

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

September 12, 2003

3:00 p.m. – Room A246

MEMBERS PRESENT:

D. Mock, R. Bergquist, A. Dean, R. Hawkins, D. Lawrence,
B. Nettlefold, L. Stamler, R. Wideman

J. Baffoe, J. Barker, W. Borody, C. Boterbloem, G. Brophay, G. Brown,
R. Brozowski, K. Brozowski, T. Chase, M. Denike, D. Geden, A. Graff,
D. Hackett, S. High, L. Janzen, A. Karashev, J. Knox, J. Kovacs,
L. Kruk, S. Kulkarni, J. LeClair, B. Lorezkowski, E. Mattson,
D. Murphy, F. Noël, T. Parkes, G. Phillips, R. Pyper, D. Rowbotham,
J. Ryan, M. Saari, C. Sarlo, A. Sparkes, K. Topps, M. Tuncali,
A. Weeks, W. Young, H. Zhu

J. Barnett, W. Blair, R. Bowness, T. Campbell, K. Clausen, E. Duncan,
T. Horton, P. Joong, M. Kariuki, J. Long, J. Lundy, M. McCabe,
G. McEwen, J. McIntosh, J. Mroczkowski, B. Olmsted, M. Parr,
W. Richardson, O. Ridler, J. Scott, H. Vail, S. Van Nuland, K. Waller

A. Fera (guest), P. Barber (guest), K. Charron, S. Carmichael
W. Abreu, R. Molica-Lazzaro
T. Jones, J. Morton, M. Ostashevski, S. Renshaw, M. Roycroft

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: R. Common

P. Chow (sabbatical), A. Clendinning, D. Jowett (sabbatical), P. Kelly,
U. Kundraats, G. Olsen (sabbatical), B. Schreyer (sabbatical),
G. Williams (sabbatical)

D. Berry, D. Franks, H. Langford (sabbatical), J. Price

MEMBERS ABSENT:

P. Cook, T. Dokis, D. Flynn, D. Hall, D. Hemsworth, S. Lawlor,
C. McFarlane, S. Muhlberger, P. Nosko, L. Patriquin, G. Pyle, B. Riome,
L. Robinson, K. Stange, V. Valov, D. Walton

D. Brackenreed, M. Cantilini-Williams, L. Frost, C. Harvey, G. Laronde,
A. Le Sage, K. Noël, S. Reid, C. Ricci, C. Richardson,
H. Rintoul, T. Ryan, C. Shields, G. Swanson, R. Weeks

S. Anderson, I. Bajewsky, M. Brewes, L. Campbell, C. Cook,
K. Cowcill, K. Grattan-Miscio, R. Hanks, R. Hemmings, S. Hevenor,
W. Ingwersen, M. Jackson, J. Kooistra, K. Lee, K. Morrison,
S. O'Hagan, B. Pentney, M. Quirt, L. Richards, U. Stange, L. St. Louis,
T. Waldock

MOTION #1: Moved by M. Denike, seconded by M. Tuncali that the minutes of the regular meeting of the Academic Senate dated June 12, 2003 be adopted.
CARRIED

Reading and Disposing of Communications

The Secretary informed Senate that a letter had been received from Senator Sarlo resigning his position on the APT Arts Subcommittee. Provision was made to deal with this matter later in the Agenda.

Announcements

Senator Hawkins noted his pleasure in being able to attend his first Senate meeting. He noted that he had been very impressed with his time thus far at Nipissing and he was grateful for the opportunity to have met with new faculty, departments and read research. Senator Hawkins congratulated Senate on the fact that a potential Canada Research Chair was chosen in the environmental area. He noted that three excellent submissions had been received for the competition. He and the Deans will meet regularly regarding research matters. Senator Hawkins stated that an academic planning exercise would be initiated by the Deans of each faculty and he asked for cooperation with the Deans and Department Chairs. The academic plan will become part of the ultimate strategic plan. The university plans to embark upon a broader strategic planning exercise in the near future

In the absence of the Dean of Arts and Science, the Speaker introduced the names of the new Arts and Science faculty members. Senator Wideman, on behalf of the Dean of Education, introduced and provided some background on the new members of the Education faculty.

The President's arrival at Senate was delayed due to the visit of the Lieutenant Governor. He joined the meeting in progress and expressed his pleasure at attending the first Senate meeting of the fall. He announced six priorities that he, as Interim President, intends to achieve or make significant progress towards by the end of the year. These include: the initiation of the strategic planning exercise; the establishment of the role of Vice President Academic with support for three academic priorities: research, the Library and internationalization; continuation and building of NU's profile at AUCC, COU, Ministry and community; enrolment planning including marketing/recruitment; a review of our satellite campuses to set goals for the future; and the OSOTF fundraising campaign. Senator Mock thanked the Registrar's staff, Rita Lingner and the staff in Residence and also commended the faculty and staff for their contributions to NSO. The President emphasized the importance of how we treat our students collectively, and he saluted Nipissing as a model of excellence in this regard. The President announced a slight increase in scholarships for students with 80% and 85% in order to remain competitive. He further stated that full tuition will now be offered to students who have 90% or more. Senator Mock commented that the Lieutenant Governor's visit on September 12 had resulted in a meaningful dialogue with Aboriginal students about their university experience. The President informed Senate that an MOU had been signed in July with Canadore College. He asked Senator Dean to elaborate further by outlining the purpose and mandate of the MOU.

During a recent Executive Heads teleconference, Senator Mock had been informed that most universities are slightly over their enrolment targets. Senate was reminded that full funding is now available for the first time in a decade for enrolment growth and Senator Mock advised senators that, as a result, the competition next year would be fierce. The President reiterated Dr. Marshall's commitment to go after unfunded BIUs. Senator Mock also announced that the annual Board/Senate BBQ would be held on Friday, October 10, as a luncheon preceding the Senate meeting. He commended the students for the \$23,000 they had collected for Shinerama, which is double the amount raised two years ago.

Senator Dean welcomed all new faculty. He spoke of a busy summer that included preparation for the double cohort, significant research, conferences and six sessions of NSO in July attended by 3000 new students and visitors. Senator Dean thanked Angela Fera for organizing NSO and he thanked faculty for participating. He stated that Frosh Week had been very successful and he thanked Senators Clendinning and Parkes for their efforts in organizing the various activities. The Dean predicted an exciting academic year, particularly with regard to planning for first-year students as they move into second year.

Senator Abreu thanked faculty for attending the Faculty Friday event. He reported that Frosh Week had sold out for the first time with over 700 frosh in attendance. Appreciation was expressed to Dr. Mock for being a willing participant in the dunk tank. The Community Caring Awareness Week was announced and faculty were invited to attend the discussion evening on Thursday, September 18. Senator Abreu announced the establishment of a student newspaper and he welcomed faculty to use it as a tool to make announcements or advertise events.

Senator Nettlefold indicated that the Library is implementing a new system, and he asked for feedback on its effectiveness. He stated that the growth of the Brantford campus in the past few months had necessitated the transfer of materials to this campus. The Brantford campus is now listed in the Library catalogue.

Senator Joong informed Senate that he had taught two graduate courses this past summer in Kathmandu. He asked for Senate's indulgence in holding a draw to give away two t-shirts. Senator Chase explained his role as Speaker of Senate and clarified the rules with regard to voting privileges.

Senator Lawrence introduced Heather Brown, who in turn introduced the liaison staff: Sarah Muzzin; Steve Evans; Ronnie Corporon; Lindsay Brown and Tania Cicciarelli. Senator Lawrence circulated a one page enrolment report and commented on the percentage intake of students who had over 80% compared with other Ontario universities. He noted that 46 of Nipissing's new first-year students had averages over 90%. Nipissing has the lowest percentage of its students drawn from its immediate catchment area since most students come from southern Ontario. This year, application rates increased by 200%, the highest in the province. Our confirmation rates were also the highest in the province.

The Speaker recognized Chancellor David Liddle who had been able to attend the September Senate meeting. He was invited to address Senate and he spoke about how honoured he felt to have been chosen as Chancellor and he thanked Senate for supporting him.

Executive Committee

MOTION #2: Moved by D. Mock, seconded by J. Baffoe that the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated September 2, 2003 be received.
CARRIED

MOTION #3: Moved by D. Mock, seconded by O. Ridler that Senate adopt the Nipissing University Academic Policies and Regulations outlined in the document entitled, "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2003".
CARRIED

Research Ethics Committee

MOTION #4: Moved by T. Horton, seconded by L. Janzen that the Report of the Research Ethics Committee dated September 2, 2003 be received.
CARRIED

MOTION #5: Moved by T. Horton, seconded by W. Blair that Senate approve the Nipissing University Research Ethics Policy.
CARRIED

MOTION #6: Moved by T. Horton, seconded by S. High that Senate elect one senator to serve on the standing appeals committee for ethics.

MOTION #7: Moved by J. McIntosh, seconded by O. Ridler that Motion #6 be referred to the By-laws and Striking Committee
CARRIED

Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee

MOTION #8: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by D. Lawrence that the Report of the Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee dated August 14, 2003 be received.
CARRIED

MOTION #9: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by W. Abreu 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

AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

NOTICE OF MOTION #1

That Senate amend the membership of the Library Committee to include the Vice-President, Academic and Research as an ex-officio member.

NOTICE OF MOTION #2

That Senate amend the membership of the University Curriculum Committee to include the Vice-President, Academic and Research as an ex-officio member.

NOTICE OF MOTION #3

That Senate amend the Terms of Reference of the University Curriculum Committee to replace the statement, "the committee shall be chaired by one of the two Deans" with the statement, "the committee shall be chaired by the Vice-President, Academic and Research."

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

Senator Topps provided a brief report summarizing the highlights of the September 3rd Board of Governors meeting. He commented on the Board Orientation Conference and noted that an update on the Datatel system had been presented. Also, a supplemental budget in excess of \$3 million had been approved. He reported that two additional senators were added to the President's Selection Committee to address the issue of gender balance. Senator Topps announced that Jim Lundy from Landmark Consulting was on campus September 11 and 12 interviewing staff and collecting data with regard to the position profile for the President. An update on the collective agreement was also shared.

ELECTIONS

MOTION #10: Moved by J. McIntosh, seconded by O. Ridler that Senate elect one Faculty of Education senator to serve a one year appointment on the Teacher Education Advisory Committee as a replacement for Helen Langford who is on sabbatical during the 2003-2004 academic year.
CARRIED

O. Ridler nominated M. Parr

MOTION #11: Moved by D. Lawrence, seconded by T. Campbell that nominations cease.
CARRIED

Acclaimed: M. Parr

MOTION #12: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by J. LeClair that Senate elect one Faculty of Arts and Science senator to serve on the APT Arts Subcommittee to fill a vacancy on the committee.

CARRIED

J. Mroczkowski nominated W. Borody
A. Sparkes nominated S. Lawlor

MOTION #13: Moved by O. Ridler, seconded by L. Janzen that nominations cease.

CARRIED

Elected: W. Borody

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION #14: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by D. Lawrence that Senate consider receipt of the Report of the Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee dated September 3, 2003.

CARRIED

MOTION #15: Moved by R. Bergquist, seconded by D. Lawrence that the Report of the Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee dated September 3, 2003 be received.

CARRIED

MOTION #16: 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 #17: Moved by T. Horton, seconded by W. Blair that Senate do now adjourn: 4:56 p.m.

CARRIED

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D. Mock, Interim President

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J. Lundy, Secretary