

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

December 13, 2013

2:30 p.m. – Room F210

MEMBERS PRESENT:

M. DeGagné (Chair), H. d'Entremont, A-B Graff, C. Richardson, A. Robinson,
M. Tuncali, L. Carter

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

A. Ackerman, D. Borman, A. Burk, N. Colborne, J. Dech, M. Jha, U. Kundrats, F. Noël,
T. Parkes, T. Smith, D. Tabachnick, A. Weeks, H. Zhu

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

R. Vernescu (Bracebridge)

C. Hachkowski

C. Murton-Stoehr, L. Rossi

J. Zimbalatti

S. Feretycki

Y. Benoit, K. Fitzsimmons, L. McKeon

ABSENT WITH REGRETS:

N. Black, R. Vanderlee

R. Breton, A. Karassev, G. McCann, S. Renshaw, S. Winters

B. Bruner

M. McCabe (Brantford)

G. DuCharme

C. Grist, C. Nosko, J. Trottier

The minutes of the Senate meeting of November 15, 2013 were adopted.

QUESTION PERIOD

The first question was regarding the status of the Undergraduate Research Conference. The VPAR was pleased to report that CFTL and Senator Carter would be heading this initiative. A call will be put out for faculty to assist with this endeavour. The VPAR added he hoped the general structure as utilized in the past would continue.

A concern was raised that the Research Ethics Board coordinator has been unavailable for close to six weeks which is problematic for students and faculty. Senator Tuncali reported that advance notice of the temporary closure was provided.

Concerns raised regarding discrepancies in course listings in the academic calendar and on the website were addressed. Senator Robinson, Registrar, announced that a new curriculum management system is to be installed and alleviate these problems.

Another website issue is that the advancement office appears to not be concerned with academic needs and only with branding. Senate is requesting that the VPFA or designate attend the January meeting to provide information on this query.

There was a question regarding the status of the Strategic Mandate Agreement. The VPAR noted that the university has until December 20 to resubmit. He added that the Ministry felt that previous university submissions were too long and failed to focus on differentiation. New submissions must be less than 10 pages and identify differentiation. By mid-January there is to be a response from the Ministry with discussions to follow. The SMA should be finalized by March 31, 2014. The VPAR indicated that there can be no new program approvals until the process is finalized.

A question was raised regarding the holiday closure of the University until January 6, 2014. It was noted that all employees were given advance notice so arrangements could be made for second semester preparation.

In response to the question to ascertain if the Board of Governors has revisited the Policy on Political Activities, the President indicated that the Advancement committee that is responsible for this policy has not yet met. NUFA is preparing a submission to the Advancement committee.

REPORTS of STANDING COMMITTEES and FACULTY or UNIVERSITY COUNCILS

Senate Executive Committee

MOTION 1: Moved by M. DeGagné, seconded by M-A Parr that the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated December 5, 2013 be received.
CARRIED

Planning and Priorities Committee

MOTION 2: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by K. Fitzsimmons that the Report of the Planning and Priorities Committee dated November 22, 2013, be received.
CARRIED

MOTION 3: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by A. Robinson that Senate grant approval of the Final Assessment Report for the Social Welfare & Social Development Program, as outlined in the attached document.
CARRIED

MOTION 4: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by C. Richardson that Senate grant Stage 1 approval for the Bachelor of Education, Consecutive and Concurrent programs, as outlined in the attached document.
CARRIED

Undergraduate Studies Committee**October 25, 2013 Report**

- MOTION 5: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by A. Robinson that the Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee dated October 25, 2013, be received.
CARRIED
- MOTION 6: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by A. Burk that Senate approve that RLCT2045 Health, Healing and Religion be deleted.
CARRIED
- MOTION 7: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by A. Burk that Senate approve that the course RLCT 2116 Health, Healing and Religion be added to the course offerings in the department of Religions and Cultures.
CARRIED
- MOTION 8: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by D. Borman that Senate approve that EDUC 1185 Spanish, Part I be added to the list of approved Additional Qualifications courses.
CARRIED
- MOTION 9: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by K. Eyre that Senate approve that the new course MKTG 4436 Innovative Approaches in Marketing be added as a Marketing Course in business programs and that it be included in the list of Marketing elective courses.
CARRIED

November 20, 2013 Report

- MOTION 10: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by A. Steele that the Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee dated November 20, 2013 be received.
CARRIED
- MOTION 11: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by A. Armenakyan that Senate approve that the proposed changes to the Organizational Studies Stream in the BBA be accepted as follows:
- Must complete any 24 credits of the following in addition to the six credits of organizational studies in the BBA core requirements:
ORGS 3006, ORGS 3007, ORGS 3016, ORGS 2117, ADMN 2706, ORGS 2006, ORGS 2007,
ORGS 3146, ORGS 3147, ORGS 3246, ORGS 3247, ORGS 3307, ORGS 3836, ORGS 4706,
ORGS 4837, ADMN 4137, ADMN 4206
- CARRIED
- MOTION 12: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by K. Fitzsimmons that Senate approve that all prerequisites for the courses in the Organizational Studies stream (as listed above) with the exception of ORGS 1136 as a prerequisite for fourth-year organizational studies courses and ORGS 1137 for ORGS 3247, be removed.
CARRIED

MOTION 13: That Senate approve that the proposed changes to the minor in Human Resources be accepted as follows:

A minor in Human Resources Management consists of ORGS 1137 (3 credits) which is mandatory and 15 additional credits from the following:

ORGS 1136, ORGS 2006, ORGS 2117, ORGS 3146, ORGS 3147, ORGS 3246, ORGS 3247, ORGS 3836, ORGS 3016, ORGS 4837, ORGS 4706, ADMN 1156

CARRIED

MOTION 14: That Senate approve that the proposed changes to the minor in Corporate Social Responsibility be accepted as follows:

A minor in Corporate Social Responsibility consists of ORGS 3007 (3 credits) and 15 additional credits from the following:

ADMN 1156, ADMN 2306, ORGS 3006, ADMN 2706, MKTG 3436, ORGS 3016, ORGS 3147, ORGS 3307

CARRIED

MOTION 15: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by A. Robinson that Senate approve that PHIL 2717 - Environmental Ethics be added to the curriculum in Philosophy as outlined.

CARRIED

MOTION 16: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by A. Weeks that Senate approve that the revised course description for PSYC 3626 - Psychological Disorders in Children be approved as outlined.

CARRIED

MOTION 17: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by G. Black that Senate approve that the following 3-credit Curriculum Courses (according to the attached descriptive data) be added to the course offerings for the 2-year Bachelor of Education:

- EDUC 4717 – Language and Literacies for the Primary and Junior Divisions
- EDUC 4727 – Emergent and Early Literacy for the Primary and Junior Divisions
- EDUC 4747 – Mathematics for the Primary and Junior Divisions
- EDUC 4757 – Music for the Primary and Junior Divisions
- EDUC 4767 – Science and Technology for the Primary and Junior Divisions
- EDUC 4777 – Social Studies for the Primary and Junior Divisions
- EDUC 4787 – Visual Arts for the Primary and Junior Divisions
- EDUC 4737 – Health and Physical Education for the Primary and Junior Divisions
- EDUC 4807 – Language and Literacies for the Junior and Intermediate Divisions
- EDUC 4827 – Mathematics for the Junior and Intermediate Divisions
- EDUC 4837 – Music for the Junior and Intermediate Divisions
- EDUC 4847 – Science and Technology for the Junior and Intermediate Divisions
- EDUC 4857 – Social Studies for the Junior and Intermediate Divisions
- EDUC 4867 – Visual Arts for the Junior and Intermediate Divisions
- EDUC 4817 – Health and Physical Education for the Junior and Intermediate Divisions
- EDUC 4877 – Language and Literacies for the Intermediate and Senior Divisions
- EDUC 4887 – Mathematics for the Intermediate and Senior Divisions

CARRIED

MOTION 18: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by G. Black that Senate approve that the following 3-credit Teachable Courses (according to the attached descriptive data) be added to the course offerings for the 2-year Bachelor of Education:

- EDUC 4708 – Business Studies General (Intermediate)
- EDUC 4718 – Computer Studies (Intermediate)
- EDUC 4728 – English (Intermediate)
- EDUC 4738 – French as a Second Language (Intermediate)
- EDUC 4748 – Geography (Intermediate)
- EDUC 4758 – Health and Physical Education (Intermediate)
- EDUC 4768 – History (Intermediate)
- EDUC 4788 – Music-Instrumental (Intermediate)
- EDUC 4798 – Religious Education (Intermediate)
- EDUC 4808 – Science – General (Intermediate)
- EDUC 4818 – Visual Arts (Intermediate)
- EDUC 4809 – Biology (Senior)
- EDUC 4709 – Business Studies (Senior)
- EDUC 4819 – Science-Chemistry (Senior)
- EDUC 4719 – Computer Studies (Senior)
- EDUC 4729 – English (Senior)
- EDUC 4739 – French as a Second Language (Senior)
- EDUC 4749 – Geography (Senior)
- EDUC 4759 – Health and Physical Education (Senior)
- EDUC 4769 – History (Senior)
- EDUC 4779 – Mathematics (Senior)
- EDUC 4789 – Music-Instrumental (Senior)
- EDUC 4799 – Religious Education (Senior)
- EDUC 4829 – Science-Physics (Senior)
- EDUC 4839 – Visual Arts (Senior)

CARRIED

MOTION 19: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by A. Burk that Senate approve that the BPHE degree requirements include a 3-credit course on academic writing in Year 1 from one of the following courses:

- ENGL 1106, ENGL 1107 or ACAD 1601.

CARRIED

MOTION 20: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by J. McAuliffe that Senate approve that the 3-credit course PHED 1006 - Introduction to Physical Education, be removed as a degree requirement for students entering the BPHE program after January 2014.

CARRIED

MOTION 21: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded J. McAuliffe that Senate approve the removal of the following two degree requirement courses as from the BPHE program as outlined:

- PHED 2106 - Community Leadership Placement I, be removed as a degree requirement
- BIOL 1006 or BIOL 1011 – Introduction to Molecular and Cell Biology

CARRIED

MOTION 22: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by U. Kundrats that Senate approve the banking of the following two PHED courses effective June 1, 2014, as outlined:

- PHED 1006 - Introduction to Physical Education

- PHED 2106 - Community Leadership Placement I

CARRIED

MOTION 23: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by J. McAuliffe that Senate approve the removal of PHED 2216 - Systemic Approach to Functional Human Anatomy as a program requirement for students entering BPHE after January 2014 and that the course be deleted as of Fall 2015.

CARRIED

MOTION 24: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by A. Burk that Senate consider the recoding of the following PHED courses as outlined:

- PHED 3026 - Biomechanics I be recoded to PHED 2036.
- PHED 1027 – Physical Activity and Sport Leadership be recoded to PHED 2037
- PHED 2007 – Adapted Physical Activity be recoded as PHED 3136
- PHED 4027 – Physical Fitness Principles, Prescription and Assessment be recoded to PHED 3046
- PHED 3217 – Research Methods and Statistics in Physical Education be recoded to PHED 2306
- PHED 4016 – Injury, Prevention and Care be recoded as PHED 3056.
- PHED 4036 – Ergonomics be recoded to PHED 3066

CARRIED

MOTION 25: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by K. Fitzsimmons that Senate approve that the minimum required grade of 60% be achieved in any PHED course in order for it to serve as a prerequisite for other PHED courses.

CARRIED

MOTION 26: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by A. Burk that Senate approve the following 3-credit courses as electives in the BPHE program as outlined:

- PHED 3016 – Coaching
- PHED 3017 – Contemporary Health Issues
- PHED 4007 – Health and Exercise Psychology
- PHED 3056 (formerly PHED 4016) – Injury Prevention and Care
- PHED 4046 – Contemporary Issues in Sport and Physical Activity

CARRIED

MOTION 27: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by A. Burk that Senate approve the addition of the following required courses to the BPHE program as outlined:

- PHED 1206 - Systemic Approach to Functional Human Anatomy I
- PHED 1207 – Systemic Approach to Functional Human Anatomy II (PHED 1206 is the prerequisite)

CARRIED

MOTION 28: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by A. Burk that Senate approve the addition of the following elective courses to the BPHE program as outlined:

- PHED 4066 - Motor Behaviour
- PHED 3076 – Health Promotion
- PHED 4076 – Applied Sport Performance Psychology
- PHED 3086 – Group Dynamics in Sport and Physical Activity

- PHED 4086 – Musculoskeletal Assessment and Exercise Prescription
- PHED 3156 – Physical Activity and Cancer
- PHED 4056 - Advanced Injury Prevention and Care
- PHED 3126 – Neuro-Motor Control of Movement

CARRIED

MOTION 29: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by K. Fitzsimmons that Senate approve that the 3-credit course PHED 3146 - Comprehensive School Health, be created and added to the BPHE programme electives as outlined.
CARRIED

MOTION 30: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by T. Parkes that Senate approve that the Deans for all Faculties discuss future cross-collaborative teaching opportunities.
CARRIED

MOTION 31: Moved C. Richardson, seconded by H. d'Entremont that Senate approve the modified admission requirements for the BScN Scholar Practitioner Program as outlined with the addition of an extra criteria:
Current SPP Admission Policy
Admission consideration to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Scholar Practitioner Program (SPP) is based on the following criteria:

- A recognized undergraduate degree with a minimum overall average of 70% (calculated on the best 10 full course equivalents not including transfer courses). Applicants with completed degrees containing less than 10 full course equivalents will not be considered.
- Personal Statement
- Reference Letter
- Interview

Proposed Change to SPP Admission Policy

Admission consideration to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Scholar Practitioner Program (SPP) is based on the following criteria:

- A recognized undergraduate degree with a minimum overall average of 70% (calculated on the best 10 full course equivalents not including transfer courses). Applicants with final degrees containing less than 10 full course equivalents will not be considered.
- *Successful completion of one (1) course in anatomy and physiology and one (1) course in general psychology, at the university level from a recognized institution is recommended. (Applicants who have not completed these courses will be considered for admission; however, they will be required to provide proof of successful completion of the prerequisite(s) by the end of their first year (12 months) of study.)*
- Personal Statement
- Reference Letter
- Interview

CARRIED

December 3, 2013 Report

MOTION 32: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by A. Steele that the Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee dated December 3, 2013, be received.
CARRIED

MOTION 33: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by C. Hachkowski that Senate approve the following 3-credit courses (according to the attached descriptive data) be added to the course offerings for the 2-year Bachelor of Education.

- EDUC 4716 Legal and Social Foundations of Education
- EDUC 4726 Diversity and Inclusion
- EDUC 4776 Special Needs of Students
- EDUC 4736 Introduction to Curriculum Design and Teaching
- EDUC 4746 Assessment, Evaluation and Communication of Student Learning
- EDUC 4756 Curriculum Design and Inquiry
- EDUC 4766 Technology Enriched Teaching and Learning (TETL)

CARRIED

MOTION 34: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by A. Steele that Senate approve the following 3-credit Elective Courses (according to the attached descriptive data) be added to the course offerings for the 2-year Bachelor of Education.

- EDUC 4701 Aboriginal Education in Canada
- EDUC 4711 Teaching with Children's Literature
- EDUC 4721 Educating Young Children - The Early Years
- EDUC 4731 Early Numeracy
- EDUC 4741 Mobile Technology Enriched Teaching & Learning (mTETL)
- EDUC 4751 Teaching English Language Learners (TELL)
- EDUC 4761 Environmental Education Across the Curriculum
- EDUC 4771 Environmental Science
- EDUC 4781 Imagination Creativity Education in the 21st Century Classroom (ICE)
- EDUC 4791 Integrated Curriculum
- EDUC 4801 International Teaching
- EDUC 4811 Literacy Assessment
- EDUC 4821 Media Arts
- EDUC 4831 Mental Health in Schools
- EDUC 4841 Teaching Vocal Music
- EDUC 4851 Living, Teaching, and Learning with New Literacies
- EDUC 4861 Teaching, Learning, and Being in the Outdoors
- EDUC 4871 Philosophy
- EDUC 4881 Politics
- EDUC 4891 Social Justice & Equity
- EDUC 4702 Teaching in French Immersion
- EDUC 4712 Special Topics in Education
- EDUC 4722 Family-School Partnerships: Bridging the Gap Between Home and School Literacies
- EDUC 4732 Teaching Students with Learning Disabilities
- EDUC 4742 Teaching Students Who are Gifted
- EDUC 4752 Understanding First Nations, Metis and Inuit Students with Exceptionalities
- EDUC 4762 Proactive and Inclusive Classroom Management

CARRIED

MOTION 35: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by C. Hachkowski that Senate approve the following 3-credit Teachable Course, Intermediate Mathematics (according to the attached descriptive data) be added to the course offerings for the 2-year Bachelor of Education.

- EDUC 4778 Mathematics (Intermediate)

CARRIED

Graduate Studies Council

MOTION 36: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by A. Burk that the report of the Graduate Studies Council dated November 14 2013 be received.

CARRIED

MOTION 37: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by J. Dech that Senate note the revisions to the External Examiner's Report form as outlined in the attached document.

CARRIED

MOTION 38: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by Y. Bisson that Senate approve the Graduate Course Equivalency policy as outlined in the attached document.

CARRIED

MOTION 39: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by J. Dech that Senate approve the MES/MESc graduate studies admission policy as attached.

CARRIED

Research Council

MOTION 40: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by A. Burk that the Report of the Research Council dated November 18, 2013, be received.

CARRIED

MOTION 41: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by H. Zhu that Centre for Interdisciplinary Collaboration in the Arts and Sciences (CICAS) be approved as outlined in the attached document.

CARRIED

AMENDMENT of BY-LAWS

- **Notice of Motion (regarding addition of Assistant VP, Research and Graduate Studies (voting) and Assistant VP, Institutional Planning and Quality Assurance (non-voting) to the Planning and Priorities Committee**

That Article 9.2(a) of the Senate bylaws be amended with the addition of the Assistant Vice-President, Research and Graduate Studies (voting) and the Assistant Vice-President, Institutional Planning and Quality Assurance (non-voting) to the Planning and Priorities Committee.

- **Notice of Motion (regarding changes to faculty representation on the Planning and Priorities Committee)**

That Article 9.2.(b)(i) and Article 9.2.(b)(ii) of the Senate bylaws be amended as follows:

Current wording:

- (i) one (1) tenured or tenure-track faculty Senator* from each Faculty, one of whom shall be elected by the Committee to serve as Vice-Chair;
 - (ii) one (1) tenured or tenure-track faculty non-Senator* from each Faculty;
- * minimum two (2) years previous Nipissing University experience required; 50% tenured faculty preferred

Proposed wording:

- (i) four (4) tenured or tenured track faculty Senators* with at least one from each Faculty, one of whom shall be elected by the Committee to serve as Vice-Chair;*
 - (ii) four (4) tenured or tenured track faculty non-senators with at least one from each Faculty;*
- * minimum two (2) years previous Nipissing University experience required; 50% tenured faculty preferred*

- **Notice of Motion (regarding changes to dates of annual faculty selection procedures for Senate)**

That Article 4.3 Annual Election Procedures for Representatives Allocated to Each Faculty be amended as follows:

Original

- 4.3 Annual Election Procedures for Representatives Allocated to Each Faculty
- (a) By 01 February each year, the By-Laws & Elections Subcommittee shall announce the list of positions in each Faculty to be filled in the next Senate election cycle, and indicate the term of office for each position.
 - (b) By 15 February each year, the Deans shall invite nominations for all positions to be filled within their respective constituencies, and shall provide a list of all constituency members currently eligible to serve and/or to vote in the election.
(Any faculty member holding a cross-appointment between two Faculties will declare a primary Faculty for election purposes, and shall be eligible to serve and/or to vote only in that Faculty.)
 - (c) Nominations shall be submitted in writing, signed by the nominee and two eligible voters, not later than 15 March each year.
 - (d) Each Faculty Council shall meet at least once during the nomination period (and after the list of nominations received to date for each Faculty has been circulated to constituents), to discuss the distribution of nominations in order to gauge the degree to which the nominees (if elected), together with those Senate representatives whose terms are continuing, would reasonably represent the Faculty's profile according to rank, gender, cultural diversity and breadth of program offerings. Discussions may also be held regarding the merits of maintaining a minimum number of department chairs or program directors in the final Faculty slate. In the event that these discussions identify potential deficiencies, additional nominations may be encouraged.
 - (e) Within one week of the close of nominations, the Deans shall inform their respective constituencies of any position(s) filled by acclamation, and, where required, announce the days/times when voting will be conducted for any contested position(s).

- (f) Voting for contested positions in each Faculty shall be by secret ballot. Candidates shall be listed on the ballot in alphabetical order. Eligible voters may vote for as many candidates as there are contested seats on the ballot. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted.
- (g) At the close of voting in each Faculty, the ballots shall be counted and verified by two faculty scrutineers, elected by the respective Faculty Councils, who are eligible to vote in the constituency but who are not standing for Senate election.
- (h) Elections for contested positions in each Faculty shall normally be completed by 31 March each year. The Deans shall notify their Faculties of the results within three days of the close of voting, and shall normally report their final slates of Faculty representatives to the By-Laws & Elections Subcommittee by 07 April each year.

Revised

4.3 Annual Election Procedures for *Senate* Representatives Allocated to Each Faculty

- (a) By **10 January** each year, the By-Laws & Elections Subcommittee shall announce the list of ***Senate seats available*** in each Faculty to be filled in the next Senate election cycle, and indicate the term of office for each position.
- (b) By **17 January** each year, the Deans shall invite nominations for all ***Senate seats available*** to be filled within their respective constituencies, and shall provide a list of all constituency members currently eligible to serve and/or to vote in the election. (Any faculty member holding a cross-appointment between two Faculties will declare a primary Faculty for election purposes ***to the appropriate Dean***, and shall be eligible to serve and/or to vote only in that Faculty.)
- (c) Nominations shall be submitted in writing ***to the Dean***, signed by the nominee and two eligible voters, not later than **31 January** each year.
- (d) ***In the first week after the nomination period, each Faculty Council shall meet. The Deans will present the list of nominees, seek out new nominees if there has not been enough nominations (via a nominator and a seconder from the floor), to discuss the election procedures and to elect two scrutineers. After this meeting of Faculty Council the final list of nominees and election procedures will be distributed by the Deans to all members of the respective faculty.***
- (e) ***Unless all seats have been filled by acclamation and no later than the second week of February, the Deans shall announce the start of the election period. Elections for each Faculty shall normally be completed by no later than 28 February each year.***
- (f) ***Voting shall take place Monday – Friday during 8:30am – 4:30pm in the respective Dean’s Office. Voting shall be by secret ballot.*** Candidates shall be listed on the ballot in alphabetical order. Eligible voters may vote for as many candidates as there are seats on the ballot. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted. Each voter shall receive one ballot, to be filled out in private and returned to the ballot box which will be monitored by the Dean’s Office.
- (g) At the close of voting in each Faculty, the ballots shall be counted and verified by two faculty scrutineers, elected by the respective Faculty Councils, who are eligible to vote in the constituency but who are not standing for Senate election.
- (h) The Deans shall notify their Faculties of the results within three days of the close of voting, and shall normally report their final slates of Faculty representatives to the By-Laws & Elections Subcommittee by no later than **01 March** each year.

- **Notice of Motion (regarding changes to procedures and dates of Faculty Council Nominations and Elections Subcommittee)**

That Article 10.1.2 Faculty Nominations and Elections Subcommittee be amended as follows:

Original

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.

Revised10.1.2 Faculty Council Nominations and Election Subcommittee *Procedures*

- (a) *The Nominations and Elections Subcommittee is charged with soliciting nominations from their respective faculty and preparing a recommended slate of nominations for Senate committees and Board representatives to present to Faculty Council.*
- (b) Membership will include **a** 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 committees and Board representatives through the distribution of a nomination form that lists first, second, and third choice/preference beginning **02 March**, to be returned to the subcommittee Chair **no later than 17 March**.
- (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 committees and the Board of Governors.
- (e) All results will be reported to the Bylaws and Elections Subcommittee **by 25 April**.

ELECTIONS

- Elect three representatives, one from each faculty, to serve on the selection committees for the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching and the Nipissing University Award for CASBU Members. Each representative will serve on both committees.

Acclaimed for Arts and Science – D. Tabachnick

REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES**Board of Governors**

Senator Zimbalatti from the Board of Governors indicated that the Board held a meeting on December 5, 2013. At the meeting, the President reminded members that December 10 marks the 21st birthday of Nipissing University as an independent chartered institution. Dr. DeGagné stated that he anticipated another draft of the strategic plan to be circulated. Feedback will be useful in the preparation of the strategic mandate agreement. The President reported on recent meetings of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC); a major topic is sustainable revenue strategies at universities. At the provincial level, meetings of the Council of Ontario Universities (COU) are focused on the differentiation framework. The President expressed his appreciation to all faculty, staff and students who had contributed towards making the Fall Open House a success.

Vice-Chair Pro Tem, Marianne Berubé, presented a brief summary of the COU Board Conference held in Toronto. She shared upcoming trends and stated that all Ontario universities are facing increased deficits due to the fact that the Ministry will only be funding 1% increase per year while institution inflation will rise at 5-6% per year.

An election was held to choose one external Board member to serve on the Search Committee for the Dean of Arts & Science. Janet Zimbalatti was elected.

The Board approved a new policy on Responsible Conduct of Research. The VPAR explained that this policy covers all research; NU has to respect all existing policies concerning research. Board Committee Chairs presented highlights of their respective reports. No resolutions were presented. The Audit and Finance Committee expects to present the budget by April 15. The Plant & Property Committee Chair reported that Phase II and III of the Centre for Physical and Health Education are nearing completion. The next phase of renovations to the former Library space will include the Health Centre (shared with Canadore); classrooms, expanded space for Student Services, administrative space and faculty offices and it is expected that the work will be completed by the end of March or April of next year. The University Governance Committee Chair stated that a couple of Agenda items at the last meeting were deferred to allow rewrites/revisions to be made. These will be addressed at the next Governance meeting to be held in January.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

At the request of the President, Senator Robinson, Registrar, provided a brief synopsis on applications to date. She indicated that applications to undergraduate programs are on par compared to this time last year. There is a 5% increase in BEd applications, probably because this is the last intake for the one-year consecutive education program. The application deadline to the Bachelor of Education program has been extended to January 15, 2014.

The President attended the Executive Heads meeting of COU earlier this week. Discussions included possible review of funding formulas by the provincial government and medium and long term sustainability of universities.

Teacher education cuts were also discussed. The President reminded Senate that on a provincial per capita basis, our university system is the poorest funded. With a further cut to our education program, Nipissing will be affected disproportionately as much as 10% of our operating grant. We have managed to squeeze efficiencies and economies very well.

The cuts to BIUs were not anticipated and as a result, the finances at smaller institutions are going to be severely impacted. The President indicated that when the issue of teacher education cuts was first raised, the government thought the results would be revenue neutral. They did not anticipate the impact on other programs. As one option, universities are asking the government to implement a gradual decrease in the BIUs to soften the impact.

The University has spent the last several months explaining to the Ministry the significant consequences the cuts will have on Nipissing. Efforts are being focused on trying to convince the government that the smaller universities are being unfairly challenged.

In response to the question from a senator asking what the future for Nipissing University was, the President indicated that money from the reserves will be used to cushion the blow in the interim. Innovative ways will be sought to get through this challenge.

The Vice-President Academic and Research was pleased to report that the recipients of the 2014-15 Research Achievement Awards are: Dr. Mark Bruner (Physical and Health Education); Dr. Laurie Kruk (English Studies); Dr. Rosemary Nagy (Gender Equality and Social Justice); Dr. Tzvetalin Vassilev (Math and Computer Science); and Dr. David Zarifa (Sociology).

Senator d'Entremont also advised Senate that the Planning and Priorities Committee will become the steering committee of the PIF process. Faculty will have an opportunity early in the process of making a presentation.

The Dean of Education (interim) announced that Drs. John Long and Doug Franks are retiring and wished them well.

Senator Fitzsimmons, NUSU President, was delighted to report that NUSU is proud to support its memberships with various bursaries and awards. A total of \$14,350 was distributed including 10 needs-based bursaries valued at \$1000 each. Specific bursaries were awarded to part-time, First Nations self-identifying, graduate and Muskoka campus students. There were a total of 22 awards.

ADJOURNMENT

Senate was adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

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M. DeGagné (Chair)

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C. Jenkins (Senate Secretary)