

Nipissing University
Minutes of the Academic Senate Meeting

May 26, 2017

2:30 p.m. – Room F210

MEMBERS PRESENT:

M. DeGagné (Chair), H. d'Entremont, J. McAuliffe, N. Black,
M. Tuncali, R. Vanderlee

K. McCullough, R. Vernescu

S. Arnocky, R. Breton, A. Burke, J. Dech, P. Nosko, M. Owens,
T. Parkes, G. Phillips, S. Srigley, R. Gendron, D. Tabachnick, T.
Vassilev, A. Weeks

L. Frost, B. Hatt, D. Hay, T. Horton, D. Jarvis, M. Parr, J. Scott,
G. Sharpe, T. Sibbald

C. Cho

L. Rossi

N. Allaire

T. Curry

S. Lamorea, S. Dunstall, C. Allen, T. Somerville, J. Brunet, C.
Tremblay

ABSENT WITH REGRETS:

C. Sutton, C. Richardson, J. Graham

A. Armenakyan, L. Chen

A. Karassev, N. Kozuskanich, G. McCann, C. McFarlane, K.
Srigley, D. Walters

O. Pokorny

W. Richardson, G. Rickwood

K. Barnes

S. Feretycki

K. Walker

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA OF THE SENATE MEETING OF: May 26, 2017

MOTION 1: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that the agenda of the Senate meeting of May 26, 2017 be approved. The Speaker requested that the Motions for receipt and approval of graduation applicants be brought forward from New Business to

Reading and Disposing of Communications.
CARRIED

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SENATE MEETING OF: April 21, 2017

MOTION 2: Moved by H. d'Entremont , seconded by M. Tuncali that the minutes of the Senate meeting of April 21, 2017 be adopted. The May 12, 2017 Senate meeting was cancelled due to a lack of quorum.
CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Senator Lamorea requested that the April 21, 2017 Senate Minutes be revised to indicate that the NUSU Executive Retreat was held April 28-30, 2017.

Facilities Director, David Drenth, responded to a concern raised at the April 21, 2017 Senate meeting regarding the use of University bulletin boards. Mr. Drenth advised that many of the bulletin boards were in the process of being removed so that painting and/or renovations could take place over the summer months. The bulletin boards will be back in place by September.

Technology Services Director, Heather Hersemeyer, responded to a request for information regarding whether the University was moving away from WebAdvisor. Ms. Hersemeyer advised that Ellucian, formerly Datatel, is replacing the current WebAdvisor platform with Ellucian Colleague Self Service. This is a good news story for students, faculty and staff as the new platform is built on a modern programming language (MVC) which provides a friendlier and more versatile end user experience. The UTS programmers are currently doing onsite training in this new language and will begin to convert the existing WebAdvisor services to the new platform over the next year. Further updates on the process will be provided as needed.

READING AND DISPOSING OF COMMUNICATIONS

MOTION 3: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by H. d'Entremont that Senate consider receipt of the Report on Graduation Applicants dated May 25, 2017.
CARRIED

MOTION 4: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by S. Lamorea that Senate receive the Report on Graduation Applicants dated May 25, 2017.
CARRIED

MOTION 5: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by S. Lamorea that Senate grant approval to graduate to the students listed in the Report on Graduation Applicants dated May 25, 2017.
CARRIED

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND FACULTY OR UNIVERSITY COUNCILS

SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MOTION 6: Moved by M. DeGagné, seconded by H. d'Entremont that Senate receive the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated May 4, 2017.
CARRIED

MOTION 7: Moved by M. DeGagné, seconded by S. Lamorea that Senate receive the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated May 12, 2017.
CARRIED

MOTION 8: Moved by M. DeGagné, seconded by M. Owen that the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated May 18, 2017 be received.
CARRIED

MOTION 9: Moved by M. DeGagné, seconded by A. Weeks that the Annual Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated May 18, 2017 be received.
CARRIED

BY-LAWS AND ELECTIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

MOTION 10: Moved by D. Tabachnick, seconded by S. Lamorea that the Annual Report of the By-Laws and Elections Subcommittee dated May 18, 2017 be received.
CARRIED

HONORARY DEGREES SUBCOMMITTEE

MOTION 11: Moved by M. DeGagné, seconded by S. Lamorea that the Annual Report of the Honorary Degrees Subcommittee, dated May 2, 2017 be received. A request was made that the Report be corrected and that all future correspondence and/or announcements indicate the correct title of Tom Jenkins' co-authored book entitled *INGENIOUS: How Canadian Innovators Made the World Smarter, Smaller, Kinder, Safer, Healthier, Wealthier, and Happier*.
CARRIED

PLANNING AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

MOTION 12: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that the Report of the Planning and Priorities Committee dated April 28, 2017, be received.
CARRIED

MOTION 13: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve the Academic Plan 2017-2022 as outlined in the attached document.
CARRIED

MOTION 14: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by A. Burke that the Annual Report of the Planning and Priorities Committee dated May 18, 2017, be received. The Provost advised that the Fine Arts, Geography and Criminal Justice IQAP Reviews should have been included in the Annual Report under programs scheduled for review in 2017-18.
CARRIED

UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE

MOTION 15: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that the Annual Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee, dated May 12, 2017 be received.
CARRIED

STUDENT APPEALS COMMITTEE

MOTION 16: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by T. Parkes that the Annual Report of the Student Appeals Committee, dated May 4, 2017 be received.
CARRIED

TEACHING AND LEARNING COMMITTEE

MOTION 17: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by S. Lamorea that the Annual Report of the Teaching and Learning Committee dated May 2, 2017 be received.
CARRIED

LIBRARY ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE

MOTION 18: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by R. Gendron that the Annual Report of the Library Advisory Subcommittee, dated April 27, 2017 be received.
CARRIED

TECHNOLOGY AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

MOTION 19: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by D. Jarvis that the Annual Report of the Technology and Infrastructure Committee, dated May 8, 2017 be received.
CARRIED

RESEARCH COUNCIL

MOTION 20: Moved by J. McAuliffe, seconded by M. Tuncali that the Annual Report of the Research Council, dated May 12, 2017 be received.

GRADUATE STUDIES COUNCIL

MOTION 21: Moved by J. McAuliffe, seconded by J. Dech that the Annual Report of the Graduate Studies Council dated May 9, 2017 be received.
CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

The President presented the 2016-17 Annual Tenure and Promotion Report.

MOTION 22: Moved by J. McAuliffe, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approves the changes to the Masters in Sociology – Applied Social Research course curriculum documents as outlined in the attached document.
CARRIED

MOTION 23: Moved by J. McAuliffe, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approves the removal of the antirequisite for the following Sociology courses: SOCI 5206 Determinants of Population

Change, SOCI 5227 Science, Technology and Environment, and SOCI 5547 Education and Inequality.

Descriptive Date:

- 1) SOCI 5206 Determinants of Population Change
Antirequisite: SOCI 4206
- 2) SOCI 5227 Science, Technology and Environment
Antirequisite: SOCI 4227
- 3) SOCI 5547 Education and Inequality
Antirequisite: SOCI 4547

Rationale:

The courses listed as antirequisite to the graduate level MA Sociology courses have different course descriptions and course expectations. For this reason they should not be listed as antirequisite.

CARRIED

ELECTIONS

- Elect one Senator to serve as Deputy Speaker of Senate for a two-year term effective July 1, 2017
N. Colborne - ACCLAIMED
- Elect one (1) tenured faculty member from the Education faculty to serve on the search committee for the Provost and Vice-President, Academic and Research. Please note that the faculty member must be available to attend meetings on June 2 and June 15.
K. Ferguson - ACCLAIMED
- Be it resolved that the Nipissing University Senate elect three of its Members to serve on the Standing Joint Committee of the Nipissing University Board of Governors and the Nipissing University Senate on Governance.
G. Phillips - ACCLAIMED
D. Tabachnick - ACCLAIMED
J. Nadeau- ACCLAIMED

NEW BUSINESS

The Provost provided an overview of the 2017-18 Operating Budget. The Budget was distributed in advance to Senators by e-mail and will be presented to the Board on June 1. The Speaker thanked the Provost for providing the opportunity for discussion and advised that elections would be held in the fall for Senators to sit on the Budget Committee. Senator Burke also thanked the Administration Team for providing a more comprehensive budget in advance.

The Provost provided an update on the draft Strategic Mandate Agreement (SMA) 2017-20. The Draft Submission Template between the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development and Nipissing University is essentially a negotiation and we have to work within the template provided. The SMA will be presented to the Board on June 1, and a meeting with the Ministry will be held in the near future. The Provost asked Senators to provide suggestions and feedback.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President was pleased to announce the following recent Alumni Award recipients:

- Dr. James Jamieson Influential Alumni Award – David Bell
- Honorary Alumni Award - Vicky Paine-Mantha
- Rising Start Alumni Award -Timothy Brazeau
- Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award - Aengus Finnan

The Provost was pleased to announce the following recipients of the 2016-17 Teaching and Research Awards:

- Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching – Dr. Terry Campbell (Schulich School of Education) and Dr. Carly Dokis (Faculty of Arts and Science)
- Teaching Award for CASBU Members – Jesse Davis (Faculty of Applied and Professional Studies)
- Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Research – Dr. Mark Wachowiak

The Dean of Graduate Studies and Research was pleased to announce that \$37,000 had been received for Internal Research Grant funding for 8 applicants.

Senator Lamorea congratulated all of the students who were approved to graduate and advised of the following initiatives that had recently been attended to strengthen NUSU’s relationship with NU and the North Bay community: Capitol Centre Town Hall, Enterprise Olympics, Alumni Awards Dinner, and a meeting with Mayor Al McDonald. The Shinerama National Conference was recently attended and the Executive Team will be attending the CFS Skills Conference. An update on the Student Centre Building project was also provided.

ADJOURNMENT

Senate was adjourned at: 12:30 p.m.

Original signed by:

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M. DeGagné (Chair)

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S. Landriault (Senate Recording Secretary)