

Nipissing University
Minutes of the Academic Senate Meeting

February 14, 2020

2:30 p.m. – Room F210

MEMBERS PRESENT:

M. DeGagné (Chair), A. Vainio-Mattila, C. Sutton, J. McAuliffe,
P. Maher, C. Richardson, D. Iafrate, N. Black

O. Atari, A. Burk, D. Campbell, L. Chen, A. Hatef, L. Hoehn, N.
Kozuskanich, M. Litalien, K. Lucas, S. Srigley, D. Tabachnick,
H. Teixeira, R. Vernescu, H. Zhu

C. Anyinam, C. Hachkowski, T. Horton, D. Jarvis, A. Kociolek,
G. Raymer, C. Ricci, A. Schinkel-Ivy, T. Sibbald, M. Sullivan

C. Irwin, O. Pokorny

B. Ray

E. Lougheed

T. Sullivan, C. Foster

ABSENT WITH REGRETS:

P. Radia

A. Ackerman, N. Colborne, S. Connor, H. Earl, B. Kelly, S.
Renshaw

J. Allison, D. Hay, D. Lafrance Horning, L. Manankil-Rankin,
K. McCullough, P. Millar

S. Kidd

H. Mackie, N. Muylaert, S. Pecoskie-Schweir

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA OF THE SENATE MEETING OF: February 14, 2020

MOTION 1: Moved by D. Campbell, seconded by N. Kozuskanich that the agenda of the Senate meeting of February 14, 2020 be approved.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SENATE MEETING OF: January 17, 2020

MOTION 2: Moved by M. Sullivan, seconded by C. Foster that the minutes of the Senate meeting of January 17, 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED

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.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Article 2.6 (b) (ii) was included in the Notice of Motion in the December 13, 2019 Senate Agenda, but inadvertently left off of the January 17, 2020 Senate Agenda:

MOTION 3: Moved by D. Tabachnick, seconded by C. Foster that Senate By-Laws Article 2.6 be amended to reflect revisions to the NUSU Terms of Office as outlined below:

2.6 Terms of Office

- (a) Ex officio Senators shall serve for as long as they remain in office.
- (b) For student Senators, the normal term of office shall be:
 - (i) one (1) year (renewable), for the three (3) student Senators chosen by and from the NUSU Executive;
 - (ii) one (1) year (renewable), for each undergraduate student Senator elected by and from the undergraduate students; the graduate student Senator elected by and from the graduate students.
- (c) For other non-faculty Senators, the term of office shall be at the discretion of the respective constituencies.
- (d) For faculty Senators, the normal term of office shall be:
 - (i) three (3) years (renewable) for the two (2) designated faculty Senate representatives specified in 2.4(b), with roughly one-half (1/2) to be elected in alternate years; and
 - (ii) three (3) years (renewable), for the remaining faculty representatives allocated to the individual Faculties, with roughly one-third (1/3) to be elected each year.
- (e) All Senate terms of office shall commence at the beginning of the Senate year (i.e. 01 July), except:
 - (i) the terms of the three (3) student Senators chosen by and from the NUSU Executive, which shall run from 01 May each year to 30 April the following year; and
 - (ii) the terms of the graduate student Senator elected by and from the graduate students, and the undergraduate student Senators elected by and from the undergraduate students, shall run from 01 May each year to 30 April of the following year.

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

The President began his report by congratulating all those involved in the successful Donor Social and the launch of the Teaching Hub. He was pleased to acknowledge that long time Board of Governors' member and donor, Gord Durnan, has accepted the role of Chair of the President's Capital Campaign Advisory Committee. He advised of recent events including two Military Appreciation Days hosted by the men's and women's Lakers Hockey teams, and a visit from the NDP Opposition Critic, MPP Chris Glover. MPP Glover visited the campus and met with the Executive Team and students. He also informed of the upcoming Indigenous Week activities that include: workshops; traditional teachings; a film screening of *Falls Around Her*; as well as Keynote Speakers, Anthony Johnson and Dr. James Makokis. As well, he advised that on March 7, Nipissing will be co-hosting the College Partnership Program (CPP)

Convocation ceremony at Algonquin College where Senator Kim Pate will be receiving an honorary degree.

The Provost and Vice-President Academic and Research was pleased to inform of the successful soft launch of the Teaching Hub. The Teaching Hub is expected to open fully by March 1, once the architects sign off. In answer to concerns that have been expressed regarding the recent announcement by the MCU regarding changes to the delivery of registered nursing education programs in Ontario, specifically the collaborative nursing degree model, the Provost advised that colleges and universities will be able to deliver baccalaureate nursing degree programs independently, on a standalone basis. Colleges and universities will now be able to choose whether to deliver their programs collaboratively or independently. Colleges and universities that are interested in offering the nursing degree on a standalone basis will be required to submit joint plans that outline the dissolution of the partnership they are currently in as well as separate business cases to offer the new nursing degree program. Discussions as an institution, including nursing faculty members, will be held to determine what the need is and the best program to offer. The Provost advised that the employment posting for the Search/Appointment/Reappointment of the Dean of Education and Professional Studies can be found on the NU website. She also advised that an initial meeting, including department Chairs, was held regarding the cluster hire in Indigenous Education. It was decided that one committee will be struck to make the appointments. The committee will be struck as soon as possible.

On behalf of the Board of Governors, Senate representative Bobby Ray, advised that three new members of the Research Ethics Board, Dr. David Tabachnick, Dr. Wayne Borody and Dr. Nancy Black were approved at the last Board meeting. Senator Ray also thanked Dr. Hilary Earl for providing a presentation on her research titled, *Murder on the Beach*.

On behalf of the Alumni Advisory Board, Erika Lougheed, Manager of Advancement, provided a Report. The Report is attached to the Minutes.

The Council of Ontario Universities (Academic Colleague) representative, Dr. Manuel Litalien, advised that he was unable to attend the last meeting on February 12 due to teaching responsibilities. When the Minutes from the meeting are provided, they will be forwarded on to Senate.

The Joint Board/Senate Committee on Governance representative, Dr. David Tabachnick, advised that the Minutes from the last meeting are included in the Senate Agenda.

NUSU VP Advocacy and Awareness, Charlotte Foster, provided a Report. The Report is attached to the Minutes.

QUESTION PERIOD

In response to a request for an update on fundraising efforts, the President advised that over the last year a great deal of work has taken place developing priorities and stewardship, as well as researching the costing case for a campaign and the cultivation of contacts and candidates. Normally, the announcement of the start of a campaign would be made once it is 50-60% complete.

In follow up to a question raised at the May 2019 and December 2019 Senate meetings regarding changes to the honorarium policy and the implications this may have on how Indigenous Elders and Knowledge Keepers are acknowledged, the VP Finance and Administration advised that the Director of Finance has been working on this matter and that further information will be forthcoming.

In response to a question as to why students in concurrent programs are unable to attend convocation ceremonies and cross the stage with their classmates once their undergraduate degrees have been

completed, the Registrar advised that the current practice is that concurrent students register in a 4 + 2 year program and they apply to graduate in their final year. The Registrar reported that this matter will be explored further for possible changes to next year's convocation ceremonies.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND FACULTY OR UNIVERSITY COUNCILS

SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MOTION 4: Moved by M. DeGagné, seconded by C. Foster that the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated February 6, 2020 be received.
CARRIED

ACADEMIC CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

- **January 21, 2020 Report**

MOTION 5: Moved by A. Vainio-Mattila, seconded by N. Kozuskanich that the Report of the Academic Curriculum Committee dated January 21, 2020 be received.
CARRIED

FACULTY OF EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Business

MOTION 6: Moved by A. Vainio-Mattila, seconded by D. Campbell that Senate consider Motions 7-11 as an omnibus Motion.
CARRIED

MOTION 7: Moved by A. Vainio-Mattila, seconded by D. Campbell that Senate approve the Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Business Administration requirements be changed as outlined in the attached document.

MOTION 8: Moved by A. Vainio-Mattila, seconded by D. Campbell that Senate approve the Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Finance requirements be changed as outlined in the attached document.

MOTION 9: Moved by A. Vainio-Mattila, seconded by D. Campbell that Senate approve the Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Human Resources Management requirements be changed as outlined in the attached document.

MOTION 10: Moved by A. Vainio-Mattila, seconded by D. Campbell that Senate approve the Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in International Business requirements be changed as outlined in the attached document.

MOTION 11: Moved by A. Vainio-Mattila, seconded by D. Campbell that Senate approve the Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Marketing requirements be changed as outlined in the attached document.
CARRIED

MOTION 12: Moved by A. Vainio-Mattila, seconded by A. Burk that Senate approve that the prerequisite for ADMN 2156 Introduction to Entrepreneurship be changed from “ADMN 1156 Foundations of Business or 24 credits completed for students in the BBA or BCOMM program” to “no prerequisite”.
CARRIED

Master of Education

MOTION 13: Moved by A. Vainio-Mattila, seconded by M. Sullivan that Senate approve that EDUC 5547 Indigenous Research be approved as an elective in the Master of Education program.
CARRIED

ADMISSION POLICY

MOTION 14: Moved by A. Vainio-Mattila, seconded by L. Chen that Senate approve the modification of the BScN – SPP admission policy.
CARRIED

BANKED/DELETED COURSES

For Information Only:

The attached listing of courses (Courses Banked) were not offered in the past five calendar years and will be banked by the Registrar’s Office (Senate Motion passed on May 20, 2011).

The attached listing of banked courses (Courses Deleted) were not offered in the past ten calendar years and will be deleted by the Registrar’s Office (Senate Motion passed on May 20, 2011).

- **February 4, 2020 Report**

MOTION 15: Moved by A. Vainio-Mattila, seconded by S. Srigley that the Report of the Academic Curriculum Committee dated February 4, 2020 be received.
CARRIED

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCE

Geography

Non-substantive (for information only):

- Modify the course title from **GEOG 3606 A Geography of Western Europe** to **GEOG 3606 A Geography of Europe**.

Non-substantive (for information only):

- Modify the course description for **GEOG 3606 A Geography of Europe** as outlined below.

Old Course Description

A study of the human geography and cultural landscape of **Western** Europe. Utilizing a macro level approach, this course stresses population, economic, and political diversity. Historical changes are investigated, with an emphasis on developments since WWII.

New Course Description

A study of the human geography and cultural landscape of Europe. Utilizing a macro level approach, this course stresses population, economic, and political diversity. Historical changes are investigated, with an emphasis on developments since WWII.

MOTION 16: Moved by A. Vainio-Mattila, seconded by D. Campbell that Senate approve the addition of a new course **GEOG 2146: Cities in a Changing World** as outlined in the document.
CARRIED

MOTION 17: Moved by A. Vainio-Mattila, seconded by L. Hoehn that Senate consider Motions 18-26 as an omnibus Motion.
CARRIED

MOTION 18: Moved by A. Vainio-Mattila, seconded by N. Kozuskanich that Senate approve the modification of the Honours Specialization in Geography program requirements as outlined in the document.

MOTION 19: Moved by A. Vainio-Mattila, seconded by N. Kozuskanich that Senate approve the modification of the Specialization in Geography program requirements as outlined in the document.

MOTION 20: Moved by A. Vainio-Mattila, seconded by N. Kozuskanich that Senate approve the modification of the Major in Geography program requirements as outlined in the document.

MOTION 21: Moved by A. Vainio-Mattila, seconded by N. Kozuskanich that Senate approve the modification of the Honours Specialization in Environment and Physical Geography (BSc) program requirements as outlined in the document.

MOTION 22: Moved by A. Vainio-Mattila, seconded by N. Kozuskanich that Senate approve the modification of the Specialization in Environment and Physical Geography (BSc) program requirements as outlined in the document.

MOTION 23: Moved by A. Vainio-Mattila, seconded by N. Kozuskanich that Senate approve the modification of the Major in Environment and Physical Geography (BSc) program requirements as outlined in the document.

MOTION 24: Moved by A. Vainio-Mattila, seconded by N. Kozuskanich that Senate approve the modification of the Honours Specialization in Environmental Geography (BA) program requirements as outlined in the document.

MOTION 25: Moved by A. Vainio-Mattila, seconded by N. Kozuskanich that Senate approve the modification of the Specialization in Environmental Geography (BA) program requirements as outlined in the document.

MOTION 26: Moved by A. Vainio-Mattila, seconded by N. Kozuskanich that Senate approve the modification of the Major in Environmental Geography (BA) program requirements as outlined in the document.
CARRIED

Non-substantive (for information only):

- Bank **GEOG 2137 Social Geography**.

Religions & Cultures

Non-substantive (for information only):

- Bank **RLCT 2205 Sacred Cinema**.

Non-substantive (for information only):

- Modify the title for **RLCT 1206** from “**What Does It All Mean?: Religious Perspectives**” to “**Introduction to the Study of Religion**”.

Non-substantive (for information only):

- Modify the title for **RLCT 1207** from “**Selected Topics in Religions and Cultures**” to “**Introduction to Religion: Topics**”.

MOTION 27: Moved by A. Vainio-Mattila, seconded by S. Srigley that Senate approve the change in pre-requisites for **RLCT 2127 The Bible As Cultural Text** from **any 18 credits completed or three credits of 1000 level ENGL (excluding ENGL 1551 Language & Written Communication: English 2nd Language I and ENGL 1552 Language & Written Communication: English 2nd Language II)** to “**any 18 credits completed.**”
CARRIED

Sociology & Anthropology

Non-substantive (for information only):

- Modify the course title for ANTH 3027 from “**Anthropology, Aboriginal Peoples, and the Law**” to “**Indigenous Peoples and the State**” as outlined.

Old title

Anthropology, Aboriginal Peoples, and the Law

New title

Indigenous Peoples and the State

Non-substantive (for information only):

- Modify the course description for **ANTH 3027 Anthropology, Aboriginal Peoples, and The Law** as outlined in the attached document.

GRADUATE STUDIES

Master of Education

MOTION 28: Moved by A. Vainio-Mattila, seconded by N. Kozuskanich that Senate approve that EDUC 5206 Exploring Experiential Education in Health be approved as an elective in the Master of Education program.
CARRIED

MOTION 29: Moved by A. Vainio-Mattila, seconded by A. Burk that Senate approve that EDUC 5147 Applying Evidence-Based Practice be approved as an elective in the Master of Education program.
CARRIED

BY-LAWS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

MOTION 30: Moved by D. Tabachnick, seconded by N. Kozuskanich that the Report of the By-Laws and Elections Committee dated January 16, 2020 be received.
CARRIED

JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD AND SENATE ON GOVERNANCE

MOTION 31: Moved by D. Tabachnick, seconded by N. Kozuskanich that the Report of the Joint Committee of the Board and Senate on Governance dated December 13, 2019 be received.
CARRIED

TEACHING AND LEARNING COMMITTEE

MOTION 32: Moved by G. Raymer, seconded by A. Burk that the Report of the Teaching and Learning Committee dated December 4, 2019 be received.
CARRIED

ELECTIONS

- Elect one (1) tenured faculty member from the Faculty of Arts and Science, to be elected by Senate for the Committee for the Search/Appointment/Reappointment of the Dean of Education and Professional Studies.
C. Dokis - ACCLAIMED

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION 33: Moved by D. Iafrate, seconded by A. Vainio-Mattila that Senate consider receipt of the Graduation Applicants dated February 10, 2020.
CARRIED

MOTION 34: Moved by D. Iafrate, seconded by A. Vainio-Mattila that Senate receive the Report of Graduation Applicants February 10, 2020.
CARRIED

MOTION 35: Moved by D. Iafrate, seconded by M. DeGagné that Senate grant approval to graduate the students listed in the Report on Graduation Applicants dated February 10, 2020.
CARRIED

The Registrar provided the following breakdown by program of the students that were granted approval to graduate:

214 students graduated in February:

Bachelor of Arts - 28

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Education (concurrent) - 1

Bachelor of Business Administration - 48

Bachelor of Commerce - 14

Bachelor of Fine Arts - 1

Bachelor of Science - 5

Bachelor of Science in Nursing - 99

Bachelor of Physical Health & Education - 4

Graduate Studies - 9
Indigenous Classroom Assistant Diploma Program - 5

MOTION 36: Moved by M. DeGagné, seconded by S. Srigley that Senate move in camera.
CARRIED

President DeGagné provided a report from the Chancellor's Selection Committee and a Notice of Motion from the Honorary Degrees Committee.

MOTION 37: Moved by N. Kozuskanich, seconded by C. Hachkowski that Senate move out of camera.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Burk advised of the upcoming *Ice Follies* taking place February 15-29 (or as long as the weather holds) off Marathon Beach in North Bay. The opening takes place Saturday, February 15 at 5:30 p.m.

Senator Kozuskanich advised of the 13th Annual Undergraduate Research Conference taking place March 20 & 21. The conference celebrates the contributions of undergraduate research at Nipissing University and across Ontario, and provides an opportunity for students to present a research project (original poster, art installation, oral presentation of a paper, or a panel presentation of a series of related papers). It is an excellent opportunity for undergraduate students to showcase their work in a professional setting before their peers, faculty, and the public. The deadline to submit is February 27.

Senator Black advised that the winner of the Undergraduate Research Conference Poster Contest will be announced on the evening of Friday, March 20 in the Library. Library hours will be extended on Friday evening as well as Saturday morning.

It was advised that March Open House is also taking place on March 21. The Registrar informed that the Registrar's Office would be happy to provide support if needed. It was noted that hosting two events on the same day might be stretching our resources, and is something we may wish to evaluate in the future.

ADJOURNMENT

Senate was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.



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M. DeGagné (Chair)



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S. Landriault (Senate Secretary)

NUAAB Senate Report – February 14, 2020

The Nipissing University Alumni Advisory Board recently announced another significant contribution to the university at the annual Donor Social event. Last year, the alumni board contributed \$20,000 towards the naming of a study room at the Harris Learning Library. The recent announcement of \$30,000 top up on their existing endowed awards brings their overall endowment to \$400,000. NUAAB Vice-President, Mitchell Crown states, “As graduates of Nipissing University, the alumni board knows first-hand the importance of student scholarships, bursaries, and awards. This additional top-up to the existing endowment will continue to reduce financial barriers to education and support students to become future-ready, successful leaders in our communities.” These gifts are part of a 5-year pledge to the university and students. More announcements are to follow.

The Alumni Office and Nipissing University Student Alumni participated in Tag Day. Tag Day is an annual tradition at Nipissing University that gives students, staff and faculty the opportunity to thank donors, make donations and help promote giving to the university. Tags with messages and facts about donations the university receives and how those donations impact student experiences are posted all over campus and represent the sheer volume of improvements realized through support from our alumni, students, faculty, staff, parents and friends.

NU Cafe mentorship program recently started a new initiative called 'Office Hour' where students and alumni can attend an informal presentation and conversation, ask questions, and gain insight on how to navigate the complexities of entering the workforce. The first mentor chat was held with Dr Denyse Lafrance Horning about the importance of developing your personal brand. People were able to attend in-person or via live stream. Please stay tuned to further events. Thank you to Dr Lafrance Horning for allowing us to experiment with this idea and sharing her expertise and commitment to Nipissing University, students, and alumni.



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Nipissing University Student Union

Senate Report

February 14, 2020

Executive Elections

In the last month, we have hosted our executive elections for the 2020/2021 year. We are pleased to announce that we have Hannah Mackie returning as President, Shannon MacCarthy returning as VP Student Life, and Mykayla King as our VP Advocacy and Awareness. The VP Finance and Administration position remain open and we will be holding a by-election in March along with our Director and Senator elections.

Bell Let's Talk

NUSU partnered with the Gathering Place to host a Bell Let's Snack About It. NUSU provided candy, veggies, fruits, and more to students and provided handouts with campus and community supports available for students. The Gathering Place held a reverse food drive where students were welcomed to take items of food in efforts to relieve financial stress. This event was well attended and we are thankful for the Gathering Place and their support.

Ian Campeau

On February 5th, we were lucky to be able to bring Ian Campeau on campus to speak. He was able to speak to students in the afternoon along with 30 students from Nipissing Secondary School, as well as in the evening to a larger audience. Ian spoke about the importance of recognizing indigenous culture and dialects. We even had a surprise visit from George Stroumbouloupolus. Thank you to the President's office and the Office of Indigenous initiatives for partnering with us for this event.

Building Update

Last week our executive team completed a walkthrough of our new student building. It was exciting for us to see all the construction and spaces coming together! We are still on track in terms of schedule and under budget, and we are excited to move into our new student centre in the fall.

Wellness Week

Our second wellness week is quickly approaching for the first week of March. We will have a variety of events and programming to help and remind students to balance their lives and take care of themselves while moving through the midterm season.

Menstruation Campaign

NUSU and other post-secondary schools are campaigning for government-funded menstruation products in all gendered bathrooms. NUSU was fortunate to have a donation of menstruation products that we currently supply for free, however, once the supply is gone, we do not have the funding to supply these products. We will be posting and



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tabling a petition to the Ontario government in the next few weeks. If you are interested in learning more, please feel free to see me, or if you would like to sign the petition, please keep an eye out in the following weeks on our social media accounts.