

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

October 10, 2014

2:30 p.m. – Room F210

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

A. Armenakyan, J. Barker, G. Brown, M. Litalien, K. McCullough

S. Arnocky, D. Borman, R. Breton, N. Colborne, J. Dech, R. Gendron, G. McCann,
F. Noël, P. Nosko, M. Owens, G. Phillips, S. Renshaw, M. Saari, S. Srigley, D. Walters,
H. Zhu

L. Ashworth, S. Elliott-Johns, R. Graham, T. Horton, D. Jarvis, M-A Parr, C. Ricci,
T. Sibbald

L. Rossi

S. Kataoka

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

C. Hachkowski

J. Zimbalatti

S. Feretycki

J. Andrews, Y. Benoit, C. Bird, B. Fisher, I. Hall

ABSENT WITH REGRETS:

A. Ackerman, N. Kozuskanich, T. Vassilev

B. Bruner, J. Scott, A. Steele

C. Murton-Stoehr

K. Chutko

C. Bidal

The minutes of the Senate meeting of September 12, 2014 were adopted.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The following motion (motion #8) was passed at the September 2014 Senate meeting.

Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by K. McCullough that for the purposes of publishing the University's Academic calendar, that Senate approve that the Undergraduate Studies Committee (USC) will not accept program changes for the current academic year after the last scheduled USC meeting in December. Any submissions to USC after that meeting date will not take effect until the following Academic Year.

The implication is that this deadline refers only to this current academic year. For clarity, the motion should read:

MOTION 1: Moved by M. Saari, seconded by H. d'Entremont that for the purposes of publishing the University's Academic calendar, Senate approve that the Undergraduate Studies Committee (USC) will not accept program changes for the *upcoming* academic year after the last scheduled USC meeting in December. Any submissions to USC after that meeting date will not take effect until the following Academic Year.
CARRIED

At the September 2014 Senate meeting, the Undergraduate Studies Report was received. The following motions were not clearly outlined in the report, but should have been brought to Senate for approval.

School of Business

MOTION 2: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by A. Armenakyan that Senate approve that the School of Business consider applicants for admission based on the successful completion of ten (10) courses from the Chartered Insurance Professionals' (CIP) program taken through the Insurance Institute of Canada (IIC), with an overall average of 75% or greater.
WITHDRAWN

Criminal Justice

MOTION 3: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by G. Brown that Senate approve that the following be added as an exception to the Residency Requirements as listed in the Nipissing Academic Calendar: *A student who applies for a BA in Criminal Justice must successfully complete 30 Nipissing Criminal Justice credits.*
CARRIED

School of Nursing

MOTION 4: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by G. Brown that Senate approve that SOCI 2036 be removed from and SOCI1016 be added to the list of prerequisites for NURS 3006, 3007, 3016, 3026, 3027, and 3036.
CARRIED

Computer Science and Mathematics

MOTION 5: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve that the prerequisites for MATH1070 Fundamentals of Arithmetic for Teachers be changed to the following: Any 3U or 3M Mathematics or MATH1911 or MATH1912.
CARRIED

MOTION 6: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve that the Undergraduate Studies Committee recommends to Senate that the prerequisites for MATH4086 Functional Analysis be changed to the following: MATH3137 Real Analysis II.
CARRIED

ADMISSION POLICIES

MOTION 7: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by A. Robinson that Senate approve that the Concurrent Education admission requirements for Concurrent Education be modified to include the 3U or 3M or equivalent Math and to delete the 4U Math or equivalent.
CARRIED

MOTION 8: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by A., Robinson that Senate approve that the BScN Bridging Program admission requirements be changed to eliminate the statement “Diploma must have been awarded within the last ten years.”
CARRIED

Non-Substantive:

That the title for the course for SOCI2126 “Research Methods” be changed to SOCI2126 “Introduction to Sociological Research Methods”.

Non-Substantive:

That the title for the course SOCI2127 “Social Statistics and Data Analysis” be changed to SOCI2127 “Quantitative Research Methods”.

Non-Substantive:

That the title for the course for SOCI 4127 “Applied Multivariate Statistics” be changed to SOCI 4127 “Advanced Social Data Analysis”.

QUESTION PERIOD

The first question pertained to the timelines for advertising of the vacant Dean and Associate Deans’ positions. The PVPAR indicated that the Board recently approved a special request to limit the search for the two Deans to internal candidates. If no suitable candidate is found, the search will then go external. Committee membership should be finalized at the next Senate meeting. The Associate Deans’ positions will follow.

The Biology and Chemistry unit expressed concerns over the recent changes to their technical support staff. The question was asked if there is a policy on notification to the relevant department of technical support changes. The PVPAR responded that these positions are members of the OPSEU bargaining unit. He added that communication could have been better and assured Senators there would be more consultation moving forward.

A question was raised as to whether future funding would be guaranteed for students entering graduate programs. The response was that the university would like to support these students, but the PVPAR noted that he could not make a firm commitment.

A question was posed as to whether the prioritization process would also include non-academic units, most notably athletics. The PVPAR noted that athletics would not undergo this process. He reminded senators that there is a dedicated student levy for these programs and we have many out-of-province athletes who would not be at Nipissing if there were no athletic programs.

REPORTS of STANDING COMMITTEES and FACULTY or UNIVERSITY COUNCILS

Senate Executive Committee

MOTION 9: Moved by M. DeGagné, seconded by C. Bidal that the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated October 2, 2014 be received,
CARRIED

Planning and Priorities Committee

MOTION 10: Moved by H. d’Entremont, seconded by G. Brown that the Report of the Planning and Priorities Committee dated September 26, 2014, be received.
CARRIED

MOTION 11: Moved by H. d’Entremont, seconded by G. Brown that Senate grant approval of a Stage 2 proposal for a Joint MA in Sociology with Laurentian, as outlined in the attached document.
CARRIED

MOTION 12: Moved by H. d’Entremont, seconded by G. Brown that Senate grant approval to progress to Stage 2 the addition of a 2-year Thesis option to the MSc Mathematics program, and approval of MATH6100 Thesis in Mathematics, as outlined in the attached documents.
CARRIED

AMENDMENT of BY-LAWS

Notice of Motion (regarding the elimination of two ex-officio positions from Article 2.1(a))

That Article 2.1(a) of the Senate bylaws be amended with the deletion of:

- (iii) the Assistant Vice-President, Research and Graduate Studies
- (vii) the Director of the Centre for Flexible Teaching and Learning

Notice of Motion (regarding the addition of one ex-officio position to Article 2.1a))

That Article 2.1(a) of the Senate bylaws be amended with the addition of the position of Associate Vice-President – Academic

MOTION 13: Moved by G. McCann, seconded by R. Gendron that Senate form an ad hoc committee as per Senate Bylaws 8.0(c) and in response to recommendation 5 of the Bylaws and Elections Subcommittee Report of September 30, 2014 to “review the participation of Senate and elected faculty members in the process of recommending Senior Academic Administrators.” The membership of the committee should consist of at least one Faculty Senator from each of the University’s Faculties elected by Senate and conforming to the requirements for membership of ad hoc committees set out in Senate Bylaws 8.0(e) and these three will work in consultation with the present members of the Bylaws and Elections Subcommittee. The terms of reference for the committee will be to: 1) examine the relevant University and Board of Governors policies for Senate and faculty participation in the process of recommending Senior Academic

Administrators; 2) report on the implementation of these policies in hiring of Senior Academic Administrators; and, 3) if necessary, make recommendations to Senate with regard to ensuring the participation of Senate and elected faculty members in the process of recommending Senior Academic Administrators. The committee shall prepare a report to be included on the agenda of the November 14, 2014 Senate, if possible.

CARRIED

ELECTIONS

- Elect one senator from each faculty to serve on the ad hoc committee for the review of the participation of Senate and elected faculty members in the process of recommending Senior Academic Administrators.

Todd Horton – Schulich School of Education - ACCLAIMED

Gyllie Phillips – Arts and Science – ACCLAIMED

Anahit Armenakyan – Applied and Professional Studies - ACCLAIMED

REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

Board of Governors

Senator Zimbalatti provided a report to Senators. She indicated that the Board held their first meeting of the academic year on Thursday, October 2. Dean Decaire from BDO presented the audited financial statements for the year ended April 30, 2014. He explained that his role was to review and comment on the audit and present his opinion. He indicated that there were no significant audit findings. The Senator also noted that the Audit and Finance Committee has requested that the Director of Finance provide a financial update at each committee meeting going forward.

The President talked about the busy summer. In his opinion, he feels that the university is entering the new academic year in good shape. Dr. d'Entremont's new role as Provost and Mr. Keech's new role as Vice-President, Administration, will be significant in going forward. The President also provided a brief update on noteworthy activities since the Board last met in June. This included New Student Orientation, the Ontario University Fair, the visit from the Countess of Wessex, and the official grand opening of the Centre for Physical and Health Education.

The Provost announced to the Board that the university is now eligible for Canadian Institutes for Health Research (CIHR) funding. He explained that CIHR is part of the tri-council federal funding agencies and is a major source of funding for postsecondary institutions in Canada. This is beneficial for Nipissing because this means our researchers can now apply for CIHR grants. Dr. d'Entremont indicated that two decanal searches will be getting underway shortly.

The Vice President Administration reported that his area has been busy over the summer with room and office reassignments. There were a number of capital projects, namely the CPHE building and the renovated Schools of Nursing and Business that will improve facilities for faculty, staff and students. He also added that he and several other key administrators will be meeting with the MTCU Director of Finance to discuss Nipissing's financial situation, its history and strategy moving forward.

Board members were provided with an outline from David Drenth, Director of Facilities that included an update on the completed Lakers Women's Hockey Team change room as well as plans for a path leading from the lower residences to campus. This path will integrate with the Canada Trails System.

The annual Board retreat will be held October 31 to November 1 in Gravenhurst. The rationale for holding the retreat in the Muskoka area was to show support for our regional campus and its surrounding communities. The agenda is currently being finalized.

The Board was advised that there are currently two outstanding vacancies. It is hoped to fill these positions with people with backgrounds in advancement and fundraising.

The Board approved the names of four individuals to serve on the Research Ethics Board for three-year terms commencing October 2014.

Alumni Advisory Board

Senator Feretycki was pleased to report that this past weekend's Homecoming was a success. The feedback he received from attendees was they were pleased to reconnect with faculty and staff.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President reported that he has just returned from a very informative COU roundtable meeting in Toronto. One of the topics of discussion was an analysis of the Ministers' mandate letters. Unlike previous years, the government has made mandate letters public. The President noted that though the letters were general, they did reveal where the government intends to go in the future. The government has plans to undertake a funding model review. Another Ministry concern will be student outcomes. The President indicated that these outcomes are described mainly in terms of labour market readiness and graduate success. There is little reference to the unique qualities of a university degree. The President noted that MTCU is continuing to prioritize the support of vulnerable populations to access and succeed in postsecondary education. The Ministry will also be encouraging more institutional efforts to recruit international graduate students, although it comes with cautions.

The President reported that he had a brief meeting with the new MTCU Minister earlier this week. He indicated that the Minister appeared to understand the impact Nipissing has regionally.

In conclusion, Dr. DeGagné thanked faculty and staff who worked at the Ontario University Fair.

The Provost Vice President Academic and Research announced that MTCU now has new templates for new program proposals. With an expedited process, universities should receive notification within four months of new program proposals.

The Dean of Arts and Science (interim) was pleased to report that Dr. Hilary Earl has co-edited a book that was recently published titled *Expanding Perspective on the Holocaust in the Changing World*. The first Centre for Interdisciplinary Collaboration in the Arts and Sciences (CICAS) lecture was delivered by Senator Susan Srigley and Dr. Sarah Winters and titled "You Teach, YouTube: Authority and Affect in the Wired Classroom." There will be more CICAS lectures in the future. The Dean was also able to report that Dr. Logan Hoehn from the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science has solved a 94 year old problem which is going to have a major impact in Continuum Theory and other related areas.

The Dean of the Schulich School of Education reported that the Values and Leadership Conference held last month at Deerhurst was a success. The conference was able to attract international participants. The Dean extended congratulations to Drs. Susan Elliott-Johns, Ron Wideman and Heather Rintoul.

Senator Benoit from the Student Union announced that there would be a soft opening of the Wall Bar and Grill House on October 24. He was also pleased to announce the new student senators: Christopher Bidal (Applied and Professional Studies); Jordan Andrews (Arts and Science); and Brittany Fisher (Schulich School of Education). The graduate student senator will be announced later.

ADJOURNMENT

Senate was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

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M. DeGagné (Chair)

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C. Jenkins (Senate Secretary)