

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

October 4, 2002

2:30 p.m. -- Room A246

MEMBERS PRESENT:

D. Marshall, R. Bergquist, R. Common, A. Dean, R. Forrest,
D. Lawrence, L. Stamler, R. Wideman

J. Baffoe, W. Borody, G. Brophey, T. Chase, A. Clendinning, T. Dokis,
D. Hackett, S. High, L. Janzen, D. Jowett, P. Kelly, J. Kovacs, L. Kruk,
D. Murphy, F. Noël, P. Nosko, T. Parkes, L. Patriquin, G. Phillips,
G. Pyle, L. Robinson, M. Saari, C. Sarlo, A. Sparkes, K. Topps,
D. Walton, A. Weeks, G. Williams

W. Blair, D. Bolger, T. Campbell, K. Clausen, D. Franks, T. Horton,
P. Joong, M. Kariuki, H. Langford, J. Long, J. McIntosh, M. Parr,
C. Ricci, O. Ridler

S. Carmichael
J. Price
L. Campbell
A. Fera (guest)

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: B. Nettlefold

C. Boterbloem, P. Chow, U. Kundrats, S. Muhlberger (sabbatical),
G. Olsen, D. Rowbotham (sabbatical), K. Stange, L. Thibeault, V. Valov,
W. Young (on leave)

P. Barber, D. Berry, D. Brackenreed, R. Davis, L. Frost (sabbatical),
C. Harvey, J. Lundy, B. Olmsted, J. Scott, S. Van Nuland, R. Weeks

D. Bourne-Tyson
U. Stange

MEMBERS ABSENT:

G. Brown, R. Brozowski, M. Denike, D. Flynn, D. Hall, J. Knox,
S. Kulkarni, S. Lawlor, J. LeClair, B. Lorezkowski, E. Mattson,
B. Riome, J. Ryan, B. Schreyer, M. Tuncali, H. Zhu

L. Knaack, G. Laronde, A. Le Sage, M. McCabe, G. McEwen,
J. Mroczkowski, C. Richardson, W. Richardson, H. Rintoul, T. Ryan,
G. Swanson, H. Vail

S. Anderson, I. Bajewsky, M. Brewes, K. Brozowski, K. Cowcill,
M. Kershaw, J. Kooistra, J. Morton, S. O'Hagan, C. Peterson,
S. Renshaw, L. Richards

MOTION #1: Moved by D. Jowett, seconded by W. Blair that the minutes of the regular meeting of the Academic Senate dated September 13, 2002 be adopted.
CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President introduced Mickey Wallace, Chair of the Board of Governors. He announced that the Consolidated Committee had approved the applications of Dr. Harvey and Dr. Franks for promotion to Associate Professor. The President encouraged everyone to attend the opening/naming ceremony for the new academic wing, Zytaruk Hall, on October 18 at 10:30 a.m. at Nipissing's coffee lounge. Dr. Marshall announced that the Board of Governors, at its October meeting, had approved the appointment of David Liddle as Chancellor of Nipissing University. The President thanked faculty for their huge participation at the recent Universities Fair. He noted that Nipissing is ready with space and residence for the number of students predicted in the double cohort year. However, there are estimates that there may be 8,000-10,000 additional slow trackers above the number that the university system has agreed to take in. Due to the competitive environment, Dr. Marshall felt that Nipissing would be fortunate to get its targeted enrolment of 159 additional, direct entry, high school students.

Dr. Forrest announced that the President had recently received the honor of "Community Builder of the Year". A plaque commemorating this award is on permanent display at Northgate Square. Dr. Forrest reported that the University Research Council is rewriting its guidelines and the document and policy will be brought to the November Senate meeting. The Strategic Research Plan has been sent back to faculty for review and any comments should be forwarded to the Deans or Bill Radford. This document will be presented at the November Senate since it is important to have a policy in place.

Dr. Dean stated that the Universities Fair had been very successful and he also appreciated the large turnout of faculty at the event. He announced that the Faculty of Arts and Science had purchased plagiarism software; Nipissing is one of 10 universities that has made this decision. Faculty may contact Jack Jones for instruction and assistance. Dr. Dean thanked the Department Chairs for their work in compiling the Arts and Science plan for the next two years. The introductory section will be posted on the web. Dr. Dean announced he would chair a Frosh Week Committee and he asked for faculty volunteers to serve on this committee. The Dean reported on a successful outcome to the recent NSERC grant selection committee site visit.

Dr. Common recognized the individual faculty members who had participated at the Universities Fair. He distributed statistical information to senators depicting Education enrolment trends over time. The Dean announced that a private, foreign Faculty of Education had received favorable predisposition from the ministry to operate in Ottawa. The Dean informed Senate of a Ministry of Education plan to require teachables to be eligible for an Ontario Teaching Certificate. This could have an effect upon majors in Psychology and Sociology as a route for primary teachers. The plan may be enacted in 2005/2006.

NUSU President, Julie Price, announced the various conferences being attended by Mark Tomlin, Vice-President, External. She stated that elections have now been completed and the new student representatives will attend the November Senate meeting. Ms. Price announced that the 'tuition free' campaign will occur during the month of October, rather than February.

Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee

MOTION # 2: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by D. Jowett that the Report of the Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee dated September 20, 2002 be received.
CARRIED

MOTION #3: 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. Sparkes recommended that the Senate representatives on the Board of Governors assume responsibility for presenting a report to Senate following each Board meeting.

Mr. Lawrence reported that the Pensions and Benefits Committee had met in September and would meet again in November. Senators were encouraged to share their concerns with any member of the Pensions and Benefits Committee. Mr. Lawrence stated that the rate of return had been inaccurately reported on the web, but has since been corrected.

ELECTIONS

MOTION #4: Moved by D. Marshall, seconded by D. Franks that Senate now elect a senator from the Faculty of Education to replace the vacant position on the Consolidated Committee.
CARRIED

R. Common nominated C. Harvey

MOTION #5: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by D. Franks that nominations cease.
CARRIED

Acclaimed: C. Harvey

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION #6: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by D. Lawrence that Senate consider receipt of the Report of the Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee dated October 4, 2002.

CARRIED

MOTION #7: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by J. Price that the Report of the Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee dated October 4, 2002 be received.

CARRIED

MOTION #8: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by J. Baffoe that the admission requirements for the following programs be changed from “English; two Mathematics” to “English; one Mathematics, preferably Calculus”:

Bachelor of Arts
(BA) General – 3 year:
Administrative Studies
Economics

Bachelor of Business Administration
(BBA) Honours – 4 year

Bachelor of Business Information Systems
(BIS) Honours – 4 year

This new admission policy is to be in effect for Fall 2003 admissions. The policy is to be reviewed by the School of Business and Economics in the 2005/2006 academic year.

CARRIED

MOTION #9: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by D. Lawrence 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 #10: Moved by R. Forrest, seconded by W. Borody that Senate consider receipt of the Report of the Academic Planning Committee dated October 2, 2002.

CARRIED

- MOTION #11: Moved by R. Forrest, seconded by D. Jowett that the Report of the Academic Planning Committee dated October 2, 2002 be received.
CARRIED
- MOTION #12: Moved by R. Forrest, seconded by L. Janzen that Senate recommend to the Board, through the President, the addition of seven (7) new tenure-track positions and recommend to the President, the creation of three (3) new 3-year limited term positions in the Faculty of Arts and Science: Nursing a) conversion of existing limited term position to tenure-track; b) addition of second new tenure-track position; Sociology: 1 new tenure-track position; Humanities & Culture Studies: a) conversion of existing limited term position in Gender Equality & Social Justice to tenure-track; b) conversion of existing limited term position in Native Studies to tenure-track; c) addition of 1 new tenure-track position in Fine Arts (FAVA); English Studies: 1 new tenure-track position and 1 new 3-year limited term position; History: 1 new 3-year limited term position; Mathematics & Computer Science: 1 new 3-year limited term position.
- MOTION #13: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by D. Lawrence that Senate table definitely the APC Report to the November Senate meeting to be accompanied with appropriate rationale.
CARRIED
- MOTION #14: Moved by D. Bolger, seconded by D. Franks that Senate do now adjourn: 4:05 p.m.
CARRIED

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D. Marshall, President

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G. Williams, Secretary