

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY
MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

April 13, 2012

2:30 p.m. – Room F210

MEMBERS PRESENT:

V. Paine-Mantha (chair), B. Keech, C. Richardson, R. Vanderlee

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

A. Burk, N. Colborne, J. Dech, T. Koivukoski, N. Kozukanich, C. McFarlane,
G. Morrell, S. O'Hagan, P. Radia, S. Renshaw, V. Valov, H. Zhu

K. Eyre, B. Hatt, M. Kariuki, N. Maynes, , MA Parr, C. Ricci, T. Ryan, J. Scott,
A. Steele

A. Wagner (Muskoka)

J. Vitale (Brantford)

T. Bachelder, M. Berube

R. Don

M. Allen, N. Brady, K. Fitzsimmons, S. Laplante

ABSENT WITH REGRETS:

S. Rich (vice-chair), C. Cooper, J. Graham

R. Gendron, A. Karassev, F. Noël, G. Phillips, A. Weeks, S. Winters

S. Elliott-Johns, D. Franks, M. Kariuki,

L. McLaren

D. Thompson

J. Doucette, T. Hanna

The minutes of the Senate meeting of March 9, 2012 was adopted with no objections.

QUESTION PERIOD

A question was raised regarding the recent changes in membership structure to senior search committees. Senator Bachelder, commented that there had been a number of complaints about the size of the committees. He noted for example, that the search committee for the President, board and faculty representation have each been reduced by one and there is now representation from the support staff employee group.

Concerns were also voiced regarding the days that had combined convocation ceremonies. It was noted that there are a number of suggestions that are being reviewed to help reduce the length of these ceremonies.

There were also a number of questions regarding the Dean of Education position in the dual role as the Elizabeth Thorn Research Chair in Literacy. In particular, there was a concern about the number of initiatives that the Schulich School of Education is currently undertaking and whether both positions would be well served by one person. Senators were reminded that the endowment can only support a part-time appointment at this time; therefore past searches have been unsuccessful in attracting individuals. It was also noted that Senator Rich would not have accepted the chair position if she felt she was not able to lead this initiative in addition to her other duties. The Dean is enthusiastic to undertake this role and is very qualified in this area of research. The President added that the University has an obligation to move forward with the endowment objectives and it is hoped under Dr. Rich's leadership that synergies may be achieved in concert with some of the Schulich benefaction goals.

REPORTS of STANDING COMMITTEES and FACULTY or UNIVERSITY COUNCILS**Senate Executive Committee**

MOTION 1: Moved by V. Paine-Mantha, seconded by C. McFarlane that the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated April 5, 2012 be received.
CARRIED

MOTION 2: Moved by V. Paine-Mantha, seconded by V. Valov that Senate move into an in-camera session.
CARRIED

MOTION 3: Moved by V. Paine-Mantha, seconded by M. Berube that Senate move out of the in-camera session.
CARRIED

Planning and Priorities Committee**March 2, 2012 Report**

MOTION 4: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by N. Brady that the Report of the Planning and Priorities Committee dated March 2, 2012, be received.
CARRIED

MOTION 5: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by A. Burk that Senate give Stage 3 approval for the 4-year Arts and Culture program at Muskoka.
CARRIED

March 30, 2012 Report

MOTION 6: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by C. McFarlane that the Report of the Planning and Priorities Committee dated March 30, 2012, be received.
CARRIED

MOTION 7: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by G. Morrell Stage 3 approval for the 4-year Arts and Cultural Management Major program at Muskoka.
CARRIED

Graduate Studies Council

MOTION 8: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by N. Brady that the Report of the Graduate Studies Council dated March 13, 2012 be received.
CARRIED

MOTION 9: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by N. Kozuchanich that Senate approve the *Graduate Student Funding Terms and Conditions* as outlined.
CARRIED

MOTION 10: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate approve the application deadline change from February 15 to February 1st across the board for all programs and that this date be revisited each calendar year.
CARRIED

MOTION 11: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by N. Brady that Senate approve the Ph.D. program in Educational Sustainability, including courses and curriculum of the program.
CARRIED

MOTION 12: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by M. Kariuki that Senate approve the *Graduate Special Admissions Appeal Policy* as outlined in the attached document.
CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

Senator Koivukoski reported that the nominations subcommittee will be providing a slate of candidates for the 2012-13 Senate committees and subcommittees at the May Senate meetings. There will still be opportunities to provide nominations from the floor.

AMENDMENT of BYLAWS

MOTION 13: Moved by K. McCullough, seconded by A. Burk that Senate approve the modification to Article 9.3.2(a)(i) of the Senate bylaws with the addition of Vice-Chair of the Undergraduate Studies Committee, who shall be Chair (effective July 1, 2012).
CARRIED

MOTION 14: Moved by K. McCullough, seconded by G. Morrell that Senate approve the modification to Article 2.1(a)(vii) of the Senate bylaws with the addition of the Assistant Vice-President Research and Graduate studies (effective July 1, 2012).
CARRIED

ELECTIONS*Election for Reappointment Committee for the Dean of Applied and Professional Studies (APS)*

- Elect **four (4)** faculty members as follows;
 - **three (3)** representatives must be from the APS Faculty elected by the APS Senators; and
 - **one (1)** member from another Faculty elected by members of Senate other than APS Senate members
 **there must be at least one female and one male and of those elected, only one (1) may be a tenure-track members, and occur in the election for the three representative from APS

APS: K. McCullough, R. Vernescu, T. Waldock - ACCLAIMED
Non-APS: J. McAuliffe - ACCLAIMED

Election for Reappointment Committee for the Dean of Arts and Science (A&S)

- Elect **four (4)** faculty members as follows;
 - **three (3)** representatives must be from the A&S Faculty elected by the A&S Senators; and
 - **one (1)** member from another Faculty elected by members of Senate other than A&S Senate members
 **there must be at least one female and one male and of those elected, only one (1) may be a tenure-track members, and occur in the election for the three representative from A&S

A&S: N. Kozuchanich, C. McFarlane, S. Srigley - ACCLAIMED
Non-A&S: S. Elliott-Johns - ACCLAIMED

Election for the VPFA Search Committee

- Elect one tenured faculty member from the Schulich School of Education.
ACCLAIMED: M-A Parr

Election for the President and Vice-Chancellor Search Committee

- Elect three (3) tenured faculty members, one from each faculty, elected by Senate.

ACCLAIMED: **A. Weeks (A&S)**

J. Barker (APS)

ELECTED: **B. Hatt (Education)**

Elect one faculty member from outside the Faculty of Applied & Professional Studies to serve on the search committee for a Director of Social Work

ACCLAIMED: **T. Curwen (A&S)**

REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIESBoard of Governors

Senator Bachelder reported that the Board of Governors met on April 12. Motions were approved regarding elections for Board representation on the Reappointment Committees for the Dean of Arts and Science and the Dean of Applied and Professional Studies. Elections were also held for Board members on the search committees for the President and Vice-Chancellor and the Vice-President Finance and Administration.

The Board also approved to accept the Nipissing University Ancillary Fees Schedule for the 2012-13 year as well as the Protocol Agreement Statements and Guideline for Compulsory Ancillary Fees. Two new policies were approved: the Signing Authority Policy and the Approval Authority Policy.

During the closed session of the meeting, the honorary degree candidates as well as the nominees for Professor and President Emeritus were approved. The Board also approved recommendations to elect three new members to fill the current vacancies.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President began her announcements by providing a synopsis from a memo received from Nancy Naylor, Assistant Deputy Minister of MTCU regarding the multi-year funding outlook. The President reminded senators that these changes, including preliminary details regarding the 2012-13 operating grants to university and changes to student support programs are subject to the budget becoming legislation. She noted that the good news is that the province is fully dedicated to postsecondary education and has committed to fully funding growth. Operating grants to universities and colleges will increase in the next two years by \$111M and \$155 respectively. However, graduate funding for the new round of graduate expansion is being reduced by \$13M. Senators were reminded that in 2011, the provincial government announced an additional graduate expansion of 6000 spaces by 2015-16. The

President noted that graduate expansion will be slowing down with only 3000 spaces allocated by 2015-16 and the remaining 3000 by 2017-18.

The provincial government is planning on moving ahead with lengthening the teacher education program. The Ministry of Education will be leading consultation this spring on program design and content. The President indicated that Nipissing should be proactively working on an implementation that makes sense to us and ensures it is considered in the consulting process.

First Generation projects and allocations under the Postsecondary Education Fund for Aboriginal Learners will be continued for another year.

The President also advised senators that the facility renewal grants remain at the reduced 60% level in the 2012-13 budget.

Commencing in 2012-13, the Ministry will reduce our operating grant by \$750 for each international student. Additionally, the Ministry will be eliminating subsidies to colleges and universities with international recruitment activities as well as student study abroad subsidies.

Speaking on behalf of the Vice-President Academic and Research, the President indicated there were a good number of applications for the Manager, Reference and Information Services vacancy in the library. A short listed candidate for the executive director’s position will also be on campus next week.

Senator Brady from NUSU was pleased to report that Maggie Moor and Mabel Plourde-Doran have been selected as valedictorians. She also reported that the student food bank has been extensively utilized lately. As a result, it has been restocked with \$700 worth of groceries. First year English major Annie Sumi, was the winner of the Open for Lights contest. This free concert took place on March 29. NUSU executives are preparing for their annual retreat where the transition between incoming and outgoing council will occur.

ADJOURNMENT

Senate was adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

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V. Paine-Mantha (Chair)

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C. Jenkins, Senate Secretary