

Nipissing University  
Minutes of the Academic Senate Meeting

April 13, 2018

2:30 p.m. – Room F210

MEMBERS PRESENT:

M. DeGagné (Chair), C. Sutton, J. McAuliffe, M. Tuncali, R. Vanderlee, D. Iafrate, N. Black

A. Armenakyan, L. Chen, L. Manankil-Rankin, P. Millar

R. Breton, A. Burk, N. Colborne, S. Connor, R. Gendron, A. Hatef, B. Kelly, L. Kruk, E. Mattson, S. Renshaw, K. Srigley, D. Tabachnick, H. Teixeira, T. Vassilev, A. Weeks

J. Allison, C. Hachkowski, B. Hatt, T. Horton, M. Parr, C. Peltier, C. Ricci, W. Richardson, G. Sharpe, T. Sibbald

C. Cho

N. Allaire

O. Pokorny, L. Rossi

J. Zimbalatti

S. Dunstall, J. Brunet, A. Higgins

ABSENT WITH REGRETS:

Arja Vainio-Mattila

C. Richardson

M. Sullivan

A. Karassev, G. McCann, P. Nosko, T. Parkes

G. Rickwood

T. Curry

S. McArthur

S. Lamorea, T. Somerville, K. Walker, C. Tremblay, T. Mein

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA OF THE SENATE MEETING OF: April 13, 2018

MOTION 1: Moved by K. Srigley, seconded by G. Sharpe that the agenda of the Senate meeting of April 13, 2018 be approved.

CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SENATE MEETING OF: March 9, 2018**

MOTION 2: Moved by R. Gendron, seconded by L. Kruk that the minutes of the Senate meeting of March 9, 2018, be adopted.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There was no business arising from the minutes of March 9, 2018.

**READING and DISPOSING of COMMUNICATIONS***Statement on the Importance of Collegial Governance at Nipissing:*

Collegiality is essential to the structure and practice of university governance. Given the diversity of its constituent groups and its mission of advancing truth and knowledge, the university is best served by the open expression of ideas and opinions; encouraging thoughtful dissenting views. Successful collegial governance depends on all participants acting in good faith and having access to relevant information to offer sound opinions. In the same spirit, decision-making must ensure inclusiveness, equality, transparency, and board participation.

Recognizing the obligations, responsibilities and jurisdictions of the Senate and the Board of Governors, collegial governance requires interdependence, mutual respect and good relationships. The primary mission of the University is academic and is served by responsible resource allocation and planning.

All of us must do our part to uphold the ideals of academic freedom and democratic practice inherent in our system of collegial governance.

**QUESTION PERIOD**

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the proposal to restructure the Applied and Professional Studies faculty which resulted in the following motion:

MOTION 1: Moved that Senate approves the proposal to recommend to the Board of Governors a temporary (12-month) restructuring of the Applied and Professional Studies Faculty that will allow the School of Business to report to the Dean of Education, the School of Nursing to report to the Provost, and the remaining programs in the Faculty report to the Dean of Arts and Science.

**REPORTS of STANDING COMMITTEES and FACULTY or UNIVERSITY COUNCILS****SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

MOTION 3: Moved by M. DeGagné, seconded by A. Weeks that Senate receive the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated April 5, 2018.

CARRIED

**ACADEMIC QUALITY ASSURANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

MOTION 4: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by A. Armenakyan that the Report of the Academic Quality Assurance and Planning Committee dated March 23, 2018, be received.

CARRIED

**GRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE**

MOTION 5: Moved by J. McAuliffe, seconded by M. Tuncali that the Report of the Graduate Studies Committee dated February 26, 2018, be received.  
CARRIED

MOTION 6: Moved by J. McAuliffe, seconded by R. Gendron, that Senate approves that the History program requirement changes are made to clearly represent the program as listed.  
CARRIED

MOTION 7: Moved by J. McAuliffe, seconded by M. Tuncali, that Senate approves that the prerequisites of EDUC 5157 AND EDUC 6116 for EDUC 5676 Qualitative Approaches to Educational Research be changed to EDUC 5157 OR EDUC 6116 and that the prerequisites of EDUC 5157 and EDUC 6116 for EDUC 5677 Quantitative Approaches to Educational Research be changed to EDUC 5157 OR EDUC 6116.  
CARRIED

**AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS**

MOTION 1: Moved by N. Colborne, seconded by R. Gendron, that Senate approve that the terms of reference of Article 9.2 Academic Quality Assurance and Planning Committee (AQAPC) be amended as outlined below:

## 9.2 Academic Quality Assurance and Planning Committee (AQAPC)

## (c) Terms of Reference:

- (i) to engage in an on-going process of long-range academic planning in accordance with the overall academic objectives of the University, and to make recommendations to Senate as necessary and appropriate;
- (ii) as a part of (i) to review and update on an annual basis for Senate approval, the Nipissing University Strategic Academic Plan, which includes the setting of priorities related to the introduction of new programs or adjustments to current offerings and associated recommendations for appropriate resources;
- (iii) AQAPC is responsible for review of new academic programs and has the authority to recommend new programs for Senate approval;
- (iv) AQAPC is responsible for reviewing and providing Senate the substantive outcomes of cyclical review of existing academic programs;
- (v) AQAPC is responsible for reporting to Senate the recommendations resulting from program reviews;
- (vi) to direct to Senate or its relevant committees/subcommittees, as necessary, any issues which arise from the Committee's planning discussions regarding physical facilities or other aspects of the educational environment;
- (vii) to deal with such other matters as may be assigned from time to time by Senate.

MOTION 2: Moved by N. Colborne, seconded by D. Iafrate, that Senate approve that the *Ex Officio* membership of the Senate Committees, Subcommittees and Council be amended as outlined below:

CARRIED

## 9.1 Senate Executive Committee (EXEC)

(a) *Ex Officio* Members:

- (i) the President, ~~who shall be~~ (Chair);
- (ii) the PVPAR, or designate, ~~who shall be~~ (Vice-Chair);

- (iii) the Deans, or their designate;
- (iv) the Speaker; and
- (v) the Deputy Speaker.

#### 9.1.1 By-Laws & Elections Subcommittee (B&E)

- (a) *Ex Officio* Members:
  - (i) the Speaker, ~~who shall be~~ (Chair);
  - (ii) the Deputy Speaker, ~~who shall be~~ (Vice-Chair);
  - (iii) the PVPAR, or ~~their~~ designate; and
  - (iv) the Senate Secretary (non-voting).

#### 9.1.2 Honorary Degrees Subcommittee (HON)

- (a) *Ex Officio* Members:
  - (i) the President, ~~who shall be~~ (Chair);
  - (ii) the PVPAR, or designate, ~~who shall be~~ (Vice-Chair);
  - (iii) one (1) Dean, or designate, chosen by the Senate Executive Committee;
  - (iv) one (1) representative chosen by and from the Board of Governors; and
  - (v) one (1) representative chosen by and from the Alumni Advisory Board.

#### 9.2 Academic Quality Assurance and Planning Committee (AQAPC)

- (a) *Ex Officio* Members:
  - (i) the PVPAR, or designate, (Chair);
  - (ii) the Dean of Graduate Studies and Research;
  - (iii) the Dean of each Faculty, or their designate;
  - (iv) the Registrar;
  - (v) the Executive Director of Library Services, or designate;
  - (vi) the Director of Institutional Research and Planning;
  - (vii) one (1) representative chosen by and from the Board of Governors.

#### 9.3. Undergraduate Studies Committee (USC)

- (a) *Ex Officio* Members:
  - (i) the PVPAR or designate, (Chair)
  - (ii) one (1) Academic Dean, or their designate, ~~who shall be~~ (Vice-Chair); and
  - (iii) the Registrar, or designate.

#### 9.3.1 Undergraduate Standing & Petitions Subcommittee (S&P)

- (a) *Ex Officio* Members:
  - (i) the Registrar, ~~(non-voting)~~ or designate, ~~who shall be~~ (Chair); and
  - (ii) one (1) Academic Dean, or ~~their~~ designate.

#### 9.3.2 Undergraduate Services & Awards Subcommittee (S&A)

- (a) *Ex Officio* Members:
  - (i) the Vice-Chair of USC, ~~who shall be~~ (Chair);
  - (ii) one (1) representative chosen by and from the Aboriginal Council on Education;
  - (iii) the Financial Aid Manager (non-voting);
  - (iv) a representative from Development named by the PVPAR (non-voting);
  - (v) the Assistant Vice-President, Students; and
  - (vi) Registrar, or designate.

#### 9.4 Student Appeals Committee (SAC)

- (a) *Ex Officio* Member:

- (i) the Registrar, ~~who shall be~~ (Chair).

#### 9.5 Teaching & Learning Committee (T&L)

- (a) *Ex Officio* Members:
  - (i) one (1) Dean, or ~~their~~ designate, ~~whom shall be~~ (Chair); and
  - (ii) the Executive Director of Library Services, or designate.

#### 9.5.1 Library Advisory Subcommittee (LIB)

- (a) *Ex Officio* Member:
  - (i) the Executive Director, Library Services, who shall be Chair.

#### 9.6 Technology & Infrastructure Committee (T&I)

- (a) *Ex Officio* Members:
  - (i) the Vice-President responsible for Finance and Administration, or designate (non-voting);
  - (ii) the Executive Director, Library Services, or designate; and
  - (iii) the Director of Technology Services, or designate.

#### 10.2 Research Council (RC)

- (a) Membership: Voting Members:
  - (i) the Dean of Graduate Studies and Research ~~who shall be~~ (Chair);
  - (ii) one (1) other Academic Dean, or ~~their~~ designate;
  - (iii) six (6) faculty members, elected by Senate for a minimum two (2) year term, to include:
    - one (1) faculty member from each Faculty representing the Tri-Council disciplines as follows: 1 CIHR, 1 NSERC, 1 SSHRC, two (2) remaining faculty, and one (1) Canada Research Chair or Indigenous Education Chair;
  - (iv) one (1) student representative from a Graduate program;
  - (v) the PVPAR or designate; and
  - (vi) the Executive Director of Library Services, or designate.

#### 10.3 Graduate Studies Committee (GSC):

- (a) Members:
  - (i) the Dean of Graduate Studies and Research, or designate, ~~who shall be~~ (Chair);
  - (ii) the PVPAR, or designate;
  - (iii) the Registrar, or designate;
  - (iv) the Executive Director of Library Services, or designate;
  - (v) one (1) Academic Dean, or ~~their~~ designate;
  - (vi) Graduate Coordinators/Graduate Chairs from each graduate program, or designate;
  - (vii) one Graduate student from each level of graduate studies; and
  - (viii) one Graduate student Senator (non-voting).

**•Notice of Motion that Senate approve the proposed revisions to the membership of the Joint Standing Committee of the Board and Senate on Governance as outlined below:**

- (a) Ex Officio Members:
  - (i) the President of the Nipissing University Student Union (NUSU) or designate
- (b) Members Elected by Senate:
  - (i) three (3) Senators or non-Senators elected by Senate, **with at least one being a Senator**
- (c) Members Elected by the Board:

- (i) three (3) **non-constituent** members of the Board of Governors elected by the Board
- (d) Terms of Reference:
  - (i) to periodically review on an at least an annual basis the governance structures and practices of the University to foster bicameral communication and collegiality and to recommend amendments to by-laws, practices or policies as may be advisable;
  - (i) to establish and oversee a procedure for providing a joint orientation to new members of the Senate and Board as a means of promoting the effective governance of the university;
  - (ii) to establish and oversee a statement on the importance of collegial governance at Nipissing;
  - (iv) to address issues that may arise concerning a lack of civility and decorum in the conduct of the interaction of the Senate or Board and which cannot be satisfactorily addressed under the existing policies and bylaws of each, and to recommend amendments to by-laws, practices or policies as may be advisable; and
  - (v) to oversee the implementation of the recommendations of the Special Governance Commission Report of October 27, 2016.

### ELECTIONS

MOTION 1: Moved by S. Renshaw, seconded by J. Allison that A. Burk replace D. Tabachnick on the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching selection committee. **ACCLAIMED.**

### REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

The President provided an electronic report that will be included as an attachment.

The Provost and Vice-President Academic and Research provided an electronic report that will be included as an attachment.

The Joint Board/Senate Committee on Governance advised that the joint budget report is in the works and will be available for May meeting. They will meet one more time this academic year.

NUSU Executive, J'aime Brunet reported that they are continuing with Wellness Wednesdays. Student of the week and Sugar Daddies will also continue. If you are aware of any deserving students, please nominate. There is a job fair on April 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Grand Event Centre, please advise students. Free grilled cheese sandwiches were handed out to students on National Grilled Cheese Day. Valedictorians will be announced in the near future. The theme for FROSH this year will be Disney. We hope to grow the green initiative in the future. New directors are starting May 1.

No reports were provided by:

- The Vice-President, Finance and Administration
- Board of Governors
- Alumni Advisory Board
- Council of Ontario Universities (Academic Colleague)
- Indigenization Steering Committee

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION 1: Moved by M. DeGagné, seconded by M. Tuncali, that Senate move in-camera.  
CARRIED.

*Senate moved in camera*

MOTION 2: Moved by M. DeGagné, seconded by W. Richardson, that Senate grant approval to award the PhD in Education in Memoriam.  
CARRIED.

MOTION 3: Moved by M. DeGagné, seconded by T. Horton, that Senate consider five (5) Honorary Degree recipients. CARRIED

MOTION 4: Moved by M. DeGagné, seconded by M. Tuncali, that Senate move out of camera.  
CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Senate was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

*Original signed by:*

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M. DeGagné (Chair)

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S. Landriault (Senate Secretary)