

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

May 18, 2012

2:30 p.m. – Room F210

MEMBERS PRESENT:

V. Paine-Mantha (chair), H. d'Entremont, B. Keech, C. Cooper, C. Richardson,
J. Graham

G. Brown, K. McCullough, P. Millar

A. Burk, N. Colborne, J. Dech, R. Gendron, T. Koivukoski, N. Kozukanich,
C. McFarlane, S. O'Hagan, G. Phillips, S. Renshaw, A. Weeks, S. Winters

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

A. Wagner (Muskoka)

J. Vitale (Brantford)

T. Bachelder

K. Chutko, R. Don

K. Fitzsimmons, T. Hanna

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: R. Vanderlee

A. Karassev, G. Morrell, F. Noël, P. Radia, V. Valov, H. Zhu

K. Eyre, T. Ryan

J. Valin

L. McLaren

D. Thompson

N. Brady, S. Laplante

The minutes of the Senate meeting of April 13, 2012 was adopted with no objections.

REPORTS of STANDING COMMITTEES and FACULTY or UNIVERSITY COUNCILSSenate Executive Committee

MOTION 1: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by A. Burk that the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated May 10, 2012 be received.
CARRIED

Undergraduate Studies Committee

MOTION 2: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by C. Cooper that the Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee dated April 19, 2012 be received.
CARRIED

MOTION 3: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by A. Burk that Senate approve the deletion of CHFS3025 - Research Methods and the addition of CHFS3026 – Methods in Behavioural Research and CHFS3027 - Analysis in Behavioural Research in the Child and Family Studies Curriculum.
CARRIED

MOTION 4: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate receive the Program Expectations for Classical Studies.
CARRIED

MOTION 5: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by A. Burk that Senate approve the addition of the following courses in Economics:

- ECON4005 - Research Project
- ECON4126 – Special Topics in Economics I
- ECON4127 – Special Topics in Economics II

CARRIED

MOTION 6: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by G. Phillips that Senate approve the requirements for a Minor in Economics.
CARRIED

MOTION 7: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate receive the Program Expectations for English Studies.
CARRIED

MOTION 8: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by R. Gendron that Senate receive the Program Expectations for History.
CARRIED

- MOTION 9: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by A. Burk that Senate approve the requirements for a minor in Native Studies.
CARRIED
- MOTION 10: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by C. Cooper that Senate receive the Program Expectations for Philosophy.
CARRIED
- MOTION 11: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by T. Koivukoski that Senate approve the addition of POLI3046 - Strange Bedfellows: Politics and Healthcare to the Political Science Program and that it be cross-coded to the BScN program.
CARRIED
- MOTION 12: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by S. Renshaw that Senate receive the Program Expectations for Religions and Cultures.
CARRIED
- MOTION 13: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate approve the program requirements for the following in Science and Technology program:
- Honours Specialization in Science and Technology – General, Artificial Intelligence, Robotics, Industrial Mathematics, Service Technology, and Environment;
 - Specialization in Science and Technology – General, Artificial Intelligence, Robotics, Industrial Mathematics, Service Technology, and Environment; and
 - Major in Science and Technology - General
- CARRIED
- MOTION 14: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by R. Gendron that Senate approve that ESPA2705 - An Introduction to Hispanic Culture and Civilization be cross-listed with both History and Religions and Cultures.
CARRIED

Non-substantive changes in Mathematics:

- MATH 4016 - Numerical Methods II and MATH 4246 - Optimization be added to Group IV Advanced Mathematics Courses.
- That registration in MATH4496 - Senior Research Project I and MATH4497 - Senior Research Project II for students following new Common degree structure model be restricted to those maintaining Honours Specialization major average of at least 75%.

ELECTIONS

- Elect one Senator to serve on the Board of Governors for a 2-year term commencing July 1, 2012.

ACCLAIMED: R. Vernescu

- Elect one Senator to serve as the alternate COU Academic Colleague for a 2-year term commencing July 1, 2012.

ACCLAIMED: R. Gendron

REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

Board of Governors

The May meeting of the Board of Governors was held on May 3rd 2012. The Chancellor spoke about the significance of the milestone of Nipissing University's 20th anniversary. Dr. Dellandrea described the present as a challenging time for universities with respect to the public sector and government's views of universities as well as greater demands for accountability. The Chancellor emphasized the significance of 2012-2013 as a year of celebration to honour Nipissing's independence as a chartered university and also the year when a search committee will select a new President.

As per recommendations from the Audit & Finance Committee, the Board approved a motion to accept the Nipissing University Student Union Ancillary Fees Schedule for the 2012-2013 academic year. Two new policies were also approved: the Investment Policy and Guidelines for Trust and Endowment Funds as well as the Trust and Endowment Management Policy.

In Closed Session, the Board approved a motion to grant the designation, Governor Emeritus to Dr. Herbert Brown at Convocation 2012. Since the May Board meeting was the annual meeting, elections were held for the positions of Board Chair, Vice-Chair and Vice-Chair Pro Tem. Mr. Colin Dennis was elected as the Board Chair for the next two years. Greg DuCharme and Marianne Berubé were elected as Vice-Chair and Vice-Chair Pro Tem respectively.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION 15: Moved by J. Graham, seconded by D. Jarvis that Senate consider receipt of the Report of Graduate Applicants dates May 18, 2012.
CARRIED

MOTION 16: Moved by J. Graham, seconded by A. Burk that Senate approve that the graduates listed in the Report of Graduate Applicants dated May 18, 2012 and that they be granted their respective degrees and diplomas.
CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The interim President, Senator Paine-Mantha, began her comments by indicating that she has attended numerous meetings since Senate last met in April. At the Council of Ontario Universities' meeting, the focus was on the tuition framework. The framework allows for tuition fee differentiation based on program and year of study. The maximum allowable fee increase in 2012-13 for first year Arts and Science and other Programs is 4.5% and continuing years is 4.0%. For professional and graduate programs, the first year allowable increase is 8.0% and

4.0% for continuing years. Over the upcoming year, the province will consult with institutions and students to develop a new multi-year tuition policy for implementation in 2013-14. The President also noted that at the recent Council of Senior Administrative Officers (CSAO) meeting, the main topic of discussion was the implications of the provincial budget on operating grants.

Senator Paine Mantha was pleased to report that the 2012-13 budget passed at the Audit and Finance Committee meeting with a recommendation to bring it to the Board of Governors for their approval at their June meeting. The budget will also be presented to the various constituent and other groups for information purposes.

Senator Paine-Mantha indicated that she hoped that faculty were able to attend as many convocation ceremonies as possible. These ceremonies are the culmination of four or five years of hard work for these graduates and their families will be in attendance to watch the celebration. She also extended her congratulations to the SIFE team who won the National Rookie Championship in Calgary last week and to the fourth-year biology students who recently had the opportunity to display research knowledge at the second annual Biology and Chemistry Poster Event.

The Vice-President Academic and Research, Harley d'Entremont, was pleased to extend congratulations to the following award recipients: Dr. Callie Mady for the 2012 Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Research; Dr. Stephen Connor for the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching; and Professor Natalie Dunn for the Nipissing University Award for CASBU Members.

Senator d'Entremont also acknowledged the excellent work done by interim VPAR Dr. Sharon Rich. He indicated that Dr. Rich has been very gracious during the transition period and wished for the following motion to be passed:

MOTION 17: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by S. Renshaw that Dr. Sharon Rich be formally acknowledged for her work as interim Vice-President Academic and Research and that a letter be sent to her outlining Senate's appreciation.
CARRIED

The Dean of Education (acting), Senator Richardson, was pleased to announce that Drs. Brenda and Mark Bruner were the recipients of a \$1.3M CIHR grant to research Aboriginal Health Intervention.

Senator Hanna of the NUSU Executive reported that Frosh Week mail outs have been completed. Additionally, Senator Brady is presently attending a conference on Shinerama.

ADJOURNMENT

Senate was adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

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V. Paine-Mantha (Chair)

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C. Jenkins, Senate Secretary