

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

January 13, 2012

2:30 p.m. – Room F210

MEMBERS PRESENT:

L. Lovett-Doust (chair), S. Rich (vice-chair), C. Richardson, J. Graham

G. Brown, B. Carpenter, K. McCullough, P. Millar

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

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

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

L. McLaren

M. Berube

K. Chutko

N. Brady, T. Budd, J. Doucette, K. Fitzsimmons, T. Hanna, S. Laplante

ABSENT WITH REGRETS:

V. Paine-Mantha, B. Keech, C. Cooper, R. Vanderlee

G. Phillips, S. Renshaw

T. Ryan

R. Don, J. Valin

T. Bachelder

D. Thompson

The minutes of the Senate meeting of November 11, 2011 were adopted with no objections.

QUESTION PERIOD

There was a question regarding when a search committee will be struck for the vacant position of Director of Library Services and whether there will be any faculty included in this committee. Senator Rich reminded senators that this will be a joint search committee with Canadore College and that there will be some faculty input.

There was a request for a status update on the Presidential Task Force on Civil Discourse. The President indicated that she is requesting this group reconvene and continue working on the concept of civility in the workplace. Senators Koivukoksi and Keech, co-chairs, will meet and then meet with the President followed by a report back to the February 10, 2012 Senate meeting.

REPORTS of STANDING COMMITTEES and FACULTY or UNIVERSITY COUNCILSSenate Executive Committee

MOTION 1: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by C. McFarlane that Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated January 5, 2012 be received.

CARRIED

Undergraduate Studies CommitteeNovember 17, 2011 Report

MOTION 2: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by G. Brown that the Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee dated November 17, 2011 be received.

CARRIED

MOTION 3: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by G. Brown that Senate approve the Undergraduate Admission Policy for the Aboriginal Advantage Program be approved as follows:

Applicants will be considered for admission to the Aboriginal Advantage Program if they meet all of the following criteria:

- are of Aboriginal ancestry;
- are admissible as a mature student;
 - will be 20 years of age or older by the end of the semester in which they wish to enroll;
 - have been away from formal education (secondary school, community college, etc.) for at least the previous two years; and
- are a Canadian citizen or permanent resident.
and
- are not admissible under any other Nipissing University admission policy.

Applicants will also be required to submit:

- one letter of reference; and
- a two-page statement explaining why they wish to attend university and how they plan on being successful in their academic pursuits.

CARRIED

MOTION 4: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by G. Brown that Senate approve an Honours Specialization in the Criminal Justice degree as outlined in the supporting document to be implemented in the Fall 2012.

CARRIED

MOTION 5: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by P. Millar that Senate approve that the course CRJS4937 Honours Seminar in Professional Development be added to the Criminal Justice curriculum.

CARRIED

MOTION 6: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by G. Morrell that Senate approve the addition of the following courses to the Child and Family Studies curriculum:

- CHFS1006 - Introduction to Child and Family Studies
- CHFS2106 - Human Development: Children and Youth
- CHFS2107 - Human Development: Adults and Aging
- CHFS2206 - Children, Families, and Social Justice

CARRIED

MOTION 7: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by G. Morrell that Senate approve the deletion of the following courses from the Child and Family Studies Curriculum:

- CHFS2005 - Introduction to Child and Family Studies
- CHFS2016 - Children, Families, and Equity Issues

CARRIED

December 1, 2011 Report

MOTION 8: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by C. McFarlane that the Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee dated December 1, 2011 be received.

CARRIED

MOTION 9: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by G. Morrell that Senate approve the addition of the following courses to the Child and Family Studies curriculum:

- CHFS3116 – Autism Spectrum Disorders(group 1)
- CHFS3127 – Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (group 1)
- CHFS2216 – Children’s Rights (group 2)
- CFFS2217 – Issues in Children’s Rights (group 2)

CARRIED

MOTION 10: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by G. Morrell that Senate approve the deletion of the following courses from the Child and Family Studies curriculum:

- CHFS3006 – Children ‘s Rights
- CHFS3007 – Issues in Children’s Rights
- PSYC2006 – Childhood Development
- PSYC2007 – Adult Development
- PSYC2616 – Theories of Personality
- PSYC3616 – Personality and Adjustment

CARRIED

MOTION 11: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate approve the prerequisite change for CHFS3025 (Research Methods), CHFS3037 (Multiculturalism, Race and Childhood), and CHFS3105 (Child Welfare: Critical Reflections) from: “Any course listed in Child and Family Studies” to “24 credits completed; or permission of instructor”.

CARRIED

MOTION 12: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by G. Brown that Senate approve that PSYC2020 (Developmental Psychology for Educations) be removed as a required course and relocated to the Group 1 thematic area of the Child and Family Studies curriculum:

CARRIED

MOTION 13: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by G. Brown that Senate approve the deletion of the following courses from the Sociology curriculum:

- SOCI3086 – Law and Society
- SOCI3087 – Society, Law and Social Change

CARRIED

MOTION 14: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by G. Brown that Senate approve the addition of the following courses to the Criminal Justice curriculum:

- CRJS3086 – Law and Society
- CRJS3087 – Society, Law and Social Change

CARRIED

MOTION 15: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by N. Brady that Senate approve that CRJS3086 and CRJS3087 be cross-listed for credit in Sociology.

CARRIED

MOTION 16: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by T. Koivukoski that Senate approve a certificate in Aboriginal Leadership as outlined in the attached document.

CARRIED

University Research Council

MOTION 17: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by C. McFarlane that the Report of the Nipissing University Research Council dated November 16, 2011 be received.

CARRIED

MOTION 18: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by V. Valov that the *Terms of Reference* (NU-RES-2011.04) be approved.

CARRIED

AMENDMENT of BYLAWS

MOTION 19: Moved by K. McCullough, seconded by K. Chutko that Senate approve the elimination of Article 2.1(a)(iii) from the Senate Bylaws (Vice-President Finance and Administration effective July 1, 2012).

CARRIED

MOTION 20: Moved by K. McCullough, seconded by K. Chutko that Senate approve the elimination of Article 2.1(a)(vii) from the Senate Bylaws (Chief Operating Officer effective July 1, 2012).

CARRIED

NOTICES of MOTION (4)

- Changes in Articles 4.5(b), 4.5(c) and 4.5(g) – changes in dates for elections of designated limited-term and instructor representatives
- Addition of the Director of the Centre for Flexible Teaching and Learning to Article 2.1(a) – an *ex-officio* Senator
- Changes to Articles 9.5.2(a)(i) and 9.5.2(a)(iii) – Technology and Infrastructure Subcommittee

- Changes to Articles 9.3.2(a)(i) and (a)(v) – Undergraduate Services and Awards Subcommittee

ELECTIONS

- Elect three representatives, one from each faculty, to serve on the selection committees for the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching (Full-time) and the Nipissing University Award for Part-time Teaching.
 - A. Weeks (Arts and Science) **ACCLAIMED**
 - K. McCullough (Applied and Professional Studies) **ACCLAIMED**
 - A. Steele (Education) **ELECTED**
- Elect one faculty senator to serve as Deputy Speaker from January 2012 until June 2012.
 - T. Koivukoski **ACCLAIMED**
- Elect one faculty senator, from outside the discipline to serve on the selection committee for a tenure track position in English studies (Drama).
 - S. O'Hagan **ACCLAIMED**

REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

Board of Governors

Senator Berube reported that the Board of Governors last met on December 13, 2011. She indicated that there had been a discussion on the ideas as expressed in the newly released book *Academic Reform: Policy Options for Improving the Quality and Cost Effectiveness of Undergraduate Education in Ontario*. The authors have been contacted and invited to visit Nipissing University. Senator Berube added that the authors have agreed to a campus visit in March. This will be an opportunity for the three authors to engage in an open discussion with faculty, staff, student and Board members.

The Board Chair advised the Board that Dr. Lovett-Doust was recently named as one of Canada's top 100 women executives by the Women's Executive Network. She received the award, in the category of Public Sector Leaders. On behalf of the Board, the Chair extended congratulations to the President for this honour commenting that it was an excellent way to advertise Nipissing University.

Several policies related to animal use and care were approved by the Board including, 'Policy on Post Approval Monitoring', 'Policy on Use of Animals for Educational Purposes', 'Policy on Categories of Invasiveness', and 'Animal Utilization Protocol Procedures'.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President began her announcements by welcoming senators back for the winter semester. In response to the comment from Senator Berube about the upcoming (March 7th, 2012) visit by David Trick, one of the authors of Academic Reform: Policy Options for Improving the Quality and Cost Effectiveness of Undergraduate Education in Ontario, Senator Lovett-Doust noted that these authors appear to have some influence on the developing government policies and plans regarding postsecondary education. She hoped that senators and other members of faculty and staff will be able to attend the talk and events over the day, and challenge some of their assumptions. She also noted that Pierrette Hatt in the office of the VP Academic and Research has a number of copies of the book, available on loan. A group of faculty and administrative leaders will be advising on activities during the visit.

Senator Lovett-Doust announced that high school applications for September 2012 intake are up 1.1%; the Ontario system is up 2.4%. She did express concern that Nipissing is down in first and second choices.

On February 2, 2012, the Drummond report will be released. One of the things it will examine is how money is spent in the education sector. Advance information on the tenor of the report indicates that Drummond believes that universities are over-resourced and productivity is low. It is believed that Don Drummond will prescribe ways to radically transform a wide array of government services as Ontario faces a record debt and deficit.

Senators were reminded of the benefit concert for Attawapiskat tomorrow evening in the theatre. Tickets are still available from Gil Pharand or at the door.

NUSU President, Senator Doucette announced that nominations packages for the 2012-13 NUSU Executive will be available next week. She also was pleased to report that the more than 300 students have signed up for the winter carnival.

ADJOURNMENT

Senate was adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

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L. Lovett-Doust, Chair

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C. Jenkins, Senate Secretary