SENATE AGENDA

Friday, September 12, 2014

2:30 p.m. –F210


2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

This motion is to correct an error in course numbering from the May 16, 2014 Senate meeting.


3. READING and DISPOSING of COMMUNICATIONS

4. QUESTION PERIOD

5. REPORTS of STANDING COMMITTEES and FACULTY or UNIVERSITY COUNCILS

Senate Executive Committee (August 29, 2014 electronic meeting) (pages 3-4)

MOTION 1: That the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated September 2, 2014 be received.

Senate Executive Committee (September 4, 2014 meeting) (pages 5-27)

MOTION 1: That the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated September 4, 2014 be received.

MOTION 2: That the Senate Regulations and Policies, September 2014 be adopted as outlined in the attached Table of Contents. (The full 286 page document is available on the Senate website).

MOTION 3: That Senate move into an in-camera session.

MOTION 4: That Senate move out of the in-camera session.

Undergraduate Studies Committee (pages 28-41)

MOTION 1: That the Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee dated June 24, 2014, be received.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

MOTION 1: That for the purposes of publishing the University's Academic calendar, that Senate approve that the Undergraduate Studies (USC) will not accept program changes for the current academic year after the last scheduled USC meeting in December. Any submissions to USC after that meeting date will not take effect until the following Academic Year.
7. **AMENDMENT of BY-LAWS**

**Non-substantive changes to the Senate Bylaws**

- All references in the Senate Bylaws to Vice-President Academic and Research be deleted and replaced with Provost and Vice-President Academic and Research.

8. **ELECTIONS**

- Elect one Senator at-large to serve on the Planning and Priorities Committee
- Elect one Senator from the Faculty of Arts and Science to serve on the Undergraduate Studies Committee
- Elect one SSHRC eligible faculty member to serve on the Research Council for a 2-year term ending June 30, 2016
- Elect one NSERC eligible faculty member to serve on the Research Council for a 2-year term ending June 30, 2016.
- Elect one faculty member at-large to serve on the Research Council for a 2-year term ending June 30, 2016.

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) 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
There was an electronic meeting of the Senate Executive Committee on August 29, 2014.

Members participating were:


The purpose was to approve a list of graduates submitted by the Registrar’s Office.

The following motions were unanimously passed:

MOTION 1: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by M-A Parr that Senate Executive receive the Report on Grad Applicants dated the 28th of August, 2014.
CARRIED

MOTION 2: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by M-A Parr that Senate Executive, acting on behalf of Senate approve the students listed in the Report on Grad Applicants dated the 28th of August, 2014, and these students be awarded their degrees and/or diplomas.
CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by:

M. DeGagné
Chair
Senate Executive Committee

MEMORANDUM

To: Nipissing University Senate Executive Committee
From: Andrea Robinson, Registrar
Date: August 28, 2014
Subject: Approval of Graduation Applicants

All students in attached Report on the Grad Applicants, dated August 28th, 2014, have completed the requirements for their respective degrees, diplomas and certificates. Please approve the conferral of said degrees.

Original signed by:

A. Robinson
Registrar

MOTION 1: That Senate receive the Report on Grad Applicants dated the 28th of August, 2014.

MOTION 2: That the approval to graduate be granted to the students listed in the Report on Grad Applicants dated the 28th of August, 2014.
There was a meeting of the Senate Executive Committee on Thursday, September 4, 2014


Regrets: C. Richardson, M. Tunca

The purpose was to set the agenda for the September 2014 Senate meeting.

As with past practice, the Table of Contents for the Senate Regulations and Policies was submitted. The entire document is 286 pages and reflects all changes that Senate approved since September 2013. It was suggested that the full document be added to the Senate website so Senators may peruse it. The following motion was passed:

MOTION 1: Moved by M-A Parr, seconded by N. Colborne that the Senate Regulations and Policies, September 2014 be adopted as outlined in the attached Table of Contents.
CARRIED

The Bylaws and Elections Subcommittee report was submitted with the following motion being passed:

MOTION 2: Moved by S. Renshaw, seconded by N. Colborne that the Report of the Bylaws and Elections Subcommittee dated August 29, 2014 be received.
CARRIED

There was a lengthy discussion with regards to the contents of the Notice of Motion on the Senate agenda and whether it should be withdrawn for further discussion by Bylaws. Members of Bylaws and Elections that were present indicated that they were looking for a firm directive from Senate. Since the report is not being altered but a Notice of Motion resulting from the report being withdrawn, the following motion was passed:

MOTION 3: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by Y. Benoit that the Chair of Bylaws and Elections withdraw the Notice of Motion regarding Article 9.5.2(a), ex-officio membership on the Technology and Infrastructure Subcommittee, from the September 12, 2014 Senate agenda.
CARRIED

The Honorary Degrees Subcommittee report was submitted with the following motion being passed:

CARRIED

The Senate Executive Chair provided a brief commentary on each nominee. These nominees will be presented at the September 12, 2014 meeting of Senate during an in-camera session.
Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by:

M. DeGagné
Chair
Senate Executive Committee

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There was a meeting of the Bylaws and Elections Subcommittee on Monday, August 25, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in B217.

Present: G. Black, N. Colborne, D. Davis, I. Hall, S. Renshaw, D. Tabachnick, C. Jenkins (n-v)

Regrets: H. d’Entremont (n-v)

Guest: Y. Benoit

With the elimination of some senior academic positions and the creation of new ones, there was a lengthy discussion on the impact these changes will have to Senate and the Senate committee structure. Concerns were raised about due process not being followed with the creation of the new position of Associate Vice-President, Academic.

The first agenda item considered was the change to the ex officio membership of the Technology and Infrastructure Subcommittee. Currently, the Chair is the Director for the Centre for Flexible Teaching and Learning. That position was eliminated earlier this year. Members of the Bylaws subcommittee agreed with the suggestion that the Vice-President, Operations should assume the role of Chair, and the Director of Technology Services, or designate, non-voting, would be an ideal (ex-officio) addition.

The following motion was unanimously passed and will be presented as a Notice of Motion at the September 2014 Senate meeting:

MOTION 1: Moved by D. Tabachnick, seconded by D. Davis that Article 9.5.2(a) of the Senate bylaws be amended as follows:

Current:
( i) the Director of the Centre for Flexible Teaching and Learning, who shall be Chair
( ii) the Executive Director, Library Services, or designate; and
( iii) the Vice President, Operations (non-voting)

Proposed:
( i) the Vice-President, Operations, who shall be Chair
( ii) the Executive Director, Library Services, or designate; and
( iii) the Director, Technology Services, or designate (non-voting)

CARRIED

With the recent change in title of the Vice-President Academic and Research to Provost and Vice-President Academic and Research, a number changes will be required to bring the Senate bylaws up to date. The committee agreed that the following non-substantive motion would suffice:

MOTION 2: Moved by G. Black, seconded by I. Hall that all references in the Senate Bylaws to Vice-President Academic and Research be deleted and replaced with Provost and Vice-President Academic and Research.

CARRIED

There was a request to have the Provost and Vice-President Academic and Research, or designate, chair the Undergraduate Studies Committee. Currently, this Senate committee is chaired by the Deans on a rotating basis. Given the nature of the work undertaken by USC and the fiscal oversight already provided by PPC, the committee largely felt the work of USC properly belonged with the Faculties and the Deans. However, a final decision was held over until the next meeting.
Bylaws and Elections also discussed the new position of Associate Vice-President, Academic. Although the committee recognized that the position is needed, it had issues with the process by which it was filled. David Tabachnick indicated he would prepare a report on how the changes in senior academic administrators and the process used to determine them have impacted Senate and its committees. He will present his report at the next meeting.

Presently, the Admissions and Enrollment Subcommittee lists the Vice-President Finance and Administration as a voting member. That position no longer exists. The VPAR, though not in attendance at this meeting, indicated that after reviewing the Terms of Reference, this subcommittee may not be required. The Senate Secretary was asked to check with the Registrar, who is Chair, to determine how often they meet. At the time of writing this report, the Registrar has indicated that the committee has not met for at least three years.

During the past year, there have been some concerns raised about the absence of undergraduate student senators at Senate meetings and committees. This issue has on occasion resulted in problems with quorum being attained at some Senate committee meetings. One possible solution raised was to not count students in quorum. Ian Hall, the NUSU representative on this committee, indicated that if the latter was implemented, this would marginalize the students. He has asked that NUSU confront this problem themselves. They have come up with an action plan. Included in the nomination packages will be information on Senate responsibilities. Any potential problems with Senate and Senate committee attendance should be identified by December.

Another suggestion was to include the phrase “or designate” after any reference to undergraduate or graduate student senator. This will be discussed further.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by:

S. Renshaw
Chair
Bylaws and Elections Subcommittee

Report of the
Undergraduate Studies Committee

June 24, 2014

The meeting of the Undergraduate Studies Committee was held on Tuesday, June 24, 2014, at 10:30 am in F214. The following members attended:

Carole Richardson (Chair)            Rick Vanderlee            Andrea Robinson
Jane Barker                          Astrid Steele              Tara-Lynn Scheffel
Tony Parkes                          Tammie McParland

Jane Hughes, Recording Secretary

Guests: Crystal Pigeau

Absent with Regrets: Ann-Barbara Graff, Richard Wenghofer

Subcommittee Reports:

Undergraduate Services and Awards Subcommittee
The Annual Report of the Undergraduate Services and Awards Subcommittee, dated May 26, 2014, was received.

Undergraduate Standing and Petitions Subcommittee
The Reports of the Undergraduate Standing & Petitions Subcommittee Report, dated May 16, 2014 and May 28, were received.

The Undergraduate Studies Committee received and discussed curriculum changes from the Faculty of Applied and Professional Studies and the Faculty of Arts and Science.

The outcomes of those discussions are reflected in the recommendations to Senate contained in the motions below. Supporting material is attached as indicated in the motions.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by:

Dr. Carole Richardson
Dean, Faculty of Education (Interim)
Chair, Undergraduate Studies Committee

MOTION 1: That the Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee dated June 24, 2014, be received.
Nipissing University

Annual Report of the Undergraduate Services & Awards Subcommittee

May 29, 2014

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The Undergraduate Services & Awards Subcommittee met on the following dates: October 11, 2013 and February 10, 2014.

Items discussed and addressed during the year include the following:

a) The following changes were made to the terms of reference (9.3.2)
   - The title of Director of Student Development and Services was changed to Assistant Vice President of Students in the membership.
   - The position for one (1) faculty Senator whose limited-term appointment who is less than 12 months, was eliminated from this committee membership.
   - That the Registrar, or designate, as an Ex Officio member, was added to this committee as a non-voting member.
   - The committee reviewed the roll and purpose of OTSEAC (Orientation Transition and Student Experience Program).

b) The Registrar’s Office reviewed the Trusler and President’s Gold Medal Awards from the past two years (2011-2012 and 2012-2013) to ensure students from all areas who met the criteria received the award.

c) The Committee reviewed and discussed three student appeals regarding awards and scholarships.

d) The following awards were reviewed for nomination:
   - Award one student the Chancellor’s Award for 2013-2014 year.
   - Award one student the President’s Scholarship for the 2013-2014 year.

e) The Committee reviewed and decided on the list of student candidates and criteria for the Dave Marshall Leadership Awards in the following categories:
   - Academic
   - Campus
   - Community

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow committee members for their time, input and continued support during the past year on this important Senate subcommittee.
Submitted by:

Original signed by:

Rick Vanderlee
Chair

Motion 1: That the annual report of the Undergraduate Services & Awards Subcommittee dated May 26, 2014 be received by the Undergraduate Studies Committee.
Report of the
Undergraduate Standing & Petitions Subcommittee

May 16, 2014

There was a meeting of the UNDERGRADUATE STANDING AND PETITIONS Subcommittee on Friday, May 16, 2014.

PRESENT: Barb Olmstead (Dean’s Designate), Dave Hackett, Rick Vanderlee, Andrea Robinson, Kristina Karvinen, Benjamin Kelly, Ian Hall

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Carole Richardson, Lesley Wardley

GUESTS: Margarida Shail, Dana Mackfall, Crystal Pigeau, Heather Brown

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Respectfully Submitted,

Original signed by:

Andrea Robinson, Chair
Undergraduate Standing and Petitions Subcommittee

MOTION 1: That the Report of the Undergraduate Standing and Petitions Subcommittee dated May 16, 2014, be received.
Report of the
Undergraduate Standing & Petitions Subcommittee

May 28, 2014

There was a meeting of the UNDERGRADUATE STANDING AND PETITIONS Subcommittee on Wednesday, May 28, 2014.

PRESENT: Andrea Robinson, Carole Richardson, Benjamin Kelly, Kristina Karvinen, Lesley Wardley, Yannick Benoit, Ian Hall

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Dave Hackett, Rick Vanderlee

GUESTS: Margarida Shail, Crystal Pigeau, Heather Lee, Dana Mackfall

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MOTION: Moved by Yannick Benoit, seconded by Leslie Wardley, that the Undergraduate Standing and Petitions Subcommittee request that the Office of Student Development and Services review their files to assist in ensuring that there are no outstanding petitions or petition matters within individual students' files.

Respectfully Submitted,

\[\text{Original signed by:}\]

Andrea Robinson, Chair
Undergraduate Standing and Petitions Subcommittee

MOTION 1: That the Report of the Undergraduate Standing and Petitions Subcommittee dated May 28, 2014, be received.
1. FACULTY OF APPLIED & PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

School of Business

MOTION 2: That Senate approve that the School of Business consider applicants for admission based on the successful completion of ten (10) courses from the Chartered Insurance Professionals’ (CIP) program taken through the Insurance Institute of Canada (IIC), with an overall average of 75% or greater.

Criminal Justice

MOTION 3: That Senate approve that the following be added as an exception to the Residency Requirements as listed in the Nipissing Academic Calendar: A student who applies for a BA in Criminal Justice must successfully complete 30 Nipissing Criminal Justice credits.

School of Nursing

MOTION 4: That Senate approve that SOCI2036 be removed from and SOCI1016 be added to the list of prerequisites for NURS3006, 3007, 3016, 3026, 3027, and 3036.

2. FACULTY OF ARTS & SCIENCE

Computer Science and Mathematics

MOTION 5: That Senate approve that the prerequisites for MATH1070 Fundamentals of Arithmetic for Teachers be changed to the following: Any 3U or 3M Mathematics or MATH1911 or MATH1912.

MOTION 6: That Senate approve that the Undergraduate Studies Committee recommend to Senate that the prerequisites for MATH4086 Functional Analysis be changed to the following: MATH3137 Real Analysis II.

Sociology

Non-Substantive:
That the title of the course for SOCI2126 “Research Methods” be changed to SOCI2126 “Introduction to Sociological Research Methods”.

Non-Substantive:
That the title and description for the course SOCI2127 “Social Statistics and Data Analysis” be changed to SOCI2127 “Quantitative Research Methods”.

Non-Substantive:
That the title of the course for SOCI4127 “Applied Multivariate Statistics” be changed to SOCI4127 “Advanced Social Data Analysis”.

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3. ADMISSION POLICIES

MOTION 7: That Senate approve that the Concurrent Education admission requirements for Concurrent Education be modified to include the 3U or 3M or equivalent Math and to delete the 4U Math or equivalent.

MOTION 8: That Senate approve that the BScN Bridging Program admission requirements be changed to eliminate the statement “Diploma must have been awarded within the last ten years.”

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Recommendation to Senate By-Laws:
That the VPAR be designated as standing Chair of the USC to provide consistency, as well as fiscal and academic oversight.
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

FACULTY OF APPLIED & PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

School of Business

MOTION: That the Undergraduate Studies Committee recommend to Senate that the School of Business consider applicants for admission based on the successful completion of ten (10) courses from the Chartered Insurance Professionals' (CIP) program taken through the Insurance Institute of Canada (ICC), with an overall average of 75% or greater.
Criminal Justice

Proposed Exception to Residency Requirements for Criminal Justice
Fall 2014

Rationale: In 2012/13 Nipissing University introduced a Residency Requirement that required that not only a minimum number of credits (30) be completed at Nipissing, but also that half (50%) of the required courses be completed at Nipissing for each declared area of study. Unfortunately, when this Residency Requirement was introduced, there was no recognition of how this new requirement could potentially impact Nipissing’s Criminal Justice program. Because the program is so proscriptive, and because some students are awarded a block of credits when they transfer from relevant college programs, the situation could arise where a Nipissing Criminal Justice student could meet all requirements for graduation, but yet not meet the residency requirement. While this scenario is unlikely (since most Criminal Justice students take a sufficient number of criminal justice electives to satisfy the Residency Requirement), it is possible that a student seeking a Minor in another discipline might not have the requisite number of credits in Criminal Justice as outlined in the Residency Requirements. It is for this reason that the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice is seeking an exception to the Residency Requirements. The School of Criminology and Criminal Justice is requesting that this exception to the Residency Requirements be listed as exception iii (see in red below).

Residency Requirements (pg. 76 of current academic calendar)
To be considered for a Nipissing University undergraduate degree, students must successfully complete at least 30 Nipissing University credits.
In addition, students must successfully complete at least half (50%) of the required courses for each declared area of study with Nipissing University, with the following exceptions:

i) A student who applies for the BScN-IUON stream must successfully complete their final year at Nipissing University;
ii) A student who applies for a Bachelor of Commerce degree must successfully complete 30 Nipissing Business credits.
iii) A student who applies for a BA in Criminal Justice must successfully complete 30 Nipissing Criminal Justice credits.

Students who apply to graduate with Minor must successfully complete at least half (50%) of each Minor with Nipissing.

MOTION: That the following be added as an exception to the Residency Requirements as listed in the Nipissing Academic Calendar: A student who applies for a BA in Criminal Justice must successfully complete 30 Nipissing Criminal Justice credits.
School of Nursing

MOTION: That the Undergraduate Studies Committee recommend to Senate to remove SOCI2036 from the pre-requisites from the Year 3 nursing courses and replace with SOCI 1016: namely NURS 3006, 3007, 3016, 3026, 3027, and 3036.

Rationale:
SOCI 2036 was removed from the Nursing program last year. The follow-through step of removing SOCI2036 from the prerequisites of the next year of Nursing courses did not happen. As such, the students are not able to register for their nursing courses because none of them have the SOCI2036.
MOTION: That the Undergraduate Studies Committee recommend to Senate to approve that the prerequisites for MATH1070 Fundamentals of Arithmetic for Teachers be changed to the following: Any 3U or 3M Mathematics or MATH1911 or MATH1912.

Rationale: Applicants for Concurrent Education and a Degree with OTT no longer require a 4U Mathematics credit from high school in order to be considered for admission. The change of prerequisites reflects this policy. Note that due to the nature of the concepts considered in MATH1070, this change will not affect the delivery or content of the course.

MOTION: That the Undergraduate Studies Committee recommend to Senate that the prerequisites for MATH4086 Functional Analysis be changed to the following: MATH3137 Real Analysis II.

Rationale: In the past, a number of changes have been made to the MSc in Mathematics program requirements. In particular, MATH5086 Functional Analysis does not have MATH5036 Measure Theory as a prerequisite anymore. The only prerequisite for this course is MATH3137. However, due to an oversight, MATH 4086 (which is the undergraduate version of MATH5086) still has MATH4036 (undergraduate version of MATH5036) listed as a prerequisite. The purpose of the motion is to correct this oversight.
Sociology

The modifications to course titles and changes to course descriptions for the courses SOCI2126, SOCI 2127 and SOCI4127 are being requested to bring the Nipissing Department of Sociology & Anthropology curriculum into line with the course titles and descriptions evident in sociology departments at other universities. Requested modifications and course descriptions are outlined below.

Non-Substantive:
That the title of the course for SOCI 2126 “Research Methods” be changed to SOCI 2126 “Introduction to Sociological Research Methods”.

Rationale:
The changes are requested in order to more accurately reflect the academic focus and content of the course.

Non-Substantive:
That the title and description for the course SOCI2127 “Social Statistics and Data Analysis” be changed to SOCI2127 “Quantitative Research Methods”.

Rationale:
The changes are requested in order to more accurately reflect the academic focus and content of the course.

Non-Substantive:
That the title of the course for SOCI4127 “Applied Multivariate Statistics” be changed to SOCI4127 “Advanced Social Data Analysis”.

Rationale:
Building on the knowledge and skills acquired in SOCI2126, SOCI2127 and SOCI4126, the material in the course SOCI4127 focuses on the use of SPSS and STATA computer packages to conduct multivariate analyses (multiple regression, logistic regression, event-history analysis) of large social datasets (e.g. GSS, Census, etc.) and, consequently, the course is more appropriately titled SOCI4127 Advanced Social Data Analysis.
ADMISSION POLICIES

Concurrent Education
Admission Policy Modification Proposal

Current Concurrent Education Admission Policy
- Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) or equivalent; and
- Six 4U and/or M courses or equivalent with a minimum overall average of 75% including program specific prerequisites; and
- ENG4U or equivalent with a minimum grade of 70%; and
- A 4U Math or equivalent with a minimum grade of 60%

Proposed Change to Concurrent Education Admission Policy
- Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) or equivalent; and
- Six 4U and/or M courses or equivalent with a minimum overall average of 75% including program specific prerequisites; and
- ENG4U or equivalent with a minimum grade of 70%; and
- A 3U or 3M Math or equivalent with a minimum grade of 60%

Rationale
The 3U or 3M Math content is more in line with the general Math that would be taught at the primary, junior and intermediate levels.

Submitted by: Heather Brown
Date: June 24, 2014

MOTION: That the Undergraduate Studies Committee recommend to Senate that the Concurrent Education admission requirements for Concurrent Education be modified to include the 3U or 3M or equivalent Math and to delete the 4U Math or equivalent.
RPN to BScN Bridging Program (Blended Delivery)
Admission Policy Modification Proposal

Current Admission Policy

- Successful completion of a recognized Ontario two year RPN diploma from a College of Applied Arts and Technology with a minimum GPA of 3.0 (70%). This average is calculated on two academic years of study. Diploma must have been awarded within the last ten years.
- Current member in good standing with the College of Nurses of Ontario as an RPN.
- Must be an employee, with a letter of support, from one of our partner health care agencies.

Proposed Admission Policy

- Successful completion of a recognized Ontario two year RPN diploma from a College of Applied Arts and Technology with a minimum GPA of 3.0 (70%). This average is calculated on two academic years of study.
- Current member in good standing with the College of Nurses of Ontario as an RPN.
- Must be an employee, with a letter of support, from one of our partner health care agencies.

Rationale

- Originally, the ‘within the last 10 years’ criteria was made to ensure that applicants had their 2-year RPN Diploma. The 2-year diploma level preparation began in 2004 (previous to this, RPNs were educated with a 1-year ‘certificate-level’ preparation.)
- Now that there are Diploma prepared RPNs who have completed their Diploma more than 10 years ago, we want to include these RPNs in the application pool.
- RPNs who have completed their diploma over 10 years ago will, potentially, be experienced, mature professionals who will be motivated to complete their BScN degree.
- Although we do not grant transfer credits for ‘university level’ nursing courses that are older than 10 years, we accept that the college-level nursing courses that applicants come in with, will be older than 10 years with this new rule.

Submitted by: Heather Brown
Date: June 24, 2014

MOTION: Moved by Andrea Robinson, seconded by Jane Barker, that the Undergraduate Studies Committee recommend to Senate that the BScN Bridging Program admission requirements be changed to eliminate the statement “Diploma must have been awarded within the last ten years.”