

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

November 15, 2013

2:30 p.m. – Room F210

MEMBERS PRESENT:

M. DeGagné (Chair), H. d'Entremont, A-B Graff, C. Richardson, A. Robinson,  
M. Tuncali, R. Vanderlee, N. Black, L. Carter

A. Armenakyan, J. Barker, G. Brown, A. Page

A. Ackerman, D. Borman, R. Breton, A. Burk, N. Colborne, M. Jha, A. Karashev,  
U. Kundrats, McCann, F. Noël, T. Parkes, S. Renshaw, T. Smith, D. Tabachnick,  
A. Weeks, S. Winters, H. Zhu

L. Ashworth, G. Black, B. Bruner, K. Eyre, B. Hatt (Speaker), M. Kariuki,  
J. McAuliffe, T. Ryan, T. Sibbald, A. Steele

M. McCabe (Brantford), R. Vernescu (Bracebridge)

C. Hachkowski

C. Murton-Stoehr, L. Rossi

J. Zimbalatti

S. Feretycki

Y. Benoit, K. Fitzsimmons

ABSENT WITH REGRETS:

J. Dech

T. Horton, M-A Parr, J. Scott

G. DuCharme

C. Grist, L. McKeon, C. Nosko, J. Trottier

The minutes of the Senate meeting of October 11, 2013 were adopted.

READING AND DISPOSING OF COMMUNICATIONS

The Senate Secretary read out the contents of a memo from the Senate Chair to the Board Chair and Board Secretary relating to the motion that was passed at the October 11, 2013 meeting of Senate. This motion requested that the Board revise Policy 3.1.2012.B, the Senior Academic Appointment Policy.

QUESTION PERIOD

The first question pertained to the Academic Skills Centre, specifically the education requirements for the Academic Program Skills Coordinator. The job posting indicated an undergraduate degree and the Senator questioned whether that would put our students at a disadvantage.

The Vice-President Academic and Research indicated that the position description did indicate that a Bachelor of Education with English as a specialization was required and a Master's Degree would be considered an asset.

There was a question regarding the new policy on Political Activities and Events and what prompted the implementation of this new policy. The President indicated that the previous policy was outdated. In 2012, the Advancement Committee of the Board of Governors was tasked with reviewing the policy. The policy was passed by the Board at their October 10, 2013 meeting. He noted that the intent of the policy is to allow employees to exercise their rights but these rights cannot be seen as being supported or endorsed by the University. Any new information that Senators wish to bring forward can be directed to Faculty representatives on the Board who will bring it to the full Board's attention.

Regarding the productivity and innovation fund submission to the provincial government, the University committed itself to the "modification and implementation of a methodology" so as to evaluate the contributions of particular programs. The question was asked which academic units have been selected to the review and on what basis? Further, once the prioritization methodology has been accepted, will it be applied to other units of the university? There was a reminder that the University Act states "senate shall establish the educational policies of the university" and will "consider and co-ordinate long-range academic planning." The VPAR responded by confirming that the powers of Senate would not be negated. He also indicated a group will be assembled that will include Faculty. The programs to be evaluated have not yet been determined and the VPAR noted that academic and some non-academic programs will be reviewed.

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

##### Senate Executive Committee

MOTION 1: Moved by M. DeGagné, seconded by A. Weeks that the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated November 7, 2013 be received.  
CARRIED

MOTION 2: Moved by M. DeGagne that Senate move into an in-camera session.

MOTION 3: Moved by M. DeGagne that Senate move out of the in-camera session.

##### Planning and Priorities Committee

MOTION 4: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by K. Fitzsimmons that the Report of the Planning and Priorities Committee dated October 25, 2013 be received.  
CARRIED

##### Undergraduate Studies Committee

MOTION 5: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by A. Steele that the Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee dated October 4, 2013, be received.  
CARRIED

MOTION 6: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by A. Armenakyan that Senate approve that TMGT1106 Technology in Business be listed in the academic calendar as an antirequisite for TMGT1107 Introduction to Innovation, Technology, and Sustainability.  
CARRIED

MOTION 7: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by A. Armenakyan that Senate approve that TMGT2807 Project Management be listed in the academic calendar as an antirequisite for TMGT3807 Project Management.  
CARRIED

MOTION 8: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by G. Brown that Senate receive the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice course expectations and outcomes.  
CARRIED

### **Teaching and Learning Committee**

MOTION 9: Moved by C. Hachkowski, seconded by S. Feretycki that the Report of the Teaching and Learning Committee dated October 28, 2013 be received.  
CARRIED

### **AMENDMENT of BY-LAWS**

MOTION 10: Moved by A. Burk, seconded by G. McCann that Article 4.5 of the Senate bylaws be amended with the addition of the following:

If any election or acclamation results in vacancies on any of the designated constituencies, these vacancies will be filled in turn by the Faculty of Arts and Science, then the Schulich School of Education, and then the Faculty of Applied and Professional Studies.

CARRIED

### **ELECTIONS**

- Elect one Senator to serve as COU Academic Colleague (alternate) for a three-year term commencing July 1, 2013.

U. Kundraats\_ **ACCLAIMED**

- Elect (4) four tenured faculty members with one from each faculty (elected by Senate), to serve on the search committee for a Dean of Arts and Science.

Faculty of Art and Science - S. Renshaw **ELECTED**  
D. Murphy **ELECTED**

Faculty of Applied and Professional Studies - J. Barker **ACCLAIMED**

Schulich School of Education – J. McIntosh **ACCLAIMED**

- Elect one faculty senator (tenured or tenure track) chosen from outside the discipline to serve on the search committee for a tenure track position in Anthropology.

J. Barker **ACCLAIMED**

- Elect one faculty senator (tenured or tenure track) chosen from outside the discipline to serve on the search committee for a LTA2 position in Physics.

M. Jha\_ **ACCLAIMED:**

### **REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES**

#### Board of Governors

Senator Zimbalatti reported that the Board of Governors held its first meeting of the Fall on Thursday, October 10, 2013. The Director of Finance, Shannon Saucier, gave a presentation entitled, "University Funding 101" which was very informative and appreciated by Board members.

The Board Chair announced that an Order in Council had been issued for external Board member, Tom Curry, approving his 3-year term as a Lieutenant Governor in Council appointment on the Board. Subsequent to the Board meeting, correspondence was received from the Public Appointments Secretariat Office confirming an LGIC appointment for Steve Portelli, who resides in Brantford. With these appointments, the Board complement of 26 members is now complete; there are currently no vacant positions on the Board.

The Board approved a motion to appoint three members to the Research Ethics Board, each for a three year term: September 2013 - August 2016, renewable once. The Board approved the appointment of Jennifer Gordon, Tara-Lynn Scheffel and Rosemary Nagy.

The Board was asked to accept a recommendation from the Advancement Committee to approve a new Policy on Political Activities and Events. The policy has been well vetted at the Advancement Committee level with careful scrutiny and discussion for over a year. The Board approved the new policy and it is now posted on the Board of Governors website.

The Board also approved the Consolidated Audited Financial Statements for the year ended April 30, 2013.

#### Alumni Advisory Board

Senator Feretycki was pleased to report that there were over 1000 participants in the homecoming event held in October. He added that the Board appreciated the support from Faculty and Staff. A committee has been struck to review student financial award and the priorities for new awards. As well, plans are underway for an alumni family winter event.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

MOTION 11: Moved by A. Robinson, seconded by K. Fitzsimmons that Senate consider receipt of the Report of Graduation Applicants dated November 11, 2013.  
CARRIED

MOTION 12: Moved by A. Robinson, seconded by K. Fitzsimmons that Senate receive the Report of Graduation Applicants dated November 11, 2013.  
CARRIED

MOTION 13: Moved by A. Robinson, seconded by K. Fitzsimmons that the approval to graduate be granted to the students listed in the Report of Graduation Applicants dated November 11, 2013.  
CARRIED

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President began his announcement by commenting on the recent Executive Heads meeting at the Council of Ontario Universities. A number of items were on the agenda including short and long-term strategies and differentiation. The Strategic Mandate Agreements (SMAs) are still being discussed with a new template to be sent to institutions in mid-December. The President noted that much of the work on the new strategic plan will assist with Nipissing's SMA submission.

At the Association of Canadian Universities and Colleges (AUCC) meeting in Ottawa, the main agenda topics were sustainable revenue generation strategies and institutional sustainability. Another topic garnering attention was the session on alcohol reduction initiatives. The President noted that institution heads and athletic directors shared a common issue and that was the role of varsity sports. He noted that the Western universities were anxious to get adopt a NCAA format to attract students. This concept is not as attractive to the Eastern universities. Agreement was reached to pilot one project as a test.

Fall UpClose was a resounding success with over 200 prospective students in attendance. The President thanked Faculty, Staff and Students who attended the Saturday event and made it a great day.

The President closed his remarks by commenting on his volunteer shift, along with other Nipissing Staff, at the Gathering Place, a local community soup kitchen. He encouraged Faculty, Staff and Students to volunteer at this community initiative.

The Vice-President Academic and Research announced that the PIF fund has been approved and budget holders should receive information in the next few weeks. The VPAR also followed up on a concern raised at the October 2013 Senate meeting with regards to the Bookstore. He indicated that there will be an advisory committee established that will meet on a regular basis with the bookstore management. Representatives will be sought from Faculty, Regional Campuses, Students and other interested Stakeholders. The plan is for the committee to meet at least once per term.

The VPAR notified senate that the Research Ethics Board, whose mandate is approved by the Board of Governors, will be undergoing a review of its policy in 2014.

The Dean of Arts and Science (interim) announced the following faculty members were recognized at the Board of Governor's Dinner in September for service awards: Dr. Eric Mattson (20 years); Dr. Boguslaw Schreyer (25 years); Dr. Françoise Noël (25 years); Professor Bob Bergquist (retiree and 35 years); and Dr. Roman Brozowski (40 years).

Congratulations are extended to Drs. Carly Dokis and Benjamin Kelly for receiving two NSERC grants from the Canadian Water Network valued at \$56,000 over two years. Their work is part of a larger project that will investigate the premises of community participating in water management. Senator Graff also was pleased to report that Senator McCann is the winner of a 2013 Heritage Toronto Award of Merit for her book *Vanguard of the New Age: The Toronto Theosophical Society 1891-1945*.

Senator Fitzsimmons was pleased to announce that the full board of the student union is now in place with a mandate to be transparent and accountable. Information on governance, academics, social activities and meeting minutes are available on the website, nusu.com. She also reported that almost \$15,000 was raised for Shinerama. Other activities include Enactus (selling reusable water bottles), Movember, and Paint the Rink event.

Senator Page reported that she has been selected for the 2013 Nursing Faculty e-Health Award. This award was created to support a faculty member from a Canadian school of nursing who demonstrates exceptional leadership and commitment to e-Health in Nursing Education. The award is presented by the Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing.

ADJOURNMENT

Senate was adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

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M. DeGagné (Chair)

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C. Jenkins (Senate Secretary)