

Nipissing University
Minutes of the Academic Senate Meeting

May 27, 2016

10:30 a.m. – Room F210

MEMBERS PRESENT:

M. DeGagné (Chair), H. d'Entremont, J. Graham, M. Tuncali

A. Armenakyan, K. McCullough, R. Vernescu

A. Ackerman, S. Arnocky, D. Borman, A. Burke, D. Campbell,
N. Colborne, R. Gendron, P. Nosko, M. Owens, T. Parkes, G.
Phillips, M. Saari, D. Walters

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

L. Rossi

C. Hachkowski

M. Berube, J. Zimbalatti

J. Andrews, M. Hawco, B. Kent, D. Ratcliffe

ABSENT WITH REGRETS:

N. Black, C. Richardson, R. Vanderlee

G. Brown, L. Chen

A. Erfani, A. Karassev, N. Kozuskanich, S. Renshaw, S. Srigley

K. Clausen, T. Horton, G. Rickwood

C. Cho, T. Waldock

O. Pokorny

S. Feretycki

J. Dempster, S. Lamorea

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA OF THE SENATE MEETING OF: May 27, 2016

MOTION 1: Moved by L. Frost, seconded by T. Sibbald that the agenda of the Senate meeting of May 27, 2016 be approved.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SENATE MEETING OF: May 13, 2016

MOTION 2: Moved by L. Frost, seconded by J. McIntosh that the minutes of the Senate meeting of May 13, 2016 be adopted with amendments.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

A request was made that a Motion to move into an in-camera session, moved by R. Gendron, seconded by M. Tuncali be added to the Minutes. It was also noted that the election of L. Patriquin and D. Murphy to serve on the Pension and Benefits Advisory Committee for a two year term commencing July 1, 2016 was inadvertently left out of the Minutes. The Minutes will be revised to reflect these amendments.

As a follow up from the May 13, 2016 Senate meeting regarding the results of the voting for the PVPAR search committee the Provost advised that the elected faculty members have been contacted. Faculty members that were nominated and have not been contacted may feel free to have their names put forward for other search committees.

ELECTIONS

- Elect one representative from each faculty to serve on the Chancellor's Teaching Award Selection Committee.
ACCLAIMED – R. Vernescu (Applied & Professional Studies)
ACCLAIMED – D. Cambell (Arts & Science)
ACCLAIMED – G. Rickwood (Education)
- Elect one representative from each faculty to serve on the CASBU Teaching Award Selection Committee.
ACCLAIMED – Kathryn Ewers (Applied & Professional Studies)
ACCLAIMED – Corinna Irwin (Arts & Science)
ACCLAIMED – C. Hachkowski (Education)

READING AND DISPOSING OF COMMUNICATIONS

The Speaker advised that Motions for receipt and approval of graduation applicants will be brought forward under New Business. Senator Frost advised that the Schulich School of Education Doctoral Dissertation Defence Process had not been included in the agenda and asked that it be forwarded by e-mail to Senators.

QUESTION PERIOD

A question was raised regarding the membership of the Technology and Infrastructure Committee. The Vice-President Administration was actively involved on this Committee. Now that the VPA position has been eliminated, is there a plan to address this vacancy on the Committee. The President advised that a member from UTS would be appointed.

A question was asked if the call had been sent out requesting Tenure and Promotion committee members for 2016-2017. The Provost responded that the 2015-2016 TPU Committee had not yet wrapped up. As faculty members that had applied for tenure and/or promotion may wish to serve on a TPF or TPU Committee, the call for members will be sent out once deliberations are finished.

A request was made for clarification as to how the Vice-President Finance and Administration position fits in to the administrative structure and how this position will reorganize the existing structure. The President advised that a university our size would normally have two VP's, with one that oversees

technology, plant and property. The Board Executive Committee has approved the VPFA position and will move ahead as quickly as possible. Staff elections for the VPFA search committee will be taking place in the near future. A question was asked whether the position would be an internal or external hire. The President advised that as per our policy the VPFA position will be advertised externally.

A request was made for clarification regarding the election of a Senator to the Board of Governors for a three year term instead of the usual two year term. The President advised that the change is in keeping with the Board Act and it is meant to harmonize the length of the Senate appointments with the terms of the rest of the Board members.

It was noted that the election of the one non-Senator to serve on the Board of Governors for a three-year term commencing July 1, 2016 should be stricken from the agenda as the non-Senate position must be elected from among the faculty members who are not Senators.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND FACULTY OR UNIVERSITY COUNCILS

SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MOTION 3: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by L. Frost that Senate receive the Annual Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated May 19, 2016.
CARRIED

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CARRIED

PLANNING AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

MOTION 5: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that the Annual Report of the Planning and Priorities Committee dated May 18, 2016, be received.
CARRIED

MOTION 6: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by B. Hatt that the Report of the Planning and Priorities Committee dated May 13, 2016, be received.
CARRIED

MOTION 7: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate grant approval of the Stage 1 Media Studies Program Proposal as outlined in the attached document.
CARRIED

MOTION 8: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate grant approval of the Stage 2 Nipissing University-Canadore College SWLF-SSW Collaborative Program Proposal as outlined in the attached document.
CARRIED

UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE

MOTION 9: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by M. Owens that the Annual Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee, dated May 19, 2016 be received.
CARRIED

STUDENT APPEALS COMMITTEE

MOTION 10: Moved by J. Graham, seconded by A. Armenakyan that the Annual Report of the Student Appeals Committee, dated May 10, 2016 be received.
CARRIED

LIBRARY ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE

MOTION 11: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that the Annual Report of the Library Advisory Subcommittee, dated May 9, 2016 be received.
CARRIED

GRADUATE STUDIES COUNCIL

MOTION 12: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by L. Frost that the Annual Report of the Graduate Studies Council dated May 10, 2016 be received.
CARRIED

MOTION 13: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by L. Frost that the Report of the Graduate Studies Council dated May 5, 2016 be received.
CARRIED

MOTION 14: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by L. Frost that the degree requirements for the MSc in Kinesiology read as follows:
To graduate with a Master of Science in Kinesiology degree, students must:
a. satisfy all stated requirements for the degree;
b. complete the specified courses, with a minimum overall average of 70%, and a minimum grade of 70% in each course after no more than one attempt.
CARRIED

MOTION 15: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by L. Frost that the Doctoral Dissertation Process be accepted as per the attachment.
CARRIED
ABSTENTION - 1

RESEARCH COUNCIL

MOTION 16: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that the Annual Report of the Research Council, dated May 18, 2016 be received.
Senator Gendron advised that he has been a member of the Research Council for two years and asked that it be noted in the minutes that the Strategic Research Plan be developed.
The PVPAR acknowledged that the Strategic Research Plan will be revised and updated.
CARRIED

BY-LAWS AND ELECTIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

MOTION 17: Moved by J. McIntosh, seconded by K. McCullough that the Annual Report of the By-Laws and Elections Subcommittee dated May 13, 2016 be received.
It was asked to be noted that the Senate Survey results will be shared at the September 2016 Senate Exec. meeting.
CARRIED

HONORARY DEGREES SUBCOMMITTEE

MOTION 18: Moved by M. DeGagné, seconded by M. Owens that the Annual Report of the Honorary Degrees Subcommittee, dated May 20, 2016 be received.
CARRIED

ELECTIONS

- Elect three tenured faculty members, one from each Faculty to serve on the search committee for the Vice-President, Finance and Administration.

ACCLAIMED – K. McCullough (Applied & Professional Studies)

ELECTED – P. Nosko (Arts & Science)

ACCLAIMED – L. Frost (Education)

- Elect one Senator to serve as Speaker of Senate for a two-year term effective July 1, 2016.

ACCLAIMED – B. Hatt (Education)

- Elect one Senator to serve as Deputy Speaker of Senate for a two-year term effective July 1, 2016.

ACCLAIMED – R. Vernescu (Applied & Professional Studies)

- Elect one Senator to serve on the Board of Governors for a one-year term commencing July 1, 2016

ACCLAIMED – B. Hatt (Education)

- Elect one Senator to serve on the Board of Governors for a three-year term commencing July 1, 2016

ACCLAIMED – N. Kozuskanich (Arts & Science)

- Elect one faculty to serve on the Special Governance Commission

ACCLAIMED – D. Borman (Arts & Science)

- Elections for Senate Committees

Planning & Priorities Committee – Faculty Senators (4)

ELECTED – A. Armenakyan (Applied & Professional Studies)

ELECTED – K. Srigley & D. Walters (Arts & Science)

ACCLAIMED – B. Hatt (Education)

Planning & Priorities Committee – Faculty non-Senators (4)

ACCLAIMED – A. Wagner (Applied & Professional Studies)

ELECTED – A. James & R. Mirza (Arts & Science)

ACCLAIMED - C. Hachkowski (Education)

Planning & Priorities Committee – Faculty Senator Regional Rep. (1)

ACCLAIMED – R. Vernescu (Applied & Professional Studies)

Research Council - Faculty Senators
ACCLAIMED – A. Erfani (Arts & Science)

Research Council - Faculty non-Senators
ACCLAIMED – J. Carre, A. James, M. Jha & V. Valov (Arts & Science)

REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

Board of Governors

Board Chair, Marianne Berube, advised that the Board of Governors Annual Meeting was held on May 5th. She announced that she will Chair the Board Executive Committee. Gord Durnan will act as Vice-Chair and Tom Palangio will act as Vice-Chair Pro Tem. She was pleased to advise that the projected current year deficit will be lower than anticipated. The Chair also advised that a review of the Board By-Laws is scheduled for the fall, and the Advancement Committee will be establishing a new Fundraising and Community Relations Committee. The Chair also reminded of the importance of participating on Board committees.

Senate Representative to the Board of Governors, Robin Gendron advised that correspondence sent to the Board by David Tabachnick on behalf of Senate will be responded to once a legal opinion on this matter has been obtained. Senator Gendron also wished to thank Senators for participating in the President's Review Survey. The results of the survey will be presented to the Board at the June meeting. He also advised that the motion introduced requesting that the Board commit to ensure that all Board members receive all communications was defeated.

Council of Ontario Universities (Academic Colleague)

Dan Walters provided a report from the COU Academic Colleagues meeting that he recently attended. He advised that the Federal government is currently reviewing proposals for possible additional capital funding. A presentation made by COU President, David Lindsay, with the message that universities need to do a better job of promoting themselves and preparing students for life was well received. Senator Walters advised that he would be stepping down as the COU Academic Colleague. Senator Saari nominated Senator Walters as the COU Academic Colleague Alternate for a three-year term commencing July 1, 2016. Senator Tuncali nominated Dr. Gillian McCann as the Academic Colleague for a three-year term commencing July 1, 2016. The Senate Secretary will contact Dr. McCann to see if she accepts the nomination.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION 19: Moved by J. Graham, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate consider receipt of the Graduation Applicants dated May 26, 2016.
CARRIED

MOTION 20: Moved by J. Graham, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate receive the Report of Graduation Applicants dated May 26, 2016.
CARRIED

MOTION 21: Moved by J. Graham, seconded by B. Hatt that Senate grant approval to graduate to the students listed on the Report of Grad Applicants dated May 26, 2016.
CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President was pleased to advise that an honorary degree will be awarded to Ms. Debra Lynne Brown, the original choreographer for Cirque du Soleil, at the Brantford convocation ceremony on June 7th. Dr. Dawn Memee Lavell-Havard, President of the Native Women’s Associate of Canada, and Mr. Jerome Berthelette, Assistant Auditor General with the Office of the Auditor General of Canada, will receive honorary degrees in North Bay on June 9th. Dr. Paul Cook, recently installed as Chancellor and bestowed an honorary degree, will deliver the convocation address. The President asked that the names of potential honorary degree nominees be submitted for consideration. He reminded that nominees can be local from the Nipissing community as well as national or international individuals that have contributed to or have a connection with the university. The President encouraged everyone to attend the convocation ceremonies.

The Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science wished everyone a productive summer.

Senator Andrews introduced the new Student Union Executive: Markus Hawco, VP Finance; Brittaney Kent, VP Communications and Dave Ratcliffe, VP Services. Jordan Dempster, VP Governance and Legal Affairs was unable to attend. Senator Andrews advised that that they were currently moving into their new offices and that the keys to The Wall would be handed over to Canadore College next week. An open house will be held at a future date. An upcoming initiative will be a softball tournament to raise funds for Shinerama. Faculty and staff were encouraged to participate by putting in a team.

ADJOURNMENT

Senate was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

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M. DeGagné (Chair)

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S. Landriault (Senate Recording Secretary)