

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

May 16, 2014

2:30 p.m. – Room F210

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

A. Armenakyan, J. Barker, G. Brown, A. Page

D. Borman, R. Breton, N. Colborne, J. Dech, M. Jha, U. Kundrats, G. McCann,
S. Renshaw (Deputy Speaker), T. Smith, D. Tabachnick, A. Weeks, S. Winters

L. Ashworth, G. Black, B. Bruner, B. Hatt (Senate Speaker), M. Kariuki, J. McAuliffe,
M-A Parr, T. Ryan

R. Vernescu (Bracebridge)

C. Murton-Stoehr, L. Rossi

K. Ewers

J. Zimbalatti

S. Feretycki

Y. Benoit, C. Donaldson, I. Hall

ABSENT WITH REGRETS:

C. Richardson

A. Ackerman, A. Karassev, F. Noël, T. Parkes, H. Zhu

K. Eyre, T. Horton, J. Scott, T. Sibbald, A. Steele

M. McCabe (Brantford)

T. Benevides

G. DuCharme,

The minutes of the Senate meeting of April 11, 2014 were adopted.

READING and DISPOSING of COMMUNICATIONS

The correspondence from Senator Tabachnick that was part of the agenda prompted a number of questions. Lisa Shea, Director of Development and Alumni Relations, was able to advise senators that the Policy on Political Activities and Events is currently being redrafted and should be on the agenda for the next University Governance Committee meeting. Responding to concerns about freedoms being impinged, senators were told that nothing in the policy infringes on rights of freedom. The reason for the policy is that Nipissing is also a registered charity and what charities can and cannot do, especially in reference to partisan politics, is outlined in the CRA guidelines.

QUESTION PERIOD

A question was raised to ascertain if the elections for faculty senators follows process. The Senate Speaker responded by stating that process is followed. For any procedures not covered in the Senate bylaws, Robert's Rules of Order shall prevail.

Another concern was raised regarding the series of unsuccessful CRC applications and specifically, what was being done to address this issue. Senator Tuncali responded by noting that he, along with the President and the VPAR were meeting with the CRC Executive Director within the next 10 days. Also, he plans on meeting with our past and future CRC candidates to discuss the applications and reviews. Senator Tuncali noted that at the recent OCCUR meeting, Michele Boutin, the CRC Executive Director, remarked that Tier II nominees are increasingly going to junior researchers and this was posing challenges to the Interdisciplinary Adjudication Committee (IAC) in terms of reviews. At the next Research Council meeting, this topic will be discussed.

The final question pertained to the status of the Common Book/Common Ground initiative and the Undergraduate Research Conference now that CFTL has disbanded. The VPAR indicated he would provide an update at the next Senate meeting.

REPORTS of STANDING COMMITTEES and FACULTY or UNIVERSITY COUNCILS**Senate Executive Committee**

MOTION 1: Moved by M. DeGagné, seconded by S. Renshaw that the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated May 8, 2014 be received.
CARRIED

Undergraduate Studies Committee**(April 7, 2014 Report)**

MOTION 2: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by D. Borman that the Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee dated April 7, 2014, be received.
CARRIED

MOTION 3: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by A. Armenakyan that Senate accept the attached BBA Degree Level Expectations.
CARRIED

MOTION 4: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by C. Hachkowski that Senate approve Motions 3 to 6 as an omnibus motion.
CARRIED

- CHFS 3106 Youth and Social Justice be added to the Social Justice stream of the CHFS curriculum
- CHFS4307 Special Topics: Social Justice be added to the Social Justice stream of the CHFS curriculum
- CHFS4506 Honours Research Thesis be added to the CHFS curriculum
- CHFS3017 Case Management in Social and Health Services be added to the CHFS curriculum to count towards either Human Development or Social Justice streams.

(April 23, 2014 report)

- MOTION 5: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by G. Brown that the Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee dated April 23, 2014 be received.
CARRIED
- MOTION 6: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by A. Armenakyan that Senate approve that the prerequisite for ADMN4606 Business Strategy and Policy I be changed to: ADMN3056, ADMN3116, ORGS1137, MKTG2127.
CARRIED
- MOTION 7: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by A. Armenakyan that Senate approve that ADMN3056 be added to the degree requirements for the BComm and that the required number of elective credits be reduced from 45 to 42, to be implemented in the Fall 2014.
CARRIED
- MOTION 8: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by R. Vernescu that Senate approved Motions 4 to 16 as an omnibus motion.
CARRIED
- CHFS2106 Human Development: Children & Youth be updated to change the prerequisites to PSYC1106 and PSYC1107.
 - CHFS2106 Human Development: Children & Youth updated course description and provided course outcomes be received.
 - CHFS2026 Methods in Behavioural and Social Sciences be added to the CHFS curriculum as a core requirement for CHFS majors and specializations
 - addition of CHFS3035 Statistics in Behavioural and Social Sciences to the CHFS curriculum as a core requirement for CHFS majors and specializations
 - that CHFS3027 Analysis in Behavioural Research be deleted from the CHFS curriculum.
 - that the CHFS Group I program requirements be changed to nine credits.
 - that the prerequisite for CHFS3127 Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders be changed to CHFS2106 or PSYC2006
 - that the updated short title and anti-requisite for CHFS3127 be approved and the provided course outcomes be received.
 - approve that the prerequisite for CHFS3116 Autism Spectrum Disorders be changed to CHFS2106 or PSYC2006.
 - approve that updated anti-requisite for CHFS 3116 be approved and the provided course outcomes be received.
 - that the prerequisite for CHFS3136 ABA I: Introduction to Applied Behaviour Analysis be changed to CHFS2106 or PSYC 2006
 - approve that the updated course description and anti-requisite for CHFS3136, be approved and the provided course outcomes be received.
 - approve the title change for CHFS3037 to Race and Racism from Multiculturalism, Race, & Childhood.

MOTION 9: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by A. Robinson that Senate approve that the prerequisite for CHFS4005 Honours Research Seminar be changed to: CHFS3035 and fourth year standing.
WITHDRAWN

MOTION 10: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by R. Vernescu that Senate approve that the updated course title and description and anti-requisite for CHFS4005 be approved and the provided course outcomes be received.
CARRIED

MOTION 11: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by R. Vernescu that Senate approve the following courses to the Human Development stream of the CHFS curriculum effective 2015-16:

- CHFS3137 - ABA II: Advanced Topics in Applied Behaviour Analysis
- CHFS3036 - Ethics and Professional Standards
- CHFS4016 – Program Evaluation and Clinical Outcomes Management
- CHFS4017 – Practicum: Applied Research and Evaluation
- CHFS4106 - Assessment & Intervention Planning
- CHFS4206 - Applied Developmental Neuropsychology
- CHFS4306 – Special Topics: Human Development and Learning

CARRIED

MOTION 12: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by A. Robinson that Senate approve that HIST3946 History of Sport be cross-coded as PHED3946 History of Sport.
CARRIED

MOTION 13: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by U. Kundra that Senate approve that the two Practicum courses, EDUC4714 Practicum I and EDUC4855 Practicum II, be added to the course offerings for the 2-year Bachelor of Education program, as outlined in the attached report.
CARRIED

MOTION 14: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by J. McAuliffe that Senate approve the special Admissions policy for Canadore College Recreation and Leisure Studies applicants into the BPHE program as outlined in the attached document.
CARRIED

MOTION 15: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by R. Vernescu that Senate approve the deletion of CHFS3026 Methods in Behavioural Research.
CARRIED

Graduate Studies Council

MOTION 15: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by U. Kundra that the addendum to the Report of the Graduate Studies Council dated March 7 2014 be accepted.
CARRIED

MOTION16: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by J. Dech that the revised governance document be accepted.
CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

President's Annual Tenure and Promotion Report

ELECTIONS

Elect one faculty senator (tenured or tenure track) chosen from outside the discipline and department to serve on the selection committee for one LTA2 – 3 years position - School of Nursing – RPN to BScN program.

- ACCLAIMED: Senator T. Smith

Elect one faculty senator (tenured or tenure track) chosen from outside the discipline and department to serve on the selection committee for a tenure track position – School of Nursing – Collaborative BScN.

- ACCLAIMED: Senator J. Scott

Elect one faculty senator (tenured or tenure track) chosen from outside the discipline and department to serve on the selection committee for a Director of Nursing.

- ACCLAIMED: Senator J. McAuliffe

REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIESBoard of Governors

The Board of Governors held its annual meeting on Thursday, May 1, 2014. At the meeting, the President reported that Nipissing's strategic mandate agreement (SMA) had been signed on with Deputy Minister, Deborah Newman from MTCU. The President explained that the strategic mandate does not offer budgets or program approvals, but it does wrestle with the issue of graduate programs. It was noted that Nipissing University was approved for additional PhD spaces.

Board members were advised that a revised strategic plan would be made available to them for review and study before the June Board meeting.

The President expressed his appreciation to the Vice-Presidents for their hard work in setting real targets with regard to budget planning. He stated that there must be concrete efforts to return to an era of 0 budgets.

The VPFA commented on several items that had been reported in the recent Liberals budget. Nipissing University has been recognized, along with three other universities, to be given additional funding for Aboriginal teacher education and First Generation. In addition, \$6 million has been made available across the system for students with disabilities. With regard to the cuts to Education and BIUs, the VPFA stated that the impact NU is expecting next year will be spread out over three years. More information needs to be gathered about the interpretation; it could represent \$2.5 – \$5 million dollars. His remarks reflected what had been proposed in the Liberals budget; the budget was not approved.

The Vice-President, Operations stated that the government had reaffirmed its previous announcement for facilities deferred maintenance with an increase in the government's commitment over a five-year period.

The Board approved motions from the Audit & Finance Committee to accept the Nipissing University Ancillary Fees; the Nipissing University Student Union Ancillary Fees and the Protocol Agreement Statement and Guidelines for Compulsory Ancillary Fees.

The Board approved a motion to revise the Bylaws so that the Board Chair could assume responsibility for the role for a maximum period of three years.

The Chair of the Plant and Property Committee reported that plans are progressing with regard to building a new Student Centre; NUSU is working with a local architect.

It was noted that a small committee has been charged with reviewing the Nipissing Act and Amendment to the Act (2001) with a goal to making necessary revisions.

Alumni Advisory Board

Senator Feretycki announced that the new President of the board is Mark Webster and he would assume the role of Vice-President Finance. New applications to the Board are currently under review. Other items that are presently under discussion are Homecoming and a review of the alumni awards.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION 17: Moved by J. Barker, seconded by M. Jha that Senate consider receipt of the list of new candidates for Senate positions for the 2014-14 Academic year.
CARRIED

R. Breton nominated S. Renhsaw for the one-year vacancy on the Faculty of Arts and Science Senate slate.

ACCLAIMED: S. Renshaw

MOTION 19: Moved by J. Barker, seconded by M. Jha that the slate of new candidates for Faculty of Arts and Science Senators be approved.
CARRIED

MOTION 20: Moved by J. Barker, seconded by G. Brown that the slate of new candidates for Faculty of Applied and Professional Studies senators be approved.
CARRIED

MOTION 21: Moved by J. Barker, seconded by G. Brown that the slate of new candidates for the Schulich School of Education senators be approved.
CARRIED

MOTION 22: Moved by A. Robinson, seconded by Y. Benoit that Senate consider receipt of the Report o Grad Applicants dated the 15th of May, 2014.
CARRIED

MOTION 23: Moved by A. Robinson, seconded by Y. Benoit that Senate receive the Report on Grad Applicants dated the 15th of May, 2014.
CARRIED

MOTION 24: Moved by A. Robinson, seconded by Y. Benoit that the approval to graduate be granted to the students listed in the Report on Grad Applicants dated the 15th of May, 2014.
CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The announcements began with a brief update on enrollment as provided by Senator Robinson, Registrar. She noted that there is a 14% drop in acceptances to date for the North Bay and Muskoka campuses. There are small increases in Science, Business, Physical and Health Education and Criminal Justice. Ontario high school students are required to make a final acceptance decision by June 2. Senator Robinson added that a more definitive outlook should be known by June 5 or 6.

President

The President noted that with the election writ being dropped, a number of initiatives outlined in the 2014 budget will not be addressed at this time. These include improvements in facilities/deferred maintenance, Aboriginal Education and initiatives for Ontarians with disabilities.

Convocations plans are going ahead with full speed and the final list of honorary degree candidates have been confirmed. They include: Frances Lankin; Giles Blunt; Muriel Sawyer; Rush; Dr. Mary Ferguson-Pare; Dr. Donald Weaver; and Ron Jamieson. He encouraged faculty to attend these ceremonies as it is important for the university to show support to its graduates.

The President indicated that the President of COU, Bonnie Patterson, spent the previous day on Campus speaking with several people. She visited the campus to talk about the challenges of regional institutions. Ms. Patterson acknowledged that most universities are facing the same pressures.

Vice-President Academic and Research

The SMA has been signed by both Nipissing University and MTCU, but the President noted that it is still embargoed. There are no guarantees until after June 12.

The Vice-President Academic and Research announced the MTCU is currently designed a new program approval process.

He also followed up on a request from Senate last fall over the issue of the appointment policy on senior academic administrators. The policy has been revised and will be going to the Board in June. If passed, all senior academic administrators at the rank of Associate Dean or higher for which an earned doctorate is a normal requirement and where a faculty appointment with tenure is expected. A recommendation is also going forward that there is no external member of the Board on the search committees for a Dean. Faculty representation is being modified so that there is one faculty members from a Faculty other than the one for which the Dean is being selected and three tenured faculty members from the Faculty for which the Dean is being selected.

Student Representative

Senator Benoit from NUSU announced the official results of the Executive group elections. They are: President: Yannick Benoit; Vice-President External: Chris Burke; Vice-President Internal: Ian Hall; Vice-President Student Life: Christopher Piekarski; and Vice-President Satellite: Ruth Cortez.

ADJOURNMENT

Senate was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

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M. DeGagné (Chair)

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C. Jenkins (Senate Secretary)