

Nipissing University
Minutes of the Academic Senate Meeting

February 8, 2019

2:30 p.m. – Room F210

MEMBERS PRESENT:

M. DeGagné (Chair), A. Vainio-Mattila, J. McAuliffe, P. Radia,
C. Richardson, N. Black

D. Lafrance Horning, M. Litalien, L. Manankil-Rankin, K.
McCullough, P. Millar, M. Sullivan

A. Burk, N. Colborne, S. Connor, E. Dokis, B. Kelly, L. Kruk, E.
Mattson, G. McCann, K. Srigley, S. Srigley, D. Tabachnick, H.
Teixeira, T. Vassilev, H. Zhu

J. Allison, B. Hatt, D. Hay, D. Jarvis, C. Peltier, G. Raymer, C.
Ricci, A. Schinkel-Ivy, O. Pokorny

T. Curry, B. Ray

D. Goulard, A. Wood

ABSENT WITH REGRETS:

C. Sutton, J. Nadeau, D. Iafrate

L. Chen, P. Ravi

A. Hatef, S. Renshaw

C. Hachkowski, T. Horton, G. Sharpe

L. Lambert

J. Nighbor

X. Winter, N. MacKenzie, K. Kearney, H. Mackie

The Speaker opened the meeting with a welcome to the traditional territory:

As we begin this Nipissing University Senate meeting, I would like to acknowledge that we are in the territory of the Robinson-Huron Treaty of 1850 and that the land on which we gather is the Nipissing First Nation Traditional Territory and the traditional territory of the Anishnabek. We respect and are grateful to hold this event on these lands with all our relatives.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA OF THE SENATE MEETING OF: February 8, 2019

MOTION 1: Moved by N. Colborne, seconded by A. Burk that the agenda of the Senate meeting of February 8, 2019 be approved.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SENATE MEETING OF: January 11, 2019

MOTION 2: Moved by H. Teixeira, seconded by M. Litalien that the minutes of the Senate meeting of January 11, 2019 be adopted.
CARRIED

READING AND DISPOSING OF COMMUNICATIONS

MOTION 3: Moved by D. Tabachnick, seconded by S. Srigley that the Statement on the Importance of Collegial Governance as approved/recommended by the Standing Joint Committee of the Board and Senate on Governance, December 3, 2018, be adopted.
CARRIED

We believe 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, Nipissing 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, we must strive for inclusiveness, equality, transparency, and broad participation in our decision making.

Recognizing the obligations, responsibilities and jurisdictions of the Senate and the Board of Governors, collegial governance requires interdependence and the highest standards of mutual respect and good relationships.

The shared governance and mission of the University is best served when the principles of collegiality are respected. All of us must do our part to uphold the ideals of academic freedom and democratic practice inherent in our system of collegial governance.

REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

The President began his report by providing an update on recently attended events and activities, including the Lakers men's hockey Military Appreciation Night, the Donor Social, as well as meetings with the Executive Director of the Children's Aid Society and the Ontario College of Art and Design. The President advised that discussions on the outdoor classroom space are moving ahead. In response to a request for a description of the outdoor classroom space, the President advised that it will be situated by the pond and will be an all-wood structure, open to the elements but have the ability to be closed with a possible radiant heat source. The structure could include a large circle in the middle and tiered seating. Please e-mail your ideas and suggestions to the President. The President was pleased to speak to the recent Nugget article reporting the exceptional application results as the first round of numbers from OUAC were released. In the category of Ontario high school student applications, Nipissing University saw an increase in applications by 26.8% from this time last year. As well, a 20% increase in applications ranking Nipissing University as their first choice, and a 30% increase in applications ranking it their second choice was reported. The President expressed his appreciation to the student recruitment team and to all those who have contributed to this success. A full update of the activities and events recently attended by the President is attached to the Minutes.

The Provost advised that her recent trip to India was a productive experience and that a debriefing meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 13 at 12:15 in F214. She also advised of an announcement

from NSERC regarding a funding opportunity of \$200,000 over 2 years and \$400,000 in total to identify human rights and biases. She reported that this is a vital policy development and is part of an advisory group with Universities Canada. If we wish to participate in the future, CRC and research grant applications must have an Equity Diversion Inclusion (EDI) policy in order to apply. If these discussions have not taken place in your faculty, it is a good time to start. If you have an interest in being a part of further discussions, please advise the Provost's assistant, Martee Storms. The Provost informed that the call for Teaching Chairs was sent out by e-mail earlier this afternoon. This information will be attached in the Minutes. The Provost advised that work on the Teaching Hub is being developed. The Hub will be funded with Schulich funds. A tentative plan is available to be shared and it is hoped that the Hub will be in place for September 2019. The Dean of Arts & Science search committee had their first meeting today. As per the policy, the names of the decanal search committee members will be shared following the meeting. The Dean of Teaching search committee will be meeting for the first time next week and following the meeting an e-mail will be shared advising of the names of the decanal search committee members. In response to an inquiry as to why the Dean of Teaching hiring policy does not follow recommendation 3.4 of the Special Governance Commission Report to bring forward the names of the search committee members for the endorsement of Senate, the Provost responded that the policy of releasing the names of the members of the search committee has not changed. Members must be provided with an opportunity to declare a conflict at the first meeting. The structure and number of members on the search committee is the same.

The Senate representative from the Board of Governors provided a Report from the January Board meeting. The Report is attached to the Minutes.

The Senate representative from the Joint Committee of the Board and Senate on Governance provided a Report from the February meeting. The Report is attached to the Minutes.

The NUSU President provided a Report. The Report is attached to the Minutes.

The Chair of the Indigenization Steering Committee provided a Report from the January meeting. The Report is attached to the Minutes.

The new Director of External Relations, Cristin Christopher, introduced herself and provided further information regarding our partnership with Ignite North Bay, Nipissing University and Canadore College. The March 5 event at the Capitol Centre will also be used as an opportunity to further engage our community. E-mails have been sent out to over 4000 local alumni regarding a post Ignite reception at Cecil's. The Registrar's Office is also hosting a reception at the Capitol Centre on the night of the event to engage local students and their families.

QUESTION PERIOD

In response to a question raised regarding the Northern University Fund and whether a separate pot of money for northern universities is available, the President advised that the fund is an attempt to offset the tuition reduction and that there had been no further mention of it other than it will be an application process.

In response to a question raised regarding the resurrection of the NU News, the Director of External Relations advised that the NU News will be resurrected and encouraged everyone to think of this as an evolution. NU News is an excellent way to address good news coming out of the university. A full audit has taken place on what has been done in the past and what is done at other universities. Further information will be coming out in the next few weeks.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND FACULTY OR UNIVERSITY COUNCILSSENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MOTION 4: Moved by M. DeGagné, seconded by K. Srigley that Senate receive the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated January 31, 2019.
CARRIED

ACADEMIC QUALITY ASSURANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

MOTION 5: Moved by A. Vainio-Mattila, seconded by K. Srigley that the Report of the Academic Quality Assurance and Planning Committee dated January 25, 2019, be received.
CARRIED

MOTION 6: Moved by A. Vainio-Mattila, seconded by D. Lafrance Horning that Senate approve the creation of the new courses ADMN 1011 Academic Success Workshops; ADMN 2011 Academic Success and Career Management Workshops; and ADMN 3011 Career Management Workshops as described in the attached documents.
CARRIED

MOTION 7: Moved by A. Vainio-Mattila, seconded by K. Srigley that Senate approve the addition of ADMN 1011 Academic Success Workshops; ADMN 2011 Academic Success and Career Management Workshops; and ADMN 3011 Career Management Workshops as requirements for the Bachelor of Business Administration degree program beginning in the 2019/20 Academic Calendar.
CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

MOTION 8: Moved by N. Colborne, seconded by D. Tabachnick that Senate approve the Nipissing University Policy Statement on Indigenous Attire at Convocation as outlined below:

Indigenous graduates, faculty and other participants may choose to wear traditional Indigenous attire, with or in lieu of a gown, at all convocation ceremonies. The hood may be carried rather than worn depending on cultural protocols. Nipissing University acknowledges the diversity of Indigenous peoples, communities, and nations. As such, it is recognized that traditional Indigenous attire may vary.

CARRIED

MOTION 9: Moved by N. Colborne, seconded by K. Srigley that Senate approve the amended course description HIST 1206 Into to Genocide to include inclusion of “the Americas” as outlined in the attached template.
CARRIED

AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

MOTION 10: Moved by N. Colborne, seconded by M. Sullivan that the Report of the By-Laws and Elections Subcommittee dated January 15, 2019 be received.

- Notice of Motion that the revised Senate By-Laws document will be included on the March 8, 2019 Senate Agenda.

ELECTIONS

- Elect one (1) faculty Senate representative for a six-month replacement on the Board of Governors
D. Tabachnick – ACCLAIMED

NEW BUSINESS

- MOTION 11: Moved by A. Vainio-Mattila, seconded by A. Burk that Senate consider receipt of the Graduation Applicants dated February 6, 2019.
CARRIED
- MOTION 12: Moved by A. Vainio-Mattila, seconded by E. Dokis that Senate receive the Report of Graduation Applicants dated February 6, 2019.
CARRIED
- MOTION 13: Moved by A. Vainio-Mattila, seconded by D. Goulard that Senate grant approval to graduate the students listed in the Report of Graduation Applicants dated February 6, 2019.
CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Speaker advised that use of a consent Agenda will be carefully looked at for the January 2020 Senate Agenda. As the January Agendas usually consist of over 170 motions of course additions and revisions for the Academic Calendar, use of a consent Agenda would expedite the process. Further information on this process will be provided.

ADJOURNMENT

Senate was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.



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M. DeGagné (Chair)



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S. Landriault (Senate Secretary)

President's Update

Sampling of Activities and Events – January 12, 2019 – February 8, 2019

Campus

- Indigenization Steering Committee
- Media Conference, Military Appreciation Day
- Town Hall
- Men's Hockey: Senior Recognition & Military Appreciation Game
- Donor Social

Meetings

- Nipissing University Alumni Advisory Board President
- Ed Dreidger re: Library Atrium
- Tom Palangio
- Cindy & Jim, Research grants
- David Drenth, outdoor structure
- Senate Executive Committee
- Joint Committee on Governance
- Tom Curry

Community

- Meeting with Gisele Hebert, Executive Director of the Children's Aid Society

Government

- PLT Conference (Ontario Provincial Police)
- Joint CCOU & Executive Heads Meeting, COU
- Executive Heads Roundtable, COU
- Discussion on the 2019 Ontario Budget
- Meeting with MP Anthony Rota

Collaboration

- Rotary Club of Kapuskasing
- Presented Muffins for Granny, OCADU
- Seminar at OCADU, Residential School Policy
- Northern University Teleconference
- Meeting with Dr. Zundel and Dr. Vezina, COU

Research / Other

- Truth and Reconciliation Seminar at the Segal Centre Theatre
- Interview with the North Bay Nugget

BOARD OF GOVERNORS' SENATE REPORT – FEBRUARY 8, 2019

- At our January meeting we welcomed a new board member, or city council representative Marcus Tignanelli
- The Board continues to wait for provincial approval of two Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council appointments. The Province had indicated that there is a backlog of such approvals, but we hope to hear something soon.
- The Board has been receiving regular updates from the Provost and the Deans regarding the ongoing IQAP reviews. On behalf of the Board of Governors, I would like to extend congratulations to everyone involved in what I understand is a very important process. The board looks forward to hearing final summaries and implementation plans.
- The Board has approved the Statement of Collegiality that was drafted and recommended by the Joint Committee of the Board and Senate on Governance.
- Finally, the Board was delighted to host a presentation by Dr. Susan Srigley at our January meeting, which was met with rave reviews and feedback regarding the progressive work that is being done at Nipissing University.

NUSU Senate Address – February 8, 2019

Elections

We would like to congratulate our incoming executive members. They are:

Taylor Sullivan - VP Finance and Administration

Charlotte Foster - VP Advocacy and Awareness

Shannon MacCarthy - VP Student Life

Elections for the president position, as well as our Director and Senator positions, will take place in March.

Ignite

Nipissing University and Canadore College have partnered with Ignite North Bay. On March 5th, Nipissing and Canadore students will be sharing their passions at the Capitol Centre. Tickets are free for students and they can come to our office. Faculty and staff can purchase tickets at the NUSU Office for \$5. This is a great way for the community to see how incredible our students are. We look forward to attending and supporting our students.

Shine Ball

Lakers Men's and Women's Basketball Teams are playing against the Ryerson Rams tonight. Women's game is at 6pm and Men's game is at 8pm. NUSU has partnered with athletics to make it a Shinerama themed event. T-shirts and popcorn will be sold and all proceeds will be going to Shinerama.

White Ribbon Campaign

NUSU and Katie Sills, Nipissing's Sexual Violence Prevention and Education Coordinator, partnered on a White Ribbon Campaign initiative. This campaign encourages those who are male-identified to pledge to end gender-based violence. A pledge form is currently in the NUSU office (F205) and can still be signed.

Grad Studies Trivia Night

NUSU hosted a Graduate Studies Trivia Night at Casey's on Thursday, January 31st. We are looking to host more social events for graduate studies. Thank you to Amber McCarthy from the Grad Studies office, as well as students Caleb Mady and Rebecca Dubeau for working with us on this event.

Sweetest Student of the Week

Sweetest Student of the Week has started up again this semester. Nipissing University students can be nominated for anything including giving up their seat on a bus for someone else to raising thousands of dollars for charity. Students can be nominated by their peers, faculty, staff, administration and community members.

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Indigenization Steering Committee Report

The Indigenization Steering Committee last met on January 23, 2019. The main area of discussion at this meeting concerned deciding on a new structure for the work that the Indigenization Steering Committee would engage in going forward. This new proposed structure will include a working group composed of Indigenization Steering Committee members. This smaller working group would be responsible for facilitating roundtable discussions on the following five pillars of Indigenization:

- 1) Governance, Vision Statements and Strategic Plans
- 2) Teaching and Learning
- 3) Research and Community Engagement
- 4) Indigenous Student Success
- 5) Human Resources

These roundtable discussions will be gathering input through a consultative process informed by Indigenous Ways of Being, Knowing and Doing. Participation will be inclusive of students, faculty, and administration and, of course, community.

The Indigenization Steering Committee adopted this new structure on January 23, 2019 by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Peltier

Chair, Indigenous Education