

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

September 14, 2012

2:30 p.m. – Room F210

MEMBERS PRESENT:

V. Paine-Mantha (chair), H. d'Entremont, N. Black, C. Cooper, J. Graham, M. Tuncali,
R. Vanderlee

J. Barker J. Nadeau, A. Page

R. Breton, A. Burk, J. Dech, R. Gendron, M. Jha, A. Karassev, N. Kozukanich,
G. McCann, C. McFarlane, G. Morrell, S. O'Hagan, L. Peturson, S. Renshaw, V. Valov,
T. Vassilev A. Weeks, S. Winters, H. Zhu

L. Ashworth, K. Eyre, B. Hatt (Speaker), T. Horton, M. Kariuki, N. Maynes, M-A Parr,
C. Ricci, T. Ryan, J. Scott, A. Steele,

A. Grierson (Brantford), R. Vernescu (Muskoka)

W. Ingwersen

C. Hachkowski

R. deBernardi, J. Evans

S. Feretycki

M. Allen, N. Brady, K. Fitzsimmons, T. Hanna

ABSENT WITH REGRETS:

L. Carter, S. Rich

G. Brown

J. McAuliffe

Prior to the June minutes being adopted, the Speaker asked that all new Senators stand and introduce themselves.

The minutes of the Senate meeting June 1, 2012 were adopted with no objections.

QUESTION PERIOD

A question was raised regarding the guidelines for faculty selection procedures and when they were going to be reviewed to reflect changes to a three-faculty model. It was indicated that the guidelines were undergoing review shortly.

There were a number of questions regarding CFTL, specifically how to avoid major shutdowns, demands on our server, and support for those faculty members who require assistance in a timely fashion. The Vice-President Operations explained that University Technology Services (UTS) and CFTL are in the process of working towards a best practice model with UTS becoming more involved with troubleshooting aspect.

REPORTS of STANDING COMMITTEES and FACULTY or UNIVERSITY COUNCILS

Senate Executive Committee Report

June 12, 2012 Report

MOTION 1: Moved by V. Paine-Mantha, seconded by A. Burk that the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated June 12, 2012 be received.
CARRIED

June 26, 2012 Report

MOTION 2: Moved by V. Paine-Mantha, seconded by C. McFarlane that the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated June 26, 2012 be received.
CARRIED

August 29, 2012 Report

MOTION 3: Moved by V. Paine-Mantha, seconded by M-A Parr that the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated August 29, 2012 be received.
CARRIED

September 6, 2012 Report

MOTION 4: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by T. Hanna that the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated September 6, 2012 be received.
CARRIED

MOTION 5: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by H. d'Entremont that the Senate Regulations and Policies, September 2012 be adopted as outlined in the attached Table of Contents.
CARRIED

Undergraduate Studies Committee Report

MOTION 6: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by C. Cooper that the Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee dated June 20, 2012, be received.
CARRIED

MOTION 7: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate receive the program expectations for the following:

- Biology
- Bachelor Degree and a Bachelor Degree Honours in Computer Science
- Bachelor Degree and a Bachelor Degree Honours in Mathematics
- Bachelor Degree and a Bachelor Degree Honours in Science and Technology
- Economics
- Political Science

CARRIED

MOTION 8: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by C. Cooper that Senate approve that the Environmental Science/Physical Geography (ESPG) program be deleted from the academic calendar.

CARRIED

MOTION 9: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by C. Cooper that Senate approve that enrolment in the ESPG program cease as of September 2012.

CARRIED

MOTION 10: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by S. O'Hagan that Senate approve that the Environmental Geography BSc be renamed Environment and Physical Geography.

CARRIED

MOTION 11: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by N. Brady that Senate approve the non-substantive changes to the BPHE courses listed in the attached document.

CARRIED

MOTION 12: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by C. Hachkowski that Senate approve that changes be made to the following course credit values to ensure consistency with the Schulich School of Education's Bachelor of Education—Consecutive (Primary/Junior) and the academic practice of other Faculties at Nipissing University:

- EDUC 4158 – From 2 credits to 3 credits, as the course is 36 hours in length
- EDUC 4159 – From 2 credits to 3 credits, as the course is 36 hours in length
- EDUC 4168 – From 2 credits to 3 credits, as the course is 36 hours in length
- EDUC 4169 – From 2 credits to 3 credits, as the course is 36 hours in length

CARRIED

Graduate Studies Council Report

MOTION 13: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by T. Ryan that the Report of the Graduate Studies Council dated August 27, 2012 be received.

CARRIED

MOTION 14: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by T. Ryan that the Academic Regulations document of graduate studies be modified to include the Times to Completion document and the Registration Status for Graduate Students document as attached.

CARRIED

Research Council Report

- MOTION 15: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by H. d'Entremont that the Report of the Research Council dated July 10, 2012 be received.
CARRIED
- MOTION 16: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by C. Cooper that the members listed in the attached document serve on the Research Council for a period of two years.
CARRIED
- MOTION 17: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by R. Gendron that the Canada Research Chair vacated by Dean Bavington remain in the field of Environmental History or a related field.
CARRIED

REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES**Board of Governors**

Senator Evans reported that during the summer, two special meetings of the Executive Committee were called. On July 4, the Executive Committee approved, on behalf of the Board of Governors, the audited financial statements for the Nipissing University Pension Plan for the year ended December 31, 2011.

The second special meeting held this summer occurred on August 27. The Executive Committee, acting on behalf of the Board of Governors, approved the Nipissing University Faculty Association Full-Time Academic Staff Bargaining Unit (NUFA) collective agreement for the period May 1, 2012 to April 30, 2015 subject to ratification by the full-time faculty members. It has since been ratified by the full-time faculty.

The Committee also approved a motion awarding the contract for the interior renovations to the old Library space. Following the presentation of a summary report from the Vice-President Academic and Research, motions were approved by the Executive Committee, acting on behalf of the Board, for the reappointment of Dr. Craig Cooper as Dean of Arts & Science and Dr. Rick Vanderlee as Dean of Applied & Professional Studies, each for a five-year term.

A separate discussion occurred about the search committee for the position of Vice-President Finance and Administration. The Board Executive, acting on behalf of the Board, approved the recommendation of the Search Committee to appoint Richard Onley as VPFA effective September 12, 2012.

Although the first Board meeting occurs on October 10; there have been several major Board-related functions over the course of the past few months. The Orientation for New Board members occurred on August 28. The Board Annual Dinner is scheduled for September 20 and plans are being finalized for the Annual Board Conference on November 3 & 4.

Alumni Advisory Board

Senator Feretycki reminded senators that registration is still open for homecoming on October 19 and 20. Homecoming will include the official opening of the new Surtees gym. The year of celebrations has begun and senators were told to expect more planned events.

Council of Ontario Universities

Senator Nadeau, academic colleague to COU provided a brief synopsis of what COU does. He indicated that the academic colleagues are always developing working papers to be delivered to the COU Executive Heads. On September 27, there will be a strategy session at COU

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The interim President and Vice-Chancellor, Senator Paine-Mantha, began her announcements by relaying her pleasure at meeting 13 new faculty at the New Faculty Orientation. She also welcomed all senators back for the 2012-13 academic year.

Congratulations were extended to both sides of the bargaining teams for achieving a successful contract conclusion.

The President reported that Dr. Dave Marshall has been appointed for a 2-year term to the Quality Control Audit Panel. He is recognized for his expertise in Education. Thanks were offered to Drs. Jim McAuliffe and Trevor Smith who agreed to represent Nipissing University on the Ontario Interdisciplinary Council for Aging and Health (OICAH).

Two complimentary letters were recently received by the President. The first letter was from a former student, and now instructor in the Native Classroom Assistant Diploma Program, Natalie Corkery. Natalie praised the efforts of Laurie McLaren from the Office of Aboriginal Initiatives and Nipissing University for their participation in the Hemispheric Indigenous Experience Program in Peru this past August. The President also congratulated all the faculty members from the History department that were named in a letter of appreciation from a former student Adam Lake. Adam is pursuing a Master's degree in Medieval History from the University of Toronto.

The President reported that as of September 14, 2012, new student enrolment in undergraduate programs is down by 37 students. This means Nipissing will need an additional 74 new students for the January intake to make up for the reduction.

The President noted that the Executive group has been busy for most of August preparing a Strategic Mandate Agreement (SMA) which must be submitted to the Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities by September 30, 2012. This document, which is limited to eight pages, will define key attributes of Nipissing and where Nipissing will be focusing over the next five years. The process began early in the summer with the template only being provided to universities the first week of August. There were a number of roundtables at various colleges and universities throughout the province along with meetings at COU to discuss the pending SMAs. The President noted that she has been working with the deans and department heads to try and best position Nipissing within the Minister's framework, while at the same time allowing for some flexibility to manoeuvre over the longer term. As well, the SMAs must be able to clearly identify how it supports the Ministry's mission outlined in the Strengthening Ontario's Centres for Creativity, Innovation and Knowledge discussion paper, which was released in July 2012. The President explained that once the statements are filed, the minister will read them and pass them on to HEQCO who will then review the statements and their contents and ascertain if the institution's plans and goals are realistic and obtainable. The final evaluations from HEQCO will go back to the Minister. Certain institutions will be identified as "leaders." The President stressed that our entire institution must be on side and able to back up our claims. She further added that the document along with the cover letter must be able to grab the Minister's attention. The President is relying on the VPAR and Deans to share the information in the SMA with their constituent groups.

The Vice-President Academic and Research reported that the review for the Anthropology program has just been completed and the report for the Bachelor of Social Work program has been received. Senator d'Entremont reminded senators that the deadline for the Research Achievement Awards is October 15. Notice has been received that the joint submission with Wilfrid Laurier on the Indigenous Masters in Public Administration program was not successful. He indicated that the submission could possibly be reworked into an undergraduate program in Aboriginal government. There also is going to be a submission for a CRC chair in Physical Activity Promotion in Cancer Survivorship.

The Dean of Applied and Professional Studies welcomed the following new faculty: A. Armenakyan to the School of Business; and B. Beattie and Z. Rahaman to the School of Nursing. He also commended the NUSU executive for a successful frosh week.

The Dean of Arts and Science welcomed the following new faculty: D. Campbell (Psychology); A. Csank (Geography); L. Hoehn (Computer Science/Mathematics); and L. Thielen-Wilson (Gender Equality and Social Justice). The Dean commented on the Chairs retreat held on September 5 and 6. Ken Steele attended the first day of the retreat and spoke about trends in postsecondary education.

The Associate Dean of Education spoke on behalf of the Dean of Education and welcomed the following new faculty: C. Cho; R. Graham; G. Rickwood; and T. Sibbald. Dr. Richardson also noted that the PhD students have completed their first summer residency and are continuing their degree work. Their areas of research interest can be found on the Graduate Studies website. October 1 – 4 has been designated Professional Week for the consecutive and 5th year concurrent students in North Bay. Regular classes will be replaced by workshops and sessions.

Senator Hanna, NUSU President, reported that the Frosh Week with all its activities was a resounding success. He complimented the entire NUSU and Frosh Team. He was pleased to report that the Shinerama campaign raised almost \$22K for cystic fibrosis. Frosh leaders and NUSU members assisted with the residence move in on September 1. Senator Hanna added that delegate elections were coming up shortly as is Club Days.

ADJOURNMENT

Senate was adjourned at 3:42 p.m.

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V. Paine-Mantha (Chair)

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C. Jenkins, Senate Secretary