

A. NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

June 2, 2011

10:30 a.m. – Room R308/309

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

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

N. Colborne, T. Koivukoski, K. Lucas, C. McFarlane, J. Murton, F. Noël,  
S. O'Hagan, V. Valov

J. Corkett, S. Elliott-Johns, K. Ferguson, D. Franks, B. Hatt, D. Hay, D. Jarvis,  
N. Maynes, G. Raymer, C. Ricci

R. Mulligan

L. McLaren

C. Dennis

N. Brady, T. Budd, J. Doucette, I. Laplante

ABSENT WITH REGRETS:

J. Abbott, R. Gendron, D. Jowett, U. Kundrats, R. Nagy, G. Phillips,  
S. Renshaw, H. Zhu

C. Mang

J. Vitale. A. Wagner

C. Brew, K. Clausen, M. Parr, A. Steele

D. Armstrong, W. Ingwersen

B. Woodford

The minutes of the May 20, 2011 Senate meeting were adopted.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

It was noted that in the Board Report from the May 2011 Senate meeting, Phase I should refer to the Athletics Centre and not the Library.

QUESTION PERIOD

There was a question about the new expense reimbursement procedure and its relationship between Bill 122 and the per diem rates. Senate Paine-Mantha explained that as part of the province's accountability initiative, these reimbursement changes are mandated by the government and all universities must comply. Receipts must be provided when submitting expenses and expenses will be reimbursed up to the maximum allowable under the universities policies and procedures. She also indicated that the Nipissing reviews the per diem rates every three years in comparison to other universities in Ontario to ensure they remain reasonable. The per diem rates will be reviewed again later this year once the COFO tri-yearly University survey is completed and results received. She

reminded faculty and staff that it is preferable to use a rental vehicle when travelling on University business as this offers better insurance protection for the member should something happen. In addition, the University has negotiated a cost effective daily rate of \$38/day, kilometers included.

There was also a question regarding the fact that there would be no reimbursement for (unrecorded) gratuities paid for other services rendered. Senator Paine-Mantha said that when gratuities are on a bill they are be paid. She indicated the specifics of Senator Mayne's claims would need to be reviewed, and where warranted, would be reimbursed. Details of types of expenses that are covered for reimbursement are on the web for future reference.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

### Senate Executive Committee

MOTION 1: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by C. McFarlane that the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated May 26, 2011 be received.  
CARRIED

### Annual Report

MOTION 2: Moved by L. Lovett-Doust, seconded by S. Rich that the Annual Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated May 20, 2011 be received.  
CARRIED

### Undergraduate Studies Committee

MOTION 3: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by C. McFarlane that the Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee dated May 10, 2011 be received.  
CARRIED

### School of Business:

MOTION 4: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by J. Nadeau that Senate approve the change of the course code ORGS3706 Organizational Structure and Design to ORGS4706 - Organizational Structure and Design and ORGS3837 - Organizational Development and Change to ORGS4837 Organizational Development and Change.  
CARRIED

### Social Welfare and Social Development:

MOTION 5: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate approve the Common Degree structure proposal for Social Welfare and Social Development as outlined in the attached document.  
CARRIED

MOTION 6: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by G. Brown that Senate approve the deletion of the following courses from the Social Welfare and Social Development program:

- SWLF1005 - Introduction to Social Welfare and Social Development
- SWLF3306 – Social Welfare in the United States and Europe

CARRIED

MOTION 7: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by G. Brown that Senate should approve the addition of the following courses to the Social Welfare and Social Development program:

- SWLF1006 - Introduction to Social Welfare and Social Development
- SWLF3807 Social and Political Violence

CARRIED

MOTION 8: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by G. Brown that Senate approve that the course title and description for SWLF3146 - Work, Employment and Unemployment be modified as part of the Social Welfare and Social Development curriculum.  
CARRIED

MOTION 9: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by G. Brown that Senate approve that the course description for SWLF3296 - Globalization and the Welfare State be modified as part of the Social Welfare and Social Development curriculum.  
CARRIED

MOTION 10: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by A. Robinson that Senate approve that the course description for SWLF3307 (Social Development in the Third World) be modified as part of the Social Welfare and Social Development curriculum.  
CARRIED

MOTION 11: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by S. Elliott-Johns that Senate approve that the title and the course description for SWLF3706 (Justice and the Poor: Issues of Race, Class and Gender) be modified as part of the Social Welfare and Social Development curriculum.  
CARRIED

MOTION 12: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by J. Doucette that Senate approve a modification to the following course descriptions:

- GEND2147 so that the last sentence of the course description reads: "This course may be credited towards Political Science and Social Welfare & Social Development."
- GEND2306 so that the last sentence of the course description reads: "This course may be credited towards Fine Arts and Social Welfare & Social Development."
- POLI2207, SOCI3036 and SOCI3136 so that the last sentence of the course descriptions reads: This course may be credited towards Social Welfare and Social Development."

CARRIED

MOTION 13: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by I. Laplante that Senate approve modifications to the prerequisites to the following courses:

- SWLF4005 so that the first sentence of the prerequisite reads: "Restricted to students in the fourth year of the Social Welfare and Social Development Honours Specialization Program."
- SWLF2006, SWLF2007, SWLF3006, and SWLF3007, from SWLF1005 to SWLF 1006 or SWLF1005
- SWLF3995 from SWLF1005 and SWLF2006 to SWLF 1006 or SWLF1005 and SWLF2006

CARRIED

Anthropology:

MOTION 14: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by J. Doucette that Senate approve the following degree requirements for the proposed Anthropology program as outlined:

- Specialization in Anthropology
- Major in Anthropology
- Minor in Anthropology

CARRIED

- MOTION 15: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate approve the addition of ANTR3407 – Topics in Anthropological Thought to the Anthropology curriculum as outlined in the attached document.  
CARRIED
- MOTION 16: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by G. Brown that Senate approve that SOCI4557 - Honours Seminar be cross-listed for credit in the Anthropology curriculum.  
CARRIED
- MOTION 17: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by G. Brown that Senate approve the restrictions for SOCI4557 - Honours Seminar be revised to include students in the fourth year of an Honours Double Major in Anthropology and who have completed 24 credits in Anthropology.  
CARRIED
- MOTION 18: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by J. Corkett that Senate approve the addition of the following Additional Qualification courses to the Schulich School of Education as outlined:
- EDUC1245 – Kindergarten, Part I
  - EDUC2245 – Kindergarten, Part II
  - EDUC3245 – Kindergarten, Specialist
- CARRIED
- MOTION 19: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by A. Robinson that Senate approve the degree requirements presented in response to the Common Degree Structure as outlined in the Graduation Requirements document (A).  
CARRIED
- MOTION 20: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by J. Doucette that Senate approve the Minor requirements presented in response to the Common Degree Structure (Degree Outcomes) as outlined in the Minor Requirements document (B)  
CARRIED

#### Annual Report

- MOTION 21: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by S. Elliott-Johns that the Annual Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee dated May 20, 2011 be received.  
CARRIED

#### Graduate Studies Committee

- MOTION 22: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by G. Brown that the Annual Report of the Graduate Studies Committee dated May 20, 2011 be received.  
CARRIED

#### Student Appeals Committee

- MOTION 23: Moved by A. Robinson, seconded by I. Laplante that the Annual Report of the Student Appeals Committee dated May 24, 2011 be received.  
CARRIED

#### Teaching and Learning Committee

MOTION 24: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by C. McFarlane that the Annual Report of the Teaching and Learning Committee dated May 21, 2011.  
CARRIED

### OTHER BUSINESS

MOTION 25: Moved by A. Robinson, seconded by I. Laplante that the Approval to Graduate be granted to the students listed in the Report of the Graduate Applicants dated June 2, 2011, all who have successfully completed requirements for their respective degrees, diplomas and certificates.  
CARRIED

### REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

#### Board of Governors

Senator Dennis indicated that there was going to be a Board meeting this evening. It is anticipated that the budget for 2011-12 will be passed. Members to the various board and committees will be selected and this will be the final meeting for Mr. Gerry Foster, who is the outgoing past president.

#### Council of Ontario Universities

COU Academic Colleague, Senator Nadeau filed a report with the senate secretary and it was distributed earlier in the week. He did want to emphasize that there are big changes that will be happening within the post secondary education sector. Several academic colleagues are collaborating on a working paper about funding agencies. It should be available later in the summer.

#### Harassment and Discrimination Committee

Senator Hay noted that his tenure as senate representative expires at the end of June. There will need to be a new senator elected in the fall for a two-year term.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### University Research Council

MOTION 26: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by J. Doucette that Senate consider receipt of the Annual Report of the University Research Council dated May 9, 2011.  
CARRIED

MOTION 27: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by S. Elliott-Johns that Senate receive the Annual Report of the University Research Council dated May 9, 2011.  
CARRIED

#### Academic Planning Committee

MOTION 28: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by J. Doucette that Senate consider receipt of the Annual Report of the Academic Planning Committee dated May 16, 2011.  
CARRIED

MOTION 29: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by S. Elliott-Johns that Senate receive the Annual Report of the Academic Planning Committee dated May 16, 2011.  
CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President began her announcements by commenting on a number of issues that are being dealt with by the Council of Ontario Universities (COU). She noted that Colleges Ontario has submitted a paper to MTCU asking that colleges be allowed to offer standalone degrees for nursing. The President also indicated that, at a recent lunch with Minister Milloy of MTCU, he announced that the province is developing a 5-year post secondary strategy. The theme is Putting Students First: Ontario's Plan for Postsecondary Education. Senators were advised that they may view an outline of this initiative at: [http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/postsecondary/backgrounder\\_may.html](http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/postsecondary/backgrounder_may.html). The President also explained that the province is developing a 10-year capital plan and universities had been asked to provide the Ministry a list of their current plans. She also added that the environment has become increasingly competitive so in order to compete with other institutions, Nipissing must be innovative and seek new and diverse opportunities. The President reminded senators that the official opening of the Harris Learning Library is June 25 with advance tours available to staff on June 22. She encouraged all to take advantage of the tour of this facility. Convocation is coming up next week and senators, faculty and staff were encouraged to attend as many convocation ceremonies as possible. There will be six ceremonies in North Bay and one in Brantford.

The Vice-President Academic and Research (interim) announced to senators that she is part of a small universities forum that will be meeting June 13 and 14. The purpose of this trans-Canada lobby group is to encourage granting agencies to consider small institutions when awarding research grants and not just the larger universities. Senator Rich also noted that Nipissing will formally hear about IQAP on June 21. This will impact the Senate bylaws. She concluded her announcements by thanking senators for their time and effort and for paying attention to details when working on Senate committees.

The Vice-President Finance, Administration and Strategic Capital Investments distributed the 2011-12 budget that will be brought to the Board this evening for final approval. She provided a brief synopsis and noted that there will be a planned deficit. She reiterated that Nipissing must find creative and innovative ways of securing new money.

The Dean of Arts and Science was pleased to report that Dr. Ann Barbara Graff will be the new Associate Dean of Arts and Science effective July 1, 2011. He was also delighted to announce that Dr. Imir Erfani has received a \$31K SSHRC grant. Senator Cooper concluded by stating that a report regarding the proposed MSc/MES program should be arriving shortly and implementation of these new graduate level programs will then be able to move forward.

Senator McAuliffe was pleased to announce that Dr. Janet McIntosh has recently had her book *Reality imagined: Stories of Identity and Change* published by McGraw-Hill Ryerson.

Senate was adjourned: 1:05 p.m.

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L. Lovett-Doust, President

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C. Jenkins, Senate Secretary