

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

February 1, 2008
2:30 p.m. - Room F210

MEMBERS PRESENT:

D. Mock, P. Ricketts, D. Lawrence, B. Nettlefold, D. Parker, R. Wideman

P. Babady-Bila, R. Breton, G. Brophey, K. Brozowski, B. Carpenter,
E. Cholewa, N. Colbourne, H. Earl, D. Geden, D. Hackett, D. Jowett, A.
Karassev, S. Kariuki, T. Koivukoski, N. Kozuskanich, L. Kruk,
U. Kundrats, E. Mattson, G. Morrell, J. Murton, D. Neal, F. Noël,
M. Owens, A. Page, L. Peturson, S. Renshaw, C. Sarlo, D. Tabachnick,
K. Topps, M. Tuncali, V. Valov, S. Winters, H. Zhu

J. Allison, E. Ashworth, J. Barnett, A. Bell, R. Bernardes, T. Campbell,
S. Elliott-Johns, D. Franks, B. Hatt, D. Jarvis, L. Julien-Schultz, M. Kariuki,
G. Laronde, K. Mantas, J. McAuliffe, MA Parr, R. Phillips, J. Pitt,
C. Richardson, O. Ridler, H. Rintoul, J. Scott, L. Vokes-Leduc

T. Benevides

S. Cox, J. Fortier, C. Fraser, I. Wassink, G. deBruyn

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: B. Bergquist

NJ Baker, J. Barker, E. Berger (leave), G. Brown (leave),
A. Clendinning (leave), AB Graff, P. Kelly (leave), D. Hemsworth (leave),
J. Knox (leave), S. Lechlitner, D. Murphy, R. Nagy (leave), L. Patriquin,
A. Sparkes (leave), S. Srigley, M. Sroga, K. Stange (leave),

D. Berry (leave), D. Brackenreed, M. Cantalini-Williams (Bfd),
K. Clausen (leave), T. Horton, P. Joong (Bfd), J. Long (leave),
M. McCabe (leave), J. McIntosh (leave), K. Noël (Bfd), K. Quigg (Bfd),
S. Reid (Bfd), M. Parr, W. Richardson (leave), T. Ryan

ABSENT:

L. Frost

W. Borody, N. Brown, R. Brozowski, P. Chow, T. Curwen, A. Dean,
T. Dokis, D. Flynn, R. Gendron, J. Grant, D. Hall, J. Kovacs,
K. McCullough, C. McFarlane, I. Mueller, S. Muhlberger, J. Nadeau,
P. Nosko, S. O'Hagan, T. Parkes, W. Peters, G. Phillips, G. Pyle,
D. Rowbotham, M. Saari, B. Schreyer, T. Smith, K. Srigley,
R. Vanderlee, M. Wachowiak, T. Waldock, D. Walters, A. Weeks,
W. Young

A. Adler, J. Bumstead, J. Corkett, K. Ferguson, B. Fix, R. Graham,
A. Grierson, D. Gosse, C. Harvey, J. Humble, C. Jodoin, K. MacLeod,
N. Maynes, B. McMahan, B. Olmsted, G. Raymer, C. Ricci, G. Sharpe,
C. Shields, S. Tedesco, M. Tessaro, K. Waller

L. McLaren

S. Anderson, L. Drinkwalter

A. Brown

The minutes of the Senate meeting of January 14, 2008 were adopted with no objections.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On Wednesday, January 30, two funding announcements were made from the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities and the Minister of Revenue. The President was very pleased with the provincial government's investment of \$18M towards the new E-Learning Library and \$1.43M for infrastructure. The investment in the E-Learning Library means this project can proceed immediately. The President noted that our local MPP, Monique Smith, has lobbied for this library funding for the past three years.

The President was pleased to report that Nipissing's profile is being heightened on several fronts. Nationally, our university will be hosting the national women's volleyball championships in March 2009 and locally, a new 2500/ft² downtown location has opened that will serve as the headquarters of the Biidaaban project. This new downtown space is also being utilized by Canadore College's continuing education division.

The President also introduced Mr. David McCuaig, the new human rights/human resources officer, to Senators.

At the request of the President, Senator Lawrence provided a very brief update on applications. Senator Lawrence indicated that first and second choices are up significantly from last year. Applications to Nursing, Physical and Health Education and Environmental programs in particular have increased.

The Vice-President Academic and Research was also pleased about the E-Learning Library funding announcement. He indicated that this project will be good for the academic development of the university. The First Generation project was also the recipient of an additional \$70K in unsolicited funding. He thanked all faculty and staff who are involved in this project. The Vice-President noted that all these funding announcements indicate that Nipissing University is on the government radar screen.

Senator Ricketts informed Senators of a recent meeting of the granting councils at which they announced a review of how they do business; they are also looking at interdisciplinary and multi-council projects. This concept ties in with the science and technology strategy of the federal government. He also noted that the Canadian Foundation for Innovation (CFI) will be conducting a new competition and calls for proposals will be coming out soon.

The President of NUSU announced that elections for the next student union executive will be held on Monday and Tuesday of next week. She also congratulated the university on the library funding.

Senator Lawrence announced that next week, targeted-messaging will be on-line, which will give faculty the capability to e-mail or post notices to their students.

Senator Nettlefold indicated that a request has been made for a 4th floor of the new library to be completed as a shell. He also encouraged Senators to make a commitment to the library campaign.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Executive Committee

MOTION 1: Moved by D. Mock, seconded by P. Ricketts that the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated January 28, 2008 be received.
CARRIED

Academic Planning Committee

MOTION 2: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by J. Barnett that the Report of the Academic Planning Committee dated January 14, 2008 be received.
CARRIED

MOTION 3: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by S. Renshaw that Senate approve the continuation of the two positions in Education, effective July 1, 2008
a) Tenure-track position in French for J/I and I/S divisions, and
b) Tenure-track or tenure position in Language Arts in J/I.
CARRIED

University Curriculum Committee

MOTION 4: Moved by P. Ricketts, D. Geden seconded by that the Report of the University Curriculum Committee dated January 17, 2008 be received.
CARRIED

MOTION 5: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by J. Barnett that Senate approve as a consolidated motion, the addition of the following non-credit courses in the Continuing Education program:

1. SIGN 0101 American Sign Language, Level 1, 30 hours
2. SIGN 0102 American Sign Language, Level 1, 30 hours
3. SIGN 0103 American Sign Language, Level 1, 30 hours
4. SIGN 0201 American Sign Language, Level 2, 33 hours
5. SIGN 0202 American Sign Language, Level 2, 33 hours
6. SIGN 0203 American Sign Language, Level 2, 33 hours
7. SIGN 0301 American Sign Language, Level 3, 36 hours
8. SIGN 0302 American Sign Language, Level 3, 36 hours
9. SIGN 0303 American Sign Language, Level 3, 36 hours
10. SIGN 0304 American Sign Language, Level 3, 36 hours
11. SIGN 0305 American Sign Language, Level 3, 36 hours

CARRIED

- MOTION 6: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by K. Brozowski that Senate approve as a consolidated motion, the addition of the following 3-credit courses in the Sociology program:
1. SOCI 4546, SOCI 4547, SOCI 4556 AND SOC 4557 Honours Seminar,
 2. SOCI 3126 Social Research Methods,
 3. SOCI 3127 Social Statistics and Data Analysis
- CARRIED
- MOTION 7: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by D. Tabachnick that Senate approve the addition of ANTR1006 Introduction to Anthropology, a 3-credit course.
- CARRIED
- MOTION 8: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by K. Brozowski that Senate approve the deletion of ANTR1005 Introduction to Anthropology: Understanding Humankind, a 6-credit course.
- CARRIED
- MOTION 9: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by K. Brozowski that Senate approve the deletion of SOCI3125 Research Methods and Data Analysis, a 6-credit course, from the Sociology program.
- CARRIED
- MOTION 10: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by K. Brozowski that Senate approve as a consolidated motion, the changes to the degree requirements of the Honours B.A. single major and combined programs in Sociology as follows:
1. To remove all specified 4000-level course requirements,
 2. To require twelve credits of 4000-level courses for the Honours B.A. Single and Combined Majors,
 3. To replace SOCI3125 with SOCI3126 Social Research Methods and SOCI3127 Social Statistics and Data Analysis, and
 4. To require SOCI3126 Social Research Methods and SOCI3127 Social Statistics and Data Analysis for all degrees in Sociology.
- CARRIED
- MOTION 11: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by D. Geden that Senate approve the addition of MUSC2216 Topics in Music Education, a 3-credit course.
- CARRIED
- MOTION 12: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by S. Renshaw that Senate approve as a consolidated motion, the addition of the following 3-credit courses in the Philosophy program:
1. PHIL 3706 Eastern Philosophy I: Confucianism, Taoism and Zen, and
 2. PHIL 3707 Eastern Philosophy II: Classical Indian Philosophy.
- CARRIED
- MOTION 13: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by S. Renshaw that Senate approve the deletion of PHIL2705 Eastern Philosophy, a 6-credit course, from the Philosophy program.
- CARRIED

Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee

MOTION 14: Moved by H. Earl, seconded by I. Wassink that the Report of the Admissions, Promotions, and Petitions Committee dated January 16, 2008 be received.
CARRIED

MOTION 15: Moved by H. Earl, seconded by D. Lawrence 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

University Research Council

MOTION 16: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by D. Tabachnick that the Report of the University Research Council dated December 10, 2007 be received.
CARRIED

ELECTIONS

- *Elect two Senators, one from the Faculty of Education and one from the Faculty of Arts and Science to serve on the Selection Committee for the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching and for the Nipissing University Award for part-time teaching.*

Acclaimed: H. Earl and O. Ridler

- *Elect one Senator to serve on the Search Committee for a probationary position in Fine and Visual Arts*

D. Geden nominated E. Ashworth
H. Earl nominated D. Neal

Elected: E. Ashworth

- *Elect one Senator to serve on the Search Committee for a probationary position in Sociology*

E. Mattson nominated D. Hackett
K. Brozowski nominated G. Morrell

Elected: G. Morrell

- *Elect one Senator from the Faculty of Arts and Science to serve on the selection committee for a probationary position in Language Arts*

Acclaimed: G. Brophay

- *Elect one Senator from the Faculty of Arts and Science to serve on the selection committee for a probationary position in French/Curriculum Methods*

Acclaimed: S. Renshaw

- *Elect one Senator from the Faculty of Arts and Science to serve on the selection committee for a probationary position in Visual Arts (Junior/Intermediate)*

Acclaimed: D. Geden

- *Elect one Senator from the Faculty of Arts and Science to serve on the selection committee for the one-year limited-term position in Mathematics (Education)*

Acclaimed: M. Tuncali

REPORTS OF AD HOC COMMITTEES

Report from the Senate Review Committee

Senator Hatt stepped in as Senate Speaker while Senator Jowett temporarily stepped down from her position to introduce the report from the Senate Review Committee (SRC). . Senator Jowett, who is a member of the SRC, indicated that the Committee had met since the January Senate. The purpose was to finalize the SRC submission to the February Senate as well as to discuss concerns brought forward by senators at the last Senate meeting.

There was a request for a motion to allow for the SRC's consultant, Dr. Ted Chase, to speak.

MOTION 17: Moved by D. Jowett, seconded by G. Laronde that Dr. Ted Chase, consultant to the Senate Review Committee, be allowed to speak to Senate.
CARRIED

Notices of Motion:

1. That, subject to identifying an appropriate and workable membership structure, Senate approve in principle the move to a representational Senate.
2. That Senate approve the representational Senate membership model outlined in Table III of the *Report of the (Ad Hoc) Senate Review Committee on the Review and Restructuring of the Nipissing University Senate*, dated 04 January, 2008.

3. That, subject to the approval of Motion 2, Senate approve that the normal term of office for elected faculty Senate representatives be: (i) 3 years (renewable) for all positions allocated to the individual Faculties; and (ii) 2 years (renewable) for the 6 designated positions in Table III.

4. That Senate approve in principle that the pending revision of the Senate By-Laws include formal recognition of Nipissing's Faculty Councils and their role in the academic decision-making structure of the University.

5. That Senate approve the annual and inaugural faculty election procedures as outlined on pages 5 – 10 of the *Report of the (Ad Hoc) Senate Review Committee on the Review and Restructuring of the Nipissing University Senate*, dated 25 January, 2008.

ADJOURNMENT

If there is no objection, Senate will now adjourn: 3:30 p.m.

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D. Mock, President

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D. Brackenreed, Secretary