

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

November 11, 2011

2:30 p.m. – Room F210

MEMBERS PRESENT:

L. Lovett-Doust (chair), S. Rich (vice-chair), V. Paine-Mantha, C. Cooper,
C. Richardson, J. Graham, B. Nettlefold

G. Brown, B. Carpenter, K. McCullough

N. Colborne, J. Dech, R. Gendron, A. Karassev, N. Kozukanich, K. Lucas,
C. McFarlane, G. Morrell, F. Noël, S. O'Hagan, G. Phillips, P. Radia,
S. Renshaw, V. Valov, A. Weeks, S. Winters, H. Zhu

S. Elliott-Johns, K. Eyre, D. Franks, B. Hatt, D. Jarvis, L. Julien-Schultz,
M. Kariuki, N. Maynes, J. McAuliffe, C. Ricci, J. Scott, T. Ryan, A. Steele

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

J. Valin

L. McLaren

K. Chutko

N. Brady, T. Budd, J. Doucette, K. Fitzsimmons, T. Hanna, S. Laplante

ABSENT WITH REGRETS:

R. Vanderlee

J. Nadeau

T. Koivukoski

R. Don

T. Bachelder, M. Berube

D. Thompson

The minutes of the Senate meeting of October 7, 2011 were adopted with no objections.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

MOTION 1: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by C. Cooper that Senate approve the following prerequisite change to SWLF4005 Research Essay:

- Restricted to students in the fourth year of an Honors program in Social Welfare and Social Development who possess at least 75% average in Social Welfare and Social Development. Approval is required prior to registration. Students wishing to take this course during the following fall/winter session must apply in writing to the program chair no later than February 15.
CARRIED

MOTION 2: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate approve the removal of SWLF4005 Research Essay, as a requirement from the Honours Specialization in Social Welfare and Social Development.
CARRIED

MOTION 3: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by C. Cooper that Senate approve the addition of SWLF4006 Social Development and SWLF4007 Honours Seminar as requirements in the Honours Specialization program in Social Welfare and Social Welfare and Social development.
CARRIED

QUESTION PERIOD

There was a question requesting information about the number of application confirmations for Nipissing and its comparison to the rest of the province. The Registrar responded by noting that the confirmed headcount of high school applicants (101's) is 50 students less than in 2010. This represents a 7.6% decrease. The non-high school head count (105's) for first year is down 17 students which translates to a decrease of 7.8%. Province-wide, the high school acceptances are up 1.7% and non-high school are up 4.3%. Projecting to the February 1 count date, it is anticipated the estimated revenue shortfall will be approximately \$413K.

REPORTS of STANDING COMMITTEES and FACULTY or UNIVERSITY COUNCILSSenate Executive Committee

MOTION 4: Moved by L. Lovett-Doust, seconded by G. Phillips that the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated November 3, 2011 be received with the revisions as outlined.
CARRIED

MOTION 5: Moved by L. Lovett-Doust, seconded by S. Rich that Senate move into an in-camera session.
CARRIED

MOTION 6: Moved by L. Lovett-Doust, seconded by J. Doucette that Senate move out of the in-camera session.
CARRIED

Undergraduate Studies Committee

October 16, 2011 Report

MOTION 7: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by N. Maynes that the Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee dated October 6, 2011, be received.
CARRIED

MOTION 8: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by R. Gendron that Senate approve that the Undergraduate Admission Policy be modified as outlined in the Admission Policy Proposal document.
CARRIED

October 31, 2011 Report

MOTION 9: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by N. Maynes that the Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee dated October 31, 2011 be received.
CARRIED

MOTION 10: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by S. Renshaw that Senate give Stage 2 curriculum approval to the Arts and Culture degree program as outlined.
CARRIED

MOTION 11: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded S. Renshaw that Senate approve the addition of the following courses to the Arts and Culture program:

- CULT4006 – Honours Seminar in Arts and Culture I
- CULT4007 – Honours Seminar in Arts and Culture II
- CULT4105 – Research Essay in Arts and Culture

CARRIED

MOTION 12: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by N. Maynes that Senate approve the addition of the following courses to Classical Studies:

- CLAS1106 – Introductory Latin I
- CLAS1107 – Introductory Latin II
- CLAS1206 – Introductory Greek I
- CLAS1207 – Introductory Greek II

CARRIED

MOTION 13: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by N. Maynes that Senate approve the deletion of the following courses from Classical Studies:

- CLAS1105 – Introductory Latin
- CLAS1205 – Introductory Greek

CARRIED

MOTION 14: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by R. Gendron that Senate approve the following prerequisite change to CLAS2407 – War and Society in Ancient Rome:

- the removal of CLAS2406 – War and Society in Ancient Greece.

CARRIED

MOTION 15: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by S. Renshaw that Senate approve the following prerequisite change to GEND3037 – Applied Activism for Gender Equality and Social Justice :

- the removal of GEND2055 - Race, Class and Sexuality

CARRIED

MOTION 16: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by N. Maynes that Senate approve the addition of the following courses to Philosophy:

- PHIL3756 – Special Topics in Social and Political Philosophy
- PHIL3757 - Special Topics in Social and Political Philosophy
- PHIL4216 – Seminar in Philosophy
- PHIL4217 – Seminar in Philosophy

CARRIED

MOTION 17: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by L. Julien-Schultz that Senate approve the deletion of the following courses from Philosophy:

- PHIL3755 – Themes in Social and Political Philosophy
- PHIL4215 – Seminar in Philosophy

CARRIED

MOTION 18: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by N. Colborne that Senate approve the following prerequisite change to RLCT3506 - Religion and Politics:

- from RLCT1025 - Introduction to World Religions and Cultures to “students must have completed 24 credits.”

CARRIED

MOTION 19: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by N. Colborne that Senate approve that RLCT3506 - Religion and Politics be cross coded with Political Science (POLI3506).

CARRIED

MOTION 20: Moved by C. Cooper, seconded by R. Gendron that Senate approve the addition of the following courses to Spanish:

- ESPA3006 – Hispanic Literary Studies I
- ESPA3007 – Hispanic Literary Studies II

CARRIED

AMENDMENT of BYLAWS

MOTION 21: Moved by K. McCullough, seconded by J. Doucette that Senate approve the modification to Article 11.0(a) of the Senate bylaws:

Current:

In accordance with the Nipissing University Act, there shall be two (2) representatives on the Board of Governors elected by Senate from among its faculty Senators. (Two additional Board representatives shall be elected by the faculty-at-large from among the faculty members who are non-Senators.)

Proposed:

In accordance with the Nipissing University Act, there shall be four (4) representatives on the Board of Governors with two (2) elected by Senate from among its Faculty Senators and two (2) elected by Senate from non-Senators. Vacancies shall be filled to ensure representation at the Board from each Faculty and one (1) member at-large for two (2) year terms. Representation to the Board of Governors shall rotate for each Faculty and Member-At-Large.

MOTION 22: Moved by G. Phillips, seconded by N. Maynes that Motion 1 be referred back to the Bylaws and Elections Subcommittee for further review.

CARRIED

MOTION 23: Moved by K. McCullough, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate approve the modification to Articles 10.4(a)(i) and (ii) of the Senate bylaws:

Current:

- (i) Vice-President Academic & Research (Chair)(non-voting)
- (ii) Director of Research Services and Graduate Studies (non-voting)

Proposed:

- (i) Vice-President Academic and Research (non-voting)
- (ii) Assistant Vice-President Research and Graduate Studies (Chair)(non-voting)

CARRIED

MOTION 24: Moved by K. McCullough, seconded S. Rich that Senate approved the modification to Articles 10.2(b)(iv) and (v) of the Senate bylaws:

Current:

- (iv) Vice-President Academic & Research (Chair)(non-voting)
- (v) Director of Research Services and Graduate Studies (non-voting)

Proposed:

- (iv) Vice-President Academic and Research (non-voting)
- (v) Assistant Vice-President Research and Graduate Studies (Chair)(non-voting)

CARRIED

NOTICES of MOTION (4)

- Elimination of Article 2.4(b)(ii) from the Senate Bylaws – faculty with limited term appointments of less than 12 months (effective July 1, 2012)
- Elimination of Article 2.4(b)(iii) from the Senate Bylaws – faculty from the instructor positions (effective July 1, 2012)
- Elimination of Article 2.1(a)(iii) from the Senate Bylaws – Vice-President, Finance, Administration and Strategic Capital Investments (effective July 1, 2012)
- Elimination of Article 2.1(a)(vii) from the Senate Bylaws – Chief Operating Officer (effective July 1, 2012)

ELECTIONS

- Elect one faculty Senator to serve on the 2-year term on the Harassment and Discrimination Committee.

Acclaimed: S. Winters

REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

Board of Governors

The Board of Governors held its Annual Retreat on Saturday & Sunday, October 29 and 30 at the regional campus in Bracebridge. Board members participated in the grand opening of the new Muskoka Residence. Tony Clement, Minister of the Federal Economic Development Initiative for Northern Ontario and MP for Parry Sound-Muskoka was keynote speaker along with the Mayor of Bracebridge, Graydon Smith. The dinner on Saturday night paid special tribute to the Learning in Muskoka Campaign Cabinet was featured at the dinner.

The 2011 Retreat theme, “Launching Our Advancement”, carried on the momentum of last year’s focus, “Advancing Nipissing”. Highlights of the retreat included a presentation by the Chancellor, Dr. Jon Dellandrea,

and an historical account given by Professor Stan Lawlor, one of the original Group of Seven founders of Nipissing University. An announcement and official proclamation recited by the Mayor of North Bay declaring 2012: Year of Celebration for Nipissing University was made with the official launch to occur in June 2012. Nipissing University will commemorate 20 years of education and its regional campuses will also celebrate significant anniversary milestones in 2012 -- 15 years of university education in Muskoka at the Bracebridge campus and 10 years of education at the Brantford campus. A summary of the Retreat will be compiled and shared with the Board members.

The Board has recently filled two vacancies. The University Governance Committee will also meet to continue the process of addressing new Board membership.

Colin Dennis represented the Board Chair at the Fall Convocation ceremony on November 4th. Appreciation is extended to all Board members who also attended this very special event.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President commented on the meeting of the Nipissing University Academic College (NUAC) that was held immediately prior to the Senate meeting. She noted that the discussion on academic reform and the maintenance of the teacher/scholar role at Nipissing in light of this possible reform was engaging. The President indicated she would like to hold more of these forums prior to Senate meetings.

Fall convocation was very successful, especially with the new venue. Dr. John Ralston Saul honoured Nipissing by accepting an honorary degree at this ceremony. The previous evening, a very successful panel discussion on Indigenous Education was hosted by Nipissing University. The panel included Ralston Saul, National Chief Shawn Atleo and Dr. Jose Barriero. The event was very well attended including a number of people from the community.

The President also extended her thanks to faculty and staff who participated at the Ontario University Fair weekend in Toronto and the Fall UpClose event. Over 500 people attended the Fall UpClose.

The President also acknowledged the results from the student survey in the Globe and Mail. She noted that although we did very well in numerous categories, the survey also tells us about areas in which we need to improve.

The current issue of University Affairs has an article written by Senator Ricci that the President encouraged fellow senators to read.

Dr. Aroha Page, at the invitation of the President, announced to Senate that the School of Nursing was approved for an extension to the Accreditation Term from five to seven years.

ADJOURNMENT

Senate was adjourned at 4.23 p.m.

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L. Lovett-Doust, Chair

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C. Jenkins, Senate Secretary