

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

April 5, 2007

2:30 p.m. - Room A246

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

NJ Baker, J. Barker, R. Bergquist, G. Brown, K. Brozowski,  
R. Brozowski, E. Cholewa, A. Dean, H. Earl, AB Graff, D. Hackett,  
D. Hemsworth, D. Jowett, S. Kariuki, T. Koivukoski, L. Kruk, U. Kundrats,  
J. LeClair, E. Mattson, G. Morrell, D. Murphy, F. Noël, S. O'Hagan,  
M. Owens, A. Page, L. Patriquin, L. Penno, G. Pyle, S. Renshaw,  
A. Sparkes, K. Srigley, S. Srigley, M. Sroga, D. Tabachnick, K. Topps,  
M. Wachowiak, A. Weeks, S. Winters, H. Zhu

J. Allison, E. Ashworth, A. Bell, D. Brackenreed, J. Corkett,  
S. Elliott-Johns, K. Ferguson, R. Fix, L. Frost, D. Gosse, B. Hatt,  
M. Kariuki, G. Laronde, K. MacLeod, J. McIntosh, B. Olmsted, MA Parr,  
J. Price, C. Richardson, J. Scott, L. Vokes-Leduc

P. Gavan, D. Pletzer

S. Feretycki, K. Knapp, K. Marsh, G. deBruyn

ABSENT WITH REGRETS:

J. Baffoe (leave), E. Berger, P. Kelly (leave), J. Kovacs (leave),  
S. Lawlor (leave), C. McFarlane, G. Phillips (leave), M. Saari,  
C. Sarlo (leave), K. Stange (leave), M. Tuncali (leave), W. Young

J. Barnett, D. Berry (leave), T. Campbell,  
M. Cantalini-Williams (Brantford), K. Clausen, D. Franks (leave),  
T. Horton (leave), D. Jarvis, P. Joong (Brantford), H. Langford (leave),  
J. Long, M. McCabe (Brantford), K. Noël (leave), M. Parr,  
K. Quigg (Brantford), S. Reid (Brantford), W. Richardson (leave),  
O. Ridler, H. Rintoul, C. Shields (leave), S. Van Nuland (leave)

T. Benevides

ABSENT:

W. Borody, R. Breton, G. Brophey, G. Brown, N. Brown, P. Chow,  
A. Clendinning, P. Cook, T. Curwen, T. Dokies, D. Flynn, D. Geden,  
D. Hall, A. Karassev, J. Knox, T. Koivukoski, S. Lechlitner,  
K. McCullough, I. Mueller, S. Muhlberger, P. Nosko, T. Parkes,

D. Rowbotham, J. Ryan, B. Schreyer, R. Teigrob, V. Valov, D. Walters,

AM Aquino, R. Davis, H. Gardner, R. Graham, C. Harvey, L. Keuhl,  
K. Kirkwood, R. Lynn, N. Maynes, B. McMahon, M. Parr, C. Ricci,  
T. Ryan, G. Sharpe, I. Sinfield, M. Szakacs, K. Waller, N. Zur Nedden

M. Couchie

C. Dahmer, B. Overholt

MOTION 1: Moved by AB Graff, seconded by P. Ricketts that the minutes of the regular meeting of the Academic Senate dated March 9, 2007 be adopted.  
CARRIED

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President began his announcements by commenting on the recent federal and provincial budgets and their respective impact on postsecondary education in Ontario and specifically with reference to Nipissing University. On the federal level, he was pleased to report that funding for the research granting councils has increased. As well, CFI will continue to be funded. He was very encouraged that the federal budget has allocated \$800M for postsecondary education commencing 2008-09. The President indicated that it will be a major challenge to ensure we get our fair share of that money.

Regarding the provincial budget, the President indicated that a one-time injection of \$210M is being provided to Ontario universities from the \$390M allocated to postsecondary education, to help alleviate such immediate cost pressures as the need for more classroom space. Nipissing will receive these funds at the end of the fiscal year and this should amount to 0.7 of 1% of the total funds. These funds will go towards six or seven key projects. The President also noted that he, along President Taylor from Canadore College, were expecting some money for the new library/e-learning centre. He added that money has been earmarked for graduate fellowships, clinical education and OSAP demand. Our own budget should be fully structured in the next week to 10 days. It is interesting to note that half of Ontario universities have implemented a spending freeze or are in deficit situations.

The President was pleased with the good news coming from the Maclean's graduate survey. Much of the data for this issue was gleaned from both the CUSC and NSSE surveys. There are now four separate Maclean's editions focusing on students and student support.

The President thanked all faculty who were involved with the March UpClose event. Along with phone calls to prospective students, Senators were reminded that this is the best way to convert applicants into students. Applications have increased 22% from last year, resulting in Nipissing having the highest increase in applications in the province.

The President ended his remarks by commenting on the fact that he had recently attended eight different celebrations of our students and that we should be very proud of them. He thanked all faculty who have made a difference.

The Vice-President Academic and Research was pleased to announce that Senators Cholewa, S. Kariuki and Weeks were successful in obtaining NSERC grants. Nipissing now has 10 faculty members who are funded by NSERC. The President's Advisory Committee for the CRC has approved Dr. Dean Bavington's application for a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in Environmental History. The Vice-President added that Dr. Bavington holds a Michigan Society of Fellows Postdoctoral Fellowship. We should hear within the next month on the status of the current CRC nomination. Also with reference to CRC, Nipissing has received notice that it has been allocated two chairs, but unfortunately there is no money available to fund it.

The Vice-President extended his congratulations to Senators Tabachnick and Koivukoski for the publication of their new book *Confronting Tyranny: Ancient Lessons for Global Politics*.

The National Council for Ethics in Human Research visited the campus recently to review our procedures regarding the Research Ethics Board (REB). The Vice-President noted that their report will be forwarded shortly. A reminder was issued to Senators that part of the process of conducting good research was securing approval from REB. There have been a number of student research projects being undertaken without REB's approval.

The Vice-President concluded his announcements by noting that a draft of the Academic Master Plan will be posted on the website next week.

The Dean of Arts and Science extended his congratulations to the NSERC recipients. He was also delighted to report that there were four NSERC post graduate scholarships (valued at \$17,300 each) and seven SSHRC Canada graduate scholarships (valued at \$17,500 each) awarded to Nipissing students. Senator Vanderlee also reported that Senator LeClair has recently had a book published entitled *Contemporary Issues in Mental Health: Concepts, Policy and Practice*. A number of chapters have been written by various Nipissing faculty as well as a graduate from the Faculty of Education.

The Dean of Education was pleased to announce that OCGS has approved a full-time graduate program in Education. The first intake is this September and applications are due April 30<sup>th</sup>. The February education practicum took some students to such diverse countries as Kenya, England and Jamaica, and Senator Common was delighted to report that all students had arrived back safely. Senator Common and Senator Wideman have received a \$500K grant from the Ministry of Education Provincial Schools Branch to develop AQ courses for teachers of the Deaf Parts I, II and III.

The Nipissing University Student Union announced they were finalizing the selection of valedictorians for the June convocation.

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 March 28, 2007 be received.  
CARRIED

MOTION 3: Moved by D. Mock, seconded by K. Srigley that Senate approve the Letter of Agreement regarding the incorporation of the tenure and promotion process into the collective agreement as presented.  
CARRIED

University Curriculum Committee

MOTION 4: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by R. Common that the Report of the University Curriculum Committee dated February 26, 2007 be received.  
CARRIED

MOTION 5: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by R. Vanderlee that Senate approve the addition of BIOL3126 Molecular Biology Techniques, a 3-credit course, to the Biology program, as outlined in the attached document.  
CARRIED

MOTION 6: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by R. Vanderlee that Senate approve the following consolidated motions relating to the Geography program, as approved by the University Curriculum Committee:

- a) delete GEOG4985 - Directed Studies, a 6-credit course,
- b) add GEOG4986 - Directed Studies, a 3-credit course, and
- c) add GEOG2026- Quantitative Methods as a required course to the Bachelor of Arts (Honours) – Combined Major, as outlined in the attached document.

CARRIED

MOTION 7: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by R. Vanderlee that Senate approve the change in the minimum grade requirements to 70% for the pre-requisites for PSYC4105 - Student's Investigation I, in the Psychology program, as outlined in the attached document.  
CARRIED

MOTION 8: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by R. Vanderlee that Senate approve the removal of BIOL2206 - Introduction to Biochemistry, as a program requirement in the Bachelor of Science Nursing program, as outlined in the attached document.  
CARRIED

MOTION 9: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by R. Common that Senate approve the following consolidated motions relating to the Bachelor of Education Consecutive, Concurrent, and Brantford program, as approved by the University Curriculum Committee, and outlined in the attached document:

**to add**

- a) EDUC 4244 Visual Arts – Primary/Junior,
- b) EDUC 4254 Music Education – Primary/Junior,
- c) EDUC 4264 Health and Physical Education – Primary/Junior,
- d) EDUC 4308 Visual Arts – Junior/Intermediate,
- e) EDUC 4314 Music Education – Junior/Intermediate,
- f) EDUC 4324 Health and Physical Education – Junior/Intermediate,
- g) EDUC 4274 Mathematics Education – Primary/**Junior**,
- h) EDUC 4284 Science Education – Primary/Junior,
- i) EDUC 4294 Social Studies – Primary/Junior,
- j) EDUC 4334 Mathematics Education – Junior/Intermediate,
- k) EDUC 4344 Science Education – Junior/Intermediate,
- l) EDUC 4354 Social Studies – Junior/Intermediate, and

**to delete**

- m) EDUC 4124 Curriculum Studies 2 (Primary/Junior),
- n) EDUC 4134 Curriculum Studies 3 (Primary/Junior),
- o) EDUC 4234 Curriculum Studies 3 (Junior/Intermediate),
- p) EDUC 4224 Curriculum Studies 2 (Junior/Intermediate),

CARRIED

MOTION 10: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by D. Brackenreed that Senate approve the program changes to modify the degree requirements for the Bachelor of Education Consecutive, Concurrent and Brantford programs, as outlined in the attached document.

CARRIED

Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee

MOTION 11: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by R. Wideman that the Report of the Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee dated February 2, 2007 be received.

CARRIED

MOTION 12: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by S. Feretycki 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 13: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by R. Bergquist that high school applicants to the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Mathematics (BSc Honours and General) must present for admission consideration, English; Calculus and Vectors; one other Mathematics; and one of Biology Chemistry or Physics.

CARRIED

MOTION 14: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by R. Vanderlee that Motion 3 of the APP report dated March 9, 2007 be referred back to APP for departmental review by the School of Business and Economics and that this motion come back to Senate in May.

CARRIED

### ELECTIONS

- ❖ Elect two tenured Senators at the rank of Associate or above (one from each Faculty), to serve on Special Joint Committee for the tenure and promotion process.

L. Patriquin nominated M. Tuncali

L. Patriquin nominated D. Franks

D. Brackenreed nominated L. Frost

G. Pyle nominated J. LeClair

MOTION 15: Moved by S. Feretycki, seconded by A. Sparkes that nominations cease.

**Elected: M. Tuncali and D. Franks**

- ❖ Elect one Senator for the search committee for a 2-year limited term position in Computer Science.

A. Dean nominated M. Kariuki

MOTION 16: Moved by AB Graff seconded by G. Pyle that nominations cease.

CARRIED

**Acclaimed: M. Kariuki**

MOTION 17: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by G. Pyle that Senate postpone holding elections for the 2007-08 Senate committees until the May Senate meeting and refer the slate back to By-laws and Striking.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Academic Planning Committee

MOTION 18:            Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by L. Patriquin that Senate consider receipt of the report of the Academic Planning Committee dated March 22, 2007.  
CARRIED

MOTION: 19:           Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by L. Patriquin that the Report of the Academic Planning Committee dated March 22, 2007 be received.  
CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 20:           Moved by M. Kariuki, seconded by L. Patriquin that Senate do now adjourn:  
4:08 p.m.  
CARRIED

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D. Mock, President

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D. Brackenreed, Secretary