) (Technology and Infrastructure Subcommittee)**

From: One (1) faculty Senator from each of two (2) Faculties, one of whom shall be elected by the Committee to serve as Vice-Chair; and  
One (1) faculty non-Senator from each remaining Faculty

To: One (1) faculty Senator or non-Senator from each Faculty, one of whom shall be elected by the Committee to serve as Vice-Chair

**Article 9.5.3(b)(i) and (ii) (Continuing and Distance Education Subcommittee)**

From: One (1) faculty Senator from each of two (2) Faculties, one of whom shall be elected by the Committee to serve as Vice-Chair; and  
One (1) faculty non-Senator from each remaining Faculty

To: One (1) faculty Senator or non-Senator from each Faculty, one of whom shall be elected by the Committee to serve as Vice-Chair

CARRIED

MOTION 21:

Moved by K. McCullough, seconded by D. Jarvis that all reports sent to Senate committees from Senate for revisions, or documents that have undergone substantive revisions by a Senate standing committee/subcommittee, clearly identify any changes made to the document using track changes or some other form of highlighting.”

CARRIED

## ELECTIONS

- Elect **one Senator and one non-Senator** to serve a 2-year term on the Board of Governors.  
**Elected:** G. Morrell (Senator)  
S. Srigley (non-Senator)
- Elect two faculty members to serve on the Pension and Benefits Committee for a 2-year term.  
**Acclaimed:** J. Barker and C. Sarlo
- Elect one faculty Senator (tenure or tenure-track) to serve on the search committee for a 3-year limited terms position in Geography. This position must be from outside the discipline.  
**Acclaimed:** S. Elliott-Johns
- Elect one faculty Senator (tenure or tenure-track) to serve on the search committee for a 3-year limited terms position in Sociology. This position must be from outside the discipline.  
**Acclaimed:** K. Ferguson

## REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

### Board of Governors

Senator Woodford provided an update of the Board's activities. He indicated that the Board had their annual general meeting on Thursday, May 5. The Board approved a resolution to reappoint the firm Valin and Partners as the university's solicitor for 2011-12. The new constituency members were announced: Jordan Doucette and Nicole Brady as student union representatives; Sandra Managhan as the non-academic representative; Tina Benevides as the Alumni Board Representative; and Dwayne Nashkawa as the ACE representative. Board members were informed that the completion of Phase I of the Institute of Integrated Health Education is expected for September. The Vice-President spoke to board members about Bill 122 and the various financial and regulatory restraints that have been implemented by the Ministry. The Board was provided with a strategic plan update. It was noted that three Action Planning Teams (APTs) are close to completion. The second group of APTs should have their work done by the end of June and a third round of APTs is ready to be launched.

During the closed session of the Board, elections resulted in the following: Paul Belanger, Board Chair; Colin Dennis, (Vice-Chair; and Dr. Roxana Vernescu, Vice-Chair Pro Tem.

### Alumni Advisory Board

Senator Thompson was pleased to report that the Chancellor attended their breakfast meeting on April 8. He noted that there was an open and creative discussion about where to take the Alumni board. Senator Thompson was left with the impression that Nipissing's Alumni Board is comparable to other alumni boards.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Vice-President Academic and Research (interim) extended congratulations to the following award recipients: Dr. Richard Wenghoffer, Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching; Dr. Haibin Zhu, Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Research; and Professor Renee Valiquette, Nipissing University Award for Part-time Teaching. Senator Rich commented on the excellent tenure and promotion workshop. She offered her thanks to Todd Horton, Lorraine Carter and Senator Phillips. It is anticipated that this will become an annual event. Senator Rich was

pleased to report that a session with computer science and math students and ONTC and they were confronting the challenges of scheduling. The VPAR sardonically commented that if they were successful they might then turn their attention to resolving the scheduling problems at Nipissing. The Biidaaban Community Service-Learning Symposium will be held on June 2 and 3 in Founder's House.

The Vice-President Finance, Administration and Strategic Capital Investments announced that there will be an open house for staff and faculty at the Harris Learning Library on June 22. Senator Paine-Mantha also indicated that she will present a summary of the 2011-12 budget at the June senate meeting.

The Dean of Arts and Science announced that the consultants from OCGS were on campus to review the proposed MES/MS in Environmental Science. He indicated that a written report should be received in two to three weeks. If successful, the first intake could be this fall.

Senator McAuliffe was pleased to pass on congratulations to Dr. John Long who was the recipient of the Fred Landon Award honouring the best book on regional history by the Ontario Historical Society. This is for his book *Treaty No. 9: Making the Agreement to Share the Land in Far Northern Ontario in 1905*.

Senator Doucette from NUSU announced that the new executive officially started their jobs on May 3. The incoming and outgoing members attended a retreat.

Senate was adjourned: 4:20 p.m.

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L. Lovett-Doust, President

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C. Jenkins, Senate Secretary