

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

June 7, 2006

10:30 a.m. - Room F210

MEMBERS PRESENT: D. Mock, T. Chase, R. Common, D. Lawrence, B. Nettlefold,
R. Vanderlee, A. Sparkes, R. Wideman

J. Barker, R. Bergquist, R. Breton, K. Brozowski, E. Cholewa,
T. Dokis, D. Geden, AB Graff, D. Jowett, S. Kariuki, J. Kovacs,
J. LeClair, C. McFarlane, G. Morrell, F. Noël, A. Page,
L. Patriquin, G. Pyle, J. Ryan, C. Sarlo, M. Sroga, K. Topps,
M. Tuncali, W. Young, H. Zhu

J. Allison, J. Barnett, W. Blair, J. Cardwell, E. Duncan,
K. Ferguson, R. Fix, L. Frost, D. Gosse, T. Horton, M. Kariuki,
L. Keuhl, H. Langford, G. Laronde, J. Long, J. McIntosh,
O. Ridler, H. Vail

B. Pipe, A. Williams

L. McLaren

S. Feretycki, K. Marsh

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: E. Berger, W. Borody, M. Denike (leave), D. Ford, D. Hall (leave),
P. Kelly, L. Kruk (leave), S. Lechlitner, E. Mattson, D. Murphy,
R. Pyper, B. Riome (leave), M. Saari, K. Stange

D. Berry (leave), D. Brackenreed, M. Cantalini-Williams,
P. Joong, J. Mroczkowski (leave), K. Noël, B. Olmsted, S. Reid,
H. Rintoul, C. Shields, S. Van Nuland (leave), R. Weeks (leave)

ABSENT: G. Brophey, G. Brown, N. Brown, R. Brozowski, P. Chow,
A. Clendinning, P. Cook, D. Flynn, D. Hackett, D. Hemsworth,
T. Jones, A. Karassev, J. Knox, U. Kundraats, S. Lawlor,
S. Muhlberger, P. Nosko, S. O'Hagan, T. Parkes, G. Phillips,
S. Renshaw, D. Rowbotham, B. Schreyer, K. Srigley, S. Srigley,
D. Tabachnick, R. Teigrob, V. Valov, S. Wall, D. Walton,
A. Weeks

AM Aquino, D. Calverley, T. Campbell, K. Clausen, J. Corkett,
D. Franks, C. Harvey, K. Kirkwood, G. Laronde, A. LeSage,
R. Lynn, K. MacLeod, M. McCabe, B. McMahon, M Parr,
MA Parr, J. Price, C. Ricci, C. Richardson, W. Richardson,
T. Ryan, J. Scott, G. Swanson, K. Waller

K. Knapp B. Overholt

MOTION 1: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by B. Nettlefold that the minutes of the meeting of May 17, 2006 be adopted.

CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President began his announcements by commenting on the three-year accountability agreement that must be submitted to MTCU by June 28th. All universities and colleges in the province are required to outline types of investments and academic plans spanning the next three years. With a provincial election later this year, this is seen as a move by the government to state that they have followed through on their promise of investment in postsecondary education. Senator Mock did indicate that institutions would have an opportunity to revisit their plan every year. He also noted that there is still have no firm indication of revenue expectations.

Senator Mock reminded Senate that June 8th is the beginning convocation with six ceremonies at this campus and one in Brantford. Almost 1500 students will be graduating and the President reiterated that these ceremonies were a celebration of our students and our greatest measure of success. Dr. Mock also invited senators to come and listen to our outstanding list of honorary degree recipients.

A letter from the Mr. Colin Vickers, Director of the Near North District School Board was read by the President. Mr. Vickers thanked faculty for their involvement with the math camps. Senator Mock also expressed his appreciation to senators for their contribution and stressed that community outreach is important when recruiting students and profile building.

The President also announced that a decanal search in arts and science would begin as soon as the incoming Vice-President arrives. Four senators will be elected to the search committee at the September Senate meeting.

Senator Mock thanked Steve Carmichael, the outgoing Board Chair, for his active participation in the Nipissing University community these past few years and welcomed Tiz Silveri, the incoming Board Chair and Gerry Foster, the Vice-Chair. Finally, Senator Chase was thanked for the remarkable job he has done as Vice-President, Academic and Research (interim). Senator Chase took the academic planning concept and turned it into a reality. He also dealt with the graduate studies report, the first accountability agreement, the CFI proposal, the CRC process and a UPRAC audit.

The Vice-President Academic and Research began his announcements by reminding senators he would appreciate a good turnout at convocation as their presence at the ceremonies means a great deal to the graduates and their families.

Senator Chase commented on the first unsuccessful CRC nomination and indicated he had concerns about the process and will make it known to the CRC Secretariat. Senator Chase stressed that the university is still moving forward with the second Tier II CRC and the short listed candidates should arrive at the end of June.

On May 23rd, the Vice-President announced that a delegation, including the Vice-President Finance and Senators Cholewa and Weeks went to Toronto to address the CFI expert panel regarding funding for the science research complex. Senator Chase added that there is \$1.7B in requests and only \$255M in money available, so competition will be keen.

The Academic Master Plan (AMP) has completed stage one and the Deans are currently in the process of putting stage two together. Senator Chase reported that after final consultation, there will be a university-wide AMP. With the quality improvement in education report due to MTCU by the end of June and the fact that we are only be in the middle of the AMP process, Senator Chase commented that the approach the university will take is to identify eight program initiatives from which determinations will be made once the AMP is complete. Senator Chase stressed that there is no absolutely desire to preempt the AMP exercise.

As a final comment, Senator Chase announced that he is stepping away from Senate and will return in the fall as a part-time instructor only for first-year physics. His intention is not to be involved in Senate anymore but stressed that Senate needs to be protected.

On behalf of the Faculty of Arts and Science, Senator Vanderlee thanked Senator Chase for his leadership and mentorship this past year. Senator Vanderlee advised that most plans are up on the AMP website. He added that the department chairs were meeting on Monday and Tuesday to work through a decision-making structure that is transparent to all. At Senator Vanderlee's invitation, Angela Fera reminded senators that NSO was being held the first two weeks of July and was requesting faculty participation. She further advised that NSO details were posted on the website.

The Dean of Education commented that his faculty are still trying to deal with the unexpected increase in education students this fall. He indicated that they have been able to place one full section of primary/junior at the Brantford campus. Senator Common also noted that the numbers for concurrent education at the Brantford campus is over 170 students, 50 students more than what was envisioned. Senator Common also announced that this was Senator Blair's last Senate meeting.

After the announcements, Dr. Mock gave his annual strategic plan summary via a PowerPoint presentation. He outlined the status of each group and added that 18 of the 22 objectives are at some stage of address. He also thanked the approximately 200 individuals who are involved with the plan and its various task groups. The PowerPoint presentation and Senator Mock's summary may be viewed at: http://www.nipissingu.ca/president/stratplan_taskgroup.asp

MOTION 2: Moved by D. Mock, seconded by K. Marsh that the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated May 30, 2006 be received.

CARRIED

Appointments, Promotions and Tenure Committee

MOTION 3: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by K. Marsh that the Report of the Appointments, Promotions and Tenure Committee dated May 30, 2006 be received.

CARRIED

Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee

May 11, 2006 Report

MOTION 4: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by E. Cholewa that the Report of the Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee dated May 11, 2006 be received.

CARRIED

May 29, 2006 Report

MOTION 5: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by A B Graff that the Report of the Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee Report dated May 29, 2006 be received.

CARRIED

MOTION 6 Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by R. Vanderlee that the Students listed in Appendix A, who have completed all requirements of their respective degrees, be admitted to their degrees in-course and that diplomas for the degrees be awarded.

CARRIED

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

The Senator Representative to COU, Senator Sarlo, had distributed a report which outlined COU updates. He reminded Senate that FIPPA takes effect on Monday, June 12. He was also pleased to report that the COU website was highlighting research work by Senator Graff.

Senator Lawrence, a senate representative on the Pension Committee, indicated that its annual meeting was held on May 30th. He announced that for a significant period of time, it has been noted that two of the foreign funds have performed below the benchmark. As a result, the committee is recommending to the Human Resources Committee of the Board, that it be blocked. Senator Lawrence noted that if these funds are blocked, you will be unable to make additional contributions, but any funds you have in it will remain until otherwise changed. The Committee will also look at additional foreign funds opportunities.

The Senate representative to the Board of Governors reported that at the last Board meeting, there was a performance review of the President and he was reappointed. Senator Langford also noted that there was a presentation by the student union of the architect's drawings of the student centre. She also reported that the President gave his annual update of the strategic plan.

AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

MOTION 7: Moved by T. Chase, seconded by A. Sparkes that, in keeping with accepted practices at many other universities and the recommendations of the National Council on Ethics in Human Research (NCEHR), the Senate By-Laws be amended to eliminate the Research Ethics Committee and the Appeals Committee for Ethics in favour of a new Nipissing University Research Ethics Board (NUREB), which shall: (i) be created effective September, 2006; (ii) include six faculty members broadly representative of the various research disciplines, and representing both genders, (with alternates), one external community representative and the Director of Research Services (non-voting); (iii) report to the Board of Governors through the Vice-President Academic and Research; and (iv) establish an arms-length appeal process, possibly involving a mutual agreement with another university.

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

MOTION 8: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by K. Marsh that Senate discharge the non-standing Senate committees including Senate and Dean's Search and Selection Committees for 2005-06 as identified on the agenda.

CARRIED

- (i) Senate Selection Committee for the tenure track positions in Canadian and American History
- (ii) Senate Selection Committee for the tenure track positions in Children's Literature and Early Modern Literature
- (iii) Senate Selection Committee for the tenure track position in Interactive Management

- (iv) Senate Selection Committee for the tenure track positions in Language and Literacy, Curriculum Methods and Music Education
- (v) Senate Selection Committee for the tenure track positions in Social Studies, Art Education, Science Education and Curriculum Development and Education
- (vi) Senate Selection Committee for the 2-year limited-term position in History
- (vii) Senate Selection Committee for the tenure track position in Nursing
- (viii) Senate Selection Committee for the tenure track position in Classical Studies
- (ix) Senate Selection Committee for the 3-year limited-term position in Psychology
- (x) Senate Selection Committee for the 3-year limited-term position in Political Science
- (xi) Assessment Subcommittee for Dr. Ann LeSage's application for reappointment with tenure
- (xii) Assessment Subcommittee for Dr. Mike McCabe's application for reappointment with tenure
- (xiii) Assessment Subcommittee for Dr. Heather Rintoul's application for reappointment with tenure
- (xiv) Assessment Subcommittee for Dr. Warnie Richardson's application for promotion to Associate Professor
- (xv) Assessment Subcommittee for Dr. John Long's application for reappointment with tenure and promotion to Associate Professor
- (xvi) Assessment Subcommittee for Dr. Tom Ryan's application for reappointment with tenure and promotion to Associate Professor
- (xvii) Assessment Subcommittee for Dr. Sandra Reid's application for promotion to Full Professor
- (xviii) Assessment Subcommittee for Dr. Ron Wideman's application for promotion to Full Professor
- (xix) Assessment Subcommittee for Dr. Kari Brozowski's application for reappointment with tenure
- (xx) Assessment Subcommittee for Dr. Aroha Page's application for reappointment with tenure
- (xxi) Assessment Subcommittee for Dr. Sal Renshaw's application for reappointment with tenure
- (xxii) Assessment Subcommittee for Dr. David Hemsworth's application for reappointment with tenure
- (xxiii) Assessment Subcommittee for Dr. Larry Patriquin's application for promotion to Associate Professor
- (xxiv) Assessment Subcommittee for Dr. Gyllian Phillips' application for promotion to Associate Professor
- (xxv) Assessment Subcommittee for Dr. Andrew Weeks' application for promotion to Associate Professor
- (xxvi) Assessment Subcommittee for Professor Terry Dokis' application for reappointment with tenure and promotion to Assistant Professor
- (xxvii) Assessment Subcommittee for Dr. Anne Clendinning's application for reappointment with tenure and promotion to Associate Professor

- (xxviii) Assessment Subcommittee for Dr. Jamie LeClair's application for reappointment with tenure and promotion to Associate Professor
- (xxix) Assessment Subcommittee for Dr. Tony Parkes' application for reappointment with tenure and promotion to Associate Professor
- (xxx) Assessment Subcommittee for Dr. Haibin Zhu's application for reappointment with tenure and promotion to Associate Professor

ELECTIONS

- Elect one Senator from Arts and Science to serve on the Consolidated Committee

F. Noël nominated V. Valov

MOTION 9: Moved by O. Ridler, seconded by G. Pyle that nominations cease.
CARRIED

Acclaimed: V. Valov

- Elect one Senator from Education to serve on the Appointments, Promotion and Tenure Committee

L. Patriquin nominated J. long

MOTION 10: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by R. Fix that nominations cease.
CARRIED

Acclaimed: J. Long

NEW BUSINESS

Academic Planning Committee

MOTION 11: Moved by T. Chase, seconded by R. Common that Senate consider receipt of the Report of the Academic Planning Committee dated May 30, 2006.
CARRIED

MOTION 12: Moved by T. Chase, seconded by R. Common that the Report of the Academic Planning Committee dated May 30, 2006 be received.
CARRIED

MOTION 13: Moved by T. Chase, seconded by R. Fix that the APC Summary Report: Native Studies Program Review (May, 2006) be received.
CARRIED

MOTION 14: Moved by T. Chase, seconded by K. Marsh that the Nipissing University Policy on Certificates and Diplomas be revised to permit all credits in a certificate to be simultaneously counted toward a degree program.

CARRIED

MOTION 15: Moved by T. Chase, seconded by L. Patriquin that, as with new course proposals, proposals for certificates or diplomas be required to include, where applicable, comparative information from other such programs elsewhere

CARRIED

Chancellor's Reappointment Committee

MOTION 16: Moved by D. Mock, seconded by K. Marsh that Senate consider the Report of the Chancellor's Reappointment Committee dated June 5, 2006.

CARRIED

MOTION 17: Moved by D. Mock, seconded by K. Marsh that the Report of the Chancellor's Reappointment Committee dated June 5, 2006 be received.

CARRIED

MOTION 18: Moved by D. Mock, seconded by K. Marsh that Senate recommend to the Board of Governors that Mr. David Liddle be reappointed as Chancellor of Nipissing University for an additional four-year term, effective July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2010.

CARRIED

University Curriculum Committee Report

MOTION 19: Moved by T. Chase, seconded by J. Barnett that Senate consider receipt of the Report of the University Curriculum Committee dated June 5, 2006.

CARRIED

MOTION 20: Moved by T. Chase, seconded by M. Kariuki that the Report of the University Curriculum Committee dated June 5, 2006 be received.

CARRIED

MOTION 21: Moved by T. Chase, seconded by J. Allison that the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2005" be amended to add EDUC 1025 Technological Studies: Transportation, a six-credit course, to the Additional Qualification Courses.

CARRIED

Report Of The Ad Hoc Committee On The Revision Of Teaching Evaluations

MOTION 22: Moved by G. Pyle, seconded by J. Barnett that the Report on the Teaching Evaluations be postponed to the next meeting of Senate and that it be distributed to all faculty at least one week in advance.
CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 22: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by L. Patriquin that Senate do now adjourn: 1:43 p.m.
CARRIED

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D. Mock

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T. Jones