

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

March 8, 2002

2:30 p.m. -- Room F305

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

J. Baffoe, W. Borody, G. Brophey, G. Brown, T. Chase, P. Chow,
T. Dokis, D. Hall, L. Janzen, J. Kovacs, U. Kandrats, S. Lawlor,
E. Mattson, D. Murphy, F. Noël, P. Nosko, G. Olsen, L. Patriquin,
G. Pyle, D. Rowbotham, J. Ryan, C. Sarlo, A. Sparkes, L. Stamler,
L. Thibeault, K. Topps, D. Walton, A. Weeks, G. Williams

J. Long, P. LaCroix
C. Vander Wall, M. Wallace
B. Leighton, J. Price, C. MacGillivray
J. LeClair
Guests: B. Plumstead, A. Fera

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: A. Blackbourn, C. Boterbloem (sabbatical),
R. Brozowski (sabbatical), M. Denike, P. Kelly, L. Kruk,
G. Phillips (on leave), M. Saari (sabbatical), M. Tuncali (sabbatical)

P. Barber, D. Brackenreed, J. Buley, D. Franks, L. Frost, C. Harvey,
M. Kariuki, L. Lemisko, J. McIntosh, S. Percival (sabbatical),
S. Reid, D. Shaffer, R. Weeks, E. Winter (on leave),
M. Wodlinger (sabbatical)

MEMBERS ABSENT: D. Flynn, D. Hackett, D. Jowett, R. Klingspon, J. Knox,
S. Muhlberger, B. Schreyer, K. Stange, W. Young

D. Berry, W. Blair, T. Campbell, K. Clausen, P. Falter, T. Horton,
L. Knaack, H. Langford, G. Laronde, J. Lundy, M. McCabe,
J. Mroczkowski, B. Olmsted, W. Richardson, J. Scott, H. Stemp,
S. Stuart, G. Swanson, H. Vail, S. Van Nuland

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, H. Kershaw,
J. Kooistra, J. McNairn, J. Morton, L. Richards, U. Stange,
M. Sweeney, V. Valov

Dr. Forrest was enthusiastic about the influx of good students in the fall. He noted that two History students from Nipissing had applied to graduate school. He announced that the University Research Council had increased its publications fund budget to \$9,000. Dr. Forrest reiterated his ongoing efforts to have SSHRC issues brought to the table at meetings of the Vice Presidents/Research.

Dr. Dean announced that the candidacy visit for the Nursing program had recently been completed and an external report had been received. Nipissing's response to the report will be sent on March 11. The Dean offered congratulations to Dr. Stamler for her assistance with the site visit. It was noted that the external review of the Geography program will occur in two weeks. Dr. Dean reported on a discussion at the Arts and Science Council meeting regarding minor degrees across the board. It is hoped that, by the fall, students will be able to combine a major and a minor in all programs to help them with their marketability.

Brock Leighton encouraged faculty to attend student-sponsored events. He noted that some barbecues would be planned soon and he stated that he would keep the faculty informed.

The Registrar reminded senators that many applicants and their families would be visiting Nipissing University next week during March Break. He noted that applicants who make campus visits are more likely to enrol at Nipissing.

Library Committee

MOTION #2: Moved by L. Patriquin, seconded by S. Lawlor that the Report of the Library Committee dated February 22, 2002 be received.
CARRIED

Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee

MOTION #3: Moved by R Bergquist, seconded by D. Lawrence that the Report of the Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee dated February 4, 2002 be received.
CARRIED

MOTION #4: 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

MOTION #5: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by D. Lawrence that the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2001" be amended in Section 2:21 to read as follows:

“Permanent Resident applicants whose first language is not English and who have lived at least three years in Canada or an English-speaking country are exempt from submitting proof of proficiency in English for admission. They must have successfully completed Grade 12 U English or equivalent.

International applicants studying in Canada on a student visa authorization who have attended a Canadian secondary school full-time for at least three years are also exempt from providing proof of proficiency in English for admission. They must have successfully completed Grade 12 U English or equivalent.”

CARRIED

MOTION #6 Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by D. Lawrence that the “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2001” be amended by removing Section 2.26 and Section 2.27.

CARRIED

MOTION #7: That the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2001” be amended in Section 2.28 to read as follows:

“Students who have been admitted as “Mature students” will be permitted to proceed to full-time studies (on probation) once they have successfully completed 18 credits with a minimum overall average of 60%, provided that they have no more than 6 credits in failures and have attained a “1” or “2” on the Writing Competency Test.”

CARRIED

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

Dr. Sparkes reported on a recent meeting of the Council of Ontario Universities. He informed Senate that the academic colleagues are planning to write a position paper on the change from three-year degrees to four-year degrees. He asked for senators’ input and opinions about the three and four-year degrees so that he could compile all the feedback and share it with COU. Dr. Marshall explained the challenge within the provincial system; there are 13,000 more students anticipated in the system, over the next three years, than there is funding provided by the government.

On behalf of the Teacher Education Advisory Committee, Dr. Common provided an update of the OECTA boycott of teachers for practice teaching placements. This is a very contentious issue that has resulted in serious implications for our students. Nipissing has been asked to de-register its Aqs and ABQs as service providers.

OTHER BUSINESS

MOTION #8: Moved by A. Dean, seconded by S. Lawlor that the Report to Senate from the Dean of Arts and Science Regarding Tenure Track Positions in the Faculty of Arts and Science and the Establishment of Senate Search Committees, dated February 28, 2002, be received.
CARRIED

MOTION #9: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by K. Topps that Motions 2-7 of the Report from the Dean of Arts and Science be considered as one omnibus motion.
CARRIED

Motion #2: That Senate now elect one faculty senator from Education (where practicable) to serve on the Senate Selection Committee for the tenure track position in Biology. Other members of the Selection Committee will include: the Dean of Arts and Science, all continuing tenure track and tenured members of the Biology department, the Director of the Nursing Program and a student chosen by the department at the discretion of the department.

Motion #3: That Senate now elect one faculty senator from Arts and Science (excluding Sociology/Social Welfare/Criminal Justice) and one faculty senator from Education (where practicable) to serve on the Senate Selection Committee for the tenure track position in Criminal Justice. Other members of the Selection Committee will include: the Dean of Arts and Science, all continuing tenure track and tenured members of the department of Sociology/Social Welfare/Criminal Justice and a student chosen by the department at the discretion of the department.

Motion #4: That Senate now elect one faculty senator from Arts and Science (excluding History) and one faculty senator from Education (where practicable) to serve on the Senate Selection Committee for the tenure track position in History. Other members of the Selection Committee will include: the Dean of Arts and Science, all continuing tenure track and tenured members of the History department and a student chosen by the department at the discretion of the department.

Motion #5: That Senate now elect one faculty senator from Arts and Science (excluding Computer Science and Mathematics) and one faculty senator from Education (where practicable) to serve on the Senate Selection Committee for the tenure track position in Mathematics. Other members of the Selection Committee will include: the Dean of Arts and Science, all continuing tenure track and tenured members of the department of Computer Science and

Mathematics and a student chosen by the department at the discretion of the department.

Motion #6: That Senate now elect one faculty senator from Arts and Science (excluding Geography) and one faculty senator from Education (where practicable) to serve on the Senate Selection Committee for the tenure track position in Geography. Other members of the Selection Committee will include: the Dean of Arts and Science, all continuing tenure track and tenured members of the Geography department and a student chosen by the department at the discretion of the department.

Motion #7: That Senate now elect one faculty senator from Arts and Science (excluding Sociology/Social Welfare/Criminal Justice) and one faculty senator from Education (where practicable) to serve on the Senate Selection Committee for the tenure track position in Social Welfare. Other members of the Selection Committee will include: the Dean of Arts and Science, all continuing tenure track and tenured members of the department of Sociology/Social Welfare/Criminal Justice and a student chosen by the department at the discretion of the department.

MOTION #10: Moved by A. Dean, seconded by L. Janzen that Motions 2-7 of the Report from the Dean of Arts and Science be approved as one omnibus motion.
CARRIED

Senate Selection Committee for tenure track position in Biology

R. Common nominated G. Laronde

MOTION #11: Moved by S. Lawlor, seconded by A. Sparkes that nominations cease.
CARRIED

Acclaimed: G. Laronde

Senate Selection Committee for tenure track position in Criminal Justice

A. Sparkes nominated J. Lundy
D. Hall nominated D. Rowbotham

MOTION #12: Moved by F. Noël, seconded by S. Lawlor that nominations cease.
CARRIED

Acclaimed: J. Lundy, D. Rowbotham

Senate Selection Committee for tenure track position in History

F. Noël nominated S. Lawlor
F. Noël nominated K. Clausen

MOTION #13: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by L. Stamler that nominations cease.
CARRIED

Acclaimed: S. Lawlor, K. Clausen

Senate Selection Committee for tenure track position in Mathematics

J. Baffoe nominated D. Rowbotham
R. Common nominated S. Stuart

MOTION #14: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by P. Chow that nominations cease.
CARRIED

Acclaimed: D. Rowbotham, S. Stuart

Senate Selection Committee for tenure track position in Geography

K. Topps nominated T. Dokis
E. Mattson nominated H. Langford

MOTION #15: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by J. Baffoe that nominations cease.
CARRIED

Acclaimed: T. Dokis, H. Langford

Senate Selection Committee for tenure track position in Social Welfare

R. Common nominated J. Long
D. Hall nominated L. Stamler

MOTION #16: Moved by S. Lawlor, seconded by D. Hall that nominations cease.
CARRIED

Acclaimed: J. Long, L. Stamler

Report of the Senate Selection Committee for the Tenure Track Position in
English Studies

MOTION #17: Moved by L. Janzen, seconded by G. Williams that the Report of the Senate Selection Committee for the tenure track position in English Studies be received.
CARRIED

MOTION #18: Moved by L. Janzen, seconded by G. Williams that Senate recommend to the Board through the President or Vice President Academic that Dr. Laura Robinson be offered a probationary appointment in English Studies.
CARRIED

Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee

MOTION #19: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by D. Lawrence that Senate consider receipt of the Report of the Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee dated March 4, 2002.
CARRIED

MOTION #20: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by R. Common that the Report of the Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee dated March 4, 2002 be received.
CARRIED

MOTION #21: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by R. Common that the requirement in EDUC 4684, EDUC 4694 and EDUC 4355 be changed for the 2001/2002 academic year only such that students who cannot be placed for thirteen weeks of practice teaching may be evaluated as successful based upon a minimum of eight weeks of successful practice teaching.
CARRIED
1 Against
1 Abstention

Report to Senate from the Senate Education Selection Committee

MOTION #22: Moved by R. Common, seconded by S. Lawlor that Senate consider receipt of the Report of the Senate Education Selection Committee dated March 1, 2002.
CARRIED

MOTION #23: Moved by R. Common, seconded by P. Chow that the Report of the Senate Education Selection Committee dated March 1, 2002 be received.
CARRIED

MOTION #24: Moved by R. Common, seconded by P. Chow that Senate recommend to the Board through the President or Vice President Academic that Ann Le Sage be offered a four-year probationary appointment as an Assistant Professor of Education: Curriculum Studies – Math, effective July 1, 2002.
CARRIED

MOTION #25: Moved by R. Common, seconded by G. Brown that Senate recommend to the Board through the President or Vice President Academic that Dr. John Long be offered a four-year probationary appointment as an Assistant Professor of Education: Curriculum Studies – Education and Schooling, effective July 1, 2002.
CARRIED

University Curriculum Committee

MOTION #26: Moved by R. Common, seconded by R. Bergquist that Senate consider receipt of the Summary Report of the University Curriculum Committee dated February 15, 2002.
CARRIED

MOTION #27: Moved by R. Common, seconded by R. Bergquist that the Summary Report of the University Curriculum Committee dated February 15, 2002 be received.
CARRIED

MOTION #28: Moved by R. Common, seconded by S. Lawlor that Motions #3-24 of the Curriculum Committee Report be considered as one omnibus motion.
CARRIED

Motion #3: That the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2001”, be amended to modify BIOL 1006 Principles of Biology I.

Motion #4: That the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2001”, be amended to modify BIOL 1007 Principles of Biology II.

Motion #5: That the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2001”, be amended to modify BIOL 1206 Introduction to Biochemistry.

Motion #6: That the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2001”, be amended to modify BIOL 1706 Structure and Function of the Human Body I.

Motion #7: That the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2001”, be amended to modify BIOL 1707 Structure and Function of the Human Body II.

Motion #8: That the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2001”, be amended to add BIOL 2557 Genetics.

Motion #9: That the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2001”, be amended to add BIOL 2836 Invertebrate Zoology.

Motion #10: That the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2001”, be amended to add BIOL 2837 Vertebrate Zoology.

Motion #11: That the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2001”, be amended to delete BIOL 2736 Animal Kingdom.

Motion #12: That the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2001”, be amended to modify BIOL 3277 Animal Ecology.

Motion #13: That the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2001”, be amended to modify BIOL 3596 Ornithology.

Motion #14: That the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2001”, be amended to modify BIOL 3007 Environmental Issues in Forestry.

Motion #15: That the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2001”, be amended to modify ENSC 3007 Environmental Issues in Forestry.

Motion #16: That the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2001”, be amended to add BIOL 3117 Biostatistics.

Motion #17: That the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2001”, be amended to add BIOL 4107 Freshwater Biology.

Motion #18: That the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2001”, be amended to modify BIOL 3436 Conservation Biology.

Motion #19: That the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2001”, be amended to modify BIOL 4717 Animal Behaviour.

Motion #20: That the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2001”, be amended to add a new Bachelor of Science (Honours) degree program in Biology.

Motion #21: That the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2001”, be amended to modify BIOL 4506 Special Topics in Applied Ecology.

Motion #22: That the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2001”, be amended to modify BIOL 4607 Environmental Biology Seminar.

Motion #23: That the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2001”, be amended to modify BIOL 4976 Biology Field Camp.

Motion #24: That the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2001”, be amended to modify BIOL 4995 Senior Project/Seminar.

MOTION #29: Moved by R. Common, seconded by S. Lawlor that Motions #3-24 of the Curriculum Committee Report be approved as one omnibus motion.
CARRIED

Report of the Selection Committee for Canadian History

- MOTION #30: Moved by A. Dean, seconded by S. Lawlor that Senate consider a Report of the Senate Arts and Science Selection Committee for Canadian History.
CARRIED
- MOTION #31: Moved by F. Noël, seconded by G. Brown that the Report of the Senate Arts and Science Selection Committee for Canadian History be received.
CARRIED
- MOTION #32: Moved by F. Noël, seconded by S. Lawlor that Senate recommend to the Board through the President or Vice President Academic that Dr. Steven High be offered a probationary appointment in History.
CARRIED
- MOTION #33: Moved by P. Chow, seconded by G. Brophrey that Senate do now adjourn:
4:00 p.m.
CARRIED

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D. Marshall, Chair

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G. Williams, Secretary

