

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

October 9, 2009
2:30 p.m. – Room F210

MEMBERS PRESENT:

L. Lovett-Doust, E. Aspevig, V. Paine-Mantha, C. Cooper, S. Rich,
R. Vanderlee, A.. Robinson, B. Nettlefold

J. Barker, N. Brown, J. Knox, S. Lechlitner, K. McCullough

N. Colborne, S. Kariuki, T. Koivukoski, J. Kovacs, U. Kundrats,
G. Morrell, J. Murton, R. Nagy, F. Noël, P. Nosko, G. Phillips,
T. Smith, M. Tuncali, H. Zhu

A. Bell, J. Corkett, S. Elliott-Johns, B. Hatt, D. Hay, D. Jarvis,
J. McIntosh, MA Parr, G. Raymer, J. Scott

A. Wagner (Muskoka)

K. Chutko

R. Don

R. Beauchamp, P. Gavan

L. McLaren

T. Benevides

M. del Vecchio, J. Downs, A. Fielding, A. Fitzsimmons, R. Lahti, A. Sukhai

ABSENCE WITH REGRETS:

A. Carfagnini

AB Graff, D. Jowett

J. Barnett, K. Clausen, D. Franks, N. Maynes

M. den Haan

The minutes of the Senate meeting September 11, 2009 were adopted.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Senate Executive Committee

MOTION 1: Moved by L. Lovett-Doust, seconded by J. Knox that the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated October 1, 2009 be received.

CARRIED

Academic Planning Committee

MOTION 2: Moved by E. Aspevig, seconded by G. Phillips that the Report of the Academic Planning Committee dated September 18, 2009 be received.
CARRIED

MOTION 3: Moved by E. Aspevig, seconded by G. Phillips that Senate give Stage 1 developmental approval for the Joint Certificate in Digital Humanities, as outlined in the attached document..
CARRIED

AMENDMENT of BY-LAWS

Notice of Motion (regarding Library Advisory Subcommittee)

That Article 9.6.1(b) of the Senate bylaws be amended to read: (i) two (2) faculty Senators or non-Senators from each Faculty, one of whom shall be elected by the Subcommittee to serve as Vice-Chair; (ii) one (1) faculty Senator from the regional campuses; and (iii) one (1) student representative.

MOTION 4: Moved by J. McIntosh, seconded by A. Bell that Senate consider and approve the Notice of Motion to amend the membership of the Library Advisory Subcommittee as outlined.
CARRIED

ELECTIONS

- Elect three tenured or tenure track faculty, one from each Faculty, to serve on the selection committee for a Chancellor

ACCLAIMED: F. Noël (Arts & Science)
S. Lechlitner (Applied & Professional)
J. McIntosh (Education)

REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

Board of Governors

Senator Tuncali reported that the Board of Governors will be holding their annual retreat on October 23 and 24 at Monastery Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President was pleased to comment on the exciting hockey home opener on Friday, October 1. The Nipissing Lakers Hockey team will be a positive influence on the town and gown connection to the city.

The President provided a brief comment on Nipissing's participation in the Small Universities' Initiative. This group includes the smaller Ontario universities such as Trent, Lakehead, Algoma, OCAD etc who are collectively developing a standardized description of what is special and unique about each of the institutions. The intent is to reinforce general discourse about the value of smaller institutions.

The Board of Governors had their first meeting of the academic year on October 1 and one of the items that was discussed was Nipissing University's participation in "Project Hero. The President indicated that this program provides free tuition for children of Canadian Forces personnel killed while serving in an active mission.

The Board will also be holding its annual retreat on October 24 at Monastery Hall. The focus of the one-day retreat is "Onwards and Upwards" and will include discussions on aspects of a new strategic plan.

The President also reminded senators of the first meeting of the Nipissing University Academic College, immediately prior to the November Senate meeting in F210.

The Vice-President Academic and Research reminded senators of the upcoming Biomass Conference on October 22 to 23. He also indicated that there are concerns about the revisions to the UPRAC process. There could be additional requirements for the approval of new programs and certificates and could impact university autonomy. The UPRAC proposal will be on the OCAV agenda next week.

Senator Aspevig also commented on the excellent workshop on tenure and promotion and the faculty review process. He thanked Dr. Todd Horton for his work in this regard.

University members who attended the Ontario Universities Fair (OUF) last month were also acknowledged by the Vice-President for their service. He recognized the sacrifices staff make by giving up their weekend. It is estimated that more than 115,000 people were in attendance.

The Vice-President Finance and Administration announced that construction will begin in the spring for the Muskoka campus residence. She also added that the official opening of the new research wing is Friday, November 27 at 2:30 p.m.

The Dean of Arts and Science thanked Senator Murton and Dr. Dean Bavington who hosted a workshop and panel discussion for members of the Nipissing and North Bay community titled '*Bringing Subsistence out of the Shadows: A Workshop on Subsistence Economies.*' This event was held at the Kenney Gallery and included 15 scholars from various parts of Canada and the United States. Senator Cooper was pleased to announce that the Office of the Dean of Arts and Science and the Library will be hosting a book launch on Thursday, December 3 at 4:00 p.m.

Senator Fitzsimmons from the Student Union was delighted to report that Shinerama surpassed the \$22K mark. She also noted that last week was Club Days, an opportunity for student groups to showcase their clubs, especially to the new students. The Senator also introduced the newly elected student senators Mike del Vecchio, Jake Downs, Andrew Sukhai and Alex Fielding.

Senate was adjourned: 3:37 p.m.

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L. Lovett-Doust, President

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C. Jenkins, Senate Secretary