

Nipissing University
Minutes of the Academic Senate Meeting
May 13, 2016
2:30 p.m. – Room F210

MEMBERS PRESENT:

M. DeGagné (Chair), H. d'Entremont, J. Graham, C. Richardson, M. Tuncali, R. Vanderlee
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, N. Kozuskanich, P. Nosko, M. Owens, T. Parkes, G. Phillips, S. Renshaw, S. Srigley, D. Walters
M. Bruner, K. Clausen, L. Frost, B. Hatt, D. Hay, T. Horton, D. Jarvis, J. McIntosh, M.A. Parr, G. Rickwood, T. Sibbald
O. Pokorny, L. Rossi
C. Hachkowski
S. Feretycki
J. Andrews, M. Hawco, J. Dempster, D. Ratcliffe

ABSENT WITH REGRETS:

N. Black
A. Karassev, M. Saari
C. Cho, T. Waldock
M. Berube, J. Zimbalatti
B. Kent

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA OF THE SENATE MEETING OF: May 13, 2016

MOTION 1: Moved by N. Kozuskanich, seconded by R. Gendron that the agenda of the Senate meeting of May 13, 2016 be approved.
CARRIED

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SENATE MEETING OF: April 8, 2016

MOTION 2: Moved by G. Brown, seconded by R. Gendron that the minutes of the Senate meeting of April 8, 2016 be adopted.
CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

In regards to questions that came from the Senator Alumni Advisory Board Rep. during the February meeting of Senate, the Teaching and Learning Committee offered this response:

The Teaching & Learning Committee carefully considered the four questions from Senate. The Committee concluded that no specific instruments were put in place during or after the strike to collect such data; and the Senate Committee on Teaching & Learning does not have the capacity, mandate or resources to answer such questions.

The PPC motions were discussed and a request was made for clarification regarding what Senate is approving given that the Final Assessment Reports contain responses from external reviewers. The Provost advised that it is an IQAP requirement that the Final Assessment Report be approved by Senate. The key part of the report is the PPC recommendation. The report is presented to and voted on by Senate. Reports are provided so that they can be carefully read and questions can be asked. The Provost advised that PPC as the planning body of Senate takes all of the information provided into consideration. It was suggested that the wording of the motions could be clearer.

As a follow up from the April Senate meeting the Provost read a response from the Director of Facilities and advised that the policy for closure due to weather conditions is posted on the University website. A factor that also needs to be considered is consultation with Canadore College when decisions are made to close the Campus. The policy will be discussed again at a future meeting. A request was made that consistent communication be included in the discussion.

QUESTION PERIOD

A question was raised regarding the land across from the Athletic Centre and what it will be used for. The Provost advised that the University owns the property and to his knowledge there were no current plans to develop the property. Plans are in the works for the new Student Centre to be built on the corner of the land leading to the Monastery.

A request was made that the results of the voting for the PVPAR search committee be advised. The President advised that all of the appointments to the search committee have not yet been made. Senator Horton advised that the Senior Academic Appointment Policy on the Board of Governors website indicates that the elected names cannot be published until all of the appointments have been completed. It was suggested that it would be helpful to move this process along so that nominated individuals not elected to that committee can put their names forward for other committees.

MOTION 3: Moved by R. Gendron, seconded by T. Horton that Senate move in camera so that a question could be asked.
CARRIED

REPORTS of STANDING COMMITTEES and FACULTY or UNIVERSITY COUNCILSSENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MOTION 4: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by L. Frost that Senate receive the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated May 5, 2016.
CARRIED

UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE

- MOTION 5: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by H. d'Entremont that the Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee, dated April 14, 2016 be received.
CARRIED
- MOTION 6: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by C. Richardson that the Undergraduate Studies Committee recommend to Senate that the course EDUC 1545 Native Languages, Part 1 be added to the list of In-Service offerings (see descriptive data).
CARRIED
- MOTION 7: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by R. Vanderlee that the Undergraduate Studies Committee recommend to Senate that the BScN – SPP admission policy modification be approved.
CARRIED
- MOTION 8: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by R. Vanderlee that the Undergraduate Studies Committee recommend to Senate that the Senate Policy on Final Grades be modified as outlined.
CARRIED

PLANNING AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

- MOTION 9: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that the Report of the Planning and Priorities Committee dated April 22, 2016, be received.
CARRIED
- MOTION 10: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate give approval in principle to the broad goals and objectives contained in the Strategic Enrolment Management Report prepared by Higher Education Strategy Associates (22 June 2015).

Some faculty expressed concerns regarding an increased teaching load and a risk of internationalization and did not support the broad goals and objectives in the above Motion. It was suggested that a smaller Senate Committee be struck. The Provost advised that it was premature to strike a Committee until the wishes of Senate had been heard and thought it problematic to vote down a recommendation from PPC. Another concern was expressed that the report had been generated by a third party.

:
S. Renshaw moved that Motion 9 be amended as follows: That Senate receive the Strategic Enrolment Management Report prepared by Higher Education Strategy Associates (22 June 2015).
CARRIED (1 opposed)
- MOTION 11: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve that PPC's mandate be extended to include oversight of ~~the~~ a Strategic Enrolment Management Plan (friendly amendment from R. Vanderlee to change "the" to "a").

Faculty expressed concerns that PPC is not the proper body to oversee the SEM as it already has a heavy workload and membership has a turnaround every 12 months. SEM is an issue that concerns everyone. A recommendation was made for a new, different committee with a longer term and representation by faculty and students. A smaller, lighter more innovative and nimble committee would enable decisions to be made quickly with a focus on the academic side of the house. The Provost commented that the PPC is a hard working committee and the decision was unanimous to oversee the SEM. He agreed that the bylaws of many committees need to be amended so that there is more continuity. Committee members changing on a yearly basis is an inadequate way of governing our policies. He advised that the committee should be driven by Senior Academic Administrators, the Deans

and the Registrar's office. Dean Vanderlee spoke in favour of PPC's mandate being expanded to include the SEM. PPC is directed, focused and already has the structure in place. He advised that it would be redundant and expressed concerns regarding the difficulties that exist filling the committees that we currently have. Dean Tuncali advised that PPC is a committee of Senate and also supported the expansion of PPC's mandate to include the SEM.

DEFEATED

MOTION 12: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate grant approval of the Stage 1 Biomedical Science Proposal as outlined in the attached document.
CARRIED

MOTION 13: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate grant approval of the Final Assessment Report of the Classical Studies IQAP Review, 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 of the History IQAP Review, 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 of the Mathematics and Computer Science IQAP Review, as outlined in the attached document.
CARRIED
ABSTENTION - 1

MOTION 16: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by L. Chen that Senate grant approval of the Final Assessment Report of the Native Studies IQAP Review, as outlined in the attached document.
CARRIED

MOTION 17: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate grant approval of the Final Assessment Report of the Social Welfare and Social Development IQAP Review, as outlined in the attached document.
CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

The 2016-17 Operating Budget was distributed. The Provost advised that it will be presented to the Board on June 2. There were no changes in the funding formula of the provincial grants. A question was asked why the operating budget for the Muskoka Campus was included when the Campus is closing. The Provost advised that an MOU had been signed and that tenure and tenure-track faculty have been offered positions in North Bay therefore salaries must be included. It was noted that past budgets have included a summary page. The Provost advised that it has been a work in progress and was only recently completed. Endowments, athletic expenses and SSHRC funding were also discussed. It was noted that residence and parking services were not listed as revenue sources in the budget. The Provost advised that these two services are included in the Ancillary Budget which is not a large budget and will be presented to the Board. A concern was raised regarding a drop in the Aboriginal Initiatives operating budget. It was noted that this is important work and could impact NU. The President advised that a high percentage of the funding is from grants received. Senator Hachkowski also advised that the funding had ended for two research projects that are now finished. It was noted that the operating cost of Finance and Administration is increasing by 32%. The Provost advised that there has been a re-structuring in VP Operations and Finance. He also advised that the administrative budget is down 25%.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION 18: Moved by J. Graham, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate consider receipt of the Graduation Applicants dated May 13, 2016.
CARRIED

MOTION 19: Moved by J. Graham, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate receive the Report of Graduation Applicants dated May 13, 2016.
CARRIED

MOTION 20: Moved by J. Graham, seconded by M. Tuncali that approval to graduate be granted to the students listed in the Report of Grad Applicants dated May 13, 2016.
CARRIED

ELECTIONS

- Elect two faculty members to serve on the Pension and Benefits Advisory Committee for a two year term commencing July 1, 2016.
ELECTED - L. Patriquin
ELECTED - D. Murphy

ADJOURNMENT

With the departure of several Senators, quorum was lost and the Senate meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.