

Nipissing University
Minutes of the Academic Senate Meeting

November 11, 2016

2:30 p.m. – Room F210

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

A. Armenakyan, L. Chen, K. McCullough

S. Arnocky, R. Breton, J. Dech, N. Kozuskanich, P. Nosko, M. Owens, T. Parkes, G. Phillips, S. Renshaw, 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, G. Sharpe, T. Sibbald

C. Cho

O. Pokorny, L. Rossi

M. Berube, T. Curry

M. Hawco, J. Dempster, C. Tremblay

ABSENT WITH REGRETS:

J. Graham

R. Vernescu

A. Karassev, G. McCann

G. Rickwood, J. Scott

N. Allaire

K. Barnes

S. Feretycki

J. Andrews, B. Kent, D. Ratcliffe, S. Lamorea

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA OF THE SENATE MEETING OF:

MOTION 1: Moved by J. Dempster, seconded by L. Chen that the agenda of the Senate meeting of November 11, 2016 be approved.
CARRIED

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SENATE MEETING OF:

MOTION 2: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by J. Dempster that the minutes of the Senate meeting of October 21, 2016 be adopted.
CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The Provost responded to questions from the October 21, 2016 Senate meeting regarding the use of an on-line student opinion survey (SOS). It would appear that an on-line SOS has been in use, inconsistently, for some time. Information received from the Deans indicates that some discussion and feedback from NUFA and Senate committees took place and that Senate approved in principle the development of the on-line SOS. It was never formally endorsed by JCAA. The Provost advised that discussions had recently taken place at JCAA. He suggested that for the rest of this year the practice in place be continued and that meetings would take place with the administration and JCAA. It was suggested that a motion be put forward under New Business requesting that the Teaching & Learning Committee complete a review and come up with a plan and a way to move forward.

A Senator raised a question regarding a request that an entire question be read into the record so that it would appear verbatim in the Senate minutes. The Chair ruled against it because the request was for a matter raised in Question Period requiring an answer not within the scope or purview of Senate. The minutes were adopted as circulated.

A request was made that the Senate website be updated to include the 2016-17 Senate Committees, Subcommittees and Councils.

QUESTION PERIOD

Questions were raised regarding the recent announcement of the partnership between Canadore College and UOIT which will allow Canadore students to pursue a range of degree programs at the university. Was NU considered and are any other partnerships under consideration? The Provost advised that the agreement with UOIT was not exclusive. He advised that he had recently met with the V/P Academic at Canadore to discuss the collaborative program between Nipissing University and Canadore College that would enable students to obtain a 4-year Bachelor of Arts in Social Welfare and Social Development from the university and a 2-year Social Service Worker diploma from the college. He also indicated that NU has been in meetings with other Northern Ontario universities regarding transfer agreements. As well, the Toronto Film School Articulation Agreement is in the works. The Dean of Arts and Science also advised that he has been working on an MOU with Canadore College for pathways from the Environmental Technician, Biotechnology Technician and Biotechnology Technologist programs to Biology programs. These pathways will be open to international students enrolled at Canadore. Other pathways and the dual admission process are also being discussed.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND FACULTY OR UNIVERSITY COUNCILS

SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MOTION 3: Moved by M. DeGagné, seconded by M. Owens that Senate receive the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated November 3, 2016.
CARRIED

MOTION 4: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by D. Tabachnick that the Senate Regulations and Policies, Fall 2016, be received.
CARRIED

PLANNING AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

MOTION 5: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that the Report of the Planning and Priorities Committee dated October 28, 2016, be received.
CARRIED

UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE

MOTION 6: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve the basis of admission and advanced standing assessments that are included within the Toronto Film School Articulation Agreement.
CARRIED

AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

MOTION 7: Moved by D. Tabachnick, seconded by J. Dempster that Senate approve that Article 2.1 (a) *Ex Officio* Senators be amended with the deletion of:
(iii) the Associate Vice President Academic Studies;
CARRIED

MOTION 8: Moved by D. Tabachnick, seconded by H. d'Entremont that Senate approve that Article 2.1 (a) *Ex Officio* Senators be amended with the addition of:
(iii) the Vice President responsible for Finance and Administration
CARRIED

MOTION 9: Moved by D. Tabachnick, seconded by J. Dempster that Senate approve that Article 2.1 (a) *Ex Officio* Senators be amended with the addition of Academic and the deletion of each Faculty to read:
(iv) the Academic Deans;
CARRIED

MOTION 10: Moved by D. Tabachnick, seconded by A. Armenakyan that Senate approve that all references to the Associate Vice President Academic Studies and Vice President Administration be removed from the Senate By-Laws.
CARRIED

- **Notice of Motion (Article 9.6) Technology & Infrastructure Committee (T&I)**

The By-Laws and Elections Subcommittee reviewed the Ex Officio members of Senate. Due to positions that no longer exist and the creation of a new position, revisions were necessary.

Current article reads:

9.6 Technology & Infrastructure Committee (T&I)

- (a) *Ex Officio* Members:
 - (i) the Executive Director, Library Services, or designate; and
 - (ii) the Vice-President, Administration (non-voting).
- (b) Members Elected by Faculty Council:
 - (i) one (1) faculty Senator or non-Senator from each faculty, one of whom shall be elected by the Committee to serve as Chair, and one of whom shall be elected by the Committee to serve as Vice-Chair;

- (ii) one (1) faculty Senator who is a full-time lab, seminar or service course instructor; and
- (iii) two (2) student representatives from any Faculty.
- (c) Terms of Reference:
 - (i) to engage in on-going review, needs assessment and policy development in all matters related to academic technology and infrastructure (where infrastructure includes both academic physical resources and human resources in academic support areas), and to make recommendations to Senate;
 - (ii) to provide advice and priority-setting assistance to the VPADMIN regarding:
 - 1) support for teaching, learning and scholarly research through the application of computing, information and multi-media technologies;
 - 2) the need for, and design of, new or renovated teaching, learning and research space;
 - 3) staffing needs in academic support areas such as technology services, research assistance, lab supervision and secretarial or clerical support; and
 - 4) the allocation of the annual budgets in technology and academic infrastructure areas;

Revised article reads (changes in bold):

9.6 Technology & Infrastructure Committee (T&I)

- (a) *Ex Officio* Members:
 - (i) the Vice-President **responsible for Finance and Administration (non-voting) or designate (non-voting); and**
 - (ii) the Executive Director, Library Services, or designate;
 - (iii) the Director of Technology Services, or designate.**
- (b) Members Elected by Faculty Council:
 - (i) one (1) faculty Senator or non-Senator from each faculty, one of whom shall be elected by the Committee to serve as Chair, and one of whom shall be elected by the Committee to serve as Vice-Chair;
 - (ii) one (1) faculty Senator who is a full-time lab, seminar or service course instructor; and
 - (iii) two (2) student representatives from any Faculty.
- (c) Terms of Reference:
 - (i) to engage in on-going review, needs assessment and policy development in all matters related to academic technology and infrastructure (where infrastructure includes both academic physical resources and human resources in academic support areas), and to make recommendations to Senate;
 - (ii) to provide advice and priority-setting assistance to the ~~VPFAADMIN~~ VPFAADMIN regarding:
 - 1) support for teaching, learning and scholarly research through the application of computing, information and multi-media technologies;
 - 2) the need for, and design of, new or renovated teaching, learning and research space;
 - 3) staffing needs in academic support areas such as technology services, research assistance, lab supervision and secretarial or clerical support; and
 - 4) the allocation of the annual budgets in technology and academic infrastructure areas;

- ~~(iii) to invite and assess applications for the annual Information Technology in Teaching and Learning Fund, and make recommendations to the PVPAR on the awarding of these funds;~~
- ~~(iv) when other supplementary funds become available for the acquisition of additional technology resources, to oversee the process whereby these funds are announced and awarded on a competition basis; and~~
- ~~(v)(iii) to deal with such other matters as may be assigned from time to time by Senate.~~

- **Notice of Motion (Article 10.2) Research Council (RC)**

Current article reads:

10.2 Research Council (RC)

(a) Membership:

Voting Members:

- (i) the Dean of each Faculty;
- (ii) Six (6) Faculty members, elected by Senate for a minimum two (2) year term, to include: one (1) faculty member from each Faculty representing the Tri-Council disciplines as follows: 1 CIHR, 1 NSERC and 1 SSHRC, and two (2) remaining faculty; and
- (iii) One (1) student representative from a Graduate program

Non-voting Members

- (iv) Provost and Vice-President Academic and Research;
- (v) Assistant Vice-President Research and Graduate Studies; and
- (vi) Executive Director of Library Services, or delegate.

Resource Persons:

Persons who may be invited to provide information or participate in a meeting at the request of the Research Council:

- (i) Chair of the Research Ethics Board
- (ii) Chair of the Animal Care Committee
- (iii) Vice-President, Operations or his/her delegate responsible for Technology services research support
- (iv) Executive Director of External Relations and Advancement or his/her delegate, preferably the Manager of Integrated Marketing Communication
- (v) Executive Director of the Office of Aboriginal Initiatives or his/her delegate
- (vi) Technology Transfer & Business Innovation (research partnerships)
- (vii) Manager, Environmental Health and Safety

Revised Article reads (changes in bold):

10.2 Research Council (RC)

(a) Membership:

Voting Members

- (i) the **Academic** Deans of each Faculty; including **The Dean of Graduate Studies and Research who shall be chair**
- (ii) Six (6) Faculty members, elected by Senate for a minimum two (2) year term, to include:

one (1) faculty member from each Faculty representing the Tri-Council disciplines as follows: 1 CIHR, 1 NSERC and 1 SSHRC, and two (2) remaining faculty; and **one (1)**

Canada Research Chair or Indigenous Education Chair.

(iii) One (1) student representative from a Graduate program

Non-voting Members

- (iv) Provost and Vice-President Academic and Research;
- (v) ~~Assistant Vice President Research and Graduate Studies~~; and
- (vi) Executive Director of Library Services, or delegate.

Resource Persons:

~~Persons who may be invited to provide information or participate in a meeting at the request of the Research Council:~~

- (i) ~~Chair of the Research Ethics Board~~
- (ii) ~~Chair of the Animal Care Committee~~
- (iii) ~~Vice President, Operations or his/her delegate responsible for Technology services research support~~
- (iv) ~~Executive Director of External Relations and Advancement or his/her delegate, preferably the Manager of Integrated Marketing Communication~~
- (v) ~~Executive Director of the Office of Aboriginal Initiatives or his/her delegate~~
- (vi) ~~Technology Transfer & Business Innovation (research partnerships)~~
- (vii) ~~Manager, Environmental Health and Safety~~

Rationale:

Membership (Page 26):

The RC terms of reference (TOR) includes one (1) Research Chair which is absent from the Bylaw. The Dean of Graduate Studies and Research position has been created to replace the Assistant Vice-President Research and Graduate Studies position.

Resource Persons:

These positions no longer exist:

Vice-President, Operations or his/her delegate
 Executive Director of External Relations and Advancement or his/her delegate
 the Manager of Integrated Marketing Communication
 Executive Director of the Office of Aboriginal Initiatives or his/her delegate
 Technology Transfer & Business Innovation (research partnerships)

The list of resource persons should be struck from the article. A new list of relevant resource persons can be included in the updated terms of reference document. Such a list is not included in any other membership article of the By-Laws.

ELECTIONS

- Two tenured or tenure-track faculty Senators (one from the Faculty of Arts and Science and one from the Faculty of Applied and Professional Studies) to serve on the Senate Executive Committee. No Faculty of Arts and Science nominations were received from the floor. The Speaker asked that this request be brought forward at the next Faculty of Arts and Science Faculty Council meeting.

ACCLAIMED (APS): K. McCullough

- Elect two tenured or tenure-track faculty members to serve on the Search Committee for a tenure-track position in Native Studies.

WITHDRAWN

The Dean of Arts and Science advised that the Faculty of Arts & Science October Faculty Council meeting did not have quorum. A Search Committee consisting of K. Srigley, C. Dokis, R. Bedard, C. Peltier, T. Dokis, T. Lukin-Linklater and a student rep. currently exists. The Dean asked that Senate approve the existing Search Committee.

MOTION 11: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by A. Weeks that Senate approve the existing Search Committee for a tenure-track position in Native Studies.
CARRIED

REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES**Board of Governors**

The Board Chair, Marianne Berube, advised that the Board met on November 3 and the Report of the Special Governance Commission was received. She thanked the members of the Commission for all of their time and commitment.

NEW BUSINESS

The Speaker advised that a two-thirds majority vote is required to include discussion and the addition of a Motion requesting that the Teaching and Learning Committee complete a review and come up with a plan to move forward regarding the use of an on-line student opinion survey. A show of hands confirmed that Senators agreed to include the discussion and Motion under New Business. Questions were asked whether there was interest to also include on-site courses and pre-packaged courses in the review.

MOTION 12: Moved by D. Hay, seconded by L. Frost that Senate requests that the Teaching and Learning Committee complete a review and come up with a plan to move forward and make recommendations by February 2016 regarding the use of an on-line student opinion survey.
CARRIED

MOTION 13: Moved by S. Arnocky, seconded by A. Armenakyan that the Report of the Special Governance Commission (SGC) - Collegial Governance at Nipissing University: Shared Challenges and Responsibilities be received.
CARRIED

MOTION 14: Moved by D. Tabachnick, seconded by L. Frost that the Report of the Special Governance Commission (SGC) - Collegial Governance at Nipissing University: Shared Challenges and Responsibilities be referred to the By-Laws and Elections Subcommittee.

A discussion regarding whether the Report should be received by the By-Laws and Elections Subcommittee or the Senate Executive Committee took place. It was noted that the Senate By-Laws and Elections Subcommittee reports to the Senate Executive Committee.

MOTION 15: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by R. Vanderlee that the Motion to refer the Report of the Special Governance Commission (SGC) - Collegial Governance at Nipissing

University: Shared Challenges and Responsibilities be amended to be referred to the Senate Executive.
DEFEATED

MOTION 14: Moved by D. Tabachnick, seconded by L. Frost that the Report of the Special Governance Commission (SGC) - Collegial Governance at Nipissing University: Shared Challenges and Responsibilities be referred to the By-Laws and Elections Subcommittee.
CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Provost gave an update of the adjunct professor appointments for 2015 to 2016. There were four adjunct professor appointments since the last report to Senate. The Provost advised that enrolment is on target. He also advised that research grants have increased since last year.

The Dean of Arts and Science reminded Senators of the upcoming Celebration of Life Service for Dr. Ilse Mueller.

Senator Dempster acknowledged and thanked the Office of Aboriginal Initiatives for their invitation to participate in Indigenous Week. NUSU represented the University at Memorial Gardens for the Remembrance Day ceremonies as well as participated in the University's Remembrance Day ceremony. Upcoming events include: Movember, Christmas in November, and the Santa Claus Parade. NUSU is also hosting a 12 Days of Giving that will take place from November 24 to December 9.

ADJOURNMENT

Senate was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

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M. DeGagné (Chair)

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S. Landriault (Senate Recording Secretary)