

SENATE AGENDA

Friday, May 29, 2015

10:30 a.m. – F210

1. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SENATE MEETING OF: to be completed
2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
3. READING and DISPOSING of COMMUNICATIONS
4. QUESTION PERIOD
5. REPORTS of STANDING COMMITTEES and FACULTY or UNIVERSITY COUNCILS

**SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

- **Annual Report**

MOTION 1: That the Annual Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated May 14, 2015 be received.

- **May 21, 2015 Report**

MOTION 1: That the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated May 21, 2015 be received.

**PLANNING and PRIORITIES COMMITTEE**

- **Annual Report**

MOTION 1: That the Annual Report of the Planning and Priorities Committee dated May 15, 2015 be received.

- **May 15, 2015 Report**

MOTION 1: That the Report of the Planning and Priorities Committee dated May 15, 2015, be received.

**UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE**

- **Annual Report**

MOTION 1: That the Annual Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee dated May 12, 2015 be received.

**STUDENT APPEALS COMMITTEE**

- **Annual Report**

MOTION 1: That the Annual Report of the Student Appeals Committee dated May 12, 2015 be received.

**TEACHING & LEARNING COMMITTEE**

- **Annual Report**

MOTION 1: That the Annual Report of the Teaching and Learning Committee dated May 1, 2015 be received.

**LIBRARY ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE**

- **Annual Report**

MOTION 1: That the Annual Report of the Library Advisory Subcommittee dated May 12, 2015 be received.

**TECHNOLOGY & INFRASTRUCTURE SUBCOMMITTEE**

- **Annual Report**

MOTION 1: That the Annual Report of the Technology and Infrastructure Subcommittee dated May 12, 2015 be received.

**GRADUATE STUDIES COUNCIL**

- **Annual Report**

MOTION 1: That the Annual Report of the Graduate Studies Council dated May 5, 2015 be received.

**RESEARCH COUNCIL**

- **Annual Report**

MOTION 1: That the Annual Report of the Research Council dated May 15, 2015 be received.

6. **OTHER BUSINESS**

- **M.A. in Sociology – Applied Social Research**

MOTION 1: That Senate authorize the submission of the M.A. in Sociology – Applied Social Research proposal to Quality Council as a stand-alone program at Nipissing University.

**Rationale:**

- (1) Laurentian University is not yet ready to submit its program modification proposal.
- (2) No changes required to previously approved program structure.
- (3) The Report from the External Reviewers had already stated that Nipissing University could offer the program on its own:

“Overall, our assessment is that the core faculty at Nipissing University are of sufficient numbers, quality, and commitment to successfully offer a modest graduate program in applied social research *on their own* in the event that the collaboration with Laurentian University should ever falter.”

- (4) No additional resources required.
- (5) This was discussed at the May 15 meeting of PPC.

- **Presentation of the 2015-16 Budget**

7. AMENDMENT of BY-LAWS

8. ELECTIONS

- Elect two faculty Senators to serve on the Pension and Benefits Advisory Committee for a two year term commencing July 1, 2015.

9. REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

- A.
  - (1) Board of Governors
  - (2) Alumni Advisory Board
  - (3) Council of Ontario Universities (Academic Colleague)
- B. Reports from Senate members participating on other university-related committees

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (a) President
- (b) Provost and Vice-President Academic and Research
- (c) Dean of Applied and Professional Studies
- (d) Dean of Arts and Science
- (e) Dean of Education
- (f) Student Representative
- (g) Others

12: ADJOURNMENT

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY  
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

May 14, 2015

Senate Executive met a total of 10 times since July 1, 2014. Two of those meetings were special meetings to approve graduates on behalf of Senate. There will be an eleventh meeting on May 21, 2015.

<b>Members</b>	<b>Attendance/Participation</b>
M. DeGagné (Chair)	7
H. d'Entremont (Vice-Chair)	8
C. Richardson	9
M. Tuncali	10
R. Vanderlee	7
J. Barker	9
N. Colborne	10
M-A Parr	6
S. Renshaw	10
T. Vassilev	5
*Y. Benoit	1
*I. Hall	6
Recording Secretary: C. Jenkins	

\*I. Hall replaced Y. Benoit as the NUSU representative.

In the absence of the Chair and the Vice-Chair, the Associate VP chaired two meetings.

Senate Executive established the Senate meeting dates for 2015-2016.

Annual reports were received from the Bylaws and Elections and the Honorary Degrees subcommittees.

Respectfully submitted,

*Original signed by:*

M. DeGagné, Chair  
Senate Executive Committee

MOTION 1: That the Annual Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated May 14, 2015 be received.

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY  
SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

May 21, 2015

There was a meeting of the Senate Executive Committee on Thursday, May 21, 2015.

Members present: H. d'Entremont, J. Barker, N. Colborne, I. Hall, M-A Parr, S. Renshaw, C. Richardson, M. Tuncali, R. Vanderlee

Regrets: M. DeGagné (chair), T. Vassilev

Recording Secretary: C. Jenkins

The purpose of the meeting was to set the agenda for the Academic Senate meeting on Friday, May 29, 2015.

The committee received a report from the Registrar with a list of grad applicants and the following motion was unanimously passed:

MOTION 1: Moved by I. Hall, seconded by S. Renshaw that Senate Executive, acting on behalf of Senate, approve the graduates listed in the Report of Grad Applicants dated May 21, 2015, as all have completed the requirements for their respective degrees, diplomas and certificates.  
CARRIED

Annual reports were received from the Honorary Degrees Subcommittee and the Bylaws and Elections Subcommittee and the following motions were unanimously passed:

MOTION 2: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by N. Colborne that the 2015 Annual Report from the Honorary Degrees Subcommittee dated May 5, 2015 be received.  
CARRIED

MOTION 3: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by N. Colborne that the 2015 Annual Report from the Bylaws and Elections Subcommittee dated May 5, 2015 be received.  
CARRIED

The Provost indicated he would be bringing a motion under 'Other Business' for a proposed MA in Sociology. This proposal was originally approved by Senate in October 2014 as a joint program with Laurentian University. The Provost from Laurentian has advised that they are not ready to submit. Dr. d'Entremont explained that the external reviewers, in their report, did state that Nipissing has the required courses, capacity and resources to offer this program as a stand-alone program and he would like to move forward.

Also under 'Other Business, the 2015-16 budget will be presented for information.

Respectfully submitted,

*Original signed by:*

H. d'Entremont  
Vice-Chair  
Senate Executive Committee

MOTION 1: That the Report of the Senate Executive dated May 21, 2015 be received.

## NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HONORARY DEGREES SUBCOMMITTEE

May 5, 2015

<b>Members</b>	<b>Attendance/Participation</b>
M. DeGagné (Chair)	3
H. d'Entremont (Vice-Chair)	1
N. Brown	2
M. Bruner	2
R. Vanderlee	1
D. Campbell	2
T. Curry	1
S. Feretycki	3
*Y. Benoit (NUSU)	1
*I. Hall (NUSU)	1

\* The representatives from the Nipissing University Student Union changed during the academic year.

Meetings were held on August 25 and November 3, 2014, and March 23, 2015 to consider candidates for honorary degree designation for Convocation 2015 and beyond. Members were advised that it was Wilfrid Laurier's turn to select the honorary degree recipient for the Brantford convocation.

As per past practice, an e-mail was sent out to the university community in August to solicit names of potential candidates to add to the master list.

At the first meeting in August, the committee expressed their satisfaction about having a long list of pre-approved nominees from which to work. Six additional names were received from the solicitation and the committee agreed to forward five of these suggestions to Senate for approval.

At the November meeting, seven additional names were reviewed and forwarded to Senate for approval.

Two additional names were vetted at the March 2015 meeting and forwarded to Senate for approval. The list of approved names from which the committee has to work currently stands at 27. This includes the names designated for June 2015.

There were no nominations received for professor emeritus.

Respectfully submitted,

*Original signed by:*

Mike DeGagné, Chair  
Honorary Degrees Subcommittee

MOTION #1: That Senate Executive receive the Annual Report of the Honorary Degrees Subcommittee dated May 5, 2015.

## Nipissing University

## Annual Report of the By-laws and Elections Subcommittee

May 5, 2015

Members	Attendance
S. Renshaw (Chair)	6
G. Black	5
N. Colborne	6
D. Davis	4
I. Hall	5
D. Tabachnick	5
H. d'Entremont (non-voting)	4
C. Jenkins (Senate Secretary) (non-voting)	4

The Bylaws and Elections Subcommittee met on the following: dates: August 28, September 30, October 30, and November 5, 2014; January 13 and March 30, 2015.

The subcommittee received numerous requests for changes to the Senate bylaws. All requests were accompanied by a rationale.

At the September 30 meeting, David Tabachnick submitted his report on *Changes to and Appointment of Senior Academic Administrators as Related to Senate Membership, the Function of Senate, its Committees, Subcommittees, and Councils*. This report was prepared under Article 9.1.1 (c) (i) of the Senate Bylaws which states that the By-Laws and Elections Subcommittee (hereafter Bylaws) is charged to “periodically review the Senate By-Laws and the governance practices of Senate and its committees/subcommittees, and make recommendations to the Senate Executive Committee as necessary and appropriate, for conveyance to Senate.”

The Tabachnick report prompted the formation of the *Ad Hoc* committee that was commissioned to review the participation of Senate and elected faculty members in the process of recommending Senior Academic Administrators. Four recommendations resulted as follows:

- 1) The University uphold all terms and obligations to include Senate in its deliberations concerning the recommendation of senior administrators as outlined in current Board of Governors policies.
- 2) The University seek for greater transparency in communicating any rationale for the creation of new Senior Academic Administrative appointments or changes to existing positions.
- 3) The University build on its recent changes to the Senior Academic Appointment Policy to include Senate participation in recommending all possible title variants at the Associate or Assistant Vice-President level.
- 4) The University build on its recent changes to the Senior Academic Appointment Policy to include some form of Senate participation in recommending interim appointments, recognizing the need for expediency in such cases.

The March 30 meeting was a special meeting to discuss the petition submitted by Dr. Hilary Earl and 93 faculty members to have Senate consider Senate reform including a possible return to a Universal Senate. At this meeting, an ad hoc committee was formed to write a report on Senate reform. This ad hoc committee will be working throughout the summer.

Some of the substantive motions that were recommended to Senate in the 2014-15 academic year include the following:

- Elimination of the Admissions and Enrolment Subcommittee
- Elimination of the Director, CFTL and Assistant Vice-President Research and Graduate Studies *ex-officio* positions from Senate
- Addition of Associate Vice-President Academic as an *ex-officio* position to Senate
- Addition of Associate Vice-President Academic as non-voting chair of the Undergraduate Studies Committee. This change was implemented at the request of the Deans who felt a 'permanent' Chair would resolve continuity issues.

A number of changes to the bylaws were housekeeping items, mostly related to position title changes.

Respectfully submitted

*Original signed by:*

S. Renshaw  
Chair, Bylaws and Elections Subcommittee

MOTION 1:           That Senate Executive receive the Annual Report of the Bylaws and Elections Subcommittee dated May 15, 2014.



**Nipissing University  
Annual Report of the Planning and Priorities Committee**

**May 15, 2015**

During the academic year 2014-15, 10 PPC meetings were scheduled; however, PPC met on seven occasions on the following days: September 26, October 24, November 21, January 23, February 20, March 20, and April 24. Another meeting will be scheduled before the end of May. Because no agenda items were brought forward, the December 12 meeting was cancelled. There was no quorum at the August 22 meeting. PPC membership and attendance at the seven meetings are as follows:

<u>Membership</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Harley d'Entremont, Chair	6
Jordan Andrews <sup>1</sup>	6
Liz Ashworth	6
Christopher Bidal <sup>1</sup>	0
Nancy Black	4
Glenn Brophey	2
Greg Brown	5
Mariana Couchie	1
Brittany Fisher <sup>1</sup>	1
Jamie Graham	6
Uldis Kundrats	7
Gerald Laronde	4
Peter Nosko	3
Aroha Page	6
Matti Saari	6
Kerri Sawyer <sup>2</sup>	1
Carole Richardson	3
Murat Tuncali	4
Rick Vanderlee	2
Roxana Vernescu	6

<sup>1</sup> Appointed to PPC after September meeting.

<sup>2</sup> Appointed to PPC in Winter 2015 to replace Christopher Bidal.

*PPC discussed the following matters during the year:*

**Stage 1 New Program Proposals**

- BSc Nursing – Muskoka Campus (recommendation to Senate)
- BA & BSc Hons Specialization and Specialization – Mathematical Economics (recommendation to Senate)

**Stage 2 New Program Proposals**

- Bachelor of Engineering (recommendation for external review)
- BA Human Rights and State Violence (recommendation for external review)
- Joint NU/Laurentian MA in Sociology – Applied Social Research (recommendation to Senate)

**Stage 1 Major Modifications**

- MSc Mathematics – Addition of a 2-year Thesis route option (recommendation to Senate)
- BA Hons Specialization and BA Specialization Psychology, Muskoka Campus (recommendation to Senate)

**Stage 2 Major Modifications**

- MSc Mathematics – Addition of a 2-year Thesis route option (recommendation to Senate)

**IQAP Reviews**

*The following programs underwent external review:*

**Arts and Science:**

- Philosophy Program (Cyclical Review)
- Economics Program (Cyclical Review)
- Political Science Program (Cyclical Review)
- BA Human Rights and State Violence (New Program)

**Schulich School of Education:**

- B.Ed. Adult Education (New Program)

*The following programs are scheduled for cyclical review in 2015-16:*

- Sociology (Arts & Science)
- Physical and Health Education (Schulich School of Education)

**Cyclical Reviews – Final Assessment Reports**

Final Assessment Reports for Mathematics/Computer Science and Native Studies programs were recommended to Senate for approval.

**Other**

- MSc Kinesiology - received Quality Council approval and a Program Approval Request has been submitted to the Ministry.
- Joint NU/Laurentian MA Sociology – a Program Approval Request has been submitted to the Ministry and the proposal will be submitted to the Appraisal Committee in May.
- BA Anthropology – received Quality Council approval
- Bachelor of Social Work – received MTCU approval
- A Quality Council Institutional Audit was conducted in March and included a meeting with PPC members. QC's report is expected in June.
- A recommendation was made to the Bylaws & Elections Subcommittee that the Admissions & Enrolment Subcommittee be abolished.
- PPC recommended to Senate approval of policies to allow college transfer, university transfer, upper year and ECE graduate admissions to the Concurrent Education program.

**Pending Items**

- Final Assessment Reports for a number of programs that underwent cyclical review over the past two years.
- Political Science Cyclical Review - External Reviewers' Report and Dean/Department responses for PPC review.
- Human Rights & State Violence - External Reviewers' Report and Dean/Department responses for PPC review.

The Chair acknowledges and thanks the PPC members for their diligence and commitment.

Respectfully submitted,

*Original signed by:*

Harley d'Entremont, PhD  
Provost and Vice-President, Academic & Research  
Chair, Planning and Priorities Committee

Motion 1: That Senate receive the 2014-15 Annual Report of the Planning and Priorities Committee, dated May 15, 2015.

**Report of the  
PLANNING AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE  
Friday, May 15, 2015**

The eighth meeting of the **Planning and Priorities Committee** was held on **Friday, May 15, 2015**. The following members were in attendance:

Harley d'Entremont (Chair)	Greg Brown	Matti Saari
Jordan Andrews	Jamie Graham	Kerri Sawyer
Liz Ashworth	Uldis Kundrats	Murat Tuncali
Nancy Black	Aroha Page	Roxana Vernescu (skype)
Jamie Graham		

Regrets: G. Brophay, M. Couchie, B. Fisher, G. Laronde, P. Nosko, C. Richardson, R. Vanderlee

Guests: W. Borody, B. Olmsted, S. Rich

Recording Secretary: Anne Bolger

Members were provided with a brief update of the progress of the proposed joint Laurentian/Nipissing M.A. in Sociology – Applied Social Research.

Subsequent to the Philosophy Program Cyclical Review on March 5-6, 2015, members reviewed the external reviewers' report and institutional responses.

Respectfully submitted,

*Original signed by:*

Harley d'Entremont, PhD  
Chair, Planning and Priorities Committee

Motion 1: That the Report of the Planning and Priorities Committee dated May 15, 2015, be received.

## Annual Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee

May 12, 2015

The Undergraduate Studies Committee met 10 times between July 1, 2014 and May 12, 2015.

The following is an outline of its membership and attendance.

<u>Membership</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Rick Vanderlee (Chair)	8
Murat Tuncali (Vice-Chair)	9
Carole Richardson	9
Andrea Robinson	4
Jane Barker	10
Matti Saari	9
Astrid Steele	6
Tara-Lynn Scheffel	7
Anne Wagner	8
James Abbott	9
Jordan Andrews	6
Brittany Fisher	1
Christopher Bidal	0

The Undergraduate Studies Committee approved a total of 222 motions.

The Annual Report of the Undergraduate Standing & Petitions Subcommittee was received.

**The following new degree, certificate and program requirements, including amendments and revisions were approved:**

Faculty of Applied & Professional Studies:

School of Business  
 School of Criminology and Criminal Justice  
 School of Human and Social Development - Child and Family Studies  
 School of Human and Social Development - Social Welfare and Social Development  
 School of Human and Social Development - Social Work  
 School of Nursing

Faculty of Arts and Science:

Biology and Chemistry  
 English  
 Fine and Performing Arts  
 Psychology  
 Science and Technology

Schulich School of Education

Aboriginal Programs  
 Bachelor of Physical and Health Education  
 Concurrent Entry and Consecutive Bachelor of Education

**New courses or course revisions or deletions were approved in the following degrees/disciplines:**

Faculty of Applied & Professional Studies:

School of Business  
 School of Criminology and Criminal Justice  
 School of Human and Social Development - Child and Family Studies

School of Human and Social Development - Social Work  
School of Nursing

Faculty of Arts and Science:

Biology and Chemistry  
Classical Studies  
Computer Science and Mathematics  
English  
Fine and Performing Arts  
Gender Equality and Social Justice  
Geography  
History  
Political Science  
Psychology  
University Success

Schulich School of Education:

Aboriginal Teacher Certification Program  
Bachelor of Education  
Bachelor of Physical and Health Education  
In-Service Course  
Teacher of Anishnaabemwin as a Second Language

Other Business:

Ad-hoc Committee to review Breadth Requirement Policy  
Courses deleted (inactive)  
Degree Route Name Change: OTT to Concurrent Ed  
Policy Additions: Advanced Standing Policies  
Policy Review: Posthumous Undergraduate Degrees  
Regulation Revision: University Regulations for the Evaluation and Grading System – Incomplete Grades  
Revised Senate Exam Policy

Respectfully submitted,

*Original signed by:*

Dr. Rick Vanderlee  
Dean, Faculty of Applied and Professional Studies  
Chair, Undergraduate Studies Committee

Motion 1: That Senate receive the Annual Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee, dated May 12, 2015.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE  
UNDERGRADUATE STANDING AND PETITIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

May 12, 2015

The Senate Subcommittee on Undergraduate Standing and Petitions Subcommittee met a total of 21 times between July 1, 2014 and May 12, 2015.

<b>COMMITTEE MEMBERS</b>	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>
Jamie Graham (Chair) ( <i>Jan. – May 2015</i> )	8
Andrea Robinson ( <i>July – Nov. 2014</i> )	8
Cameron McFarlane	21
Carole Richardson	16
Rick Vanderlee	3
Leslie Wardley	15
Karey McCullough	13
Richard Wenghofer	18
Kristina Karvinen ( <i>July 2014 – January 2015</i> )	11
Todd Horton ( <i>January – May 2015</i> )	4
Barb Olmsted	5
Chris Burke	6
Ian Hall	6
Jordan Andrews	12
Yannick Benoit	2
Christopher Bidal	1
Brittany Fisher	0

The S&P Subcommittee heard a total of 266 petitions. These included consideration of late registrations, honourable withdrawal from courses and variations in degree requirements, Senate regulations, and admission requirements.

Respectfully submitted,

*Original signed by:*

Jamie Graham, Chair  
Undergraduate Standing and Petitions Subcommittee

Motion 1: That the Undergraduate Studies Committee receive the Annual Report of the Undergraduate Standing and Petitions Subcommittee dated May 12, 2015.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE  
STUDENT APPEALS COMMITTEE**

May 12, 2015

The Student Appeals Committee did not meet between July 1, 2014 and May 12, 2015; however, there were seven meetings with the Individual Appeal Panels during the same period.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Jamie Graham (**Chair**) – January 2015 - May 2015  
Andrea Robinson (Chair) – July 2014 – November 2014  
Andrew Ackerman  
Liz Ashworth  
Stephen Kariuki  
Anahit Armenakyan  
Steven Cook  
John Allison  
Jordan Andrews  
Christopher Bidal  
Brittany Fisher

Four appeals were submitted to the Student Appeals Committee, as follows:

- 2 – Faculty of Applied and Professional Studies
- 2 – Schulich School of Education

Respectfully submitted,

*Original signed by:*

Jamie Graham, Chair  
Student Appeals Committee

Motion 1:           That the Annual Report of the Student Appeals Committee dated May 12, 2015, be received by Senate.



NIPISSING UNIVERSITY  
2014/15 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SENATE TEACHING  
AND LEARNING COMMITTEE

**Members**

Chris Hachkowski (Co-Chair)  
Rick Vanderlee  
Carole Richardson  
Murat Tuncali  
Tammie McParland  
Wendy Peters  
Nancy Black  
Leslie Thielen-Wilson  
Student Senator – Not filled  
Student Senator – Not filled

Since October 2014, a number of attempts have been made to arrange for our first meeting of the year. In both attempts (October 22nd, November 19th), quorum was not reached. Information on changes to the existing Terms of Reference for our Committee were distributed to committee members. On November 26th, an electronic vote was called on the motion to accept changes to the Terms of Reference

**Motion:** That the Teaching and Learning Committee recommend the following changes to its Terms of Reference as described in the current Senate By-Laws.

- a) That Section 9.5(a)(ii) (-the Director for the Centre of Flexible Teaching and Learning (non-voting)), be deleted from the Terms of Reference

**Rationale:** The position no longer exists at Nipissing University

- b) That Section 9.5(a)(iv) be changed to Section 9.5(a)(ii)

- c) That Section 9.5(c)(i) be modified as follows:

**Original statement –**

(i) to engage in on-going review and discussion of all matters related to teaching and learning for faculty and students (conceived of as mutually supporting and informing activities), including but not limited to the evaluation of teaching, instructional development and the promotion of teaching excellence, teaching awards policy, and the various resources and services available to support student learning, to support the development of a university-wide teaching and learning centre and to make recommendations to Senate as necessary and appropriate

**New Term of Reference:**

(i) to engage in on-going review and discussion of matters related to teaching and learning for faculty and students (conceived of as mutually supporting and informing activities), and to make recommendations to Senate as necessary and appropriate

**Rationale:** The first statement infers that the committee will engage in all actions as described. It is unnecessary to list specific actions.

- d) That Section 9.5(c)(ii) be removed from the Terms of Reference

**Rationale:** Section 9.5(c)(i) infers that the Teaching and Learning committee will work with various departments and other Senate committees to complete and report on the work of Senate.

- e) That Section 9.5(c)(iii) be changed to 9.5(c)(ii).

- f) That Section 9.5(c)(iv) be changed to 9.5(c)(iii)

Moved: Rick Vanderlee    Seconded: Tammie McParland  
CARRIED

In addition to these recommendations, NUSU executive shared comments on current obstacles to finding representatives on the Teaching and Learning Committee. The committee will continue to work with NUSU executive to explore avenues to rectify this situation.

Respectfully submitted,

*Original signed by:*

Chris Hachkowski  
Chair

**Motion 1:**        That Senate receive the 2014 -2015 Annual Report of the Teaching and Learning Committee dated May 1, 2015.

**Nipissing University  
Annual Report of the Library Advisory Senate Subcommittee**

May 12, 2015

The Library Advisory Senate Subcommittee met twice: December 17, 2014 and February 27, 2015.

<u>Membership</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Nancy E. Black (Chair)	2
Paul Millar (Vice Chair)	1
Adam Adler	2
Marc Plamondon	2
Manuel Litalien	2
Tina Karvinen	1
Ian Hall	1
Arlene Grierson	1
Terry Dokis	1
Student representative	0

Janet Coates (minute taker)

The terms of reference were reviewed; changes were discussed and proposed. Subsequent to the December 17<sup>th</sup> meeting the proposed changes were forwarded to Chris Hachkowski, Chair of Teaching and Learning Committee, and also forwarded to Sal Renshaw and Christine Jenkins for review by the Senate Bylaws Committee.

Discussion about the NUFA Donation took place at the December 17<sup>th</sup> and February 27<sup>th</sup> meetings. This was the second year of a three year donation from NUFA. Following previous practice, faculty members were invited to submit recommendations for print monographs. The committee reviewed and approved the recommendations for purchase; items were ordered and arrived before end of fiscal 2014/15. Thirty-four items were purchased for a total of \$1,376.30. A report summarizing the process and outcome was provided to NUFA on May 1, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

*Original signed by:*

Nancy E. Black  
Chair, Library Advisory Subcommittee

**Motion 1:** That the Teaching and Learning Committee receive the Annual Report of the Library Advisory Subcommittee dated May 12, 2015.

**Nipissing University**  
**Annual Report of the Technology and Infrastructure Senate Subcommittee**

May 12, 2015

The Technology and Infrastructure Senate Subcommittee met January 30, 2015.

<u>Membership</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Nancy E. Black	1
Paul Millar	1
Sean O'Hagan	1
Ken Waller	1
Heather Hersemeyer	1
Ian Hall	1
Stephanie Hevenor	1
Bob Keech	0
Student representative	1

As this subcommittee does not have a Chair or a Vice Chair, I am submitting this report as a committee member. I am a very recent member of this committee, but I believe in the past year or two, this committee has met infrequently. As a member of the committee, I was asked to call a meeting so a Chair and/or a Vice-chair could be appointed and the terms of reference could be reviewed, as required by Senate By-Laws. At the January 30<sup>th</sup> meeting, the terms were reviewed with changes proposed; these were forwarded to Chris Hachkowski, Chair of the Teaching and Learning Committee.

During our discussion it became clear that the role of this committee has changed over time and much of the work, responsibilities, directions, policy development as outlined in the terms of reference, are conducted by and the responsibility of other processes/departments/areas throughout the institution. One of the roles, regarding the technology fund, no longer takes place because the funds are no longer available. Since the role has changed significantly, we agreed that this committee is no longer necessary and should be disbanded. For this reason, a Chair and Vice-chair were not appointed.

The recommendation that the Technology and Infrastructure Subcommittee (subcommittee of Teaching and Learning) disband was forwarded to Chris Hachkowski, as well as to Sal Renshaw and Christine Jenkins for review by Senate Bylaws Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

*Original signed by:*

Nancy E. Black, Executive Director, Library Services

**Motion 1:** That the Teaching and Learning Committee receive the Annual Report of the Technology and Infrastructure Senate Subcommittee dated May 12, 2015.

## Annual Report of the Graduate Studies Council 2014-15

May 05, 2015

During the year, The Graduate Studies Council met on five occasions: July 21 (Electronic vote), October 09, December 04, February 09 and April 20. The February meeting did not attain quorum so business was carried forward to the April meeting.

<b>Membership</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Sharon Rich, Chair	4
Murat Tuncali, Dean, A&S/ former Chair	5
Carole Richardson, Dean Education	4
Michelann Parr	4
Hilary Earl	4
Mark Wachowiak	4
Dan Walters	4
Stephen Connor	3
Jennifer Barnett	2
Alex Karassev	
Nancy Black	1
Jamie Graham, Registrar	2
Harley d'Entremont	2

The Graduate Studies Council discussed the following matters during the year:

1. An agreement for graduate student/supervisor engagement now added to the website
2. Graduate student funding and the need for more resources for graduate students
3. The creation of a certificate of examination rather than signature pages to be bound into theses and MRP's to become consistent with other graduate programs

Stage 2 Proposal for a thesis option in the MSC program in Mathematics was reviewed, then approved and forwarded to PPC for approval.

Two new courses were added to graduate programs, the prerequisites for other courses were changed and another four courses were banked and a courses description was updated for one course.

Respectfully submitted,

*Original signed by:*

Sharon Rich, Associate VP Academic

MOTION 1: That the Annual Report of the Graduate Studies Council dated May 5, 2015 be received.



**Annual Senate Report  
Research Council**

The **Research Council** (RC) for the 2014/15 academic year met four (3) times, November 14, 2014, January 23, 2015 and February 28, 2015. The membership and attendance are outlined as follows:

<u>Membership</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Harley d'Entremont, Chair	3
Anahit Armenaykan	3
Nancy Black	2
Brenda Bruner	3
Robin Gendron	3
Logan Hehn	3
April James ( <i>Sabbatical</i> )	0
Larry Patriquin	3
Carole Richardson	2
Murat Tuncali	3
Rick Vanderlee	2

**Research Achievement Award**

The Research Achievement Award selection committee received and reviewed three (3) nominations. The selection committee met on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and agreed that Drs. Lanyan Chen, Pavlina Radia and Dan Walters would be the award recipients for 2015-16.

**Internal Research Grants**

The Internal Research Grant selection committee received and reviewed fourteen (14) applications and made the following recommendations: Four (4) applications were not recommended; and ten (10) applications were recommended to receive IRG's for a total of \$35,343.00.

Respectfully submitted,

*Original signed by:*

Harley d'Entremont, Ph.D., Chair  
Research Council

**Motion #1:** That Senate receive the Annual Report of the Research Council dated May 15, 2015.