

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

September 9, 2011

2:30 p.m. – Room F210

MEMBERS PRESENT:

S. Rich (vice-chair), V. Paine-Mantha, C. Cooper, C. Richardson, R. Vanderlee,
B. Nettlefold, A. Robinson

G. Brown, B. Carpenter, K. McCullough

N. Colborne, J. Dech, R. Gendron, A. Karassev, T. Koivukoski, C. McFarlane,
G. Morrell, F. Noël, S. O'Hagan, G. Phillips, P. Radia, S. Renshaw, V. Valov, A. Weeks,
S. Winters

S. Elliott-Johns, K. Eyre, D. Franks, B. Hatt, D. Jarvis, L. Julien-Schultz,
M. Kariuki, N. Maynes, J. McAuliffe, C. Ricci, T. Ryan, J. Scott, A. Steele

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

R. Don

K. Chutko

T. Bachelder

D. Thompson

ABSENT WITH REGRETS:

L. Lovett-Doust (chair), B. Keech

J. Nadeau

N. Kozukanich, K. Lucas, H. Zhu

L. McLaren

J. Valin,

N. Brady, T. Budd, J. Doucette

The Vice-President Academic and Research (interim) acted as Senate Chair in the absence of the President.

The minutes of the Senate meetings of June 2, 2011 were adopted with no objections.

QUESTION PERIOD

A question was raised regarding a press release issued earlier in the summer pertaining to a suite of rooms in the Harris Learning Library. Specifically, what was going to be housed in it and who would have access to it. Senator Rich indicated it was partly as a result of discussions with the Nipissing First Nation but she would be pleased to provide further information at the October Senate meeting.

In response to a question regarding the status of the search for a Vice-President Academic and Research, it was noted that the committee will be meeting early next week.

Another question was brought forward regarding how candidates are assessed for the Schulich Teaching Fellowships. The Director of the Centre for Teaching and Flexible will outline the criteria at the October Senate meeting. Congratulations were extended to Senator Hatt and Dr. Ann-Barbara Graff on being the successful recipients from the first competition.

Now that the old library has been vacated, there was an inquiry as to what will be happening with that space. Senator Paine-Mantha noted that two new classrooms have been put into the vacated library and an RFI has been issued to retain a space designer who can recommend the best use of this area. She reminded senators that some of that space is shared with Canadore College. Preliminary discussions indicate that the campus bookstore and the health centre may utilize some of it.

Technical support for faculty websites already in existence was raised as an issue. Dr. Carter, Director of the Centre for Flexible Teaching and Learning indicated that currently, CFTL is in the process of hiring a new learning systems technologist. She added that in the meantime, FASS is assisting with basics.

A question was raised regarding an e-mail sent out earlier this week from Human Resources outlining changes to administrative personnel and the absence of job postings. In particular, the question was with reference to the new Registrar. Senator Rich reminded senators that this was a human resources matter and not a matter for Senate discussion. She indicated that these changes should be celebrated in that they will utilize the strength that each person will bring to their new position. She noted that the internal employee who was the successful candidate for the position of Director of Student Services and Development resulted in a new vacancy. This was the opportunity to do some succession planning and provide professional development opportunities for other administrators. Senator Rich also indicated that the Registrar, Library and CFTL will be reporting directly to the Vice-President Academic and Research.

REPORTS of STANDING COMMITTEES and FACULTY or UNIVERSITY COUNCILS

Senate Executive Committee

June 24, 2011 Report

MOTION 1: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by C. McFarlane that the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated June 24, 2011 be received.
CARRIED

September 1, 2011 Report

MOTION 2: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by G. Phillips that the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated September 1, 2011 be received.
CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

Senator Rich provided an oral report on tenure and promotion for 2010-11.

AMENDMENTS of BYLAWS

Notices of Motion

- **Notice of Motion** (regarding the dissolution of the Academic Planning Committee, Article 9.2)
- **Notice of Motion** (regarding the dissolution of the Program Review and Appraisals Subcommittee, Article 9.2.2)
- **Notice of Motion** (regarding the creation of the Planning and Priorities Committee, Article 9.2)

- **Notice of Motion** (that all references to the Academic Planning Committee and the Program Review and Appraisals Subcommittee in the Senate bylaws be changed to read Planning and Priorities Committee)
- **Notice of Motion** (regarding changes to Article 9.3(ii) to read):
“to consider for approval and conveyance to PPC and/or Senate, reports and recommendations of the Faculty Councils regarding changes or additions to undergraduate curriculum, including proposals for Stage 2 (Curriculum) after approval of new undergraduate programs prepared in accordance with the *IQAP Approval Process*, as required in the provincial *Quality Assurance Guidelines*.”
- **Notice of Motion** (regarding changes to Article 10.1.1(c)(i) to read):
“proposals for Stage 2 approval of new undergraduate programs prepared in accordance with the *Nipissing University IQAP*, as required in the provincial *Quality Assurance Guidelines*”
- **Notice of Motion** (regarding the dissolution of the Continuing and Distance Education Subcommittee, Article 9.5.5)
- **Notice of Motion** (regarding two additions to the terms of reference of the Teaching and Learning Committee Article 9.5) as follows:
 - (v) to engage in on-going review, needs assessment and policy development in all matters related to continuing education and the development, delivery and review of courses delivered at a distance, and to make recommendations as necessary and appropriate to Senate;
 - (vi) to encourage best practices in distance education by continuing to assess the appropriateness and effectiveness of various delivery modes.
- **Notice of Motion** (regarding a name change in Article 9.5(c)(ii) as follows:
from the Office of Instruction and Learning” to the “Centre for Flexible Teaching and Learning.”

ELECTIONS

- Elect one faculty Senator to serve on the search committee for a Director to the School of Nursing

Elected: **B. Carpenter**

REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

Board of Governors

Senator Bachelder reported that at the most recent meeting of the Board, held on June 2, an update on the strategic planning process was provided. He indicated that the President was pleased to report that the first of the Action Planning Teams (APTs) have begun to report back through presentations to the University Management Group. The APTs will present their reports in a public forum setting to be followed by a response from the Executive Administration.

At the June 2 meeting, the Board approved the 2011-12 operating budget with an overall deficit of \$670K.

The orientation for new members of the Board will be held on September 17 followed by the Board annual dinner on September 20. The first meeting of the Board is October 6. The Board retreat will be held in late October.

Alumni Advisory Board

Senator Thompson reminded senators of the Homecoming activities running from September 30 to October 2. The Alumni Awards reception is the evening of September 30.

Council of Ontario Universities

A report was provided by the Academic Colleague, Senator Nadeau, prior to the Senate meeting and is available on WebAdvisor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In the absence of the President, the Vice-President Academic and Research Rich welcomed everyone back for the new academic year and in particular extended a special welcome to new senators. She was pleased to report that Nipissing had another highly successful New Student Orientation in July. Additionally, the New Faculty Orientation was well received and proved popular as ever. She thanked Pierrette Hatt and Lorraine Carter for their work on this initiative. Senator Rich noted that with the number of 101 applications down, we will have to focus efforts to ensure a successful January intake.

Senator Rich advised that Dr. Richard Gale from Mount Royal University's Institute for Scholarship of Teaching and Learning will be visiting Nipissing in late fall to provide a workshop on the use of technology and teaching methods.

She also reported that the university is now accepting applications for the new MES/MSc and PHD programs. She reminded senators that the new Institutional Quality Assurance Process (IQAP) received approval on June 30 of this year. This replaces OCGS in the graduate approval process.

The Vice-President Finance, Administration and Strategic Capital Investments announced that the active learning and physical health research centre is about 90% complete. It is hoped that the gymnasiums will be finished in time for the November 4 convocation and the remainder will be completed by end of semester. She also commented that it has now been confirmed by the Ministry that Nipissing's base funding will be reduced by \$296K for the concurrent and consecutive teacher education program seats.

The Dean of Applied and Professional Studies welcomed the four new faculty members to his area.

The Dean of Arts and Science welcomed all new faculty in his area. He extended congratulations to Dr. Ann-Barbara Graff on her 2-year SSHRC grant.

The Dean of Education was pleased to report that the Schulich School of Education was off to a good start. She noted that the majority of the graduates from the BPHE program have enrolled in the consecutive education program. The faculty are also busy with the implementation of the PhD program.

Senator Nettlefold reported that although Access Copyright and the academic community in Canada were on opposite sides of a dispute over copying payments before the Copyright Board of Canada, faculty at Nipissing were well served by a number of rights available to them in the use of resources for teaching. These were: the use of out-of-copyright or Open Access works; the use of exemptions in the present Copyright Act, including Fair Dealing; the benefits of licences entered into by the Library on behalf of the university; and continued participation in the interim agreement and tariff offered by Access Copyright. Faculty with specific questions on use of copyright materials for teaching should address these to Brian Nettlefold or Charlotte Innerd in the Library."

ADJOURNMENT

Senate was adjourned at 4.05 p.m.

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S. Rich, Vice-chair

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C. Jenkins, Senate Secretary

