

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

December 8, 2006  
2:30 p.m. - Room F210

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

NJ Baker, J. Barker, R. Bergquist, R. Breton, G. Brown, K. Brozowski,  
R. Brozowski, H. Earl, D. Geden, D. Hal, S. Kariuki, J. Kovacs, L. Kruk,  
G. Morrell, D. Murphy, F. Noël, S. O'Hagan, A. Page, S. Renshaw,  
A. Sparkes, K. Srigley, S. Srigley, D. Tabachnick, K. Topps, M. Tuncali,  
M. Wachowiak, D. Walters, W. Young

J. Allison, D. Brackenreed, T. Campbell, E. Duncan, S. Elliott-Johns,  
K. Ferguson, L. Frost, H. Gardner, B. Hatt, M. Kariuki, J. Long,  
K. MacLeod, J. McIntosh, B. Olmsted, M. Parr, MA Parr, S. Reid,  
C. Richardson, W. Richardson, O. Ridler, J. Scott, L. Vokes-Leduc,

P. Gavan

C. Dahmer, G. deBruyn, S. Feretycki, K. Knapp, K. Marsh. B. Overholt

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: R. Wideman

J. Baffoe, E. Berger, G. Brophey, A. Karassev, P. Kelly, S. Lawlor (leave),  
S. Lechlitner, C. McFarlane, M. Owens, L. Patriquin, G. Phillips, M. Saari  
C. Sarlo, M. Sroga, K. Stange

J. Barnett, D. Berry (leave), M. Cantalini-Williams, T. Horton (leave),  
P. Joong, H. Langford (leave), M. McCabe, K. Noel (leave), J. Price,  
K. Quigg, S. Van Nuland (leave)

T. Benevides

ABSENT:

W. Borody, N. Brown, E. Cholewa, P. Chow, A. Clendinning, P. Cook,  
T. Curwen, A. Dean, T. Dokis, D. Flynn, AB Graff, D. Hackett,  
D. Hemsworth, J. Knox, T. Koivukoski, U. Kundrats, J. LeClair,  
E. Mattson, S. Mayhall, I. Mueller, P. Nosko, T. Parkes, L. Penno, G. Pyle,  
D. Rowbotham, J. Ryan, B. Schreyer, R. Teigrob, V. Valov, A. Weeks,  
S. Winters, H. Zhu

AM Aquino, A. Bell, K. Clausen, J. Corkett, R. Davis, R. Fix, D. Franks,  
R. Graham, D. Gosse, C. Harvey, D. Jarvis, L. Keuhl, K. Kirkwood,  
G. Laronde, R. Lynn, K. MacLeod, N. Maynes, B. McMahan, C. Ricci,  
C. Richardson, T. ryan, G. Sharpe, I. Sinfield, L. Vokes-Leduc,  
K. Waller, N. Zur Nedden

M. Couchie

D. Pletzer

MOTION 1: Moved by K. Knapp, seconded by G. deBruyn that the minutes of the meeting of November 10, 2006 be adopted.  
CARRIED

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President briefly commented on the COU meeting he attended on December 7. As a result of the unanticipated increase in enrollment at universities (which has resulted in the number of dollars per student decreasing), universities are forming advocacy groups to pressure the government into increasing spending in this area. Senator Mock also noted that the common data set (CUDO) that has been posted to the COU website has resulted in a twofold increase in the number of hits to its website. CUDO was designed and implemented to allow potential university applicants an alternative to the Maclean's survey. Following the COU meeting, there was a dinner where former Premier Bill Davis was feted.

Senator Mock was pleased to report that the RFP for the conceptual drawings of the new library/e-learning centre has resulted in 19 submissions. He commented that there is a lot of interest in creating a signature building on campus. He also added that the capital campaign cabinet and structure is underway.

On a lighter note, the President thanked all faculty who participated in the 'pie-a-prof' event in support of the Habitat for Humanity. He also reminded senators of the staff Christmas party tonight at the Best Western and of the annual staff "get-together" around the tree in the front foyer on December 18. Finally, Senator Mock thanked everyone for their commitment to the fall semester and wished all a restful and peaceful holiday.

The Vice-President Academic and Research noted that the nomination for the Tier II CRC was submitted last Friday. He thanked Paule Laberge, who pulled most of the material together, and those faculty who were involved. He added that the process is competitive, but was confident that a strong nomination was put forward. Senator Ricketts also reported there are five faculty applications for NSERC and six for SSHRC and wished them all success.

The Dean of Education reported that the Deputy Minister of Education, Dr. Ben Levin, spoke to the education students during Ministry days.

The student representatives commented on the turmoil at NUSU these past couple of weeks. Senator Marsh remarked that one positive result of this issue is the keen interest in student governance. He noted there is concern that a large section of the student voice is not being heard. He wished everyone a great holiday and new year and added that when everyone returns in January, he hopes that students will be more engaged in this major political process. Senator Knapp issued a challenge to faculty and administration to help raise money for cystic fibrosis and in particular for the family of Jessica Gough who is in need of a double lung transplant. Senator Knapp also commented on the women's safety week that occurred two weeks ago. She noted that there will be a self defence course offered in the new year. To date, the pie-a-thon has been the most successful fundraiser for the Habitat for Humanity. Senator Feretycki noted that the students living in residence participated in a food drive, which provided a much-needed boost to the Nipissing-Canadore food bank. He also mentioned that the winter formal held on December 2 was sold out. The education formal is slated for December 10.

Under other announcements and as part of his commitment to Senate, the President gave an oral update on the strategic plan. An overhead was provided and he was pleased to report that there is progress on 20 of the 22 objectives listed in the strategic plan. To date, he has received the student retention, faculty and staff recruitment and retention, and the reputation and profile reports. Copies of these three reports are available in the President's Office and the Library for viewing.

He noted that some of the reports' recommendations are already being implemented. The President also advised that he would like to move forward with the Senate Review committee. Elections for this committee will be held at the January Senate.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

### Executive Committee

MOTION 2: Moved by D. Mock, seconded by P. Ricketts that the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated November 30, 2006 be received.  
CARRIED

### Academic Planning Committee

#### November 24, 2006 Report

MOTION 3: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by R. Common that the Report of the Academic Planning Committee dated November 24, 2006 be received.  
CARRIED

MOTION 4: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by S. Renshaw that Senate consider as an omnibus motion, motions 2 - 11 of the Report of the Academic Planning Committee dated November 24, 2006.  
CARRIED

MOTION 2: That Senate recommend to the Board of Governors the establishment of a tenure-track position in Education Methods, Educational Psychology/Special Education and Language Arts Education effective July 1, 2007.

MOTION 3: That Senate recommend to the Board of Governors the establishment of a tenure-track position in Graduate Studies (Curriculum Leadership) effective July 1, 2007 and conditional upon approval of the full-time M.Ed. program by OCGS and Senate.

MOTION 4: That Senate recommend to the Board of Governors the conversion of the two-year limited term to a tenure-track position in the consecutive B.Ed. (Junior/Intermediate division) in the area of Language Arts effective July 1, 2007.

MOTION 5: That Senate recommend to the Board of Governors the establishment of a tenure-track position in Religion and Cultures effective July 1, 2007.

MOTION 6: That Senate recommend to the Board of Governors the conversion of the two-year limited term to a tenure-track position in Criminal Justice effective July 1, 2007.

MOTION 7: That Senate recommend to the Board of Governors the conversion of the three-year limited-term position to a tenure-track position in Geography effective July 1, 2007.

MOTION 8: That Senate recommend to the Board of Governors the conversion of the 9-month sessional position to a tenure-track position in History (Early Modern European History) effective July 1, 2007.

MOTION 9: That Senate recommend to the Board of Governors the conversion of the 9-month sessional position to a three-year limited term position in History (Modern Canadian History) effective July 1, 2007.

MOTION 10: That Senate recommend to the Board of Governors the conversion of the one-year limited term position to a three-year term limited position in Gender Equality and Social Justice effective July 1, 2007.

MOTION 11: That Senate recommend to the Board of Governors the creation of a one-year limited term position in Organic Chemistry effective July 1, 2007.

MOTION 5: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by S. Renshaw that Senate approve motions 2 - 11 as an omnibus motion of the Report of the Academic Planning Committee dated November 24, 2006.  
CARRIED

MOTION 6: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by S. Srigley that Senate grant stage one "Development Approval" for a four-year Honours Single Major in the Religions and Cultures program.  
CARRIED

#### April 20, 2006 Report

MOTION 7: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by S. Renshaw that Senate consider receipt of the Report of the Academic Planning Committee dated April 20, 2006.  
CARRIED

MOTION 8: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by S. Renshaw that Senate consider motions 2 – 5 as an omnibus motion.  
CARRIED

MOTION 2: That the Academic Planning Committee recommend to Senate the continuation of the tenure-track position in Gender Equality and Social Justice, effective July 1, 2006.

MOTION 3: That the Academic Planning Committee recommend to Senate the continuation of the tenure-track position in Marketing, effective July 1, 2006.

MOTION 4: That the Academic Planning Committee recommend to Senate the continuation of the tenure-track position in Education (Primary-Junior Mathematics), effective July 1, 2006.

MOTION 5: That the Academic Planning Committee recommend to Senate the addition of a 3-year limited-term position in Geography, effective July 1, 2006.

MOTION 9: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by R. Common that Senate approve as an omnibus motion, motions 2 - 5, of the Report of the Academic Planning Committee dated April 20, 2006.  
CARRIED

### University Curriculum Committee

#### November 24, 2006 Report

MOTION 10: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by S. Renshaw that the Report of the University Curriculum dated November 24, 2006 be received.  
CARRIED

MOTION 11: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by S. Srigley that in accordance with the Nipissing University Policy for New Program Implementation, Senate give stage two "Curriculum Approval" to a Bachelor of Arts (4-year Honours) – Single Major in Religions and Cultures.  
CARRIED

MOTION 12: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by D. Tabachnick that the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2006" be amended to add the following courses to the Child and Family Studies program as outlined in the attached document:

- a. CHFS3006 - Children's Rights
- b. CHFS3007 – Selected Topics in Children's Rights
- c. CHFS3105 – Critical Reflections

CARRIED

MOTION 13: Moved by P. Ricketts seconded by F. Noël that Senate consider motions 4 - 6 as an omnibus motion from the Report of the University Curriculum Committee dated November 24, 2006.  
CARRIED

MOTION 4: That the University Curriculum Committee recommend to Senate that the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2006” be amended to delete PSYC3906 Special Topics in Psychology I, a 3-credit course, as an option course from the Child and Family Studies program, as outlined in the attached document.

MOTION 5: That the University Curriculum Committee recommend to Senate that the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2006” be amended to delete SWLF3915 Special Topics in Social Welfare, a 6-credit course, as an option course from the Child and Family Studies program, as outlined in the attached document.

MOTION 6: That the University Curriculum Committee recommend to Senate that the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2006” be amended to add EDUC4105 Intermediate Division – Dramatic Arts, a 6-credit course, to the Additional Basic Qualification Course, as outlined in the attached document.

MOTION 14: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by F. Noël that Senate approve Motions 4 to 6 as an omnibus motion from the UCC report dated November 23, 2006.  
CARRIED

April 19, 2006 Meeting

MOTION 15: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by D. Geden that Senate consider receipt of the Report of the University Curriculum Committee dated April 19, 2006.  
CARRIED

MOTION 16: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by D. Geden that Senate consider as an omnibus motion, motions 2 - 6, of the Report of the University Curriculum Committee dated April 19, 2006.  
CARRIED

MOTION 2: That the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2005” be amended to modify the program requirements for the Bachelor of Arts (3-Year General) in Fine Arts Single and Combined Majors as outlined in the attached document.

MOTION 3: That the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2005” be amended to modify the program requirements for the Bachelor of Arts (3-Year General) in Fine Arts Single and Combined Majors as outlined in the attached document.

MOTION 4: That the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2005" be amended to modify the prerequisites, co-requisites and course description of FAVA3036 Advanced Studio in Art, a three credit course, as outlined in the attached document.

MOTION 5: That the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2005" be amended to modify the prerequisites for PSYC2206 Learning I, PSYC2605 Behavioural Neuroscience, and PSYC2906 Sensation in the Psychology program, as outlined in the attached document.

MOTION 6: That the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2005" be amended to add PSYC4616 Neural Bases of Consciousness to the Certificate of Neuroscience, in the Psychology program, as outlined in the attached document.

MOTIONS 17: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by D. Geden that Senate approved as an omnibus motion, motions 2 - 6, of the Report of the University Curriculum Committee dated April 19, 2006.  
CARRIED

#### Library Committee

MOTION 18: Moved by B. Nettlefold, seconded by D. Brackenreed that the Report of the Library Committee dated November 16, 2006 be received.  
CARRIED

#### Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee

MOTION 19: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by K. Marsh that the Report of the Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee dated November 15, 2006 be received.  
CARRIED

MOTION 20: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by G. Brown 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 degree be awarded.  
CARRIED

MOTION 21: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by B. Olmsted that the BPHE proposal for a preferred Entrance Program to Education (PEP) be approved.  
CARRIED

Concurrent Education Co-ordinating Committee

MOTION 22:           Moved by O. Ridler, seconded by K. Ferguson that the Report of the Concurrent Education Co-ordinating Committee dated November 24, 2006 be received.  
CARRIED

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

On behalf of the Teacher Education Advisory Council, Senator Frost commented about increasing concerns from high school teachers becoming involved in physical altercations between students and any legal ramifications.

AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

MOTION 23:           Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by B. Nettlefold that Senate amend the membership of the University Research Council to state – Director of Research Services (non-voting) and omit the position Manager of Research (non-voting), and Grant and Scholarship Coordinator (non-voting) and omit the position Research Technician (secretary, non-voting).  
CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 24:           Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by W. Richardson that Senate do now adjourn  
Time: 3:44 p.m.  
CARRIED

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D. Mock, President

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D. Brackenreed, Secretary