

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY  
MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

February 10, 2012

2:30 p.m. – Room F210

MEMBERS PRESENT:

S. Rich (vice-chair), C. Cooper, C. Richardson, R. Vanderlee, J. Graham

G. Brown, B. Carpenter, P. Millar

A. Burk, N. Colborne, J. Dech, R. Gendron, A. Karassev, T. Koivukoski,  
N. Kozukanich, C. McFarlane, G. Morrell, F. Noël, S. O'Hagan, G. Phillips,  
P. Radia, A. Weeks S. Winters, V. Valov, H. Zhu

S. Elliott-Johns, K. Eyre, D. Franks, B. Hatt, D. Jarvis, M. Kariuki, N. Maynes,  
J. McAuliffe, MA Parr, C. Ricci

L. McLaren

M. Berube

K. Chutko, R. Don, J. Valin

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

ABSENT WITH REGRETS:

L. Lovett-Doust (chair), B. Keech, V. Paine-Mantha, C. Richardson

K. McCullough

S. Renshaw,

D. Jarvis, T. Ryan, J. Scott, A. Steele

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

L. McLaren

T. Bachelder

D. Thompson

The minutes of the Senate meetings of January 13 and February 3, 2012 were adopted with no objections.

### READING AND DISPOSING OF COMMUNICATIONS

At the request of Senator Scott, the following was read at Senate:

“I would like to start off by stating that I think it is unfortunate that Dr. Sharon Rich was not in attendance at the Special Senate meeting last week so that she could be thanked publically for her service to Nipissing University following the introduction of Dr. Harley d'Entremont.

Sharon Rich was hired as the Dean of Education and served in this capacity for approximately a year and a half before she was asked to step into the position of interim A. V. P. Research after the departure of Paule Labarge. Concomitantly she was then asked to step into the position of V. P. Academic and Research (interim) after the departure of Katherine Bergman. Through the next several months Sharon tirelessly fulfilled the roles and responsibilities of three individual positions in what many considered a competent and admirable fashion. With this in mind, I do believe that Sharon's accomplishments should be recognized and acknowledged. As an employee of this institution and a member of NUFA, I would like to publically thank you Sharon and wish you well in whatever your future pursuits may be!

I do hope that Nipissing University achieves some administrative stability over the next several years and it is my sincere hope that Dr. Rich will remain here at Nipissing in an administrative capacity.”

### QUESTION PERIOD

There was a request for an update on the search for the Director of the Library. Senator Rich indicated that the advertisement is going to be reposted.

A question was also raised pertaining to per diem rates for research travel. It was noted that the rates are currently under review and a report by the VPFA will be provided at the March Senate meeting.

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

#### Senate Executive Committee

MOTION 1: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by J. Doucette that the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated February 2, 2012 be received.  
CARRIED

MOTION 2: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by J. Doucette that Senate move into an in-camera session.  
CARRIED

MOTION 3: Moved by F. Noël, seconded by D. Franks that the list of honorary degree nominees be sent back to the Honorary Degrees Subcommittee for clarification.  
CARRIED

MOTION 4: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by J. Doucette that Senate move out of the in-camera session.  
CARRIED

#### OTHER BUSINESS

MOTION 5: Moved by J. Graham, seconded by C. Cooper that the degrees, diplomas, and certificates be awarded to the students listed in the Report of Graduate Applicants dated February 8, 2012 as all have completed the requirements for their respective degrees, diplomas, and certificates.  
CARRIED

In accordance with the Tenure and Promotion Procedures of Nipissing University, the Vice-President Academic and Research, in the absence of the President, presented the President's Annual Tenure and Promotion report for 2011-12.

The Nipissing University Policy on Composition of Faculty Search Committees was presented for information. After considerable discussion, it was recommended that the policy be sent back for further review and feedback with the following motion being passed:

MOTION 6: Moved by R. Gendron, seconded by S. Rich that Nipissing University Policy on Composition of Faculty Search Committees be referred back to the Deans and Department Chairs for further review and feedback.  
CARRIED

#### AMENDMENT of BYLAWS

MOTION 7: Moved by T. Koivukoski, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate approve the changes to article 4.5 of the Senate bylaws as follows:

- Article 4.5(b) – from “15 July each year” to “01 September each year”
- Article 4.5(c) – from “not later than 15 August” to “not later than 15 September”
- Article 4.5(g) – from “completed by 31 August each year” to “completed by 30 September each year.”

CARRIED

MOTION 8: Moved by T. Koivukoski, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate approve that Article 2.1(a) of the Senate bylaws be amended to add the Director of the Centre for Flexible Teaching and Learning, as an *ex officio* Senator, effective July 1, 2012.

CARRIED

MOTION 9: Moved by T. Koivukoski, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate approve the changes to Article 9.5.2(a) as follows:

- Deletion of Article 9.5.2(a)(i) – the VPFA, who shall be chair
- Deletion of Article 9.5.2(a)(iii) – the Chief Operating Officer (non-voting)
- Addition of Article 9.5.2(a)(i) – the Director of the Centre for Flexible Teaching and Learning
- Addition of Article 9.5.2(a)(iii) – Vice-President Operations (non-voting)

CARRIED

MOTION 10: Moved by T. Koivukoski, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate approve the changes to Article 9.3.2 as follows:

- Removal of Article 9.3.2(a)(i) – the Chief Operating Officer, who shall be chair
- Position change in Article 9.3.2(a)(v) from the Director of Student Development and Success (non-voting) to the Director of Student Development and Services, who shall be chair

WITHDRAWN

### ELECTIONS

- Elect one tenured or tenure track faculty senator, from outside the discipline to serve on the search committee for a tenure track position in the School of Physical and Health Education.  
**ACCLAIMED: J. Kovacs**
- Elect one tenured or tenure track faculty senator, from outside the discipline to serve on the search committee for a one-year LTA1 and a tenure track position in Methods/Management/Curriculum Studies.  
**ACCLAIMED: S. Winters**
- Elect one tenured or tenure track faculty senator, from outside the discipline to serve on the search committee for a one-year LTA1 and a tenure track position in Math Education.  
**ACCLAIMED: A. Karashev**
- Elect one tenured or tenure track faculty senator, from outside the discipline to serve on the search committee for a tenure-track position in Visual Arts/Music Education at the Brantford.  
**ACCLAIMED: F. Noël**
- Elect one tenured or tenure track faculty senator, from outside the discipline to serve on the search committee for two tenure track positions in Psychology.  
**ACCLAIMED: J. Dech**

- Elect one tenured or tenure track faculty senator, from outside the discipline to serve on the search committee for a tenure track position in Fine Arts.  
**ACCLAIMED: T. Koivukoski**
- Elect one tenured or tenure track faculty senator, from outside the discipline to serve on the search committee for a tenure track position in Classical Studies.  
**ACCLAIMED: R. Gendron**
- Elect one tenured or tenure track faculty senator, from outside the discipline to serve on the search committee for a tenure track position in Mathematics.  
**ACCLAIMED: D. Jowett**
- Elect one tenured or tenure track faculty senator, from outside the discipline to serve on the search committee for a tenure track position in the School of Nursing.  
**ACCLAIMED: L. Chen**
- Elect one tenured or tenure track faculty senator, from outside the discipline to serve on the search committee for a three-year LTA2 position in the RPN to BScN bridging program.  
**ACCLAIMED: N. Brown**
- Elect one tenured or tenure track faculty senator, from outside the discipline to serve on the search committee for a tenure track position in Business.  
**ACCLAIMED: G. Brown**
- Elect one tenured or tenure track faculty senator, from outside the discipline to serve on the search committee for one three LTA2 position in Criminal Justice with expertise in youth justice.  
**ACCLAIMED: T. Smith**

## REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

### Board of Governors

The Board of Governors met on February 2, 2012. Several items were approved at this meeting including terms of reference for the Research Ethics Board and the Nipissing University BioSafety Committee. The Board also approved a new policy to establish the designation of “Governor Emeritas/Emerita” to recognize former Board members for distinguished service. A report from the Muskoka campus indicated that they would be hosting a series of TEDx Talks on March 8. Congratulations were expressed to the Chancellor, Dr. Jon Dellandrea, for his recent appointment as President of the Sunnybrook Foundation and to Mr. Seymour Schulich who was recently promoted to the rank of Officer within the Order of Canada.

NEW BUSINESSUndergraduate Studies CommitteeDecember 21, 2011 Report

MOTION 11: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by S. Winters that Senate consider receipt of the Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee dated December 21, 2011.

CARRIED

MOTION 12: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by A. Burk that the Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee dated December 21, 2011, be received.

CARRIED

MOTION 13: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by A. Burk that Senate approve the program requirements for an Honours Specialization, and Specialization in Political Science, Philosophy & Economics.

CARRIED

MOTION 14: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by T. Koivukosk that Senate approve the addition of the following courses to the Political Science, Philosophy and Economics program:

- PSPE1806 - Who is a Good Citizen? Citizenship and Dissent
- PSPE2806 - Must Politics Be Ethical? Ethics, Politics, and the Space in Between
- PSPE2816 – Research Methods
- PSPE3816 - The Great Debate: Production, Consumption, & the Role of the State
- PSPE4805 - Interdisciplinary Research Seminar

CARRIED

MOTION 15: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate approve the program requirements for an Honours Specialization, Specialization, Major and Minor in Religions and Cultures.

CARRIED

MOTION 16: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by G. Phillips that Senate approve the deletion of the following courses from Religions and Cultures:

- RLCT2047 - Critical Themes in Eastern Religious Thought II
- RLCT 3027 - Women and World Religions II
- RLCT3207 - Fundamental Concepts in the Study of Religion

CARRIED

MOTION 17: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by G. Phillips that Senate approve the change in course title and description to RLCT3036 as follows:

Previous Title and Description

RLCT3036 – Themes in 20<sup>th</sup> Century Religious Thought

The 20th century saw marked changes in the way many cultures experienced and understood the place of religion in everyday life. This course will explore a range of key themes, such as fundamentalism, religious pluralism, the rise of secularism in Western countries, and Eastern spiritualities in a Western context. We will also consider the writings of a number of key thinkers from various traditions, including philosophy, feminism, religious studies and theology, each of whom have made a significant contribution to the philosophical and theological debates on the role of religion in everyday life.

New Title and Description

RLCT3036 – Thinking Religion Now

What does it mean to be religious in the modern world? Is there a distinctively religious way of thinking? What contribution can religion make to modern thought? Students explore these questions and others from theological, philosophical and literary perspectives.

CARRIED

**Non-substantive changes for Senate's information:**

Changes be reflected in the titles of the corresponding courses:

RCLT2046 should be renamed Critical Themes in Eastern Religious Thought and

RLCT3026 should be renamed Women and World Religions.

MOTION 18: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by S. Rich that Senate approve the program requirements for an Honours Specialization, Specialization, Major and Minor in Sociology.

CARRIED

MOTION 19: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by S. Rich that Senate approve the deletion of the following courses from the Sociology curriculum:

- SOCI3086 – Law and Society
- SOCI3087 – Society, Law and Social Change
- SOCI1017 – Sociological Analysis

CARRIED

MOTION 20: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by N. Brady that Senate approve the addition of the following courses to the Sociology curriculum:

- SOCI3007 Sociology of Consumer Culture
- SOCI4227 Sociology of Science
- SOCI4576 - Honours Seminar in Professional Development

CARRIED

MOTION 21: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by S. Owens that Senate approve that SOCI3256 – Special Topics in Globalization and Development be unbanked and renamed to Globalization and Development and the course description be changed as outlined.

CARRIED

MOTION 22: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by J. Doucette that Senate approve a minor in Spanish.  
CARRIED

MOTION 23: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by A. Burk that Senate approve the following prerequisite changes in the Fine and Visual Arts Program:

- FAVA2006 – Drawing 1 from FAVA1027 to no prerequisite
- FAVA2026 – Painting I from FAVA1027 to no prerequisite
- FAVA2046 – Sculpture I from FAVA1027 to no prerequisite
- FAVA2346 – Selected Themes in Art History I from FAVA1207 with minimum 60% to FAVA1207
- FAVA2347 – Selected Themes in Arts History II from FAVA1207 with minimum 60% to FAVA1207
- FAVA3047 – Seminar in Art from 6 credits in upper year art history and 6 credits in upper year studio to 6 credits of upper year art history
- FAVA4125 – Directed Studio Research and Professional Practice from Restricted to BFA majors in their final year of study. Completion of 6 credits in Art History and 12 credits of Studio Art at the 3000 level, or by permission of the Department to Restricted to BFA Honours Specialization students in their final year of study. Successful completion of the BFA Portfolio Assessment, as well as 6 credits in Art History and 12 credits of Studio Art at the 3000 level
- FAVA4026 – Special Studies in Painting I from FAVA2027 to FAVA3057 Advanced Painting II

CARRIED

MOTION 24: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by A. Burk that Senate approve the change in course hours for FAVA3047 Seminar in Art from three hours of lecture and studio work per week for one term to three hours of lecture per week for one term.

CARRIED

MOTION 25: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by A. Burk that that Senate approve the changes to the following course descriptions as outlined in the attached document:

- FAVA1026 – Art Fundamentals I
- FAVA1027 – Art Fundamentals II
- FAVA1206 – Art History I
- FAVA1207 – Art History II
- FAVA2006 – Drawing I
- FAVA2007 – Drawing II
- FAVA2026 – Painting I
- FAVA2027 – Painting II
- FAVA2046 – Sculpture I
- FAVA2047 – Sculpture II
- FAVA2236 – Modern Art and Design History I
- FAVA2237 - Modern Art and Design History II
- FAVA2346 - Selected Themes in Art History I
- FAVA2347 - Selected Themes in Art History II



- FAVA3047 – Seminar in Art
- FAVA4036 – Advanced Printmaking I
- FAVA4037 – Advanced Printmaking II

CARRIED

MOTION 26: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by A. Burk that the Senate approve the following course title changes as outlined in the attached document:

- FAVA 2346 - Selected Themes in Art History I to FAVA 2346 Themes in Contemporary Art
- FAVA2347 - Selected Themes in Art History II to FAVA 2347 Topics in Contemporary Art

CARRIED

MOTION 27: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by A. Burk that Senate approve the following changes to the BFA Portfolio Assessment:

*from:*

Students must submit a portfolio within their first 30 credits completed. Please consult the department for further information.

*to:*

Students must successfully complete a Portfolio Assessment by March 1st of their third year of study in order to be admitted to the fourth/final year of the BFA Honours. Contact the department for details.

CARRIED

MOTION 28: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by C. Cooper that Senate approve the program requirements for a Bachelor of Fine Arts, Honours in Studio Arts.

CARRIED

MOTION 29: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by J. Doucette that Senate approve the program requirements for a Specialization, Major and Minor in Fine Arts – Studio Arts.

CARRIED

MOTION 30: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by C. Cooper that Senate approve the program requirements for a Major and Minor in Fine Arts – Art History and Visual Studies.

CARRIED

MOTION 31: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by A. Burk that Senate approve the following course cross listings:

- CLAS2506 Greek Art and Architecture be cross-listed with the Fine Arts Art History and Visual Studies stream
- CLAS2507 Roman Art and Architecture be cross-listed with the Fine Arts Art History and Visual Studies stream

- ESPA2705 Introduction to Hispanic Culture and Civilization be cross-listed with the Fine Arts Art History and Visual Studies stream
- FILM1005 Introduction to Film be cross-listed with the Fine Arts Art History and Visual Studies stream
- FILM2105 World Cinema be cross-listed with the Fine Arts Art History and Visual Studies stream
- FILM2845 The Director's Cinema be cross-listed with the Fine Arts Art History and Visual Studies stream
- GEND2166 Women, Media, and Representation be cross-listed with the Fine Arts Art History and Visual Studies stream
- GEND2217 Gender and the Media be cross-listed with the Fine Arts Art History and Visual Studies stream
- GEND2305 Women and Cinema be cross-listed with the Fine Arts Art History and Visual Studies stream
- GEND2306 Art and Social Justice be cross-listed with the Fine Arts Art History and Visual Studies stream
- GEND2045 Women and Art History be cross-listed with the Fine Arts Art History and Visual Studies stream
- GEND 3046 Queer Media be cross-listed with the Fine Arts Art History and Visual Studies stream
- PHIL2245 Philosophy of Art and Literature be cross-listed with the Fine Arts Art History and Visual Studies stream
- PHIL 2405 Philosophy of Film be cross-listed with the Fine Arts Art History and Visual Studies stream
- RLCT2205 Sacred Cinema: Film and the Search for Meaning be cross-listed with the Fine Arts Art History and Visual Studies stream
- FAVA1206 Art History I be cross-listed with CLAS
- FAVA2236 Modern Art and Design History I be cross-listed with GEND
- FAVA2237 Modern Art and Design History II be cross-listed with GEND
- FAVA2346 Themes in Contemporary Art be cross-listed with GEND
- FAVA 2347 Topics in Contemporary Art be cross-listed with GEND.

CARRIED

MOTION 32: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by S. Elliott-Johns that Senate approve the program requirements for an Honours Specialization, Specialization, Major and Minor in Gender Equality & Social Justice.

CARRIED

MOTION 33: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by J. Doucette that Senate approve the program requirements for an Honours Specialization, Specialization, Major and Minor in Mathematics.

CARRIED

MOTION 34: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by T. Koivukoski that Senate approve the program requirements for an Honours Specialization, Specialization, Major and Minor in Political Science

CARRIED

**February 6, 2012 Report**

- MOTION 35: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by S. Owens that Senate consider receipt of the Report of the Undergraduate Studies Report dated February 6, 2012.  
CARRIED
- MOTION 36: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by C. McFarlane that the Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee dated February 6, 2012 be received.  
CARRIED
- MOTION 37: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by S. Rich that Senate approve the program requirements for the proposed Major in Arts and Cultural Management.  
CARRIED
- MOTION 38: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by S. Owens that Senate approve the program requirements for the proposed Certificate Program in Arts and Cultural Management.  
CARRIED
- MOTION 39: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate approve the addition of the following courses:
- ACMT3017 - Arts & Cultural Management Internship.
  - ACMT4005 – Arts and Cultural Management Senior Internship.
- CARRIED
- MOTION 40: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by J. Dech that Senate approve that the following program requirements for an Honours Specialization, Specialization, a Major, and a Minor in Biology.  
CARRIED
- MOTION 41: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by T. Koivukoski that Senate approve a Minor in Political Science with the following requirements:
- 18 Credits in Political Science (or in courses cross-listed/cross-coded with political science) including the following required course(s):
- POLI 1005 Introduction to Political Science (6 credits)
- CARRIED
- MOTION 42: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate approve the curriculum requirements for a Minor in Anthropology.  
CARRIED

- MOTION 43: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by G. Brown that Senate approve that the Criminal Justice program be offered as an Honours Bachelor degree and a Bachelor degree (four-year option only).  
CARRIED
- MOTION 44: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by G. Brown that Senate approve the required program average of 60% (minimum) for the Bachelor of Arts degree (four-year option only) in Criminal Justice, and the required program average of 70% (minimum) for an Honours Bachelor degree in Criminal Justice.  
CARRIED
- MOTION 45: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by J. Graham that Senate approve the regulation change to Nipissing's residency requirements as outlined.  
CARRIED
- MOTION 46: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by S. Owens that Senate approve the revised Second degree requirements as outlined.  
CARRIED
- MOTION 47: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by G. Phillips that Senate approve the regulation change to Nipissing's Honours Upgrade requirements as outlined.  
CARRIED

**Correction to the January 16, 2012 Undergraduate Studies Report – motion for a Minor in Human Resources passed at the February 3, 2012 Senate meeting**

- MOTION 48: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by A. Weeks that Senate approve the correction to the motion for approval of a minor in Human Resources as found in the report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee dated January 16, 2012.  
CARRIED

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Regarding the transition between the two VPARs, Senator Rich noted that she has been in touch with Dr. Harley d'Entremont and offered her congratulations. She has asked her direct reports to provide a two-page summary of their activities and these will be forwarded on to him. She also indicated she had extended an invitation to Dr. d'Entremont to attend the Undergraduate Research Conference.

The VPAR was delighted to report that the following faculty are the successful recipients of the Research Achievement Awards: Drs. Callie Mady; Mukand Jha, Reehan Mirza; Susan Srigley and Sarah Winters.

The Dean of Applied and Professional Studies indicated that the common book initiative was well under way. A solicitation e-mail has been sent out. The book will be launched at New Student Orientation this summer.

The Dean of Education (acting) announced that faculty and students are providing feedback to the Minister of Education on moving from a one year to a two year degree in education.

The Dean of Arts and Science was pleased to report that a team of three faculty members from the Department of Sociology are the successful recipients of a SSHRC Knowledge Synthesis Grant.

The President of the Nipissing University Student Union, Senator Doucette announced Tyler Budd, VP Internal resigned. As a result, his duties are being split amongst the NUSU executive and Mary Allen is now a senator. Senator Doucette announced the election results that determine next year’s executive team. They are: President, Thomas Hannah; Vice-President External, Nicole Brady; Vice-President Internal, Kayla Fitzsimmons and Vice-President Student, Mary Allen. Senator Doucette noted that a number of student activities are being planned including the OCAA men’s volleyball tournament (February 23-25), Jump Rope for Heart (March 7), Medieval Times Trip (March 10), and trip to Ottawa for a Leafs vs. Senators game (March 10).

ADJOURNMENT

Senate was adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

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S. Rich (Vice-Chair)

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C. Jenkins, Senate Secretary