

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

December 14, 2001

2:30 p.m. – F305

MEMBERS PRESENT: D. Marshall, R. Bergquist, R. Common, A. Dean, R. Forrest,  
D. Lawrence, B. Nettlefold, R. Wideman

J. Baffoe, G. Brophey, T. Chase, D. Hall, P. Kelly, R. Klingspon,  
E. Mattson, S. Muhlberger, F. Noël, P. Nosko, G. Pyle,  
D. Rowbotham, J. Ryan, C. Sarlo, B. Schreyer, L. Stamler,  
L. Thibeault, K. Topps, M. Tuncali, A. Weeks, G. Williams

P. Barber, W. Blair, K. Clausen, D. Franks, L. Frost, T. Horton,  
M. Kariuki, H. Langford, G. Laronde, L. Lemisko, J. Long,  
J. Lundy, J. McIntosh, J. Mroczkowski, S. Reid, J. Scott,  
D. Shaffer, H. Stemp, G. Swanson, S. Van Nuland

P. LaCroix  
D. Calverley, J. LeClair

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: A. Blackbourn (sabbatical), C. Boterbloem (sabbatical),  
R. Brozowski (sabbatical), P. Chow, L. Janzen (sabbatical),  
L. Kruk (on leave), L. Patriquin, G. Phillips (on leave),  
M. Saari (sabbatical), W. Young

D. Brackenreed, J. Buley, T. Campbell, B. Olmsted,  
R. Weeks, E. Winter (on leave), M. Wodlinger (sabbatical)

B. Leighton, J. Price, N. Pelletier, L. Malcolm, G. Buie,  
D. McMeekin

MEMBERS ABSENT: W. Borody, G. Brown, M. Denike, T. Dokis, D. Flynn,  
D. Hackett, D. Jowett, J. Knox, J. Kovacs, U. Kundrats, S. Lawlor,  
D. Murphy, G. Olsen, A. Sparkes, K. Stange, D. Walton

D. Berry, P. Falter, C. Harvey, L. Knaack, M. McCabe,  
W. Richardson, S. Stuart, H. Vail

M. Wallace, C. Vander Wall  
A. Arnold, I. Bajewsky, M. Brewes, K. Brozowski, K. Cowcill,  
A. Falby, D. Hunt, R. Hemmings, M. Kershaw, J. Kooistra,  
J. McNairn, J. Morton, L. Richards, P. Smylie, U. Stange,  
M. Sweeney, V. Valov

MOTION #1: Moved by W. Blair, seconded by L. Lemisko that the minutes of the Academic Senate dated November 9, 2001 be adopted.  
CARRIED

#### BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

MOTION #2: Moved by R. Forrest, seconded by P. Barber that Senate approve the modified Policy on Professor Emeritus/Emerita\* dated October 31, 2001.  
CARRIED

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President announced that Nipissing's Chancellor, Dr. James Redpath, had received the Order of Ontario at a ceremony held December 4<sup>th</sup> at the Ontario Legislature. He noted that Dr. Thorn is also a former recipient of this distinction. Dr. Marshall announced that the Nipissing University Act 2001 was approved on December 13; the changes made to the Act remove any restrictions on Nipissing's degree-granting powers. The President reported on a series of double cohort meetings. He stated that the provincial Working Group on University Capacity had learned that the government's projections appear to be wrong and more students are coming to university than the government had decided it would support. This represents a tremendous challenge for the government as it must choose between fully funding all growth or fund institutions fully to the level of their respective submitted plan. The first option entails more money; the second choice means that the government will have to renege on its commitment to provide a space for every university student. No decision will be made until a new leader is chosen, perhaps in May or June. The next meeting of the WGUC is scheduled for January 14. Dr. Marshall expressed his sincere best wishes to all faculty and their families for a wonderful Christmas.

Dr. Forrest spoke briefly about the content of the two Academic Planning Committee reports enclosed with the Senate Agenda. Dr. Forrest reported that there was no success in hiring a Manager of Research. The search is continuing, with a revised ad to appear in January with the hope that the position will be filled by early spring. It was announced that Nipissing has submitted a proposal for a \$100,000 CHIR development grant in the hope that it will be approved. The Vice-President noted that seven applications had been received for the five research achievement awards; a committee has been created to review them. Dr. Forrest gave a brief update of the involvement of North Bay and Nipissing in the implementation committee of the Northern Medical School.

Dr. Dean stated that he had attended an NSERC meeting in Ottawa. He reported the availability of an extra \$200 million for funding the indirect costs of research. He expected that small universities should have access to these funds. Dr. Dean informed Senate that the Dean's office had conducted a survey of all students and professors seeking their input about the timetable. Of the 1300 students who responded, the majority indicated that they preferred 3-hour classes rather than one-hour classes. Also, the majority, including part-time students, preferred to take courses during the day rather than evening classes. Dr. Dean felt that the document would be useful to assess the

needs and preferences of students and faculty. The Dean reported that a committee will receive nominations from faculty for notable achievements by students and will review these to announce the achievement awards.

Dr. Common is still finalizing the financial arrangements of the memorandum of understanding to be completed with Wilfrid Laurier. Exploratory discussions have occurred with Laurentian with regard to offering a concurrent program, in 2003, at the earliest.

Executive Committee

MOTION #3: Moved by D. Marshall, seconded by R. Forrest that the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated December 6, 2001 be received.  
CARRIED

University Curriculum Committee

MOTION #4: Moved by R. Common, seconded by D. Shaffer that the Summary Report of the University Curriculum Committee dated November 30, 2001 be received.  
CARRIED

MOTION #5: Moved by R. Common, seconded by J. Baffoe that the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2001" be amended to include a writing competency requirement in the Bachelor of Commerce (Financial Services) program.  
CARRIED

MOTION #6: Moved by R. Common, seconded by L. Frost that the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2001" be amended to add: EDUC 5536E Issues in First Nations Education, EDUC 5546E Assessment of Learning, EDUC 5636E Mental Health Issues in School Populations, EDUC 5637E Integrated Approaches to Language Curriculum, EDUC 5646E Creativity and Learning, EDUC 5647E The Gifted Learner, EDUC 5656E Model and Methods for Program Development with Gifted Learners.  
CARRIED

MOTION #7: Moved by R. Common, seconded by H. Langford that the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2001" be amended to modify the degree requirements of the Consecutive BEd program.  
CARRIED

- MOTION #8: Moved by R. Common, seconded by L. Frost that the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2001" be amended to include the degree requirements for the Wilfrid Laurier/Nipissing University combined BA/BEd Concurrent program with the understanding that further clarification/amendments be brought back to committee for review.  
CARRIED
- MOTION #9: Moved by R. Common, seconded by D. Franks that the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2001" be amended to add the Faculty of Education Advanced Degree in Education.  
CARRIED
- MOTION #10: Moved by R. Common, seconded by A. Dean that the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2001" be amended to add the Faculty of Arts and Science Fine Arts/Visual Arts, 3 Year BA Degree, Combined Major.  
CARRIED
- MOTION #11: Moved by R. Common, seconded by A. Dean that the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2001" be amended to modify the existing Bachelor of Arts & Science course PSYC 3607E.  
CARRIED

Academic Planning Committee

- MOTION #12: Moved by R. Forrest, seconded by L. Lemisko that the Report of the Academic Planning Committee dated November 8, 2001 be received.  
CARRIED
- MOTION #13: Moved by R. Forrest, seconded by L. Lemisko that the Report of the Academic Planning Committee dated December 5, 2001 be received.  
CARRIED
- MOTION #14: Moved by R. Forrest, seconded by S. Muhlberger that Senate recommend to the Board the establishment of a new tenure-track position in History in the Faculty of Arts and Science.  
CARRIED
- MOTION #15: Moved by R. Forrest, seconded by S. Muhlberger that Senate recommend to the President the creation of a three-year, limited term position in History.  
CARRIED

- MOTION #16: Moved by R. Forrest, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate recommend to the Board the establishment of a new tenure-track position in Mathematics.  
CARRIED
- MOTION #17: Moved by R. Forrest, seconded by D. Hall that Senate recommend to the Board the establishment of a new tenure-track position in Sociology in the area of Criminal Justice.  
CARRIED
- MOTION #18: Moved by R. Forrest, seconded by L. Stamler that Senate recommend to the Board the establishment of a new tenure-track position in Biology/Nursing.
- MOTION #19: Moved by H. Langford, seconded by J. Long that Motion #18 be amended as follows: of a new tenure track position in Biology with primary teaching responsibilities for support courses for Nursing.  
CARRIED
- MOTION #20: Moved by R. Forrest, seconded by L. Stamler that Senate recommend to the Board the establishment of a new tenure track position in Biology with primary teaching responsibilities for support courses for Nursing.  
CARRIED
- MOTION #21: Moved by R. Forrest, seconded by E. Mattson that Senate recommend to the Board the establishment of a new tenure-track position in Human Geography with the understanding that a current tenure-track position in Human Geography be discontinued in June 2003.  
CARRIED
- MOTION #22: Moved by R. Forrest, seconded by R. Bergquist that Senate approve, for development, in principle, the two proposed degree programs to be offered at the Muskoka campus.  
CARRIED
- MOTION #23: Moved by R. Klingspon, seconded by H. Langford that Motion #22 be amended by adding "on the understanding that the planners address the issue of ensuring the academic integrity of Nipissing programs."  
DEFEATED

MOTION #24: Moved by R. Forrest, seconded by R. Common that Senate approve, for implementation, the Advanced Bachelors Degree in Education (ABDE) in the Faculty of Education.  
CARRIED

Student Affairs Committee

MOTION #25: Moved by S. Van Nuland, seconded by L. Lemisko that the Report of the Student Affairs Committee dated December 3, 2001 be received.  
CARRIED

By-Laws and Striking Committee

MOTION #26: Moved by J. McIntosh, seconded by L. Lemisko that the Report of the Senate By-Laws and Striking Committee dated December 6, 2001 be received.  
CARRIED

Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee

MOTION #27: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by T. Horton that the Report of the Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee dated November 13, 2001 be received.  
CARRIED

MOTION #28: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by L. Lemisko that the students listed on Appendix A, who have completed all requirements of their respective degrees or diplomas, be admitted to their respective degrees or diplomas in-course and that diplomas be awarded.  
CARRIED

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

Dr. Common presented an oral report on behalf of the Teacher Education Advisory Committee. He reported that the Teachers' Federations want universities to boycott registering as service providers for the mandatory "professional learning program." All Ontario universities, however, have registered. The College of Teachers will not be notified of students from Nipissing who have taken such courses unless they specifically request to have them reported.

OTHER BUSINESS

MOTION #29: Moved by R. Wideman, seconded by D. Franks that the questionnaire summary of Spring/Summer 2001 AQ, ABQ, and PQP courses be received.  
CARRIED

MOTION #30:           Moved by L. Lemisko, seconded by L. Frost that Senate do now  
                              adjourn: 4:00 p.m.  
                              CARRIED

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D. Marshall, President

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G. Williams, Secretary