

Nipissing University
Minutes of the Academic Senate Meeting

October 21, 2016

2:30 p.m. – Room F210

MEMBERS PRESENT:

M. DeGagné (Chair), J. Graham, R. Vanderlee

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

S. Arnocky, R. Breton, A. Karassev, N. Kozuskanich, G. McCann, P. Nosko, M. Owens, T. Parkes, G. Phillips, S. Renshaw, T. Smith, K. Srigley, S. Srigley, D. Tabachnick, T. Vassilev, D. Walters, A. Weeks

B. Hatt, D. Hay, T. Horton, D. Jarvis, W. Richardson, J. Scott, G. Sharpe

C. Cho

O. Pokorny, L. Rossi

N. Allaire

M. Berube, K. Barnes

S. Feretycki

J. Andrews, J. Dempster, M. Hawco, S. Lamorea, C. Tremblay

ABSENT WITH REGRETS:

H. d'Entremont, C. Richardson, M. Tuncali, J. McAuliffe, N. Black

J. Dech

L. Frost, M. Parr, G. Rickwood, T. Sibbald

B. Kent, D. Ratcliffe

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA OF THE SENATE MEETING OF: October 21, 2016

MOTION 1: Moved by R. Breton, seconded by J. Dempster that the agenda of the meeting of the Academic Senate dated October 21, 2016 be approved.
CARRIED

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SENATE MEETING OF: September 9, 2016

MOTION 2: Moved by G. McCann, seconded by G. Phillips that the minutes of the regular meeting of the Academic Senate dated September 9, 2016 be adopted.
CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Motions from the Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee, dated June 2, 2016, that were inadvertently left off the September 9, 2016 Senate Agenda:

FACULTY OF APPLIED & PROFESSIONAL STUDIES**School of Business**

MOTION 3: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by A. Armenakyan that Senate approve that the statement requiring students to achieve a minimum of 60% in each course be removed from the requirements for the Certificate in Human Resources Management.
CARRIED

SCHULICH SCHOOL OF EDUCATION**Bachelor of Physical and Health Education**

MOTION 4: Moved by D. Hay, seconded by J. Dempster that Senate approve that PHED 1206 Systemic Approach to Functional Human Anatomy I be offered with 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of lab.
CARRIED

MOTION 5: Moved by D. Hay, seconded by J. Dempster that Senate approve that PHED 2217 Systematic Approach to Integrated Human Physiology be offered with 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of lab.
CARRIED

Non-Substantive Change for Information Only:

That “This course will be delivered in French” be added to the course description of EDUC 4702 Teaching in French Immersion.

ADVANCED STANDING POLICY**Child & Youth Care Diploma Graduates**

MOTION 6: Moved by J. Graham, seconded by J. Dempster that Senate approve that the Advanced Standing Credit Change for Child & Youth Care Diploma Graduates be approved.
CARRIED

QUESTION PERIOD

Senator Horton read out a question addressed to the Provost regarding the use of an on-line student opinion survey (SOS). As the Provost was not available, the question will be forwarded by e-mail to the Senate Secretary for response at the November Senate meeting.

Senator Tabachnick directed a question to the members of the Reappointment Committee for the President and Vice-Chancellor regarding an extension of the deadline for comments to be received.

The Board Chair advised that as the request had just been received the evening prior to the Senate meeting that she would consult with the members of the Reappointment Committee and respond. A member of the Reappointment Committee advised that the three faculty members on the Committee were in support of Dr. Tabachnick's request. Several Senators also expressed their support.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND FACULTY OR UNIVERSITY COUNCILS

SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MOTION 7: Moved by J. Dempster, seconded by K. Srigley that Senate receive the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated October 13, 2016, 2016.
CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

The Senate Speaker acknowledged the request made by faculty to change the date of the October 14 Senate meeting to October 21 due to reading week. He thanked Senate Exec for facilitating the arrangements.

Senator Dempster gave a presentation on the status of the Nipissing University Student Union. He advised that the land has been surveyed and cleared. Mitchell Architects will be overseeing the project. The building will have a modern design similar to the Library. The estimated construction cost is \$10.8 M with a total project budget of \$14 M. The building will include space for study, offices, retail, food services and recreation. The expected opening is to be in the summer of 2018. Senator Allaire complimented the beautiful design of the building and suggested that as a reflection of the territory that the University sits on, that consideration be made for an area that First Nation students can identify as a gathering place. The display of Native art in the new building was also suggested.

AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

- **Notice of Motion (Article 2.1 (a) *Ex Officio* Senators)**

The By-Laws and Elections Subcommittee reviewed the Ex Officio members of Senate. Due to positions that no longer exist and the creation of a new position, revisions were necessary.

Current article reads:

2.1 Ex Officio Senators

- (a) The following shall be ex officio voting members of Senate:
 - (i) the President;
 - (ii) the Provost Vice President Academic and Research;
 - (iii) the Associate Vice President Academic Studies;
 - (iv) the Dean of each Faculty;
 - (v) the Registrar;
 - (vi) the Executive Director, Library Services; and

Revised article reads (changes in bold):

2.1 Ex Officio Senators

- (a) The following shall be ex officio voting members of Senate:

- (i) the President;
- (ii) the Provost Vice President Academic and Research;
- ~~(iii) the Associate Vice President Academic Studies;~~
- (iii) the Vice President responsible for Finance and Administration**
- (iv) the **Academic Deans of each Faculty**;
- (v) the Registrar;
- (vi) the Executive Director, Library Services; ~~and~~

Rationale: Clarifies the Ex Officio Senator membership. The Vice President responsible for Finance and Administration position was added as a voting member of Senate as there is often a budgetary element to many Senate meetings. As well, if the Provost is unavailable, the Vice President Finance and Administration could speak on his behalf.

- **Notice of Motion that all references to the Associate Vice President Academic Studies and Vice President Administration be removed from the Senate By-Laws.**

Rationale: The positions of Associate Vice President Academic Studies and Vice President Administration no longer exist.

ELECTIONS

- **Notice of Motion** for elections to take place at the Arts and Science Faculty Council and the Applied and Professional Studies Faculty Council to fill two vacant positions on the Senate Executive Committee. Elections should take place for one Arts and Science Senator and one Applied and Professional Studies Senator. To be discussed further at the November Senate meeting.

REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

Board of Governors

Senator Berube advised that the first Board meeting and the Board Retreat were held September 30 and October 1 at the Ecology Centre. Future Board meetings will be held at the University. She advised that she is looking forward to the upcoming year.

Alumni Advisory Board

Senator Feretycki advised that the Alumni Advisory Annual Retreat was taking place the following day and further updates will be available at the November Senate meeting.

Council of Ontario Universities (Academic Colleague)

Senator McCann provided a report from the COU Academic Colleagues meeting that she recently attended. The main topic for discussion was metrics. Exit exams were also discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

- MOTION 8: Moved by J. Graham, seconded by A. Weeks that Senate consider receipt of the Report of Grad Applicants dated October 13, 2016.
CARRIED

MOTION 9: Moved by J. Graham, seconded by L. Chen that Senate receive the Report of Grad Applicants dated October 13, 2016.
CARRIED

MOTION 10: Moved by J. Graham, seconded by S. Feretycki that Senate grant approval to graduate the students listed in the Report of Grad Applicants dated October 13, 2016.
CARRIED

MOTION 11: Moved by J. Graham, seconded by A. Armenakyan that Senate consider receipt of the Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee dated September 27, 2016.
CARRIED

MOTION 12: Moved by S. Srigley, seconded by T. Parkes that Senate receive the Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee dated September 27, 2016.
CARRIED

MOTION 13: Moved by J. Dempster, seconded by M. Hawco that Senate approve the basis of admission and advanced standing assessments that are included within the Toronto Film School Articulation Agreement.
DEFERRED
Moved by D. Hay, seconded by S. Srigley that the motion be deferred to the November Senate meeting. Further information will be provided.
CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President DeGagné presented the annual Tenure and Promotion Report for 2015-16. The Report will also be presented at the November Board of Governors meeting.

Senator Andrews announced that NUSU is hosting two concerts as part of an ongoing partnership with the Capitol Centre. A field trip has also been planned to attend the Haunted House at Canada’s Wonderland. He also advised of the NUSUCares initiative. The first event to be hosted is a concert in partnership with Rob Nash in which the audience will be educated about mental health.

Senator Tabachnick reported that the Special Governance Commission work is nearly complete. The deadline for the report is October 31. He advised that there were some very positive developments and the report should be made public soon.

ADJOURNMENT

Senate was adjourned at: 4:05 p.m.

Original signed by:

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M. DeGagné (Chair)

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S. Landriault (Senate Secretary)