

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY  
MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

December 11, 2015

2:30 p.m. – Room F210

MEMBERS PRESENT:

M. DeGagné (Chair), H. d'Entremont, C. Richardson, R. Vanderlee, M. Tuncali,  
J. Graham

A. Armenakyan, G. Brown, M. Litalien, K. McCullough, R. Vernescu

A. Ackerman, D. Borman, A. Burke, D. Campbell, N. Colborne,  
A. Erfani, R. Gendron, A. Karassev, N. Kozuskanich, F. Noël, P. Nosko,  
M. Owens, T. Parkes, G. Phillips, S. Renshaw, S. Strigley, D. Walters

K. Clausen, L. Frost, B. Hatt, D. Hay, T. Horton, D. Jarvis, J. McIntosh,  
T. Sibbald

C. Cho, T. Waldock

O. Pokorny, L. Rossi

C. Hachkowski

M. Berube

J. Andrews, S. Lamorea

ABESENT WITH REGRETS:

S. Rich, N. Black

S. Arnocky, A. Karassev, M. Saari

M. Bruner, S. Elliott-Johns, G. Rickwood

G. Jodouin

S. Feretycki

M. Byblow, A. Deugo, K. Sawyer

The minutes of the Senate meeting of October 9, 2015 and December 2, 2015 were adopted.

Deputy Senate Speaker, Nathan Colborne, gave notification that Dr. Sal Renshaw had submitted her resignation as Senate Speaker to take her seat as a sitting Senator. The Deputy Speaker advised that a meeting of the By-Laws & Elections Subcommittee will be arranged to organize a by-election prior to the next Senate meeting.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Questions were raised regarding the procedures involved in the suspension of admissions to programs. If program creation is a part of the Senate mandate, program redundancy should also be a Senate mandate. One member advised that a notice of motion to rescind Stage 1 approval of the Data Management program will be presented at the next Senate meeting.

MOTION 1: Moved by D. Walters, seconded by B. Hatt that Senate recommends to PPC that it address the issue of suspension of admissions to programs and report back to Senate as soon as possible.

CARRIED

QUESTION PERIOD

Questions were asked why and at what cost an outside professional negotiator was hired to represent the administration during the recent labour negotiations. The President advised that both parties had access to professional advice. As there was no prior notice to the question, the specific information regarding the cost was not currently available and this question was deferred to the next Senate meeting.

A question was asked whether the student evaluation policy would be revised in light of the recent labour negotiations. A request was made to pass a Motion to have Senate approve that individual faculty members have the right not to administer student evaluations. The Provost advised that student evaluations are a requirement of the Collective Agreement. As per the CA faculty should continue the administration of student evaluations. The Motion was withdrawn from the floor and a request was made that Senate recommend that a meeting of the JCAA be held to discuss the student evaluation policies. Senator Andrews asked that student representatives be invited to attend the meeting.

A request was made as to when an official announcement would be made regarding the resignation of the Associate Vice-President Academic. The Provost advised that it would be done soon. There will be no acting or interim position at this time. If another position is approved, it will go through the appropriate process. There are no plans to advertise nationally.

A request for information was made as to who is now overseeing the Ontario Graduate Scholarship application process. The Provost advised that he will be signing off on the applications and will ensure that contact information is updated.

A question was raised concerning the Elizabeth Thorn Endowed Chair in Literacy and Language Arts. The Provost confirmed that Dr. Rich has vacated/is vacating this position as well. In response to another question relating to the Chair, the Provost indicated that he had not asked for (nor had any intention of asking for) an exit report for Dr. Rich in this matter. Following this response, the following motion was presented.

MOTION 2: Moved by D. Jarvis, seconded by J. McIntosh that Senate requests that the outgoing Dr. Elizabeth Thorn Chair in Literacy and Language Arts give a report on the activities during her occupancy.  
CARRIED

A third question addressed whether or not the endowment principal remained intact so that a new Elizabeth Thorn Chair may be sought. The Provost stated that he assumed the principal of the endowment had not been touched. As there was no prior notice to the question, the specific information regarding the cost was not currently available and this question was deferred to the next Senate meeting.

In relation to a question about the naming of a new Chair, the Provost tied his response to the previous question.

A Senator advised that he was pleased to see that the Board Chair was present. He asked the President and Provost what their priorities, passion, and goals were as far as Nipissing University is concerned. In short form, the President advised that his vision is the Strategic Plan. The Provost advised that his priorities moving forward are to continue to focus on students and research activity. He stated that we need to work together to come up with innovative and new programs and look to the future instead of the past.

A request was made for clarification regarding the process of an adjunct professor appointment for Dr. Emilio Landolfi. The Provost advised that it appears that this fell through the cracks. In the future he will endeavour to ensure that procedures are followed.

Following a discussion of the decision made by the Board to close the Muskoka Campus a question was asked whether the administration would be willing to form a subcommittee to discuss suspending the closure and continue running the program for 2015-16. The President advised that the appropriate process was followed. The Board was consulted prior to the meeting and had ample information. The Bracebridge Campus has not been sold but the University is open to offers.

A request was made that administration and the Board to provide formative and summative evaluations of the status of the Muskoka Campus going back 5-10 years. The Provost asked if the request was being made for someone to go out and write the reports or if this is a request for reports that are in existence.

- MOTION 3: Moved by S. Renshaw, seconded by S. Srigley that Senate recommend to the Board that they:
- A: rescind the decision regarding the closure of Muskoka until such time as;
  - B: a joint Board/Senate subcommittee specifically tasked with fully considering the financial as well as academic implications of the close of Muskoka can be undertaken and can report fully to both Senate and the Board;
  - C: that this subcommittee will engage in wide consultation including and especially with the Faculty at Muskoka with Faculty at North Bay who have been involved in programming over the last 19 years and especially with the Dean of Muskoka;
  - D: that in the meantime existing academic programming will continue at Muskoka for at least the 2016-17 academic year.
- CARRIED  
2 OBJECTIONS

A request was made that the Speaker remind Senators and guests that there are to be no electronic recordings of Senate meetings unless it has been previously advised of.

A Senator spoke to the action of having the faculty e-mail disabled so that all messages were irrevocably lost. The question was asked if it would have been technologically possible to change faculty passwords or to have put a notice on the website that due to the labour dispute, faculty e-mails had been disabled. The Vice-President Administration advised that the issue involved breaking into each faculty account which would have given administration access to faculty information. Also, if the passwords had been changed, a request could then be made to Google to reset the password. The President was asked to explain this decision.

The President advised that the withdrawal of teaching services had many regrettable consequences, but when service is withdrawn it should not be surprising that the tools (e-mail, office space, etc.) also be withdrawn. This decision was predicated by an earlier decision by the faculty. Graduate student access was facilitated by the Faculty Association and Administration.

The Deputy Speaker advised that because of the sensitivity of the motion, he recommends that a secret ballot take place.

- Motion 4: Motion of Censure - Moved by S. Srigley, seconded by R. Gendron that Senate censure the President for his decision to completely disable full-time faculty email accounts during the strike. This was a misuse of the powers of the President's Office and a decision with no redeeming benefits. It only served to damage the reputation of the University and the faculty and it caused significant distress to the student body.
- CARRIED

#### REPORTS of STANDING COMMITTEES and FACULTY or UNIVERSITY COUNCILS

##### SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- **December 3, 2015 Report**

- Motion 5: Moved by M. DeGagné, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate receive the report of the Senate Executive Committee dated December 3, 2015.
- CARRIED

##### UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE

- **October 14, 2015 Report**

- Motion 6: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by C. Richardson that Senate receive the report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee dated October 14, 2015.

CARRIED

## FACULTY OF APPLIED & PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

### School of Business

Motion 7: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by H. d'Entremont that Senate approve that the new student applicants to the BComm or BBA programs, who have completed specific courses through the Certified General Accountants (CGA) accrediting body, with a minimum 60% final grade in the course, will be eligible for advanced standing credit. The following courses eligible for advanced standing credit consideration are:

Course	CGA Course Title
FA1	Financial Accounting Fundamentals
FA2	Financial Accounting: Assets
MA1	Management Accounting Fundamentals
FA3	Financial Accounting: Liabilities and Equities
BC1	Accounting Business Case
BC2	Public Practice Audit Case
MU1	Internal Auditing and Controls
MS2	Information Systems Strategy
PF1	Public Sector Financial Management
FN2	Advanced Corporate Finance
TX2	Advanced Personal & Corporate Taxation
AU2	Advanced External Auditing
PA1	Issues in Professional Practice
PA2	Strategic Financial Management
CARRIED	

MOTION 8: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by H. d'Entremont that Senate approve that ORGS 2117 be listed in the Academic Calendar as a 3 hour lecture per week rather than the current listing as 1.5 hours lecture and 1.5 hours lab per week.  
CARRIED

MOTION 9: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by H. d'Entremont that Senate approve the removal of ADMN 4117 Portfolio Theory from the curriculum.  
CARRIED

MOTION 10: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by H. d'Entremont that Senate approve changing the prefixes of the following courses from ADMN to FINC.

ADMN 2116 - Management of Financial Institutions  
 ADMN 3116 - Financial Management I  
 ADMN 3117 - Financial Management II  
 ADMN 3316 - Investments  
 ADMN 3907 - Insurance and Risk Management  
 ADMN 4116 - Fundamentals of Financial Derivatives  
 CARRIED

- MOTION 11: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by H. d'Entremont that Senate approve the addition of FINC 4706 Financial Portfolio and Wealth Management, FINC 2406 Principles of Finance with Excel and FINC 4917 Entrepreneurial Finance to the curriculum.  
CARRIED
- MOTION 12: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by H. d'Entremont that Senate approve the addition of FINC 3316 Investments be added as a prerequisite for FINC 4116 Fundamentals of Financial Derivatives.  
CARRIED
- MOTION 13: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by H. d'Entremont that Senate approve the restriction about BComm students be removed for FINC 2116 Management of Financial Institutions.  
CARRIED
- MOTION 14: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by H. d'Entremont that Senate approve the addition of FINC 2406 Principles of Finance with Excel be added as a prerequisite for FINC 3316 Investments.  
CARRIED
- MOTION 15: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by H. d'Entremont that That Senate approve the addition of FINC 3316 Investments as a prerequisite for FINC 4706 Financial Portfolio and Wealth Management.  
CARRIED
- MOTION 16: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by H. d'Entremont that Senate approve the Entrepreneurial Finance Certificate as described. This certificate shall be presented to eligible BBA and BComm students at the time of graduation.  
CARRIED
- MOTION 17: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by H. d'Entremont that Senate approve the Financial Product Sales Professional Certificate as described. This certificate shall be presented to eligible BBA and BComm students at the time of graduation.  
CARRIED

### **Social Work**

- MOTION 18: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by R. Vanderlee that Senate to approve the Bachelor of Social Work (Honours) degree requirements.  
CARRIED
- MOTION 19: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by R. Vanderlee that Senate approve the addition of the following courses, as outlined, to the Bachelor of Social Work (Honours) degree.
- SWRK 3106 - Social Work as Transformative Practice
  - SWRK 3206 - Communication, Theory, and Practice
  - SWRK 3306 - Individual Practice Across the Lifespan
  - SWRK 3406 - Aboriginal Communities and the Métis Nation
  - SWRK 3506 - Anti-Oppression Theorizing
  - SWRK 3606 - Aboriginal Child Welfare
  - SWRK 3706 - Working with Children and Families
  - SWRK 3806 - Community Practice in Northern and Rural Communities
- CARRIED
- MOTION 20: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by R. Vanderlee that Senate approve the addition of the following courses, as outlined, to the Bachelor of Social Work (Honours) degree.

SWRK 4106 - Social Work Practice with Groups  
SWRK 4206 - Social Work Research  
SWRK 4306 - Aboriginal Wellness  
SWRK 4406 - Field Integration Seminar  
SWRK 4515 - Field Practicum  
SWRK 4505 - Field Practicum  
CARRIED

## **FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCE**

### **Computer Science and Mathematics**

MOTION 21: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by S. Lamorea that Senate approve the following courses to the curriculum:

PHYS 3006 Introduction to Quantum Physics  
MATH 3226 Introduction to Stochastic Processes  
MATH 4046 Advanced Applications of Probability and Statistics  
CARRIED

## **SCHULICH SCHOOL OF EDUCATION**

### **Bachelor of Education**

MOTION 22: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by C. Richardson that Senate approve the addition of EDUC 4772 Teaching in Ontario Catholic Schools to the list of electives in the Bachelor of Education program.  
CARRIED

MOTION 23: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by C. Richardson that Senate approve the banking of the following courses:

EDUC 1013 Observation and Practice Teaching I P/J  
EDUC 1123 Observation and Practice Teaching I J/I  
EDUC 4102 Education and Schooling  
EDUC 4114 Curriculum Studies I  
EDUC 4118 Curriculum Methods - Part I P/J  
EDUC 4202 Education and Schooling  
EDUC 4214 Curriculum Studies I  
EDUC 4218 Curriculum Methods Part I J/I  
EDUC 4306 Education and Schooling  
EDUC 4307 Educational Psychology and Special Education  
EDUC 4315 Curriculum Methods  
EDUC 4315 Curriculum Methods--Computers  
EDUC 4315 Curriculum Methods--Management  
EDUC 4325 Curriculum Development and Evaluation  
EDUC 4326 Business Studies, General (Intermediate)  
EDUC 4327 Business Studies, General (Senior)  
EDUC 4355 Observation and Practice Teaching I/S  
EDUC 4416 Computer Science (Intermediate)  
EDUC 4417 Computer Science (Senior)

EDUC 4454 Curriculum Methods  
 EDUC 4454 Curriculum Methods--Computers  
 EDUC 4454 Curriculum Methods--Management  
 EDUC 4464 Curriculum Methods  
 EDUC 4464 Curriculum Methods--Computers  
 EDUC 4464 Curriculum Methods--Management  
 EDUC 4476 Health and Physical Education (Intermediate)  
 EDUC 4477 Health & Physical Education (Senior)  
 EDUC 4486 Science I  
 EDUC 4487 Science -- Biology  
 EDUC 4496 Visual Arts (Intermediate)  
 EDUC 4497 Visual Arts (Senior)  
 EDUC 4506 Science -- Physics  
 EDUC 4516 Music -- Instrumental (Intermediate)  
 EDUC 4517 Music -- Instrumental (Senior)  
 EDUC 4537 Science -- Chemistry  
 EDUC 4596 Advanced Science  
 EDUC 4641 Observation and Practice Teaching I P/J  
 EDUC 4651 Observation and Practice Teaching I J/I  
 EDUC 4684 Observation and Practice Teaching P/J  
 EDUC 4694 Observation and Practice Teaching J/I  
 CARRIED

### **Bachelor of Physical and Health Education**

MOTION 24: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by D. Hay that Senate approve the addition of CLAS 2206 Sport and Recreation in the Classical World to the list of required 3-credit elective courses in the Bachelor of Physical and Health Education, as below:

One of the following 3-credit courses:  
 PHED 4046 Contemporary Issues in Sport and Physical Activity  
 HIST 3946 History of Sport in Canada  
 HIST 3947 Sport and Spectacle in Modern Society  
 ENGL 1000 Special Topics course titled: Sport in Literature and Film  
 CLAS 2206 Sport and Recreation in the Classical World  
 CARRIED

Non-Substantive Change:

That the title of PHED 4227 Nutrition be changed to PHED 4227 Nutrition and Physical Activity. The course remains unchanged, but the title will better reflect the course.

### **Exam Policy Revisions**

MOTION 25: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by H. d'Entremont that Senate amend the Nipissing University Examination Policy to read: **“Except for prepackaged courses**, the course instructor will decide whether or not there will be a final exam for their course.”

CARRIED  
1 OBJECTION

The Dean of Arts & Science announced that he would be Chairing future Undergraduate Studies Committee (USC) meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

With the departure of several Senators, quorum was lost and the Senate meeting was adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

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M. DeGagné (Chair)

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S. Landriault (Senate Recording Secretary)