

Nipissing University  
Minutes of the Academic Senate Meeting

December 9, 2016

2:30 p.m. – Room F210

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

L. Chen, R. Vernescu

J. Dech, N. Kozuskanich, G. McCann, P. Nosko, M. Owens, T. Parkes, G. Phillips, S. Renshaw, T. Smith, K. Srigley, D. Tabachnick, D. Walters

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

K. Barnes, T. Curry

J. Andrews, M. Hawco, J. Dempster

ABSENT WITH REGRETS:

J. McAuliffe

A. Armenakyan, K. McCullough

S. Arnocky, R. Breton, A. Karassev, S. Srigley, T. Vassilev, A. Weeks

G. Rickwood

N. Allaire

S. Feretycki

B. Kent, D. Ratcliffe, S. Lamorea, C. Tremblay

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

MOTION 1: Moved by G. McCann, seconded by K. Srigley that the agenda of the Senate meeting of December 9, 2016 be approved.  
CARRIED

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SENATE MEETING OF: NOVEMBER 11, 2016

MOTION 2: Moved by M. Owen, seconded by W. Richardson that the minutes of the Senate meeting of November 11, 2016 be adopted.  
CARRIED

### QUESTION PERIOD

Questions were asked regarding the status of the Business Plan and when it is expected to be approved by the Board and posted. The Provost reported that he and the Deans have prepared a draft of an Academic Plan. The Faculty of Arts and Science wanted a different process. It is not clear when it will be completed. We have been in discussion with the MTCU and further time has been allowed for the Business Plan. A further question was asked regarding the status of our Research Plan. The Provost advised that the Dean of Graduate Studies and Research is working on drafting a Research Plan to be presented at a future Senate meeting.

### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND FACULTY OR UNIVERSITY COUNCILS

#### SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MOTION 3: Moved by M. DeGagné, seconded by G. McCann that Senate receive the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated December 2, 2016.  
CARRIED

#### UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE

MOTION 4: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by T. Smith that the Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee, dated October 25, 2016 be received.  
CARRIED

- **October 25, 2016 Report**

### **FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCE**

#### Biology/Philosophy

MOTION 5: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by G. McCann that Senate approve the removal of the anti-requisite from each of PHIL 2716: Bioethics and BIOL 3557: Genetics and Society: Our Genes, Our Choices.  
CARRIED

#### Computer Science and Mathematics

MOTION 6: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by L. Chen that Senate approve the course title for COSC 1901 from Computer Applications for Digital Scholarship to New Media Tools and update the course description as follows:

New Course Title: New Media Tools

New Course Description:

In this course, students examine New Media, its core concepts and application to research. Students encounter aspects of digital literacy necessary to support the creation of broadly distributed digital resources. They also gain experience using contemporary tools in this process. Emphasis is placed on the demand for information delivery, using diverse media formats, across multiple operating platforms and digital devices. Students further their grasp of course topics through a series of related lab activities.

Old Course Title: Computer Applications for Digital Scholarship

Old Course Description:

This course examines core concepts and applications for digital scholarship. A primary focus is the creation of easily distributed, text-based digital resources. Context for such distribution is the Web, thus students are required to design and code suitable, standards-based documents using X/HTML and CSS. Extracting information from data will be explored through a number of important concepts in structured problem solving, database management and programming.

CARRIED

MOTION 7: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Owens that Senate approve the course title for COSC 1902 from Scripting Applications for Digital Scholarship to Coding Techniques and update the course description as follows:

New Course Title: Coding Techniques

New Course Description:

In the evolving world of new media, it is important that students extract information and meaning from large amounts of data. Students learn how to develop and apply programming skills in support of this objective. They also develop coding literacy skills to create interactive websites, read and explain the code structures and query data sources. Through a series of labs, students engage in hands-on activities that support critical course topics.

Old Course Title: Scripting Applications for Digital Scholarship

Old Course Description:

A logical extension of COSC1901 is the addition of website functionality through scripting. To this end, students acquire a useful set of skills by learning to program with JavaScript. Topics include program structure, data types, sequential, conditional and iterative constructs as well as coding, testing and debugging. Application of these skills are accomplished, in part, by creating simple web applications.

CARRIED

### **Gender Equality and Social Justice**

MOTION 8: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by S. Renshaw that Senate approve that GEND 1025: Introduction to Gender, Equality and Social Justice and GEND 1006: Introduction to Gender, Power and Justice be listed as anti-requisite.  
CARRIED

### **History**

MOTION 9: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by K. Srigley that Senate approve the minor modification to the description of hours in HIST 3705: The Holocaust: Nazi Germany, World War II and the Genocide of European Jews from "two hours of lecture and one hour of seminar per week" to "three hours of lecture per week."  
CARRIED

### **SCHULICH SCHOOL OF EDUCATION**

MOTION 10: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by T. Sibbald that Senate approve that 1 week of practicum be added to EDUC 4714 Practicum I.  
CARRIED

MOTION 11: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by T. Sibbald that Senate approve the removal of the J/I curriculum course requirement for I/S teacher candidates and replace with a course from the elective list.

CARRIED

MOTION 12: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by D. Hay that Senate approve that HIST 3947 Sport and Spectacle in Modern Society be cross-coded as PHED 3947 Sport and Spectacle in Modern Society (see attached descriptive data).

CARRIED

- **November 8, 2016 Report**

MOTION 13: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by T. Parkes that the Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee, dated November 8, 2016 be received.

CARRIED

## **FACULTY OF APPLIED AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES**

### **School of Business**

MOTION 14: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by R. Vanderlee that Senate approve that ACCT 2106 and ACCT 2107 be added as prerequisites for ACCT 4827 Auditing.

CARRIED

### **Social Welfare**

#### *Non-Substantive*

SWLF 3296

(a) Change the course name of SWLF 3296 ...

*From:* Globalization and the Welfare State

*To:* Globalization and Social Inequalities

(b) Change the beginning of the course description ...

*From:* This course focuses on the welfare state in the era of globalization. It examines the different levels of social development and inequality in advanced capitalist societies.

*To:* This course surveys social development and inequality in advanced capitalist societies.

MOTION 15: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by L. Chen that Senate approve the addition of SWLF 3426: Race, Ethnicity, and Social Welfare.

CARRIED

MOTION 16: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by S. Renshaw that Senate approve the revision of the course name, course description, and learning outcomes for SWLF 3307 (Comparative Social Development).

CARRIED

MOTION 17: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by G. McCann that Senate approve the revision of the course description and learning outcomes for SWLF 3266 (Religion and Social Welfare).

CARRIED

MOTION 18: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by L. Chen that Senate approve that the prerequisites for SWLF 2006 (Ideology and Social Welfare), SWLF 2007 (Poverty and Social Policy in Canada), SWLF 2995 (Community Service-learning for Social

Development), SWLF 3006 (Social and Economic Justice), and SWLF 3007 (History of Social Welfare) be changed from "SWLF 1005 or SWLF 1006" to "Any 24 credits completed."

CARRIED

MOTION 19: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by S. Renshaw that Senate approve that the prerequisites for SWLF 4006 (Social Development) and SWLF 4007 (Honours Seminar) be changed from "Restricted to students in the third or fourth year of the Honours Specialization program in Social Welfare and Social Development" to "Restricted to students in any Honours program with 84 credits completed."

CARRIED

MOTION 20: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by G. McCann that Senate approve the addition of the following courses as cross-listed courses in Social Welfare and Social Development:

<b>Course</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Prerequisite</b>	<b>Modified sentence in course description</b>
CHFS 2216	Children's Rights	Any course listed in Child and Family Studies	This course may be credited towards Social Welfare and Social Development.
CHFS 3105	Child Welfare: Critical Reflections	Any 24 credits completed	This course may be credited towards Social Welfare and Social Development.
CHFS 3106	Youth and Social Justice	Any 24 credits completed	This course may be credited towards Social Welfare and Social Development.
CHFS 3216	Caregivers and the Welfare of Children and Families	No prerequisite	This course may be credited towards Social Welfare and Social Development.
GEND 2516	Race, Law, and Violence	Any 18 credits completed	This course may be credited towards Social Welfare and Social Development.
INTD 2005	Introduction to Interdisciplinary Analysis	Any 18 credits completed	This course may be credited towards Social Welfare and Social Development.
UNIV 3006	Experiential Learning for Arts and Science Students	Students must be in their third or fourth year of study and are completing a BA, BFA, or BSc degree and must have a 75% overall average to enroll.	This course may be credited towards Social Welfare and Social Development.

CARRIED

## **FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCE**

### **Gender Equality and Social Justice**

MOTION 21: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by S. Renshaw that Senate approve that the new course GEND 3076: Reality TV and the Politics of Difference be added to the Nipissing University Calendar under Gender Equality and Social Justice.  
CARRIED

### **University Success**

MOTION 22: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by G. McCann that Senate approve that the prerequisite for UNIV 3006: Experiential Learning for Arts and Science Students to include the following sentence: *This course may be credited towards a student's program of study with the approval of the academic unit.*  
CARRIED

### **POLICY**

MOTION 23: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve that the Proof of Proficiency in English policy modification be approved.

Due to an error in the English Language Proficiency Policy document provided in the supporting documentation of the November 8, 2016 USC Report the following new document was provided to Senators:

#### **Undergraduate Studies Committee**

#### **Proof of Proficiency in English Policy Modification**

**Motion:** That the Undergraduate Studies Committee recommend to Senate that the Proof of Proficiency in English policy modification be approved.

Faculty expressed concerns that another service provider could come in to take over work and requested that a rationale be provided. The Provost informed that the wording in either motion would not prevent NU faculty from teaching these courses, and as NU currently does not have an ESL program the current policy needs to be modified to be more receptive to attracting international students. He advised that the rationale was included in the USC Report.

MOTION 23: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by D. Tabachnick that Senate approve that the Proof of Proficiency in English policy modification be approved as amended below: Applicants who have successfully completed EAP programs associated with other Canadian universities and obtained that university's minimum level for admission consideration may also be considered to have met Nipissing University's English language proficiency requirement. Alternatively, Nipissing University may offer such services on its campus, with similar minimum levels of proficiency.  
CARRIED  
1 ABSTENTION

### **PLANNING AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE**

MOTION 24: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that the Report of the Planning and Priorities Committee dated November 25, 2016, be received.  
CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

Len Gamache provided a presentation and answered questions on the Role of University Advancement.

The Funding Framework and SMA presentation by Jamie Graham and the Report on Senate Reform Survey and how Senate wishes to proceed with the results were both tabled to the January 13, 2017 Senate meeting.

MOTION 25: Moved by M. DeGagné, seconded by S. Renshaw that Senate move in camera.  
CARRIED

President DeGagné gave a report from the Honorary Degrees Subcommittee.

MOTION 26: Moved by M. DeGagné, seconded by H. d'Entremont that Senate move out of camera.  
CARRIED

AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

MOTION 27: Moved by D. Tabachnick, seconded by G. McCann that Senate approve that Article 9.6 Technology & Infrastructure Committee (T&I) be amended to read:

9.6 Technology & Infrastructure Committee (T&I)

(a) *Ex Officio* Members:

- (i) the Vice-President responsible for Finance and Administration 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 VPFA 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 deal with such other matters as may be assigned from time to time by Senate.

CARRIED

MOTION 28: Moved by D. Tabachnick, seconded by J. Dempster that Senate approve that Article 10.2 Research Council (RC) Technology & Infrastructure Committee (T&I) be amended to read:

Article 10.2 Research Council (RC)

(a) Membership:

Voting Members

- (i) the Academic Deans; 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; and
  - (v) Executive Director of Library Services, or delegate.
- CARRIED

The Senate Speaker and Chair of the By-Laws and Elections Subcommittee wished to clarify a ruling made at the November 11, 2016 Senate meeting regarding a request to include an entire question into the record so that it would appear verbatim in the Senate minutes. The Speaker advised that he was asked to rule on a specific case and as this request took place outside of the purview of Senate he ruled against it, but he in no way implied that verbal questions would not be accepted at future Senate meetings. Such requests will be considered on an ongoing basis with the approval of Senators.

REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

Council of Ontario Universities (Academic Colleague)

Senator McCann's report was tabled to the January 13, 2017 Senate meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President discussed the Academic Plan. When the plan was brought forward previously, concerns were expressed and a request for an alternative process was suggested by Faculty of Arts & Science. The importance of having the Academic Plan come back to Senate was emphasized. As the motion was voted down at the last Senate meeting, can a motion be moved that Senate strike a Strategic Enrollment Committee to provide advice?

The Dean of Arts & Science responded that last spring the Chairs held a Retreat and information was asked for and the Arts & Science Executive struck a Committee. The Chairs will be meeting next week to discuss the feedback and it is hoped that a draft will be available for discussion at the next Faculty Council meeting. Once it has been discussed at Faculty Council it will then come back to Senate as it needs to reflect all three faculties. It will then be redistributed out to a committee formed of all bodies.

The Provost and Vice-President Academic and Research advised that the average rate of default in the Ontario university system is 3.6%. The average rate of default in the Ontario College system is 10.8%

(NU is below the average at 3.3%). The next round for CFI proposals will be February 15, 2017. We have another allocation of \$400,000. Strategic Enrollment management was discussed again at the COU meeting. We need a framework for strategic enrolment differentiation. We hope to have the funding framework announced at the next Senate mtg. Senate and PPC need to have feedback. The SMA process is in negotiation with the government. Hopefully by the next Senate meeting we can give more specifics.

The Dean of Education congratulated Casey Phillips for successfully defending his PhD dissertation.

The Speaker advised that the VP responsible for Finance and Administration will now be formally recognized as a member of Senate and will be added to the list for reports starting in January.

Senator Andrews advised that the Executive elections will be held January 16 to February 1, 2017. The Random Acts of Kindness event was a huge success. January is Lakers re-orientation with a week full of celebration. A New Year’s bash has been planned for January 13. NUSU has submitted a charity application. If accepted NUSU will be the first in Ontario to accept donations as well as complete events that are restricted to only charities. A larger student endowment fund with local businesses is being developed which will enable the Student Food Bank and the endowment fund to add even more resources. It was a pleasure to have participated in judging the spirit day awards. Happy holidays from everyone at NUSU.

ADJOURNMENT

With the departure of several Senators, quorum was lost and the Senate meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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M. DeGagné (Chair)

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S. Landriault (Senate Secretary)