

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

November 12, 2010

2:30 p.m. – Room F210

MEMBERS PRESENT:

L. Lovett-Doust (Chair), K. Bergman (Vice-Chair), C. Cooper, S. Rich,
R. Vanderlee, A. Carfagnini, B. Nettlefold, A. Robinson,

G. Brophey, G. Brown, K. McCullough,

J. Abbott, A. Burk, N. Colborne, R. Gendron, D. Jowett, T. Koivukoski,
U. Kandrats, C. McFarlane, J. Murton, R. Nagy, F. Noël, S. O'Hagan,
S. Renshaw, V. Valov, H. Zhu

K. Clausen, J. Corkett, S. Elliott-Johns, D. Franks, B. Hatt (Speaker),
D. Hay, D. Jarvis, N. Maynes, M. Parr, G. Raymer, C. Ricci

J. Vitale (Brantford), A. Wagner (Bracebridge)

D. Armstrong, W. Ingwersen, R. Mulligan

L. McLaren

D. Thompson

M. Adamson, A. Fielding, R. Lahti, I. Laplante, A. Qushair, N. Smart

ABSENCE WITH REGRETS:

V. Paine-Mantha

S. Lechlitner, J. Nadeau

G. Phillips

C. Brew, A. Steele

C. Dennis, B. Woodford

The minutes of the October 8, 2010 Senate meeting were adopted.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Senate Executive Committee

MOTION 1: Moved by L. Lovett-Doust, seconded by C. McFarlane that the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated November 4, 2010 be received.

CARRIED

- MOTION 2: Moved by K. Bergman, seconded by S. Elliott-Johns that Senate receive the Institutional Quality Assurance Process document dated November 12, 2010, as outlined.
CARRIED
- MOTION 3: Moved by K. Bergman, seconded by S. Rich that Senate approve the Institutional Quality Assurance Process document dated November 12, 2010, as outlined.
- MOTION 4: Moved by F. Noel, seconded by S. Renshaw that Motion 3 be amended so that the Planning and Priorities Committee (PPC) referred to in the Institutional Quality Assurance Process document will be a committee of Senate which replaces the current Program Reviews and Appraisals Subcommittee of the Academic Planning committee and the composition and terms of reference to be determined by Senate.
CARRIED
- MOTION 5: Moved by T. Koivokoski, seconded by J. Murton that Senate refer the Institutional Quality Assurance Process document back to the Academic Planning Committee to outline the role of faculty councils in the process and discuss other concerns raised during discussion of the Main Motion.
CARRIED

Undergraduate Studies Committee

- MOTION 6: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by C. McFarlane, that Senate receive the Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee dated October 25, 2010.
CARRIED

AMENDMENT of BY-LAWS

- MOTION 7: Moved by K. McCullough, seconded by D. Jowett, that Article 3.0 (a)(iii) be modified to read “the Speaker of Senate, who shall be elected every two years by Senate from among the faculty Senators, normally at the May senate meeting” and that Article 3.0(a)(iv) be modified to read “the Deputy Speaker of Senate, who shall be elected every two years by Senate from among the faculty Senators, normally at the May senate meeting.”
CARRIED
- MOTION 8: Moved by K. McCullough, seconded by D. Jowett, that Article 1.3 be modified to read “the Senate year shall be deemed to commence on 01 July of any given year and end on 30 June the following year.”
CARRIED
- MOTION 9: Moved by K. McCullough, seconded by S. Rich, that Article 9.5 (a)(ii) be modified to read “the Director for the Centre for Flexible Learning (non-voting)” and Article 9.5.3 (a)(v) be modified to read “the Director for the Centre for Flexible Learning (non-voting).”
CARRIED

- MOTION 10: Moved by K. McCullough, seconded by G. Brown, that Article 10.4(a)(ii) should be modified to read “Director of Research Services and Graduate Studies (non-voting).”
CARRIED
- MOTION 11: Moved by K. McCullough, seconded by G. Brown, that Article 2.5(b) of the Senate bylaws be modified to read “the proportions employed in 2.4(c) above in allocating faculty Senate positions shall be re-calculated at least every three years, based on up-to-date full-time faculty distribution data maintained specifically for this purpose.”
CARRIED
- MOTION 12: Moved by K. McCullough, seconded by S. Renshaw, that the Personal Harassment and Discrimination Committee be changed to Harassment and Discrimination Committee.
CARRIED

Notices of Motion (3)

- **Notice of Motion (regarding designates for the Vice-President Academic and Research and the Deans)**

That the following articles be amended to read:

- Article 2.1 *Ex officio* Senators
 - (a) the following, or their designate, shall be *Ex officio* voting members of Senate
- Article 9.1 Senate Executive Committee
 - (a)(ii) the VPAR, or designate, who shall be Vice-Chair
 - (a)(iii) the Dean of each Faculty, or their designate
- Article 9.1.2 Honorary Degrees Subcommittee
 - (a)(ii) the VPAR, or designate, who shall be Vice-Chair
 - (a)(iii) one (1) Dean, or designate, chosen by the Senate Executive Committee
- Article 9.2 Academic Planning Committee
 - (a)(i) the VPAR, or designate, who shall be Chair
 - (a)(iii) the Dean of each Faculty, or their designate
- Article 9.2.1 Admissions & Enrolment Subcommittee
 - (a)(v) the VPAR, or designate, (non-voting)
- Article 9.2.2 Program Review and Appraisals Subcommittee
 - (a)(i) the VPAR, or designate, who shall be Chair
- Article 9.3 Undergraduate Studies Committee
 - (a)(i) the Dean of each Faculty, or their designates, two of whom, on a rotating basis shall be Chair and Vice-Chair
- Article 10.1 Faculty Councils
 - (a)(i) the Dean of the Faculty, or designate, who shall be Chair

- **Notice of Motion (regarding addition of Graduate Studies Council)**
That Article 10.0(a) be amended to add subsection (iv) to read “the Graduate Studies Council.”
- **Notice of Motion (regarding LTA on Teaching and Learning Committee)**
That Article 9.5(b)(iii) be amended to read “a limited term appointment faculty member” for election to the Teaching and Learning Committee.

ELECTIONS

- Elect one Senator from any faculty to serve on the Technology and Infrastructure Subcommittee.

ACCLAIMED: G. Brophy

REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

Alumni Association

Senator Thompson, the Alumni Association representative to Senate, commented on a very successful Homecoming Weekend. Plans are already beginning for Homecoming 2011.

NEW BUSINESS

- Reports of Grad Applicants (November 11, 2010)

MOTION 13: Moved by A. Robinson, seconded by D. Jowett, that degrees, diplomas and certificates be awarded to the students listed in the Reports of Grad Applicants dated November 11, 2010, who have completed all requirements for their respective degrees, diplomas and certificates.
CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In view of the earlier comments that it had not been possible for the Academic Planning Committee to reach quorum on several occasions, the President reminded senators of their obligation to honour the commitment of accepting nominations and elections to Senate or any of its committees.

The President provided a brief update to senators noting that the issue surrounding the reproduction of materials is still being debated and the Association of Universities and Colleges in Canada (AUCC) is still challenging Access Copyright's request to seek a flat rate based on FTEs and to extend their control to scanned material, photocopying and electronic media.

The installation of Dr. Jon Dellandrea as the new Chancellor on December 9, 2010 will also be a time to acknowledge and celebrate the recipients of the Chancellor's, President's, Schulich and Aboriginal scholarships.

The President thanked the faculty and staff who participated in the Fall Open House. More than 500 people from 87 different towns and cities attended. She was pleased to report that the total FTEs for September 2010 is up by 1.8%. There is an initiative underway to increase the number of applications for the January intake.

On December 8, there will be an event celebrating the renaming of the Brown Lounge to the Green Lounge in honour of Mr. Murray Green, the retired Vice-President Finance and Administration.

A two-day Risk Management Workshop will occur on December 7 and 8, and the President invited senators to participate. On-line resources for those who are unable to attend will be made available.

The President concluded her announcements by noting that there will be a celebration of CRC chairs in Toronto on November 24 and 25.

The Vice-President Academic and Research was pleased to announce that the local WUSC committee was recognized as committee of the year for 2010 from amongst their peers from across Canada. This award acknowledges the fundraising activities and advocacy that the Nipissing University WUSC committee has undertaken and was presented at the recent assembly in Ottawa.

The Dean of Applied and Professional Studies was pleased to report that Senator McCullough and Professor McParland had passed their comprehensive exams.

The Dean of Arts and Science made two brief announcements. He was pleased to report that Dr. Mukund Jha was successful on his NSERC appeal. Also, the History Club will be having their book sale on Monday, November 15.

The Dean of Education was pleased to report that Liz Ashworth recently received her PhD from the University of Glasgow.

Senator Lahti, NUSU President, indicated that the students held a recent bottle drive and raised \$400 for the student food bank. He also thanked Bob Keech for providing wireless capabilities in the Wall. Senator Lahti reminded senators of the 'Movember' fundraiser for prostate cancer research and awareness and added that there was an inter-residence competition.

Senate was adjourned: 4:25 p.m.

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L. Lovett-Doust, President

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C. Jenkins, Senate Secretary