

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

September 15, 2006  
2:30 p.m. – Room F210

MEMBERS PRESENT: D. Mock, P. Ricketts, R. Common, D. Lawrence, B. Nettlefold,  
R. Vanderlee, R. Wideman

J. Barker, E. Berger, W. Borody, R. Breton, G. Brophey, G. Brown,  
K. Brozowski, R. Brozoewski, E. Cholewa, A. Clendinning,  
T. Curwen, H. Earl, D. Flynn, AB Graff, D. Hackett, D. Hall,  
D. Jowett, A. Karashev, T. Koivukoski, L. Kruk, U. Kundrats,  
S. Lechlitner, E. Mattson, S. Mayhall, C. McFarlane, S. Muhlberger,  
D. Murphy, F. Noël, P. Nosko, S. O'Hagan, M. Owens, A. Page,  
L. Patriquin, G. Pyle, S. Renshaw, A. Sparkes, K. Srigley, S. Srigley,  
M. Sroga, D. Tabachnick, K. Topps, M. Tuncali, V. Valov, D. Walters,  
W. Young, H. Zhu

J. Allison, AM Aquino, J. Ayrhart, J. Barnett, A. Bell, D. Brackenreed,  
T. Campbell, M. Cantalini-Williams, K. Clausen, J. Corkett, R. Davis,  
E. Duncan, S. Elliott-Johns, K. Ferguson, R. Fix, D. Franks, H. Gardner,  
R. Graham, D. Gosse, C. Harvey, B. Hatt, D. Jarvis, P. Joong, L. Keuhl,  
G. Laronde, J. Long, R. Lynn, N. Maynes, M. McCabe, J. McIntosh,  
B. Olmsted, MA Parr, M. Parr, J. Price, S. Reid, O. Ridler, H. Rintoul,  
J. Scott, G. Sharpe, I. Sinfield, M. Szakacs, L. Vokes-Leduc, K. Waller,

M. Couchie

D. Pletzer

T. Benevides

S. Feretycki, K. Knapp, K. Marsh, B. Overholt

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: J. Baffoe (leave), R. Bergquist, D. Geden, P. Kelly (leave),  
J. Kovacs (leave), S. Lawlor (leave), G. Phillips (leave), J. Ryan,  
C. Sarlo (leave), K. Stange (leave)

D. Berry (leave), T. Horton, M. Kariuki, H. Langford (leave),  
K. Noel (leave), K. Quigg, W. Richardson, C. Shields (leave),  
S. Van Nuland (leave)

P. Gavan

ABSENT:

N J Baker, N. Brown, P. Chow, P. Cook, A. Dean, T. Dokis,  
D. Hemsworth, S. Kariuki, J. Knox, J. LeClair, I. Mueller, T. Parkes,  
D. Rowbotham, M. Saari, B. Schreyer, R. Teigrob, M. Wachowiak,  
A. Weeks, S. Winters

L. Frost, K. Kirkwood, K. MacLeod, B. McMahon, C. Ricci,  
C. Richardson, T. Ryan, N. Zur Nedden

MOTION 1: Moved by J. McIntosh, seconded by C. McFarlane that the minutes of the meeting of June 7, 2006 be adopted with the revision to the minutes as requested.  
CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President began his announcements by welcoming returning faculty and extending best wishes to the new faculty. He noted to new faculty that Nipissing's focus is on students, scholarship and research. Senator Mock also acknowledged the success of the New Faculty Orientation and thanked the Offices of the Vice-President Academic, the Dean of Arts and Science and the Dean of Education.

The recent events at Dawson College were also noted and the President was pleased to report that the Pow-Wow held earlier in the day included an honour song for the Dawson College community. Senate was requested to pause and reflect for a moment on colleagues and students at Dawson. As well, a letter was sent on behalf of the faculty, staff and students of Nipissing University to that institution.

The President reported that the enrollment numbers in the Faculty of Arts and Science are similar to that of last year. However, he noted the number of fourth year students is the highest in the history of the university. Education is up by 12%.

Frosh week was very successful, and Senator Mock thanked the NUSU executive, frosh leaders and residence dons for their hard work.

As recently announced, after negotiations with Bishop Plouffe and the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie, the university has purchased the Monastery, a 12,000 sq foot building, with the accompanying 23 acres of land. The university must request a zoning by-law change with the City of North Bay. Senator Mock reminded Senate that there will be an open house at the monastery on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006 and ideas on its use will be welcomed.

Including Nipissing, 14 universities in Ontario and 27 across Canada have officially withdrawn from the Maclean's annual survey. The President indicated that universities are attempting to work with the magazine to modify the survey model by including output factors as well as changing the weight value for various questions.

Senator Mock pointed out that the university was moving forward with the e-learning library. This new concept will also look at ways to link with other libraries.

The President concluded his comments by announcing the articulation agreement with Wilfrid Laurier University and the successful concurrent education program that defines our role in that environment. He also stated that our university, as all universities in the province, are in the process of developing three-year accountability agreements with the province. This agreement will outline major initiatives over a three-year period. The President's Budgetary Advisory Committee will review our submission before it is sent to MTCU on September 29<sup>th</sup>.

He also reminded senators that Stephen Lewis will be on campus giving a speech on September 28<sup>th</sup>.

The Vice-President Academic and Research voiced his pleasure for being at Senate and thanked Ted Chase for all his assistance that enable a smooth transition. Dr. Ricketts announced that Dr. John Lindsay has been identified as the successful Tier II CRC (Canada Research Chair) candidate and that the Research Office will be working closely with this individual on his submission to the CRC. An additional CRC Tier II position is being sought in either history and the environment or in mathematics. This Chair is currently being advertised. The Vice-President noted that the allocation of CRCs is driven by external funding from the three federal granting agencies, and that one of his goals is to increase that funding and the number of CRCs at Nipissing.

The Academic Master Plan (AMP) is about to be implemented with the departmental proposals largely completed. Senator Ricketts indicated that the next stage of finalizing faculty priorities is in progress. It is anticipated that the final stage will be ready by the end of October and ready for discussion at November Senate. Some key elements to consider during broader discussion is developing a research culture, enhancing the student learning experience and internationalization.

Senator Ricketts was please to announce that Nipissing was successful in its submission for graduate studies. He informed Senate that MTCU has allocated 210 Master's FTEs and five PhD FTEs for 2007. The Vice-President also noted that the Director of Research Services, Dr. Paule Laberge, has worked on a draft proposal of the Research Ethics Board. This draft will be going to the Board Executive on September 25.

Senator Ricketts also announced that he as been appointed to the Northern Ontario Commercialization Initiative (NOCI). The group's mandate is to promote the adoption and commercialization of research partnerships in Northern Ontario between industry and research.

The Vice-President informed Senate that Senators Cholewa, Clendinning and Tuncali had their respective research activities highlighted in the "*Research Success Stories 2005-06.*" This documents is published by the Ontario Council on University Research.

The Vice-President also announced that the search process for a new Dean of Arts and Science has commenced.

The names of the new faculty members in Arts and Science were announced by the Dean of Arts and Science. Senator Vanderlee also thanked NUSU and the 65 frosh leaders for a successful Frosh week. Angela Fera was also recognized for her work in new student orientation.

Senator Common, Dean of Education was delighted to report that six senators have recently received their PhD. They include Senators Barnett, Brackenreed, Corkett, Jarvis, Olmsted and C. Richardson. He also introduced the new education faculty to Senate. With 189 concurrent education students in Brantford and 856 consecutive education students, Senator Common announced that his faculty have met all enrollment challenges. The Dean concluded by stating that the graduate expansion funding has been derived from the expansion that Nipissing had in 2002-03. This coincided with the first-year admission of the double cohort.

NUSU President Kyle Marsh began his announcements by commenting on the low number of faculty members present at the June convocation ceremonies. He added that this was noted by a number of graduates. He encouraged faculty to make an effort to attend convocation. Senator Marsh commended Senator Mock about observing a moment of silence for the faculty and staff of Dawson College. Senator Overholt thanked all senators who participated in Frosh week activities.

Senator Wideman provided an update on the revisions to the teaching evaluation that was initially heard at the June Senate meeting. He reported that feedback on the instrument was received from NUFA. The goal is to have the final report out to senators two weeks prior to the November Senate meeting.

The Registrar gave an admissions update and announced that there are 856 consecutive education students this year. He added that applications to the education programs will increase sharply next year as the double cohort is graduating. Applications to undergraduate programs will probably decrease. Senator Lawrence announced that the Muskoka enrollment is up 67% (71 part-time and 110 full-time). Brantford is also experiencing a significant increase. Overall, there is a slight increase in the number of students. Senator Lawrence noted that the number of high school students entering universities this fall has increased by 3% while Nipissing was down slightly.

Senator Lawrence updated Senate on the status of the multi-year accountability agreement. He reminded senators that last year, the provincial government required all universities to complete a one-year interim agreement. Now, the government is requesting the submission of a 3-year rolling agreement by September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Essentially we are being asked to demonstrate how we will be spending the government's investment in postsecondary education. The Registrar indicated that the newly created Higher Education Quality Council of Ontario (HEQCO) will play a significant role in these agreements by developing a quality framework using performance indicators and performance measurements. HEQCO has also been handed the task of monitoring the student access guarantee. There is a keen interest to increase access to undergraduate programs for Aboriginals, Francophones, persons with disabilities and "first generation" (to attend university) students. We will be required to show the government how we are going to target these groups. Senator Lawrence also announced that part of the accountability agreement requires the monitoring of university retention rates and student to faculty ratios.

Senator Renshaw advised Senate that the theme for International Women's Week will be Gender and Environmental Justice and was delighted to report that Maude Barlow will be the guest speaker on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Executive Director of Library Services reminded senators that the deadline to receive special acquisition requests is September 22<sup>nd</sup>. The library committee will review the requests beginning in October.

Executive Committee

MOTION 2: Moved by D. Mock, seconded by A B Graff that the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated September 7, 2006 be received.

CARRIED

MOTION 3: Moved by D. Mock, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate adopt the Nipissing University Academic Regulations and Policies outlined in the document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2006."

CARRIED

Academic Planning Committee

MOTION 4: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by R. Vanderlee that the Report of the Academic Planning Committee dated May 11, 2006 be received.

CARRIED

MOTION 5: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by D. Tabachnick that Senate approves Stage 3 implementation of a Bachelor of Arts Honours Combined Major, General Single Major and General Combined Major in Political Science.

CARRIED

MOTION 6: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by B. Olmsted that Senate approves Stage 3 implementation of Bachelor of Physical and Health Education.

CARRIED

ELECTIONS

- Election of four Senators to serve on the Search Committee for the Dean of Arts and Science.

*Four faculty members elected by the Senate, at least one of whom shall be female. Of those elected, only one may be a probationary (tenure track) faculty member; and there shall be at least three representatives from the Faculty of Arts and Science.*

L. Patriquin nominated R. Brozowski

D. Hall nominated G. Pyle

S. Renshaw nominated S. Srigley

M. Sroga nominated G. Brown

G. Morrell nominated A. Clendinning

S. Muhlberger nominated L. Kruk

P. Nosko nominated M. Kariuki

MOTION 7: Moved by M. Couchie , seconded by M. Tuncali that nominations cease.  
CARRIED

**Elected: G. Brown, A. Clendinning, M. Kariuki and G. Pyle**

- Election of one Arts and Science Senator to serve on the Academic Computing Committee

M. Tuncali nominated H. Zhu

MOTION 8: Moved by A B Graff, seconded by C. McFarlane that nominations cease.  
CARRIED

**Acclaimed: H. Zhu**

- Election of one Education Senator to serve on the Academic Planning Committee

R. Common nominated J. Barnett

MOTION 9: Moved by A B Graff, seconded by C. McFarlane that nominations cease.  
CARRIED

**Acclaimed: J. Barnett**

- Election of one Education Senator to serve on the Board of Governors

B. Olmsted nominated K. Ferguson

MOTION 10: Moved by C. McFarlane , seconded by A B Graff that nominations cease.  
CARRIED

**Acclaimed: K. Fergsuon**

- Election of one Senator to serve as COU representative (alternate)

J. Barker nominated E. Berger

MOTION 11: Moved by A B Graff, seconded by C. McFarlane that nominations cease.  
CARRIED

**Acclaimed: E. Berger**

- Election of one Senator to serve on the Search Committee for a tenure-track position in Mathematics

M. Tuncali nominated D. Jowett

MOTION 12: Moved by A B Graff, seconded by C. McFarlane that nominations cease.  
CARRIED

**Acclaimed: D. Jowett**

- Election of one Education Senator to serve on the APT Subcommittee (Education)

M. Tuncali nominated K. Kirkwood

MOTION 13: Moved by A B Graff, seconded by C. McFarlane that nominations cease.  
CARRIED

**Acclaimed: K. Kirkwood**

## NEW BUSINESS

### Admissions, Promotions, and Petitions Committee

MOTION 14: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by K. Marsh that Senate considers receipt of the Report of the Admissions, Petitions and Promotions Committee dated August 31, 2006.  
CARRIED

MOTION 15: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by K. Marsh that the Report of the Admissions, Promotions, and Petitions Committee dated August 31, 2006 be received.  
CARRIED

MOTION 16: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by A B Graff that the students listed on 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

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 17:           Moved by S. Muhlberger, seconded by G. Pyle that Senate do now adjourn:  
                          4:33 p.m.  
                          **CARRIED**

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D. Mock, President

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D. Brackenreed, Secretary