

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

April 17, 2009

2:30 p.m. - Room F210

MEMBERS PRESENT: D. Mock, P. Ricketts, V. Paine-Mantha, C. Cooper, R. Wideman,  
B. Nettlefold

G. Brophey, N. Brown, J. Knox

N. Colborne, AB Graff, D. Jowett, T. Koivukoski, J. Kovacs, U. Kundrats,  
G. Morrell, I. Mueller, J. Murton, F. Noël, G. Phillips, T. Smith, M. Tuncali

J. Barnett, K. Clausen, J. Corkett, B. Hatt, D. Jarvis, N. Maynes,  
J. McIntosh, J. McAuliffe, MA Parr, J. Scott

T. Waldock (Muskoka)

W. Dew, S. Lawlor, C. Mang

C. Boston, L. Moncion

J. Fortier, AM McKenney

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: J. Barker, S. Lechlitner

A. Bell, S. Elliot-Johns, P. Joong (Brantford)

T. Benevides, L. McLaren

ABSENT:

A. Carfagnini, A. Robinson, R. Vanderlee

P. Nosko, S. Renshaw, H. Zhu

G. Laronde, G. Raymer

C. Irwin

D. Bernardi, A. Brown, R. Cameron, B. Greenshields, I. Wassink

The minutes of the Senate meeting of March 20, 2009 were adopted with no objections.

READING and DISPOSING OF COMMUNICATIONS

The Senate Speaker read excerpts from a letter from Dr. Chris Sarlo that contained his response to the APC response from the March motion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President began his announcements by indicating that this Senate meeting would be going in-camera under "Other Business" to discuss the 2009-10 budget. He did add that as a result of the recent provincial budget announcement, colleges and universities have been given a one-time allocation of \$150M of which \$81M is earmarked for universities.

The President noted that he has recently had a meeting with MTCU Minister Milloy. This meeting provided an opportunity to discuss Nipissing's concerns regarding recent graduate space allocations. He reminded Senators that Nipissing got no additional graduates places as we had not met our targets. The Minister gave reassurance that this was not a permanent cap. The President also expressed his concerns to the Minister and Deputy Minister regarding the tiering of Ontario universities.

On the infrastructure funding from the federal government, the President noted that no new announcements have been made. The last word received was that the federal and provincial governments were trying to work together on this initiative.

The President also noted that the Accessibility for Ontarians Disabilities Act will be a top item on Ontario university agendas next year. Organizations such as universities will have to meet certain accessibility standards in a number of key areas.

The President also was pleased to comment on the Undergraduate Research Conference. He thanked all the faculty and staff who were involved in this venue. He also indicated that the students were well prepared to answer questions.

The Vice-President Academic and Research also commented on the success of the Undergraduate Research Conference and thanked the faculty session facilitators who made a big difference over last year's conference. He indicated that Genevieve deBruyn was involved in setting up the conference.

Senator Ricketts was also pleased to announce the good results from SSHRC and NSERC applications. Drs. Clausen and Neal were successful in securing SSHRC grants while Drs. Tuncali and Karassev were successful in obtaining NSERC renewals. The Vice-President reminded Senators that in 2001, externally funded research money at the university was only at \$18K. In 2008-09, that amount exceeds \$1M.

The Vice-President summed up his comments by introducing the new Director of the Centre for Continuing Education, Ms. Tanya Lukin-Linklater.

The Vice-President Finance and Administration provided two brief comments. The tender for the e-learning library is due May 12 and for the student centre on April 21. The RFP for the campus shop operations closes today.

The Dean of Arts and Science was pleased to announce that Drs. N. Colborne, T. Koivukoski, R. Nagy, F. Noël and H. Zhu have been elected for 3-years terms to Senate beginning in September 2009. He also noted that on April 3, the faculty council met and established its new constitution. A motion was passed at that meeting and conveyed to Senate requesting that a position of manager of curriculum services be created as a result of the loss of manager of academic services.

The Dean of Education commented on the positive experience that has resulted from the collaborative approach in practicum with the Near North District School Board and the use of SmartBoards in the classrooms. He also reminded Senators of the Creativity and Imagination Conference this weekend with keynote speaker Chris Prefontaine. There are over 50 registrants as of this time.

Senator Tuncali was pleased to announce the upcoming annual Mathematics Fair on April 27 and a Grade 11/12 Math competition on May 1. Senator Jarvis led a grant proposal to obtain funding from the Canadian Mathematical Society to sponsor both events.

Senator Noël also advised senators of the first graduate proposal conference. This is an opportunity for graduate students to present their research proposals before their research begins this summer.

Senator Fortier from NUSU indicated that students were just finishing final exams. He also noted that nominations for valedictorians are now closed and students will be voting shortly. He also took the opportunity to introduce Ms. Anna Fitzsimmons, the new Vice-President External for 2009-10.

Senator Scott passed on a favourable comment regarding the use of Apple MacBooks by the Faculty of Education students commencing this fall. Students will have the opportunity choose from eight different models. He indicated that these computers contain no mercury and are more environmentally friendly than previous computers.

#### REPORTS of STANDING COMMITTEES and FACULTY or UNIVERSITY COUNCILS

##### Senate Executive Committee

MOTION 1:            Moved by D. Mock, seconded by J. McIntosh that the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated April 9, 2009 be received.  
CARRIED

MOTION 2:            Moved by G. Phillips, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate convene on the morning of June 19, 2009.  
CARRIED

Academic Planning Committee

MOTION 3: Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by K. Clausen that the Report of the Academic Planning Committee dated March 30, 2009 be received.  
CARRIED

MOTION 4 Moved by P. Ricketts, seconded by K. Clausen that Senate give Stage 3 “Implementation Approval” to the Post RPN to BScN compressed program, with the proviso that at the earliest opportunity, the business plan spreadsheet be e-mailed to Senators.  
CARRIED

Undergraduate Studies Committee

MOTION 5: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by AB Graff that Senate receive the report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee dated March 13, 2009.  
CARRIED

MOTION 6: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by AB Graff that the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2008” be amended to approve the following changes to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program as outlined in the attached document.

- All NURS courses are restricted to students enrolled in the BScN program or the RPN to BScN Program. Special permission may be granted from Director/Professor. In order to progress through the BScN program, students must achieve a 60% in NURS courses and 50% in non-nursing required courses.
- Remove the redundant statement: “Any student who is unsatisfactory in a clinical course must successfully repeat that clinical course before taking any other clinical course”.
- Add a table of pre and co-requisites for the BScN program and transfer credits for the RPN to BScN program

CARRIED

MOTION 7: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by J. Knox that Senate approve the addition of ADMN1606 – Business Math and Statistics as an alternate Math and Statistics prerequisite for ADMN2136, ADMN3046, and ADMN3116.  
CARRIED

MOTION 8: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve the change in the admission requirement for the Bachelor of Science in Psychology from: English; Calculus and Vectors; one of Chemistry or Physics; to: English; one 4U math; one of Chemistry or Physics.  
CARRIED

- MOTION 9: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by J. Kovacs that the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2008” be amended to delete GEOG3825 – Geography of Developing Countries as an anti-requisite for GEOG3826 – A Geography of Latin America.  
CARRIED
- MOTION 10: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by T. Smith that the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2008” be amended to add FREN2306 – Compétence en communication orale, a 3-credit course, as outlined in the attached document.  
CARRIED
- MOTION 11: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by G. Phillips that the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2008” be amended to add the following 3-credit courses to the Biology curriculum:
- BIOL3136 - Ichthyology
  - BIOL3147 – Herpetology
  - BIOL3656 – Forest Entomology
  - BIOL3837 – Mammalogy
  - BIOL4127 – Fisheries Biology and Management
  - BIOL4357 – Chemical Ecology
  - BIOL4516 – Wildlife Biology
  - BIOL4517 – Wildlife Management
- as outlined in the attached document.  
WITHDRAWN
- MOTION 12: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by AB Graff that the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2008” be amended to add PSYC2715 – Biological Psychology, a 6-credit course, as outlined in the attached document.  
CARRIED
- MOTION 13: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by I. Mueller that the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2008” be amended to approve the degree requirements for the four-year Combined Major in Classical Studies and History Program, as outlined in the attached document.  
CARRIED
- MOTION 14: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by I. Mueller that the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2008” be amended to add the following courses to the Classical Studies course offerings:
- CLAS4105 – Latin Honours Seminar: Latin authors
  - CLAS4416 – Selected Topics in Greek History and Cultures (Honours)
  - CLAS4417 – Selected Topics in Roman History and Culture (Honours)

- CLAS4427 – Honours Seminar in History and Culture
- CLAS4495 – Directed Studies/Research Project in Classical Studies

as outlined in the attached document.

CARRIED

MOTION 15: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by G. Morrell that the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2008” be amended to approve the addition of HIST3036 – Topics in the History of Canadian Culture and Identity to the list of courses under the new heading “Twenty-four credits from the following courses whose focus is on Culture,” as outlined in the attached document.

CARRIED

MOTION 16: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by AB Graff that the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2008” be amended to approve the changes to the program requirements for the Bachelor of Arts (3-year general) single major in Native Studies, as outlined in the attached document.

CARRIED

MOTION 17: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by M. Tuncali that the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2008” be amended to approve the changes to the program requirements for the Bachelor of Arts (3-year general) combined major in Native Studies, as outlined in the attached document.

CARRIED

MOTION 18: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by AB Graff that the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2008” be amended to approve the addition of NATI2905 – Native Philosophy, as outlined in the attached document.

CARRIED

MOTION 19: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by AB Graff that the Senate document entitled “Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2008” be amended to approve the deletion of PHIL2905 – Native Philosophy, as outlined in the attached document.

CARRIED

#### Teaching and Learning Committee

MOTION 20: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by C. Mang that Senate receive the Teaching and Learning Committee Report dated March 25, 2009.

CARRIED

#### OTHER BUSINESS

MOTION 21 :        Moved by D. Mock, seconded by P. Ricketts that Senate move into an in-camera session.  
CARRIED

MOTION 22:        Moved by D. Mock, seconded by G. Phillips that Senate move out of the in-camera session.  
CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

If there is no objection, Senate is now adjourned: 5:37 p.m.

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D. Mock, President

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C. Jenkins, Senate Secretary