

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

October 7, 2011

2:30 p.m. – Room F210

MEMBERS PRESENT:

L. Lovett-Doust (chair), S. Rich (vice-chair), V. Paine-Mantha, C. Richardson,
R. Vanderlee, J. Graham, B. Nettlefold

B. Carpenter, K. McCullough , J. Nadeau

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

S. Elliott-Johns, K. Eyre, D. Jarvis, M. Kariuki, N. Maynes, J. McAuliffe,
C. Ricci, J. Scott, A. Steele

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

R. Don, J. Valin

L. McLaren

T. Bachelder

N. Brady, T. Budd, J. Doucette

ABSENT WITH REGRETS:

C. Cooper

G. Brown

D. Franks, B. Hatt (Senate Speaker), L. Julien-Schultz, T. Ryan

K. Chutko

D. Thompson

The Deputy Speaker assumed the role of Speaker in the Speaker’s absence.

The minutes of the Senate meeting of September 9, 2011 were adopted with no objections.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The following is the response provided by Senator Rich regarding the questions raised at the September Senate meeting about the Treaty Learning Centre:

When, by whom and why was it decided to set aside a suite of rooms for this purpose (particularly since all space had already been allotted by the appropriate planning committee)?

Original and initial plans for the Learning Library had a designated space for Aboriginal teaching and learning, this was done in collaboration with the Aboriginal Education Councils of both Canadore and Nipissing. The leadership of the college and university confirmed in spring 2011 that such a space would be designated.

What exactly does this statement mean as to the type of activities which will take place in this room? The Treaty Learning Centre offers a place and recognized space to teach and learn about treaty relationships in collaboration with researchers, scholars, elders and leadership in Aboriginal communities

Who will have access to this room and what protocols are in place to make it available?

Anyone who wishes access.

Who will decide when and how it can be used?

See above

Who will study and discourse on the history etc of First Nations in this room?

Whoever wants to....it depends on who has an interest.

Why are the maps donated by the Chancellor which are not about treaties presently located in this room?

It is an appropriate location. The maps provide an understanding of the land at that period of time and may help us to understand some of the factors that had an impact on the development of treaties, after all we are all treaty people.

Why was there no consultation with the academic side about this (the library committee of senate perhaps)?

You must remember that there are two institutions that have responsibility for and a stake in the library. Although the Library committee may make recommendations about library holdings, the management of the space in the library is not within the purview of the committee.

Senator Rich advised Senate that the answers to the questions raised at the September Senate meeting regarding the Schulich Fellowship Award for Faculty may be found on our website at:

<http://www.nipissingu.ca/departments/centre-for-flexible-teaching-and-learning/schulich-fellowship-award/Pages/Schulich-Fellowship-Award-Program.aspx>

QUESTION PERIOD

In response to a question about activities at other northern universities, the President indicated that with a generous donation from Seymour Schulich, Nipissing is embarking on a rebranding strategy. She also noted that the two new programs at the other northern universities have been in incubation for a number of years.

REPORTS of STANDING COMMITTEES and FACULTY or UNIVERSITY COUNCILS

Senate Executive Committee

MOTION 1: Moved by L. Lovett-Doust, seconded by C. McFarlane that the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated September 29, 2011 be received, with the revisions as outlined.
CARRIED

Graduate Studies Council

MOTION 2: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by N. Kozukanich that the Report of the Graduate Studies Council dated September 20, 2011 be received.
CARRIED

MOTION 3: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by N. Kozukanich that Senate approve the addition of ENST5454 Masters Thesis to the Master in Environmental Studies (MES) and Master of Environmental Sciences (MESc), as outlined.
CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

MOTION 4: Moved by L. Lovett-Doust, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate move into an in-camera session.
CARRIED

MOTION 5: Moved by L. Lovett-Doust, seconded by S. Renshaw that Senate move out of the in-camera session.
CARRIED

AMENDMENT of BYLAWS

MOTION 6: Moved by K. McCullough, seconded by S. Rich that the following be approved as an omnibus motion:

- That Senate approve the dissolution of the Academic Planning Committee, Article 9.2 of the Senate bylaws, effective October 31, 2011.
- That Senate approve the dissolution of the Program Reviews and Appraisals Subcommittee, Article 9.2.2 of the Senate bylaws, effective October 31, 2011.
- That Senate approve the creation of the Planning and Priorities Committee, Article 9.2 of the Senate bylaws, effective November 1, 2011 as outlined.

9.2 Planning and Priorities Committee

(a) Ex Officio Members:

- (i) the VPAR or designate, who shall be chair;
- (ii) the Dean of each Faculty, or their designate;
- (iii) the Registrar (non-voting); and
- (iv) the Executive Director of Library Services, or designate (non-voting).

(b) Members Elected by Senate or Faculty Councils:

- (i) one (1) tenured or tenure-track faculty Senator* from each Faculty, one of whom shall be elected by the Committee to serve as Vice-Chair;
- (ii) one (1) tenured or tenure-track faculty non-Senator* from each Faculty;
- (iii) one (1) faculty Senator from the regional campuses;
- (iv) one (1) undergraduate student Senator
- (v) one (1) graduate student Senator

*minimum two (2) years previous Nipissing University Experience required;
50% tenured faculty required.

(c) Terms of Reference:

- (i) to engage in an on-going process of long-range academic planning in accordance with the overall academic objectives of the university, and to make recommendations to Senate as appropriate;
- (ii) as a part of (i) to review and update on an annual basis for Senate approval, the Nipissing University Strategic Academic Plan,

which includes the setting of priorities related to the introduction of new programs or adjustments to current offerings and associated recommendations for appropriate resources.

- (iii) to consider for approval and recommendation to Senate, Stage 1 concept approval and Stage 2 Business and implementation plan approval of all proposed new undergraduate and graduate programs in accordance with the Nipissing University Quality Approval Policy and Process (IQAP) as approved by Senate and required in the provincial Quality Assurance Process Guidelines.
- (iv) to direct to Senate or its relevant committees/subcommittees, as necessary, any issues which arise from the Committee's planning discussions regarding physical facilities or other aspects of the educational environment.
- (v) to consider for approval and conveyance to Senate, reports and recommendations of the Admissions and Enrolment Planning subcommittee.
- (vi) to periodically review (every 3 years) the Nipissing University Quality Assurance Policy and Process.
- (vii) for each scheduled program review as required under the IQAP guidelines advise and assist the VPAR in overseeing and ensuring the satisfactory completion of Steps 1-7.
- (vi) to deal with such other matters as may be assigned from time to time by Senate.

CARRIED

MOTION 7: Moved by K. McCullough, seconded by S. Elliott-Johns that Senate approve 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.

CARRIED

MOTION 8: Moved by K. McCullough, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate approve the modification of 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*.”

CARRIED

MOTION 9: Moved by K. McCullough, seconded by S. Rich that Senate approve the modification of 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*”.

CARRIED

MOTION 10: Moved by K. McCullough, seconded by D. Jarvis that Senate approve :

- the dissolution of the Continuing and Distance Education Subcommittee, Article 9.5.5 of the Senate bylaws, and
- and two additions to the terms of reference of the Teaching and Learning Committee:
 - 9.5(c)(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; and
 - 9.5(c)(vi) to encourage best practices in distance education by continuing to assess the appropriateness and effectiveness of various delivery modes.

CARRIED

MOTION 11: Moved by K. McCullough, seconded by S. Rich that Senate approve the name change in Article 9.5(c)(ii) from the Office of Instruction and Learning to the Centre for Flexible Teaching and Learning.

CARRIED

NOTICES of MOTION (3)

- **Notice of Motion** (regarding amendments to representation on the Board of Governors, Article 11.0 of the Senate bylaws)
- **Notice of Motion** (regarding amendments to the Graduate Studies Council, Articles 10.4(a)(i) and (ii) of the Senate bylaws)
- **Notice of Motion** (regarding amendments to the University Research Council, Articles 10.2(b)(iv) and (v) of the Senate bylaws)”

ELECTIONS

- Elect one faculty Senator to serve on the Undergraduate Studies Committee until June 30, 2012.

Acclaimed: C. McFarlane

- Elect one faculty Senator to serve on the Student Appeals Committee until June 30, 2012.

Acclaimed: K. Eyre

REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

Board of Governors

Senator Bachelder, Board representative to Senate, reported that the Board of Governors held its first meeting of the new academic year on Thursday, October 6. Board Chair Paul Belanger welcomed everyone and introduced the new external and constituent Board members. Three guests gave presentations. These included David Benoiel, Vice-President and Managing Director of CX Interactive, the firm hired by Nipissing University to support the 3-phased brand positioning project. Ms. Devon MacPherson, a 3rd year Sociology student gave a PowerPoint presentation to inspire others to use their life to leave a legacy. She described her project, “Giving for 31” where she has volunteered with numerous charities for a one month period. Senator Phillips introduced herself as the new President of the Nipissing University Faculty Association and gave a presentation to the Board members outlining the mandate and responsibilities of the Faculty Association.

The President gave an update of the progress that has been made regarding the strategic planning exercise. Four Action Planning Teams have now made their presentations to the University Management Group. The President praised the excellent work being done by the APTs; it was noted that 140 people are engaged in Action Planning Teams.

At the Annual Board Dinner held on September 20, several staff members were honoured for their long-standing service to the university. Retired staff and Board members were recognized and plaques were presented.

A brief presentation was given regarding the plans for the upcoming Board Retreat to be held in Muskoka, October 29 & 30. This year’s theme will be Launching our Advancement – Celebration 2012. Nipissing University will celebrate its 20th anniversary as an independent, chartered university in 2012. It is also significant as the 15th anniversary of the opening of the regional campus in Muskoka.

The university’s auditor provided some background regarding the university’s financial statements. The Board accepted the recommendation from the Audit & Finance Committee to approve the Consolidated Audited Financial Statements for the year ended April 30, 2011.

There are currently four vacancies on the Board and it is a high priority item of the University Governance Committee to fill these positions. If anyone has any potential names of candidates, bring them forward to me, or the Board Chair, Paul Belanger.

The Alumni Association representative informed the Board of the hugely successful Homecoming Weekend that included record attendance and participation. A special awards reception was held on September 30 in the Harris Learning Library recognizing 30 Alumni.

NEW BUSINESS

Undergraduate Studies Report

MOTION 12: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by A. Weeks that Senate consider receipt of the Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee dated September 22, 2011, be received.
CARRIED

MOTION 13: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by C. McFarlane that the Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee dated September 22, 2011, be received.
CARRIED

MOTION 14: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by B. Carpenter that Senate approve the addition of the following courses to the BBA program as outlined in the attached document:

- ADMN2707 – Math and Statistics II
- ADMN3337 – Field Placement I
- ADMN4337 – Field Placement II
- ADMN3336 – Special Project

CARRIED

MOTION 15: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by B. Carpenter that Senate approve the removal of MKTG2127 Marketing Management as a core requirement in the BBA and maintained as a program requirement in the Marketing Stream as outlined.
CARRIED

MOTION 16: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by B. Carpenter That Senate approve the addition of ADMN3337 Field Placement I (iLEAD), ADMN4337 Field Placement II (iLEAD) and ADMN3336 (iLEAD) Special Project to the list of iLEAD courses as outlined.
CARRIED

MOTION 17: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate approve the addition of the following courses to the Social welfare and Social Development program at outlined in the attached document:

- SWLF3266 – Religion and Social Welfare
- SWLF4006 – Social Development

- SWLF4007 – Honours Seminar

CARRIED

MOTION 18: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by N. Maynes that Senate approve the change to the course code and prerequisites of SWLF3995 – Community Service Learning for Social Development to SWLF2995 - Community Service Learning for Social Development, as outlined in the attached document.

CARRIED

MOTION 19: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate approve the deletion of SWLF4005 – Research Essay as outlined.

CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President began her announcements by thanking current and former students as well as faculty and staff for a very successful homecoming weekend.

She was also pleased to report that on November 3, there will be a panel discussion involving John Ralston Saul, José Barreiro, and Dr. Shawn Atleo titled *A Call to Innovate: Creating Conditions to compel meaningful change in Indigenous Education*. The discussion will be moderated by our Chancellor, Dr. Jon Dellandrea. The following day, in the morning, there will be a Canadian Premiere of the documentary, "Chawaytiri Strengthens: Message for the Future" produced by the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian, and in the afternoon John Ralston Saul will receive an honorary doctorate at the Fall convocation.

On September 28, the President, along with Senator McLaren, were invited as special guests to witness the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, Dr David Onley, and Dr. Marc Kielburger (both honorary doctoral recipients of Nipissing University) become honorary witnesses to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

The President wanted senators to be made aware of a new book, soon to be released, called *Academic Reform* co-authored by Ian Clark, David Trick and Richard Van Loon. Among other propositions, the authors suggest that some universities should be designated as "teaching only", while others will have more focus on research. They also propose a category of career-long "teaching only" faculty who would find positions at such institutions. The President expressed her concerns over these concepts and indicated that she will welcome discussion of how Nipissing will make a coherent and data driven argument in support of the value of the teacher/scholar, and the importance of allowing diversity in the academy, where younger institutions like Nipissing will have the opportunity to continue to evolve selected areas of research and teaching.

The Vice-President Academic and Research thanked Senator Koivukoski for organizing the recent political forum. This gave the Nipissing community an opportunity to hear what each of the candidates had to say. Senator Rich reiterated what the President had said regarding the role of small universities do in terms of research. She indicated

that Nipissing will stress the role of undergraduate research. It was also reported that HEQCO is stressing the need to have learning outcomes in each course offered by universities.

Senator Rich was pleased to report that there will be workshops running October 11 – 13 in a partnership involving Nipissing’s Schulich School of Education, the Near North District School Board, and the Nipissing Parry Sound Catholic School Board. The workshops will be led by Dr. John Mayer of the University of Alabama with the assistance from Drs. Brew and Franks from the Schulich School of Education.

Senator Paine Mantha indicated that the expansion to the Surtees complex should be completed by the end of November.

The Dean of Applied and Professional Studies congratulated Dr. David Borman on his new book *The Idolatry of the Actual: Habermas, Socialization, and the Possibility of Autonomy* published by SUNY press. He also noted that the common book program is being well received with 460 copies of *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* being distributed. Senator Vanderlee announced that there will be an ION forum that will be sponsoring innovators on November 18. Some of the faculty will be outlined.

Senator Richardson, Dean of Education (interim) confirmed the international practicum locations. Students from the Brantford campus will be going to Italy and the North Bay campus students will be going to Ecuador and Kenya.

Senator Doucette, NUSU President, reported that Frosh Week was a success with more than \$20K raised for cystic fibrosis. The students are in the middle of delegate and student senator elections. Student senators should be in place by November.

ADJOURNMENT

Senate was adjourned at 4.05 p.m.

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L. Lovett-Doust, Chair

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C. Jenkins, Senate Secretary