

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

May 17, 2013

2:30 p.m. – Room F210

MEMBERS PRESENT:

M. DeGagné (Chair), H. d'Entremont, N. Black, A. Robinson, M. Tuncali,  
R. Vanderlee

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

A. Burk, J. Dech, R. Gendron, M. Jha, N. Kozukanich, G. McCann, C. McFarlane,  
S. O'Hagan, A. Weeks, S. Winters,

L. Ashworth, G. Black, K. Clausen, K. Eyre, B. Hatt (Speaker), M. Kariuki,  
J. McAuliffe, M-A Parr, J. Scott, T. Sibblad, A. Steele

A. Grierson (Brantford)

J. Evans

Y. Benoit, K. Fitzsimmons,

ABSENT WITH REGRETS:

L. Carter, C. Cooper, S. Rich

R. Breton, A. Karashev, G. Morrell, L. Peturson, S. Renshaw, V. Valov,  
T. Vassilev, H. Zhu

T. Horton, C. Ricci

R. Vernescu

L. Rossi

C. Hachkowski

R. deBernardi

S. Feretycki

C. Bryan, C. Davidson, C. Grist, D. Richardson

The minutes of the Senate meeting of April 12, 2013 were adopted.

QUESTION PERIOD

There was a question asking if the Assistant Vice-President, Research and Graduate Studies is a permanent position and if this position was deemed a senior academic appointment. The Vice-President Academic and Research indicated that position is still in the budget and is viewed as a senior academic appointment. At the present, the position is status quo.

A question was also raised regarding the timing of the finalized budget especially in reference to staffing requirement concerns and impacting pre-registration. It was noted that the budget will be brought before the Board of Governors at their June 6 meeting. Pre-registration will still begin as scheduled.

REPORTS of STANDING COMMITTEES and FACULTY or UNIVERSITY COUNCILS

Senate Executive Committee

MOTION 1: Moved by M. DeGagné, seconded by K. Fitzsimmons that the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated May 7, 2013 be received.  
CARRIED

Planning and Priorities Committee

MOTION 2: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by A. Burk that the Report of the Planning and Priorities Committee dated April 24, 2013 be received.  
CARRIED

MOTION 3: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by K. Eyre that Senate grant Stage 1 approval for the Bachelor of Education in Adult Education and Training, as outlined in the attached document.  
CARRIED

MOTION 4: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by G. McCann that the revised Nipissing University Institutional Quality Assurance Process Policy and Procedures dated May 7, 2013 and the Summary of Changes be approved as outlined.  
CARRIED

Research Council

January 23, 2013 Report

MOTION 5: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by A. Burk that the Report of the Research Council dated January 23, 2013, be received.  
CARRIED

MOTION 6: That Senate approve the internal grant submission date to review external grant applications to August 1.  
WITHDRAWN

MOTION 7: Moved by M. Tuncali, M. Kariuki that Senate approve Policy #NU-RES-2011.19, Adjunct Professorship, as amended.  
CARRIED

MOTION 8: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by A. Burk that Senate approve the selection committee for the Internal Research Grants, as listed.  
CARRIED

April 29, 2013 Report

- MOTION 9: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by S. Winters that the Report of the Research Council dated April 29, 2013, be received.  
CARRIED
- MOTION 10: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by A. Page that Policy #NU-RES-2011.02 Policy on Intellectual Property, be renewed and received as amended.  
CARRIED
- MOTION 11: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by A. Weeks that Policy #NU-RES-2011.-5 Policy on Centres and Institutes be renewed and received as amended.  
CARRIED
- MOTION 12: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by A. Burk that all Centres and Institutes created in Policy #NU-RES-2011.-5 be reviewed under the renewed policy.  
CARRIED
- MOTION 13: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by S. Winters that the selection committee for the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Research be approved as listed in the attached document.  
CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

- MOTION 14: Moved by A. Robinson, seconded by K. Fitzsimmons that Senate consider receipt of the Report of Graduation Applicants dated May 17, 2013.  
CARRIED
- MOTION 15: Moved by A. Robinson, seconded by K. Fitzsimmons that Senate receive the Report of Graduation Applicants dated the May 17, 2013.  
CARRIED
- MOTION 16: Moved by A. Robinson, seconded by K. Fitzsimmons that the approval to graduate be granted to the students listed in the Report of Graduation Applicants dated the May 17, 2013.  
CARRIED

AMENDMENT of BY-LAWS

**Notice of Motion (regarding modification to definition of substantive/non-substantive)**

- that Article 10.1.1 (c), (d), (e) and (f) of the Senate bylaws be modified as follows:
  - (c) The following undergraduate curriculum matters shall require the approval of the relevant Faculty Council(s), the Undergraduate Studies Committee and Senate:
    - (i) proposals for Stage 2 (Curriculum) approval of new undergraduate programs prepared in accordance with the Nipissing University IQAP, as required in the provincial Quality Assurance Guidelines; or
    - (ii) proposals requiring changes to existing undergraduate degree or program requirements; or
    - (iii) undergraduate curriculum proposals which involve adding new courses, deleting existing courses, or substantive changes to existing courses.

- (d) The following undergraduate curriculum matters shall require the approval of the relevant Faculty Council(s), with conveyance to the Undergraduate Studies Committee and Senate for information:
  - (i) undergraduate curriculum proposals which involve non-substantive changes to existing courses and which do not directly affect another Faculty (e.g. minor changes to course titles or course descriptions, banking courses)
- (e) Where there is disagreement or uncertainty as to whether a proposed undergraduate curriculum change is significant or minor or substantive/non-substantive, the more rigorous standard shall be applied.

**Notice of Motion (regarding addition of a Senate subcommittee, Article 9.3.3)**

- the addition of Article 9.3.3 Undergraduate Conference Subcommittee (UCS) to the Senate bylaws as outlined below:

Article 9.3.3 Undergraduate Conference Subcommittee (UCS)

(a) *Ex Officio* Members:

- (i) the VPAR or designate
- (ii) the Dean, or designate, of each Faculty;

(b) Members Elected by Faculty Council

- ( i) Two (2) faculty Senators or non-Senators from each Faculty one of whom shall be elected by the Committee to serve as Chair and one to serve as Vice-Chair;
- ( ii) one (1) faculty Senator or non-Senator to serve as Poster coordinator;
- (iii) one (1) faculty Senator or non-Senator, preferably from Fine Arts, to serve as Fine Arts coordinator;
- ( iv) one (1) student representative.

(c) Terms of Reference:

- (i) Work with a budget established through the office of the VPAR and the office of the Dean of each Faculty, to organize the Annual Nipissing University Undergraduate Conference.
- (ii) The Undergraduate Conference Committee will be provided administrative support via a program coordinator designated by the Office of the VPAR

**ELECTIONS**

- Elect one Senator to serve on the Board of Governors for a two-year term commencing July 1, 2013  
**Acclaimed:** Jeff Scott
- Elect one Senator to serve a 2-year term as Speaker of Senate  
**Acclaimed:** Blaine Hatt
- Elect one Senator to serve a 2-year term as Deputy Speaker of Senate  
**Acclaimed:** Amanda Burk
- Elect one faculty senator from outside the discipline for the search committee for a tenure track position in Social Welfare and Social Development  
**Acclaimed:** Hilary Earl
- Elect one faculty senator from outside the discipline for the search committee for a LTA2 (3-years) position in Organizational Studies in the School of Business  
**Acclaimed:** Andrew Weeks

## REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

### Board of Governors

The Board of Governors held its annual Board meeting on May 9, 2013. The new student representatives on the Board began their term of service on May 1. They were introduced by the Board Chair. The Board Chair announced that Mr. Gord Durnan, new Board member from Bracebridge, was recently approved as a Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council appointment to the Board of Governors. The Board approved reappointment of the university's solicitor, Valin & Partners for the 2013-2014 year. The appointment of two new Board members, one to fill a vacancy that currently exists and one to fill a vacancy that will result at the end of June 2013 was also approved.

On the recommendation of the Audit & Finance Committee, the Board approved motions to accept as presented the Nipissing University Ancillary Fees and the Nipissing University Student Union Ancillary Fees. The Board also accepted recommendations from the Plant & Property and Audit & Finance Committees to approve the purchase of a property at 40 Victoria Street in Bracebridge. This acquisition will serve future planning needs and allow better access to the campus property.

Since May is the annual meeting, elections were held for the positions of Vice-Chair and Vice-Chair Pro Tem. Greg DuCharme and Marianne Berube were acclaimed into the roles of Vice-Chair and Vice-Chair Pro Tem respectively. The Board Bylaw states that the Chair serves a two-year term; therefore, current Board Chair, Colin Dennis, will commence a second year as Board Chair in 2013-2014.

## NEW BUSINESS

MOTION 17: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate consider receipt of the Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee dated May 1, 2013.  
CARRIED

MOTION 18: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by A. Burk that the Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee dated May 1, 2013 be received.  
CARRIED

MOTION 19: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by A. Burk that Senate approve the addition of the following courses in the Schulich School of Education as outlined:

- EDUC4326 – Business Studies, General: Intermediate
- EDUC4327 - Business Studies, General: Senior

CARRIED

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President began his announcements by commenting on his recent AUCC meeting in Calgary. One of the items discussed, common to all post-secondary institutions across the country, was the ongoing challenge of budgets. He noted that even Alberta has had its post-secondary funding decreased. Also discussed was the notion of how institutions are closely bound to their community, especially in smaller communities such as North Bay.

The President noted he has been exploring the opportunity to equalize northern grants. He also attended the Lt. Governor's forum on Aboriginal Education on May 16. This is the fourth forum meeting. He was pleased to report that Nipissing University is co-chairing these forums.

The President also welcomed the incoming NUSU executive and wished them success in their new roles.

The Vice-President, Academic and Research was pleased to extend congratulations to the following award recipients: Dr. Jeffrey Nichol, Chancellors Award for Excellence in Teaching; Dr. David Tabachnick for the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Research; and Ms. Corina Irwin, Nipissing University Teaching award for CASBU members. He also was pleased to report that Senator Carter has received the Leadership Award from the Canadian Network for Innovation in Education. Additionally, the Canadian Association of University Continuing Education will be presenting a national award for our blended delivery of the RPN to BScN program. The award will be in the name of the School of Nursing and the Centre for Flexible Teaching and Learning.

Senator Robinson, Registrar, provided a brief update on acceptances. She advised senators that acceptances are still being received. Although it is still too early to confirm the acceptance rates, Nipissing is currently at a 7% increase over the same period as last year for both the non-high school and high school groups. BEd acceptances are holding at 505 which is higher than anticipated. However, Senator Robinson noted that we can expect to lose some acceptances over the next couple of month as other schools struggle to fill their programs. Registration for fall/winter 2013 opens May 28th for undergraduate studies.

Senator Benoit, on behalf of NUSU, extended his condolences to Ben Kuyt’s family. He was also pleased to report that the Eddie Farewell Fundraiser raised \$1000 for the Nipissing’s Men’s and Women’s Laker Hockey teams as well as \$500 for the Near North District School Board’s anti-bullying campaign. Also ENACTUS Nipissing has brought home the runner up trophy from a national competition held in Toronto.

Senator Tuncali announced that Dr. Logan Hoehan, and Senators Valov and Zhu were the successful recipients of NSERC Discovery grants in mathematics. Dr. Hoehan also received the Early Career Researcher Award.

ADJOURNMENT

Senate was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

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M. DeGagné (Chair)

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C. Jenkins (Senate Secretary)