

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY
MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

April 8, 2016

2:30 p.m. – Room F210

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

A. Armenakyan, G. Brown, L. Chen, K. McCullough, R. Vernescu

A. Ackerman, S. Arnocky, D. Borman, A. Burke, D. Campbell, N. Colborne,

A. Erfani, R. Gendron, P. Nosko, M. Owens, T. Parkes, G. Phillips, S. Renshaw, M. Saari, S. Srigley, D. Walters

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

C. Cho, T. Waldock

O. Pokorny, L. Rossi

S. Feretycki

J. Andrews, M. Byblow, A. Deugo, S. Lamorea

ABSENT WITH REGRETS:

R. Vanderlee

A. Karassev, N. Kozuskanich

G. Rickwood

C. Hachkowski

M. Berube, J. Zimbalatti

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA OF THE SENATE MEETING OF: April 8, 2016

MOTION 1: Moved by R. Gendron, seconded by L. Frost that the agenda of the Senate meeting of April 8, 2016 be approved.
CARRIED

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SENATE MEETING OF: March 11, 2016

MOTION 2: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by K. McCullough that the minutes of the Senate meeting of March 11, 2016 be adopted.
CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

As a follow up from the March Senate meeting regarding the impending loss of the Dionne Quintuplets Museum, Senator Gendron and Senator Black were pleased to advise that the Manager of Archives and Special Collections had completed an assessment of the Dionne documents and concluded that the collection would be a valuable asset. The Library has submitted an expression of interest to acquire the documents.

QUESTION PERIOD

Senator McIntosh read out the question she had submitted to the Senate Secretary regarding the administrations' plan to install locking mechanisms on all classroom doors at the North Bay main campus. The Provost advised that the question had been forwarded to the VP Administration for response and that work continues to install locking solutions in all classrooms. To date 82 of 99 classrooms have locking mechanisms in place. The 17 remaining classrooms should be completed in the next few months. Senator McIntosh expressed her appreciation for the response and advised that 7 of the classrooms without locking mechanisms are Education classrooms that have a very large numbers of students.

A question was asked where the Undergraduate Research Conference would be housed now that the Dean of Graduate Studies and Research position has been established. The Provost advised that it is currently being organized by faculty. The response that has been received from faculty has been that the Conference should be more faculty driven.

A request was made for clarification of the process regarding the cancellation of classes and the closure of the campus. It is understood that a lot of behind the scenes communication must take place regarding the decision to cancel classes and close the campus, but in the case of the weather related cancellation on April 7th many students and faculty were already on or on route when the announcement was made. The regional Senators also advised that the Brantford and Muskoka Campuses had not been informed of the North Bay Campus closure. It was suggested that that the class cancellation and campus closure process needs to be streamlined. A request was made that a report on this matter be brought back to Senate. The Speaker advised that these questions would be forwarded on to the VP Administration.

A discussion took place regarding the importance of recruitment and questions were asked as to when the Strategic Enrolment Management Strategy and Implementation Plan as well as recommendations from the HESA Report would be implemented. The Provost advised that the SEM Report will be added to the PPC agenda and will be discussed at the May meeting.

REPORTS of STANDING COMMITTEES and FACULTY or UNIVERSITY COUNCILS

SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MOTION 3: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by S. Renshaw that Senate receive the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated March 31, 2016.
CARRIED

PLANNING AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

- **March 18, 2016 Report**

MOTION 4: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that the Report of the Planning and Priorities Committee dated March 18, 2016, be received.
CARRIED

- MOTION 5: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate grant approval of the Stage 2 Major Modification for Child and Family Studies (CHFS) as outlined in the attached document.
CARRIED
- MOTION 6: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate grant approval of the Stage 2 Major Modification for the BBA Finance Stream as outlined in the attached document.
CARRIED
- MOTION 7: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that the Quality Council Audit Report dated February 2016 be received.
CARRIED
- MOTION 8: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Owens that Senate grant approval of the Final Assessment Report of the Political Science IQAP Review, as outlined in the attached document.
CARRIED
- MOTION 9: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by B. Hatt that Senate grant approval of the Final Assessment Report for Economics, as outlined in the attached document.
CARRIED

- **April 1, 2016 Report**

- MOTION 10: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by A. Burke that the Report of the Planning and Priorities Committee dated April 1, 2016 be received.
CARRIED
- MOTION 11: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by S. Srigley that Senate grant approval of the Final Assessment Report for Religion and Cultures, as outlined in the attached document.
CARRIED
- MOTION 12: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate grant approval of the Final Assessment Report for Child and Family Studies, as outlined in the attached document.
CARRIED
- MOTION 13: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by S. Renshaw that Senate grant approval of the Final Assessment Report for Gender Equality and Social Justice, as outlined in the attached document.
CARRIED
- MOTION 14: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate grant approval of the Final Assessment Report for Psychology, as outlined in the attached document.
CARRIED
- MOTION 15: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate grant approval of the Final Assessment Report for Biology and Chemistry, as outlined in the attached document.
CARRIED
- MOTION 16: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by D. Borman that Senate grant approval of the Final Assessment Report for Philosophy, as outlined in the attached document.
CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

Senator Srigley discussed areas of concerns identified in the recommendations from the Ontario Universities Council on Quality Assurance Audit Report. The primary concerns are as follows: the failure of the Provost to

prepare and send the final assessment reports and implementation plans to Senate, and to the Ontario Universities Council on Quality Assurance. The second cause for concern was the failure to comply with our own policy and implement the follow up monitoring process. The specific question to the Provost is how is he going to repair these very serious academic concerns, which implicate Nipissing's reputation, and more specifically, what is the Provost's plan to deal with this large body of IQAP recommendations since 2012 that require serious attention? The Provost advised that the three causes for concern outlined in the IQAP Report were being addressed. Of the 13 Final Assessment Reports that must be submitted to IQAP by May 31, 2016, eight reports are included in this Senate Agenda and the remaining five reports will be included in the May 13, 2016 Senate Agenda. Once the Quality Council has reviewed the reports and the desk audits have taken place, we have one year to report back to the Council. A concern was expressed regarding the lack of institutional monitoring and tracking. A suggestion was made to strike a committee to follow up on program reviews. The Provost advised that PPC, as Senate's planning body, looks at the recommendations.

AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

MOTION 17: Moved by S. Renshaw, seconded by J. McIntosh that Article 6.3 of the Senate By-laws be amended as outlined below:

6.3 Order of Business

(a) The order of business observed at all regular meetings of Senate shall normally be as follows:

- (i) Approval of the Agenda;
 - (ii) Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting(s);
 - (iii) Business arising from the minutes;
 - (iv) Reading and disposing of communications;
 - (v) Question period;
 - (vi) Written reports (which include substantive motions) of standing committees, Faculty or University councils, and ad hoc or other committees, with the order to be determined by the Senate Executive Committee;
 - (vii) Other business (which includes substantive motions);
 - (viii) Amendment of By-Laws;
 - (ix) Elections;
 - (x) Written or oral reports for information only (which may include a motion to receive) from all sources, including other bodies on which Senate is represented;
 - (xi) New business (requiring a motion to consider);
 - (xii) Announcements (President, PVPAR, Deans, Students, and Others); and
 - (xiii) Adjournment
- (b) Business items submitted too late to be placed on the Senate agenda must be circulated in hard copy at the meeting for introduction under new business, and shall require the passage of a motion to consider before any further motions may be proposed.
- (c) The primary purpose of the question period is to provide an opportunity for Senators or others in attendance to raise questions or seek clarification regarding matters which may be of collective interest or concern. Substantive questions for which an adequate response may require research or preparation should normally be submitted to the Senate Secretary in writing at least four (4) days prior to the meeting. Should this not occur, the respondent may elect to answer the question at the next regular Senate meeting.

CARRIED

MOTION 18: Moved by S. Renshaw, seconded by J. McIntosh that Article 9.6 of the Senate By-laws be amended as outlined below:

9.6 Technology & Infrastructure Committee (T&I)

- (d) Ex Officio Members:
 - (iii) the Executive Director, Library Services, or designate; and
 - (iv) the Vice-President, Administration (non-voting).
- (e) Members Elected by Faculty Council:

- (iv) one (1) faculty Senator or non-Senator from each Faculty, one of whom shall be elected by the Committee to serve as Chair, and one of whom shall be elected by the Committee to serve as Vice-Chair;
- (v) one (1) faculty Senator who is a full-time lab, seminar or service course instructor; and
- (vi) two (2) student representatives from any Faculty.
- (f) Terms of Reference:
 - (vi) to engage in on-going review, needs assessment and policy development in all matters related to academic technology and infrastructure (where infrastructure includes both academic physical resources and human resources in academic support areas), and to make recommendations to the Teaching & Learning Committee as necessary and appropriate, for conveyance to Senate;
 - (vii) to provide advice and priority-setting assistance to the VPADMIN regarding:
 - 5) support for teaching, learning and scholarly research through the application of computing, information and multi-media technologies;
 - 6) the need for, and design of, new or renovated teaching, learning and research space;
 - 7) staffing needs in academic support areas such as technology services, research assistance, lab supervision and secretarial or clerical support; and
 - 8) the allocation of the annual budgets in technology and academic infrastructure areas;
 - (viii) to invite and assess applications for the annual Information Technology in Teaching and Learning Fund, and make recommendations to the PVPAR on the awarding of these funds;
 - (ix) when other supplementary funds become available for the acquisition of additional technology resources, to oversee the process whereby these funds are announced and awarded on a competition basis; and
 - (x) to deal with such other matters as may be assigned from time to time by the Teaching & Learning Committee or by Senate.

CARRIED

MOTION 19: Moved by S. Renshaw, moved by J. McIntosh that Article 6.6(b) of the Senate bylaws be amended as outlined below:

- 6.6(b) A non-member of Senate may be recognized and permitted to speak at any open portion of a Senate meeting at the discretion of the Speaker, and shall be permitted to speak either:
- (i) with the prior approval of the Senate Executive Committee; or
 - (ii) at the discretion of the Speaker; or
 - (iii) by Senate vote on a motion to that effect, which shall not be debatable. Rationale: Clarifies the language.

CARRIED

MOTION 20: Moved by S. Renshaw, seconded by J. McIntosh that Article 9.5 of the Senate bylaws be modified as outlined below:

9.5.1 Library Advisory Subcommittee (LIB)

- (a) Ex Officio Members:
 - (i) the Executive Director, Library Services, who shall be Chair.
- (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 Subcommittee to serve as Vice-Chair;
 - (ii) one (1) faculty Senator from the regional campuses; and
 - (c) One (1) student representative to be appointed by Nipissing University Student Union (NUSU).
 - (d) Terms of Reference:
 - (i) to engage in on-going review of Library policies, practices and objectives and their role in providing teaching and learning support for faculty and students, and to make recommendations to the Teaching & Learning Committee as necessary and appropriate, for conveyance to Senate;
 - (ii) to provide advice and priority-setting assistance to the Executive Director, Library Services regarding:
 - 1) procedures and practices related to the acquisition and maintenance of the Library's collections;
 - 2) the provision of Library support services to faculty and students; and
 - 3) the allocation of the annual Library budget;
 - (iii) when supplementary funds become available for the acquisition of additional Library resources, to oversee the process whereby these funds are announced and awarded on a competition basis;

- (iv) to deal with such other matters as may be assigned from time to time by the Teaching & Learning Committee or by Senate;
- (v) to engage in on-going review, needs assessment and policy development in all matters related to continuing education and the development, delivery and review of courses delivered at a distance, and to make recommendations to the Teaching & Learning Committee as necessary and appropriate, for conveyance to Senate; and
- (vi) to encourage best practices in distance education by continuing to assess the appropriateness and effectiveness of various delivery modes;

CARRIED

ELECTIONS

- Elect one (1) tenured faculty member, from the Faculty of Applied and Professional Studies to serve on the search committee for the Dean of Graduate Studies and Research.

D. Hemsworth - ACCLAIMED

REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

Report from Senate members participating on other university-related committees

Senator Gendron and Senator Saari, faculty representatives on the Board of Governors, advised that the Board has initiated the process for the review of the President. Dr. Sarri and Dr. Gendron will be soliciting for feedback over the coming weeks. The Senate Secretary will be asked to forward information to Senate members.

NEW BUSINESS

Senator Feretycki asked if Senate could encourage the Teaching and Learning Committee to meet to discuss and report back on the questions raised at the February 12, 2016 Senate meeting regarding the revised academic schedule and if the loss of 3 weeks of academic instruction negatively impacted the students. In the interest of accountability, he asked that a mechanism be put forward to ensure a response. The Speaker advised that this request would be forwarded on to the Teaching and Learning Committee. It was noted that the last Teaching and Learning Committee meeting was cancelled due to a lack of quorum. Senator Burke responded that the submission of grades shows that learning expectations have been met. Senator Andrews advised that although there may have been a few more late withdrawals, no students had brought any negative effects to his attention. He reported that students were thankful that their summer schedules and jobs were not affected. If any concerns arise he will bring them to our attention.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President advised that the Governor General's visit was a success. It was a pleasant surprise that NU was solicited to host the visit. He expressed his thanks to the three KaNaTa Conversations panelists, Dr. Katrina Srigley, Autumn Varley, Master of History student and Clint Davis, Vice-President of Aboriginal Banking for TD Business Banking. It was a seamless and thought provoking presentation. The President also advised that he recently attended a COU Executive Heads meeting where one of the themes of discussion was how universities present themselves to parents and students. Colleges have a very solid marketing campaign but it has been shown that universities do better job of preparing students to find jobs within a two year period following graduation. For parents one of their biggest concerns is that their children will fall behind. Parents see universities as a viable option to prepare their children for the job market.

The Provost thanked Dr. Earl and Dr. Kozuskanich for their work on the Undergraduate Research Conference. Congratulations as well to Autumn Varley, a Master of History student and Nipissing's Three Minute Thesis champion.

Senator Richardson congratulated Dr. Glen Sharpe. During the Governor General's recent visit, Dr. Sharpe was presented with the Caring Canadian Award. Senator Richardson was also pleased to announce that Dr. Maria Cantalini-Williams has been invited by the Governor General to be a part of the Innovation Book Project Writing Team.

Senator Andrews advised that valedictorian elections were wrapping up and that a Wellness Week had been successfully completed. He advised that this is the final week of the Pub Service at the Wall and it is with heavy heart that they close the doors. The Student Union will be moving out of their current offices and moving into a new space provided by the University.

ADJOURNMENT

Senate was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

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M. DeGagné (Chair)

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S. Landriault (Senate Recording Secretary)