

Nipissing University
Minutes of the Academic Senate Meeting

September 9, 2016

2:30 p.m. – Room F210

MEMBERS PRESENT:

M. DeGagné (Chair), H. d'Entremont, N. Black, J. Graham, C. Richardson, M. Tuncali, R. Vanderlee

A. Armenakyan, L. Chen, K. McCullough, R. Vernescu

S. Arnocky, R. Breton, J. Dech, A. Erfani, A. Karashev, G. McCann, P. Nosko, M. Owens, T. Parkes, G. Phillips, T. Smith, K. Srigley, S. Srigley, D. Tabachnick, T. Vassilev, D. Walters, A. Weeks

L. Frost, B. Hatt, D. Hay, T. Horton, D. Jarvis, M. Parr, W. Richardson, J. Scott, G. Sharpe, T. Sibbald

C. Cho

O. Pokorny, L. Rossi

N. Allaire

S. Feretycki

J. Andrews, M. Hawco, J. Dempster, S. Lamorea

ABSENT WITH REGRETS:

J. McAuliffe

N. Kozuskanich, S. Renshaw

G. Rickwood

M. Berube, K. Barnes

B. Kent, D. Ratcliffe

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA OF THE SENATE MEETING OF: September 9, 2016

MOTION 1: Moved by L. Frost, seconded by G. McCann that the agenda of the meeting of the Academic Senate dated September 9, 2016 be approved.
CARRIED

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SENATE MEETING OF: May 27, 2016

MOTION 2: Moved by M. Hawko, seconded by G. Phillips that the minutes of the regular meeting of the Academic Senate dated May 27, 2016 be adopted.
CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Senator Walters asked that the minutes be amended and his name be removed as a member of the Research Council.

QUESTION PERIOD

Concerns were raised regarding technical difficulties such as missing and defective equipment in several classrooms which impacted the start of classes. The Director of Technology Services acknowledged that there had been problems due to upgrades made over the summer and the UTS staff has made it a top priority to fix the issues so that a better system will now be in place.

Regarding the recent announcement of a \$49 M investment by the Federal Government at Laurentian University, the Provost advised that Nipissing University's proposal had not been submitted. He did advise that funding had been received for facilities renewal projects such as the replacement of the HVAC system, as well as matched funding for another retrofit project. He advised that Laurentian received funding from the Canada First Research Excellence Fund and the investment was in Earth Sciences.

A question was raised regarding the presentation of the Chancellor's and CASBU Teaching Awards. It was advised that students had expressed concerns that the awards were not presented at the spring Convocation Ceremony. The Provost advised that the awards would be presented at the Service Awards Ceremony in October and that next year's awards would be presented at the spring Convocation Ceremony.

Concerns were voiced regarding the new implementation of the extension of enforceable parking hours to 11 p.m. from Monday to Friday. The Provost advised that Nipissing University and Canadore College have a shared arrangement and that discussion at a future Plant & Property meeting might be more appropriate. He advised that NU was the exception and that most other universities do charge a fee for parking at night. NU also currently has one of the lowest parking rates in Ontario.

In follow up to a question that was raised at the last Senate meeting on May 27 regarding the replacement of the Vice-President Administration on the Technology and Infrastructure Committee, the Provost advised that a By-Laws and Elections Subcommittee meeting will be held in the near future and that this matter would be brought forward for discussion. The Senate Speaker, also the Chair of the By-Laws and Elections Subcommittee, noted that this item will be added to the next meeting agenda for discussion.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND FACULTY OR UNIVERSITY COUNCILS

SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MOTION 3: Moved by M. DeGagné, seconded by L. Frost that Senate receive the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated August 16, 2016.
CARRIED

MOTION 4: Moved by M. DeGagné, seconded by L. Frost that Senate receive the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated September 1, 2016.
CARRIED

UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE

MOTION 5: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by L. Chen that the Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee, dated June 2, 2016 be received.
CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

The Speaker spoke to a request received to discuss the Senate Ad Hoc Committee to Review Breadth Requirements. The Chair of USC advised that the Ad Hoc Committee is under the direction of the Undergraduate Studies Committee (USC) and requested that this item be added to the agenda for discussion at the next USC meeting. It was noted that Dr. McAuliffe's position on the Committee must be replaced. Senator Tabachnick advised that the Ad Hoc Committee is important, and that a Chair and terms of reference are required.

AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

The Speaker advised that a meeting of the By-Laws and Elections Subcommittee has been scheduled. Notices of amendments will be presented at the October Senate meeting.

ELECTIONS

- Elect three (3) tenured faculty members, one from each faculty, to be elected by Senate for the Committee for the Search/Reappointment of the President and Vice-Chancellor.
Kristen Ferguson (ED)
Glenn Sharpe (ED)
Jane Barker (APS)
Katrina Srigley (A & S)
Tzvetalin Vassilev (A & S)

MOTION 6: Moved by L. Frost, seconded by M. Tuncali that nominations for the election of three (3) tenured faculty members, one from each faculty, for the Committee for the Search/Appointment/Reappointment of the President and Vice-Chancellor cease.
CARRIED

- Elect an APS Senator/non-Senator for the Undergraduate Services & Awards Subcommittee.
A. Armenakan
- Elect an APS non-Senator for the Student Appeals Committee (no nominations received)
- Elect a CASBU instructor for the Teaching and Learning Committee (will nominate a representative once elections are complete)

- Elect an APS faculty member and a faculty member at large for the Research Council
D. Tabachnick (member at large)
- Elect a Social Science faculty member and an Education faculty member for the Graduate Studies Council (the Dean of Arts & Science suggested that this election be set over to the October Senate meeting as there are new programs and a new Dean and a review of the membership must take place)

REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

Alumni Advisory Board

Senator Feretycki advised that since the last meeting of Senate the NUAAB has recruited new members and is near full capacity with only one vacancy created by the retirement of the past president, Mark Webster. He also thanked Mark for his six years of service to the NUAAB. Homecoming will be held September 30 to October 2. All faculty are encouraged to attend, as returning alumni always appreciate reconnecting with faculty members.

Council of Ontario Universities (Academic Colleague)

Senator McCann provided a report from the COU Academic Colleagues meeting that she recently attended. She advised on the Bill 132 Sexual Violence and Harassment Action Plan Act (Supporting Survivors and Challenging Sexual Violence and Harassment); the funding review formula; graduate and undergraduate programs; OSAP and the COU Faculty at Work Survey.

NEW BUSINESS

A discussion took place regarding the Senior Academic Administrative Officers Senior Hiring Policy. According to the Policy, election results shall not be announced until all elections have been held and that following the first meeting of the Search Committee, the Chair shall notify the University community of the names of the members. Senators expressed concerns that nominated faculty would be unable to allow their names to stand for election on other committees. Senator Nosko suggested that the results of the elections be announced to Senators in an in-camera session.

MOTION 7: Moved by P. Nosko, seconded by G. McCann that Senate move into an in-camera session.
CARRIED

MOTION 8: Moved by R. Breton, seconded by G. Sharpe that Senate move out of an in-camera session.
CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President DeGagné welcomed Senators back for a new academic year. He was pleased to introduce Nancy Allaire, Education Director at Nipissing First Nation and NUACE member, as the new Aboriginal Council on Education representative. He also advised of the upcoming University Fair and the Board of Governors Retreat.

The Provost advised that he is looking forward to the release of the new funding framework review that is set to be presented to Cabinet this fall. Nipissing University recently hosted academic partners including Cape Breton University, Trent University, the University of Winnipeg, Vancouver Island University and Yukon College for discussion of a proposal to the Government of Canada for the Wide Scale Promotion of Indigenous Learning. He also advised of a signing ceremony attended by President DeGagné that morning at Algonquin College.

The Dean of Applied and Professional Studies welcomed everyone back and expressed his gratitude to the NUSU executive for their leadership and very successful FROSH events.

The Dean of Arts and Science was pleased to advise that Dr. Renee Bedard has recently been hired in a tenure-track position in the Native Studies Department.

The Dean of Education wished to thank all the faculty and staff that got things up and running for the start of classes. She advised that the second year BEd students are out on placement, and the first cohort of 8 MSc in Kin students was welcomed. A welcome back BBQ event for the students was also held. The Dean introduced Dr. Cindy Peltier, the new Chair of Indigenous Education.

The President of NUSU, Jordan Andrews, welcomed everyone back and thanked Senators for their acknowledgement of the success of FROSH. He advised that NUSU is anticipating a big year where they will be establishing their own identity apart from The Wall. The NUSU General Meeting will be held on October 5, and Student By-Election and Club information dates are upcoming. A welcome back BBQ will be held on September 21. Faculty and staff were invited to attend. The new building project is on track with the plan to break ground in late November. A request was made to add a presentation on the new Student Centre to the October Senate agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Senate was adjourned at: 3:55 p.m.

Original signed by:

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M. DeGagné (Chair)

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S. Landriault (Senate Recording Secretary)