

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

February 8, 2002  
2:30 p.m. - Room F305

MEMBERS PRESENT:

D. Marshall, R. Bergquist, R. Common, D. Lawrence,  
B. Nettlefold, R. Wideman

J. Baffoe, T. Chase, T. Dokis, L. Janzen, J. Kovacs, L. Kruk,  
U. Kundrats, E. Mattson, D. Murphy, P. Nosko, L. Patriquin,  
G. Pyle, D. Rowbotham, A. Sparkes, L. Thibeault, K. Topps,  
D. Walton, G. Williams, W. Young

P. Barber, D. Berry, W. Blair, J. Buley, T. Campbell, C. Harvey,  
M. Kariuki, L. Knaack, H. Langford, L. Lemisko, J. Long,  
M. McCabe, B. Olmsted, S. Reid, J. Scott, D. Shaffer, H. Stemp,  
H. Vail, R. Weeks

M. Wallace, C. VanderWall  
B. Leighton, A. Fera (guest)

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: R. Forrest

C. Boterbloem (sabbatical), R. Brozowski (sabbatical), P. Chow,  
M. Denike, S. Muhlberger, F. Noël, G. Olsen, G. Phillips (on  
leave), M. Saari (sabbatical), M. Tuncali (sabbatical), A. Weeks

A. Blackbourn, D. Brackenreed, K. Clausen, D. Franks, T. Horton,  
J. Lundy, J. McIntosh, S. Van Nuland, E. Winter (on leave),  
M. Wodlinger (sabbatical)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

W. Borody, G. Brophay, G. Brown, D. Flynn, D. Hackett, D. Hall,  
D. Jowett, P. Kelly, R. Klingspon, J. Knox, S. Lawlor, J. Ryan,  
C. Sarlo, B. Schreyer, L. Stamler, K. Stange

P. Falter, L. Frost, G. Laronde, J. Mroczkowski, W. Richardson,  
S. Stuart, G. Swanson

P. LaCroix

J. Price, N. Pelletier, L. Malcolm, G. Buie, D. McMeekin  
A. Arnold, I. Bajewsky, M. Brewes, K. Brozowski, D. Calverley,  
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 B. Nettlefold, seconded by L. Lemisko that the minutes of the regular meeting of the Academic Senate dated January 11, 2002 be adopted.  
CARRIED

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President distributed a printout from the Ontario Universities Application Centre web page concerning direct applications from high school students. Across the province, there has been a 15.8% increase to Arts and Science. Nipissing's increase is 42.8% above last year; and 4-5% more than what was predicted. A lot of these represent first choices for Nipissing. Dr. Marshall was pleased that southern Ontario is taking note of Nipissing; he believes the university has "turned the corner". He spoke of the significant increases in applications to BA3 and BA4 programs. Dr. Marshall stated that these application rates are exactly what was needed in order to achieve the targets that were set one year ago. The former, optimistic growth to 550 first-year students now represents a realistic growth. A figure of 750 students is expected for the double cohort year. The President emphasized that the university has been preparing for this growth for some time; it is anticipated that an enrolment of 2500 students (3000 full-time equivalent adding part-time students) will be achieved. Dr. Marshall outlined four possible funding options that the government could implement.

Dr. Dean announced the three Research Achievement Award winners: L. Janzen, M. Tuncali and P. Chow. He informed senators that sabbatical leave reports are available in the Vice President's office for anyone who wished to read them. The Dean announced a new initiative to acknowledge and promote the academic achievements of students in Arts and Science. Nominations are accepted each month from all faculty members. Dr. Dean distributed an information sheet to all senators.

Dr. Common announced that Nipissing's graduate program had been reviewed by the Ontario Council on Graduate Studies. A designation of "good quality" was received, which represents the highest designation that can be given. The university's graduate program is approved for 5-7 years until the next review has to be completed. Dr. Common reported that five Education searches are underway and 14 interviews have been scheduled. The Dean noted that he had received a letter of resignation from Dr. Winter.

Brock Leighton announced next year's student government: Julie Price, President; Mark Tomlin, Vice President External; Christine MacGillivray, Vice President Internal and Murray Kavanagh, Vice President Student Life.

The Registrar spoke further about the application statistics and informed senators that the university depends more and more on non-local applications. Mr. Lawrence announced that applications to the Faculty of Education are now complete; province-wide, applications were up 22%; Nipissing's first choice was up 16%. The Registrar stated that J/I applications had

decreased, and this was not the case provincially. The Registrar reported a total of 4036 applications compared with 3715 last year. He also stated that 39% of Nipissing's high school applicants in 2000 had averages of 80% or more.

Dr. Laurie Kruk invited all senators to a noon hour talk on February 12 by Canadian writer, Tracey Arnold, author of the recent, highly successful *Boyfriends Gone Bad*.

#### Executive Committee

MOTION #2: Moved by D. Marshall, seconded by A. Dean that the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated January 31, 2002 be received.  
CARRIED

#### University Curriculum Committee

MOTION #3: Moved by R. Common, seconded by D. Shaffer that the Summary Report of the University Curriculum Committee dated January 18, 2002 be received.  
CARRIED

MOTION #4: Moved by R. Common, seconded by L. Lemisko that the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2001" be amended to add:

EDUC 4641E Observation and Practice Teaching I  
(Primary/Junior)  
EDUC 4661E Observation and Practice Teaching II  
(Primary/Junior)  
EDUC 4671E Observation and Practice Teaching III  
(Primary/Junior)  
EDUC 4686E Observation and Practice Teaching IV  
(Primary/Junior)  
EDUC 4651E Observation and Practice Teaching I  
(Junior/Intermediate)  
EDUC 4681E Observation and Practice Teaching II  
(Junior/Intermediate)  
EDUC 4691E Observation and Practice Teaching III  
(Junior/Intermediate)  
EDUC 4696E Observation and Practice Teaching IV  
(Junior/Intermediate)  
CARRIED

MOTION #5: Moved by R. Common, seconded by J. Buley that the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2001" be amended to add the revision of the Bachelor of Education Consecutive program degree requirements.  
CARRIED

MOTION #6: Moved by R. Common, seconded by L. Lemisko that the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2001" be amended to add:

EDUC 4112E Language Arts I (Primary/Junior)  
EDUC 4113E Language Arts II (Primary/Junior)  
EDUC 4116E Language Arts I (Junior/Intermediate)  
EDUC 4117E Language Arts II (Junior/Intermediate)  
CARRIED

MOTION #7: Moved by R. Common, seconded by J. Baffoe that the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2001" be amended to include the revised and corrected Bachelor of Commerce (Financial Services) writing competency requirement.  
CARRIED

#### Academic Planning Committee

MOTION #8: Moved by R. Common, seconded by L. Lemisko that the Report of the Academic Planning Committee dated January 16, 2002 be received.  
CARRIED

MOTION #9: Moved by R. Common, seconded by R. Wideman that Senate recommend to the Board the implementation of the proposed new degree in Education: the Advanced Bachelors Degree in Educational Leadership.  
CARRIED

MOTION #10: Moved by R. Common, seconded by L. Lemisko that Senate recommend to the Board that a term Administrative Director's position be established for the Nipissing-Laurier-Brantford Concurrent Education program.

And further, that Senate recommend to the President that a limited term replacement position be created for the Faculty of Education (for the position previously occupied by the Director).  
CARRIED

MOTION #11: Moved by R. Common, seconded by S. Reid that Senate recommend to the Board the establishment of a new tenure track position in Counselling/Methods and Graduate Education in the Faculty of Education.  
CARRIED

Appointments, Promotions and Tenure Committee

MOTION #12: Moved by S. Reid, seconded by L. Janzen that the Report of the Appointments, Promotions and Tenure Committee dated December 14, 2001 be received.  
CARRIED

Student Affairs Committee

MOTION #13: Moved by H. Vail, seconded by J. Buley that the Report of the Student Affairs Committee dated January 14, 2002 be received.  
CARRIED

Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee

MOTION #14: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by J. Kovacs that the Report of the Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee dated January 15, 2002 be received.  
CARRIED

MOTION #15: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by A. Sparkes that the students listed on Appendix A, who have completed all requirements of their respective degrees, be admitted to their respective degrees in-course and that diplomas for the degrees be awarded.  
CARRIED

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

Dr. Weeks provided an oral report of recent decisions made by the Board of Governors. He noted that the Board had approved resolutions from the Academic Affairs Committee to establish four new tenure track positions in Arts and Science. He informed senators of a motion put forward by the Student Union requesting a \$50 increase in student fees to pay for much needed repairs to the Student Centre. The motion was approved contingent upon a financial plan from the Audit and Finance Committee as well as similar approval from the Board of Governors of Canadore College. Dr. Weeks informed senators that the university was exploring the construction of a new playing field to be located near the lower residences. He reported the ongoing efforts to improve safety on the monastery trail.

Dr. Kundra informed senators of recent deliberations of the Alumni Association. He announced that the next meeting would be held on February 9. He suggested that faculty might want to participate in a roundtable gathering of ideas with regard to communication-related issues. It was further recommended that alumni be more involved at Convocation.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION #16: Moved by G. Williams, seconded by L. Lemisko that Senate consider receipt of the Report of the Academic Planning Committee dated February 5, 2002.  
CARRIED

MOTION #17: Moved by G. Williams, seconded by L. Lemisko that the Report of the Academic Planning Committee dated February 5, 2002 be received.  
CARRIED

MOTION #18: Moved by A. Dean, seconded by L. Janzen that Senate consider an election to elect one Arts and Science member to the English Search Committee.  
CARRIED

MOTION #19: Moved by A. Dean, seconded by R. Bergquist that Senate elect one Arts and Science member to fill a vacancy on the English Search Committee.

L. Janzen nominated A. Weeks

MOTION #20: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by J. Buley that nominations cease.  
CARRIED

Acclaimed: A. Weeks

MOTION #21: Moved by D. Shaffer, seconded by J. Long that Senate do now adjourn: 3:25 p.m.  
CARRIED

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D. Marshall, President

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G. Williams, Secretary

