

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

April 11, 2014

2:30 p.m. – Room F210

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

J. Barker, G. Brown, A. Page

A. Ackerman, D. Borman, R. Breton, N. Colborne, J. Dech, U. Kundrats, G. McCann,  
F. Noël, S. Renshaw (Deputy Speaker), S. Winters

L. Ashworth, G. Black, M. Kariuki, J. McAuliffe, T. Ryan, T. Sibbald

R. Vernescu (Bracebridge), M. McCabe (Brantford)

C. Murton-Stoehr, L. Rossi

T. Benevides

C. Hachkowski

Y. Benoit, K. Fitzsimmons, C. Grist, L. McKeon

ABSENT WITH REGRETS:

A-B Graff, R. Vanderlee

A. Armenakyan

M. Jha, A. Karassev, T. Parkes, T. Smith, D. Tabachnick, A. Weeks, H. Zhu

B. Bruner, B. Hatt (Senate Speaker), T. Horton, M-A Parr, J. Scott, A. Steele

K. Ewers

G. DuCharme, J. Zimbalatti

S. Fereytcki

C. Donaldson, C. Nosko, J. Trottier

The minutes of the Senate meeting of March 14, 2014 were adopted.

QUESTION PERIOD

The first question raised was regarding program prioritization and whether minutes were being taken or will be taken at the meetings (both the steering and scoring committees) and if they would be available for viewing. The VPAR indicated that there are no minutes being taken per se. The outcome/decisions are what is important. There was a follow up question to ascertain if the chairs have been granted course releases for their work on program prioritization and whether the University is on budget for the costs listed in the application to MTCU. The VPAR replied that no internal financial resources have been utilized. The money allocated from MTCU has covered the additional incremental project expenditures, as well as offset some existing costs for staff time. The VPAR indicated Chairs were not receiving course release.

Senator Colborne requested an update on the policy on political activities. President DeGagné advised senators that the policy and its contents is being moved to the Governance Committee of the Board. A meeting time is currently being established.

REPORTS of STANDING COMMITTEES and FACULTY or UNIVERSITY COUNCILS

**Senate Executive Committee**

MOTION 1: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by K. Fitzsimmons that the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated April 3, 2014 be received.  
CARRIED

**Planning and Priorities Committee**

MOTION 2: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by D. Borman that the Report of the Planning and Priorities Committee dated March 21, 2014, be received.  
CARRIED

MOTION 3: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by C. Murton-Stoehr that Senate grant approval of Stage 1 Bachelor of Arts Program in Human Rights and State Violence, as outlined in the attached document.  
CARRIED

MOTION 4: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by J. McAuliffe that Senate grant approval of an amendment to Stage 2 MSc in Kinesiology, as outlined in the attached document.  
CARRIED

**Undergraduate Studies Committee**

MOTION 5: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by K. Fitzsimmons that the Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee dated March 20, 2014 be received.  
CARRIED

• **Gender Equality and Social Justice**

MOTION 6: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by G. McCann that Senate approve that GEND2175 Social Justice in Practice (Practicum) be added to the curriculum, as outlined.  
CARRIED

MOTION 7: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by A. Robinson that Senate approve the deletion of GEND3037 Applied Activism from the GESJ curriculum, as outlined.  
CARRIED

- **Geography**

MOTION 8: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by S. Winters that Senate approve the modification of hours described in the academic calendar for GEOG1016 Introduction to Human Geography from '**Two and one half hours** of lecture and **one and one half hours** of laboratory work per week for one term' to '**Three hours** of lecture and **two hours** of laboratory work per week for one term.  
CARRIED

MOTION 9: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by D. Borman that Senate approve the modification of hours described in the academic calendar for GEOG1017 Introduction to Physical Geography from **Two and one half hours** of lecture and **one and one half hours** of laboratory work per week for one term' to '**Three hours** of lecture and **two hours** of laboratory work per week for one term.  
CARRIED

- **Philosophy**

MOTION 10: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by A. Ackerman that Senate approve that PHIL2716 Bio-Ethics be added to the Philosophy curriculum, as outlined.  
CARRIED

MOTION 11: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by D. Borman that Senate approve that the course BIOL3557 Genetics and Society no longer be cross-listed with Philosophy.  
CARRIED

- **Psychology**

MOTION 12: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by A. Ackerman that Senate approve the following courses be cross-listed with Psychology:

- CHFS2106 Human Development: Children and Youth
- CHFS2107 Human Development: Adults and Aging
- CHFS4005 Honours Seminar

CARRIED

MOTION 13: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by G. McCann that Senate approve the cross-coding of the following courses as outlined:

- CHFS3116 Autism Spectrum Disorders with PSYC3117 Autism Spectrum Disorders
- CHFS3127 Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders with PSYC 3127 Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders
- CHFS3136 Principles, Methods and Applications in Applied Behaviour Analysis with PSYC 3136 Applied Behaviour Analysis

CARRIED

- **Religion and Cultures**

MOTION 14: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by G. McCann that Senate approve the course RLCT2205 Sacred Cinema no longer be cross-listed with Philosophy.  
CARRIED

**Graduate Studies Council**

MOTION 15: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by D. Borman that the Report of the Graduate Studies Council dated March 7, 2014 be received.  
CARRIED

MOTION 16: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by T. Ryan that Senate approve the addition of EDUC5257 Transitions in Education, as outlined.  
CARRIED

**Teaching and Learning Committee**

MOTION 17: Moved C. Hachkowski, seconded by H. d'Entremont that the Report of the Teaching and Learning Committee dated April 2, 2014 be received.  
CARRIED

**OTHER BUSINESS**

MOTION 18: Moved by G. Brown, seconded by J. Barker that Senate approve the name change of the Department of Sociology to Department of Sociology and Anthropology.  
CARRIED

**NEW BUSINESS**

MOTION 19: Moved by M. DeGagné, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate move into an in-camera session.  
CARRIED

MOTION 20: Moved by M. DeGagné, seconded by K. Fitzsimmons that Senate move out of the in-camera session.  
CARRIED

**AMENDMENT of BY-LAWS**

MOTION 21: Moved by Y. Benoit, seconded by R. Breton that Article 2.0 of the Senate bylaws be amended with the addition of the following:

2.0(e) Members of Senate who hold an administrative position or percentage thereof, will have only one vote as an ex-officio member on Senate and all of its committees and subcommittees.

MOTION 22: Moved by C. Murton-Stoehr, seconded by R. Breton that Motion 21 be referred back to the Bylaws and Elections Subcommittee for review.  
CARRIED

MOTION 23: Moved by Y. Benoit, seconded by C. Murton-Stoehr that Article 2.0 of the Senate bylaws be amended with the addition of the following:

2.0(f) Faculty senators who accept an administrative position or percent thereof, must vacate their senate position as a faculty senator upon acceptance of the appointment.

**CARRIED**

MOTION 24: Moved by Y. Benoit, seconded by K. Fitzsimmons that Article 9.3.2 (a) of the Senate bylaws be amended with the addition of the Registrar, or designate as a non-voting member.

**CARRIED**

### ELECTIONS

- Elect one faculty senator (tenured or tenure track) chosen from outside the discipline and department to serve on the selection committee for one Tenure Track Position- BScN Scholar Practitioner Program.

**ACCLAIMED:** D. Borman

- Elect one faculty senator (tenured or tenure track) chosen from outside the discipline and department to serve on the selection committee for one Tenure Track Position in Criminology and Criminal Justice

**ACCLAIMED:** T. Smith

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President began his announcements by commenting on the recent COU meeting that was generously hosted by Lakehead University. A number of items were on the agenda including the SMA process, funding formula review, and major infrastructure framework. There was also a joint Executive Heads and Council meeting during which the main agenda item was online education.

The Vice-President, Academic and Research was pleased to extend congratulations to the following award recipients: Drs. John Allison and Sal Renshaw, Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching; Dr. David Hemsworth for the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Research; and Ms. Jenny Guibert, Nipissing University Teaching Award for CASBU members. The VPAR also advised senators that the SMA is almost finalized but has yet to be signed off. The final agreement will be between the President and the Deputy Minister of MTCU. Once the document is signed by all parties, it will become public and the moratorium on new programs will be lifted.

The VPAR noted that the reviewers were on campus for the MA in Sociology proposal.

The Dean of Education (interim) was pleased to report that acceptances to the Bachelor of Education are up. The deadline date to accept an offer is April 18, 2014.

The new student union Executive for the 2014-15 year is finalized. They are as follows: Yannick Benoit, President; Christopher Burke, VP External; Ian Hall, VP Internal; and Andrew Deugo, VP Student Life. This is Senators Fitzsimmons and Grist's last senate meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Senate was adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

.....  
M. DeGagné (Chair)

.....  
C. Jenkins (Senate Secretary)