

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

November 16, 2012

2:30 p.m. – Room F210

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

J. Barker, G. Brown, J. Nadeau, A. Page

A. Burk, J. Dech, M. Jha, A. Karassev, N. Kozukanich, McFarlane, G. Morrell, S. O'Hagan, L. Peturson, S. Renshaw, V. Valov, A. Weeks, S. Winters, H. Zhu

L. Ashworth, G. Black, K. Eyre, B. Hatt (Speaker), T. Horton, M. Kariuki, N. Maynes, C. Ricci, T. Ryan, A. Steele

R. Vernescu (Muskoka)

W. Ingwersen

R. deBernardi, J. Evans

S. Feretycki

C. Bryan, C. Davidson, K. Fitzsimmons, C. Grist, T. Hanna, D. Richardson

ABSENT WITH REGRETS:

R. Breton, R. Gendron, G. McCann, T. Vassilev

J. McAuliffe, M-A Parr, J. Scott

A. Grierson (Brantford)

C. Hachkowski

N. Brady

The minutes of the Senate meeting of October 12, 2012 were adopted with no objections.

REPORTS of STANDING COMMITTEES and FACULTY or UNIVERSITY COUNCILS

Senate Executive Committee Report

MOTION 1: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by M. Tuncali that the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated November 8, 2012 be received.

CARRIED

MOTION 2: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate move into an in camera session.

CARRIED

MOTION 3: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate move out of the in camera session.

CARRIED

Planning and Priorities Committee

- MOTION 4: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by N. Kozukanich that the Report of the Planning and Priorities Committee dated October 26, 2012, be received.
CARRIED
- MOTION 5: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by T. Hanna that Senate grant Stage 1 approval to the Master of Science in Kinesiology, as outlined in the attached document.
CARRIED

Undergraduate Studies Committee Report

- MOTION 6: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by C. McFarlane that the Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee dated October 4, 2012, be received.
CARRIED
- MOTION 7: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by M. Jha that Senate unbank CHEM2046 – Environmental Analytical Chemistry from the archive course list and that it be modified.
CARRIED
- MOTION 8: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by S. Rich that Senate modify the course tile and description for EDUC4806 - ESL Across the Curriculum.
CARRIED

Graduate Studies Council

- MOTION 9: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by A. Burk that the Report of the Graduate Studies Council dated October 15, 2012 be received.
CARRIED
- MOTION 10: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by V. Paine-Mantha that Senate approve that the wording in the course description of “Research Project and Seminar” (EDUC5186) be revised by changing the phrase “...in both onsite course seminar and written forms” to “...in onsite or online course seminar and written forms.”
WITHDRAWN
- MOTION 11: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by A. Weeks that Senate approve the addition of EDUC5687 - Comparative and International Education as outlined.
CARRIED
- MOTION 12: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate approve that the MEd Committee be renamed as the Graduate Studies in Education (GSE) Committee.
CARRIED
- MOTION 13: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by S. Rich that Senate approve that EDUC5157 - Survey of Research Methods be added as the pre-requisite for EDUC5676 - Qualitative Approaches to Educational Research.
CARRIED
- MOTION 14: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by V. Valov that Senate approve that the prerequisite for MATH5086 - Functional Analysis be changed from MATH5036 to “MATH3137 - Real Analysis II or equivalent.”
CARRIED

MOTION 15: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by V. Valov that Senate approve that the required core courses for MSc in Mathematics program be changed from MATH5036 - Measure Theory, MATH5056 - Algebra, MATH5066 - General Topology to MATH5086 - Functional Analysis and MATH5066 - General Topology.
CARRIED

MOTION 16: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by V. Valov that Senate approve the requirement for students to include the following documents in their bound MRP/Thesis when conducting research involving human and/or animal participants:

- a) the Letter of Certification with protocol number attesting to approval of the research; and
- b) the Final Report (minus identifying information such as address) indicating that the research was done within the approved time frame and acknowledging any adverse outcomes.

CARRIED

MOTION 17: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by V. Valov that Senate adopt the revisions and additions of the attached Academic Regulations document.
CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

MOTION 18: Moved by J. Graham, seconded by C. McFarlane that the approval to graduate be granted to the students listed in the Report of Graduate Applicants dated November 8, 2012.
CARRIED

AMENDMENT of BY-LAWS

MOTION 19: Moved by J. Nadeau, seconded by C. McFarlane that the report from the Vice-President Finance and Administration be removed from the Announcements session of the Senate agenda.
CARRIED

Notice of Motion

- That Article 10.1.2 be appended to the Senate bylaws as follows:
10.1.2 Faculty Council Nominations and Elections Subcommittee
 - (a) Membership will include the Faculty representative on the Bylaws and Elections Subcommittee who shall be Chair; two other faculty representatives; and the Dean of the Faculty.
 - (b) The subcommittee will be formed at the November Faculty Council meeting.
 - (c) The subcommittee will solicit nominations for Senate, Senate committees and Board representatives through the distribution of a nomination form that lists first, second and third choice/preference, to be returned to the subcommittee Chair by the February Faculty Council meeting.
 - (d) Where possible, the proposed slate of committee/board members will reflect continuity of membership as well as consideration involving new faculty members in the work of Senate, Senate committees and the Board of Governors.
 - (e) The proposed slate will be presented to the March Faculty Council. Additional nominations from the floor will be accepted and elections held where necessary.
 - (f) All results will be reported to the Bylaws and Elections Subcommittee by the end of March who will bring the slate forward, as a Notice of Motion, at the April Senate meeting.

Notice of Motion

- That Article 2.6(b) and (e) Terms of Office of the Senate bylaws be revised as follows:

- (b) For student Senators, the normal term of office shall be:
 - i. one (1) year (renewable), for the three (3) student Senators chosen by and from the NUSU Executive;
 - ii. one (1) year (renewable), for the undergraduate student Senator elected by and from the undergraduate students in the Schulich School of Education; the graduate student Senator elected by and from the graduate students; *and the undergraduate student Senators elected by and from the undergraduate students in each remaining Faculty.*
- (e) All Senate terms of office shall commence at the beginning of the Senate year (i.e. 01 July), except:
 - i. the terms of the three (3) student Senators chosen by and from the NUSU Executive, which shall run from 01 May each year to 30 April the following year; and
 - ii. *the terms of the graduate student Senator elected by and from the graduate students, the undergraduate student Senator elected by and from the undergraduate students in the Schulich School of Education; and the terms of the undergraduate student Senators elected by and from the undergraduate students in each remaining Faculty, shall run from 01 October each year to 30 September of the following year.*

Notice of Motion

- That Article 5.2 (a) and (c) Conduct of Elections of the Senate bylaws be modified as follows:
 - (a) Elections for the *undergraduate and graduate student representatives* shall be conducted by the NUSU Board, coincident with its annual *Delegate elections*.
 - (c) Notwithstanding the conduct of the elections in (a) by the NUSU Board, the elected undergraduate and graduate student representatives shall be deemed to have no formal affiliation with NUSU or accountability to NUSU, in carrying out their responsibilities as Senators.

Notice of Motion

- That Article 5.3 Annual Election Procedures for Undergraduate Student Representatives and Article 5.4 Annual Election Procedures for Faculty of Education and Graduate Student Representative be deleted as presently constituted

Notice of Motion

- That Article 5.3 Annual Election Procedures for Undergraduate Students Representatives from all three Faculties and Graduate Student Representatives
 - (a) *By 01 September each year, the By-Laws & Elections Subcommittee shall announce the election to fill the undergraduate and graduate student Senate positions, and indicate that the term of office for these positions is one (1) year. A copy of the announcement shall be provided to the NUSU Executive. The procedures and timelines for the election of undergraduate and graduate student representatives shall generally be those followed for the NUSU delegate elections, except as specifically otherwise indicated in this Article.*
 - (b) *Nominations shall be submitted in writing, signed by the nominee and ten (10) eligible voters.*
 - (c) *In the event that there is only one (1) candidate for a particular position, that candidate shall be declared elected by acclamation.*
 - (d) *Voting for each contested position shall be by secret ballot at any NUSU polling station or, for any voter unable to vote in person, by e-mail according to established election procedures, using the voter's University-assigned e-mail address. Candidates shall be listed on the ballot in alphabetical order. Eligible voters may vote for only one candidate. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted.*
 - (e) *Elections for the undergraduate and graduate student representatives shall be completed by the last week of September each year. The Chief Returning Officer (CRO) appointed by the NUSU Board shall announce the results, and shall provide the names of the elected student representatives to the By-Laws*

- & Elections Subcommittee of Senate by 01 October each year.*
- (f) *Should any Senate undergraduate or graduate student position(s) still remain unfilled after the NUSU fall Delegate Elections, the By-Laws & Elections Subcommittee shall consider other alternatives and make appropriate recommendations to the Senate Executive Committee, for conveyance to Senate.*

Notice of Motion

- That Article 10.0.1(a)(v) Faculty Councils of the Senate bylaws be revised as follows:
 - *two (2) students from within the Faculty;*

REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

Board of Governors

Senator Evans, Board of Governors Representative to Senate reported that the Board last met on October 10. In lieu of a November meeting, the Board held its annual conference on November 3 and 3 in Huntsville. This year's theme, "Dreaming about Nipissing's Future" was a timely topic and featured several guest speakers including Dr. Stephen Murgatroyd who spoke about technology integration in the classroom and on-line learning. Dr. Lorraine Carter gave a presentation on the status of online and blended learning at Nipissing while professionals representing the firm of J.L. Richards Consulting delivered a presentation that identified potential uses for Nipissing landholdings and the potential capital opportunities and planning required to support Nipissing's future growth. Another session focused on a vision/concept for property jointly owned by Nipissing University and Canadore College. The final guest speaker provided insight into the world of fundraising and how to go about achieving those dreams.

Board members were provided with several opportunities to participate in breakout discussion groups and engage in dialogue about trends and expectations for Nipissing University in the learning context of today's student as well as 'dreaming' about the possibilities for future partnerships and community engagement.

The Board Chair, Vice-Chair, Vice-Chair Pro Tem and Board Secretary recently attended the Ontario University Board Member Orientation and Training Session held November 9 and 10 in Toronto. The event was coordinated by the Council of Chairs of Ontario Universities. Its purpose was to give an overview of the Ontario university sector; the political uncertainties and university governance, and was designed to supplement orientation for new board members. The event included speakers from the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities; Board Chairs; University Presidents; and, other senior players in the postsecondary sector.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 5 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

Alumni Advisory Board

Senator Feretycki from the Alumni Advisory Board was pleased to report that the Homecoming event sold out. The Board will be attending their annual retreat and will discuss such topics as fundraising, profile development and alumni engagement. Senator Feretycki reminded senators that the cupcakes some received were a prelude to the birthday party to be held November 29 in North Bay and December 3 in Muskoka.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President began her announcement by discussing events at the recent Ontario Economic Summit. She noted that she had the opportunity to meet with the new Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities, John Milloy, who had only been in his new portfolio for 72 hours. He asked for commentary on issues that universities are currently facing. The President reported that the Minister was told that universities want to be innovative and productive, but bureaucracy is holding things up. The President also indicated that she lobbied the Minister for program funding approval for the PhD in Education.

At the roundtable with the Minister of Economic Development and Innovation, Brad Duguid, the President advised that the minister indicated that universities should get their proposals in order should there be a new stimulus package.

The President also reported on three recent graduates and young entrepreneurs who spoke at the summit and all three had similar advice and provided suggestions to make the student experience even better. Universities should provide students with tools on how to best learn, assist them with how to “join the dots”; how to leverage their networks built so they can create their own niche in society. These young people also indicated that they wished to “add value” in whatever organizational structure they end up in and want to be able to make a difference.

The President also attended the Days of Advocacy in Ottawa on October 22 and 23, sponsored by the Association of Universities and Colleges in Canada (AUCC). Presidents met with three to five ministers on federal committees and discussed a variety of topics including education and research. One of the key objectives was advocacy on how Canada’s universities can help achieve the federal priorities. The following day was the AUCC membership meeting that covered topics such as international education, Aboriginal education, and mid to long-term research advocacy, AUCC initiatives and priority projects.

The Vice-President Academic and Research (VPAR) commented on a visit by Laverne Lewis Gaskins, a Fulbright Specialist and University Attorney at Valdosta State University in Valdosta, Georgia. Ms. Gaskins is a specialist in legal issues including race and cultural inequities and will be speaking to a number of classes. She will be giving a presentation on *The Intersection of Race and the Law: an American Historical Perspective* on Tuesday, November 20.

Senator d’Entremont reminded senators that the quality assurance policy must be reviewed in 2013. Donna Woolcott, Executive Director of Quality Assurance at COU has met with various deans to discuss quality assurance issues and course and program outcomes.

The Ontario Council on Articulation and Transfer (ONCAT) has requested proposals for degree completion programs as well as research projects, and Senator d’Entremont indicated that Nipissing will be submitting two proposals.

Senator Cooper, Dean of Arts and Science was pleased to report that Senator Zhu was the recipient of \$19,900 NSERC Engage Grant with Collective Minds and Senator Vassilev has received a Fields Institute grant of \$5000 in 21st Ontario Combinatorics.

Senator Hanna from NUSU introduced the following student representatives to Senate as follows: Chris Bryan (graduate student); Cole Davidson (Applied and Professional Studies); Corey Grist (Arts and Science); and Dillon Richard (Education). He also was pleased to report the successful visit of the Grey Cup to the Wall this past Monday night with TSN and representatives from the CFL on-hand.

Senator Graham, Registrar and Director of Institutional Analysis provided a brief enrollment update as of the November 1 provincial count date. Overall, the number of undergraduate students is down by 110 students, with 62 of those from Education. Graduate student enrollment has risen by 33 students.

ADJOURNMENT

Senate was adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

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V. Paine-Mantha (Chair)

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C. Jenkins, Senate Secretary