

Nipissing University  
Minutes of the Academic Senate Meeting

January 13, 2017

2:30 p.m. – Room F210

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

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

R. Breton, J. Dech, A. Karassev, N. Kozuskanich, G. McCann,  
C. McFarlane, M. Owens, T. Parkes, G. Phillips, T., K. Srigley,  
S. Srigley, R. Gendron, D. Tabachnick, T. Vassilev, A. Weeks

B. Hatt, T. Horton, D. Jarvis, M. Parr, J. Scott, G. Sharpe, T.  
Sibbald

C. Cho

O. Pokorny

N. Allaire

T. Curry

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

ABSENT WITH REGRETS:

C. Richardson, R. Vanderlee

S. Arnocky, A. Burke, P. Nosko, D. Walters

L. Frost, D. Hay, W. Richardson, G. Rickwood

L. Rossi

K. Barnes

S. Feretycki

D. Ratcliffe, C. Tremblay

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA OF THE SENATE MEETING OF: January 13, 2017

MOTION 1: Moved by J. Dempster, seconded by M. Hawco that the agenda of the Senate meeting of  
January 13, 2017 be approved.  
CARRIED

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SENATE MEETING OF: December 9, 2016

MOTION 2: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by S. Srigley that the minutes of the Senate meeting of December 9, 2016 be adopted with a correction.  
CARRIED

### BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

It was noted that on page 2 under Question Period the reference to MTCU should read MAESD (Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development). The Minutes will be revised to reflect this correction. A request was made to include the information on the Role of University Advancement presentation made by Len Gamache at the December 9 Senate meeting. This information will be included in the Minutes and added to the Senate website. The Speaker requested that two items of unfinished business tabled from the December 9, 2016 Senate meeting be moved up on the agenda.

Senator Graham reported that Dr. Bonnie Patterson, former President and CEO of the Council of Ontario Universities, will be the point person for the SMA's at the MAESD. He advised that Dr. Patterson is familiar with NU and is an advocate for smaller institutions. The SMA templates should be available by the end of January. It is not yet clear what the templates will look like. Face-to-face consultations should start in February. The conclusion of the SMA process is not anticipated until late June. Senator Graham provided a presentation and answered questions on the Funding Framework and SMA process. A copy of the presentation is attached to the Minutes.

The Speaker advised that the Report on Senate Reform Survey had been brought forward at the November and December Senate meetings. The Report has been reviewed by the By-Laws and Elections Subcommittee as well as the Senate Executive Committee. The Speaker asked Senators to provide feedback as to how they wished to proceed with the Survey.

MOTION 3: Moved by A. Armenakyan, seconded by T. Horton that a committee consisting of three (3) representatives, one (1) representative from each faculty, as well as one (1) student representative be created to review the Report on Senate Reform Survey and bring forward recommendations to Senate.  
CARRIED

### QUESTION PERIOD

A request was made for an update on the search for the Provost and Vice President, Academic and Research position. The President advised that the Search Committee has declared a failed search. The position will be re-advertised as soon as possible and the Search Committee will remain the same. If the search runs past June 30, an interim appointment may be looked at. A request was made for further information regarding the failed search. The President advised that a failed search is not uncommon at this level of management and there is sufficient time for the process to start over. A Senator advised that good people have been hired in a similar process and that it is important to trust our administrators and leaders to make the best decisions for the university.

A Senator advised of a recent news item in which the community of Timmins is participating in a study to look at the feasibility of a university campus in Timmins and asked if NU might also pursue this opportunity? The Provost advised that this is not a new issue. Given what we are hearing about declining demographics in the north, regardless of the study it is highly unlikely that programs or courses could be offered.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND FACULTY OR UNIVERSITY COUNCILS****SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

MOTION 4: Moved by M. DeGagné, seconded by K. McCullough that Senate receive the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated December 21, 2016.  
CARRIED

**UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE**

MOTION 5: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that the Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee dated November 22, 2016, 2017 be received.  
CARRIED

- **November 22, 2016 Report**

**FACULTY OF APPLIED AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES****School of Criminology and Criminal Justice**

MOTION 6: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by A. Weeks that Senate approve Motions 7 through 13 as outlined as an omnibus Motion.  
CARRIED

MOTION 7: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by A. Weeks the addition of CRJS 3506 Criminology of Serial Homicide.

MOTION 8: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by A. Weeks that Senate approve the addition of CRJS 4356 Community Corrections.

MOTION 9: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by A. Weeks that Senate approve the addition of CRJS 4446 Special Projects in Criminal Justice.

MOTION 10: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by A. Weeks that Senate approve that the 6-credit course CRJS 4105, Honours Thesis and CRJS 4305, Research Project in Criminal Justice, be banked.

MOTION 11: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by A. Weeks that Senate approve the deletion of CRJS 3406 Serial and Mass Murder I and CRJS 3407 Serial and Mass Murder II.

MOTION 12: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by A. Weeks that Senate approve that the 3-credit course CRJS 4466, Program and Policy Evaluation, be removed as a degree requirement for students in the Criminology Stream.

MOTION 13: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by A. Weeks that Senate approve the following change to the Criminology stream:  
• Addition of any 4000-level Criminal Justice course (3 credits), to the Criminology stream requirements

MOTION 14: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by J. Dempster that Senate approve that CRJS 4466, Program and Policy Evaluation, CRJS 3506 Criminology of Serial Homicide, CRJS 4356 Community Corrections, CRJS 3626 Victimology be added to the list of Criminology Stream Electives and Criminal Justice Studies stream electives.  
CARRIED

MOTION 15: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by G. McCann that Senate approve the addition of CRJS 3626 Victimology.  
CARRIED

## **FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCE**

### **Computer Science and Mathematics**

MOTION 16: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by A. Weeks that Senate approve Motions 17 through 21 as outlined as an omnibus Motion.  
CARRIED

MOTION 17: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by A. Weeks that Senate approve that the contact hours for **MATH 2076 Probability & Statistics I** be changed from “three hours of lecture and one hour of tutorial per week for one term” to “**four hours of lecture per week.**”

MOTION 18: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by A. Weeks that Senate approve that the contact hours for **MATH 1070: Fundamental Concepts of Mathematics for Teachers** be changed from “three hours of lecture and one hour of tutorial per week” to “**four hours of lecture/laboratory work per week.**”

MOTION 19: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by A. Weeks that Senate approve that the contact hours for **COSC 1557 Introduction to Computer Science** be changed from “**three hours of lecture and one hour of laboratory per week for one term**” to “**two hours of lecture and 2 hours of laboratory work per week**” for one term.

MOTION 20: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by A. Weeks that Senate approve that the contact hours for **COSC 3657 Distributed Systems** be changed from “**two hours of lecture and two hours of laboratory per week for one term**” to “**three hours of lecture per week**” for one term.

MOTION 21: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by A. Weeks that Senate approve that the contact hours for **COSC 4406 Software Engineering** be changed from “**three hours of lecture and one hour of laboratory per week for one term**” to “**four hours of lecture/laboratory work per week**” for one term.

### **Gender and Equality**

MOTION 22: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve Motions 23 through 25 as outlined as an omnibus Motion.  
CARRIED

- MOTION 23: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve that **GEND 2036 “Gender and Environmental Justice”** be changed to **“Environmental Justice”** and that the course description be modified to reflect this change in the title.
- MOTION 24: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve the new course **GEND 2526 “Prisons, Race, & Gender”** as per the attached document.
- MOTION 25: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve the new course **GEND 2536 “Tourism, Pleasure, & Power”** as per the attached document.

### History

- MOTION 26: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by K. Srigley that Senate approve the change in the description of the delivery pattern of the following courses as outlined below:

Hist 4185 (6 credits): Canada in the Twentieth Century  
 Hist 4335 (6 credits): Topics in American History  
 Hist 4435 (6 credits): Sexuality and Gender in Europe, 1300–1600  
 Hist 4495 (6 credits): Britain in the Twentieth Century  
 Hist 4505 (6 credits): Topics in Medieval History  
 Hist 4605 (6 credits): Special Topics  
 Hist 4607 (3 credits): Special Topics  
 Hist 4615 (6 credits): Special Topics  
 Hist 4617 (3 credits): Special Topics  
 Hist 4625 (6 credits): Special Topics  
 Hist 4627 (3 credits): Special Topics  
 Hist 4665 (6 credits): Twentieth Century International History to 1953  
 Hist 4805 (6 credits): War and Genocide in the Twentieth Century  
 Hist 4815 (6 credits): The Third Reich  
 Hist 4817 (3 credits): The Third Reich

#### Change:

From

**Current Description: “Three hours of lecture per week”**

To

**Modified Description: “Three hours of seminar per week”**

CARRIED

### Political Science

- MOTION 27: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve Motions 28 through 30 as outlined as an omnibus Motion.  
CARRIED
- MOTION 28: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve the addition of a 3-credit **POLI 4206 Honours Seminar** as per the attached document.
- MOTION 29: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve the addition of a 3-credit **POLI 4207 Honours Seminar** as per the attached document.

MOTION 30: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate bank **POLI 4205 Honours Seminar.**

**Sociology**

MOTION 31: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve that **the degree requirements for the Honours Specialization in Sociology** be changed as follows:

Old Requirements:

**Honours Specialization in Sociology**

**Program Requirements:**

Students will need to achieve a minimum 70% average in the 60 credits presented for the Honours Specialization in Sociology.

Students must complete 120 credits including 60 credits in the Honours Specialization as follows:

<a href="#">SOCI 1016</a>	Introduction to Sociology	3 cr.
<a href="#">SOCI 2016</a>	Classical Sociological Theory	3 cr.
<a href="#">SOCI 2017</a>	Contemporary Sociological Theory	3 cr.
<a href="#">SOCI 2126</a>	Introduction to Sociological Research Methods	3 cr.
<a href="#">SOCI 2127</a>	Quantitative Research Methods	3 cr.
<a href="#">SOCI 3016</a>	Critical Perspectives on Sociological Theory	3 cr.
<a href="#">SOCI 3226</a>	Survey Research	3 cr.
<a href="#">SOCI 4016</a>	Advanced Sociological Theory	3 cr.
<a href="#">SOCI 4127</a>	Advanced Social Data Analysis	3 cr.
<a href="#">SOCI 4576</a>	Honours Seminar in Professional Development in Sociology	3 cr.

In addition, students must complete:

SOCI Upper level	<b>27 cr.</b>
SOCI 4000 level	<b>3 cr.</b>

New Requirements:

**Honours Specialization in Sociology**

**Program Requirements:**

Students will need to achieve a minimum 70% average in the 60 credits presented for the Honours Specialization in Sociology. Students must complete 120 credits including 60 credits in the Honours Specialization as follows:

<a href="#">SOVI 1016</a>	Introduction to Sociology	3 cr.
<a href="#">SOVI 2016</a>	Classical Sociological Theory	3 cr.
<a href="#">SOVI 2017</a>	Contemporary Sociological Theory	3 cr.
<a href="#">SOVI 2126</a>	Introduction to Sociological Research Methods	3 cr.
<a href="#">SOVI 2127</a>	Quantitative Research Methods	3 cr.
<a href="#">SOVI 3226</a>	Survey Research	3 cr.
<a href="#">SOVI 4016</a>	Advanced Sociological Theory	3 cr.
<a href="#">SOVI 4127</a>	Advanced Social Data Analysis	3 cr.
<a href="#">SOVI 4576</a>	Honours Seminar in Professional Development in Sociology	3 cr.

In addition, students must complete:

SOVI Upper level	<b>30 cr.</b>
SOVI 4000 level	<b>3 cr.</b>
CARRIED	

MOTION 32: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve that the degree requirements for the Specialization in Sociology be changed as follows:

Old Requirements:

**Specialization in Sociology**

**Graduation Requirements:**

In addition to the program requirements listed below, students must also satisfy the Bachelor of Arts (four-year) degree requirements, which include regulations on first year and subject maximum and breadth requirements.

**Program Requirements:**

Students will need to achieve a minimum 60% average in the 54 credits presented for the Specialization in Sociology.

Students must complete 120 credits including 54 credits in the Specialization as follows:

<a href="#">SOVI 1016</a>	Introduction to Sociology	3 cr.
<a href="#">SOVI 2016</a>	Classical Sociological Theory	3 cr.
<a href="#">SOVI 2017</a>	Contemporary Sociological Theory	3 cr.
<a href="#">SOVI 2126</a>	Introduction to Sociological Research Methods	3 cr.

<a href="#">SOC 2127</a>	Quantitative Research Methods	3 cr.
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<a href="#">SOC 3016</a>	Critical Perspectives on Sociological Theory	3 cr.
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<a href="#">SOC 3226</a>	Survey Research	3 cr.
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In addition, students must complete:

SOCI Upper level	<b>27 cr.</b>
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SOCI 4000 level	<b>6 cr.</b>
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### New Requirements

#### **Specialization in Sociology**

#### **Graduation Requirements:**

In addition to the program requirements listed below, students must also satisfy the Bachelor of Arts (four-year) degree requirements, which include regulations on first year and subject maximum and breadth requirements.

#### **Program Requirements:**

Students will need to achieve a minimum 60% average in the 54 credits presented for the Specialization in Sociology.

Students must complete 120 credits including 54 credits in the Specialization as follows:

<a href="#">SOC 1016</a>	Introduction to Sociology	3 cr.
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<a href="#">SOC 2016</a>	Classical Sociological Theory	3 cr.
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<a href="#">SOC 2017</a>	Contemporary Sociological Theory	3 cr.
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<a href="#">SOC 2126</a>	Introduction to Sociological Research Methods	3 cr.
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<a href="#">SOC 2127</a>	Quantitative Research Methods	3 cr.
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<a href="#">SOC 3226</a>	Survey Research	3 cr.
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In addition, students must complete:

SOCI Upper level	<b>30 cr.</b>
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SOCI 4000 level	<b>6 cr.</b>
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CARRIED

MOTION 33: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve that the degree requirements for the **Major in Sociology** be changed as follows:

#### Old Requirements:

#### **Major in Sociology**



**Graduation Requirements:**

In addition to the program requirements listed below, students must also satisfy the Bachelor of Arts degree requirements, which include regulations on first year and subject maximum and breadth requirements.

**Program Requirements:**

Students will need to achieve a minimum 60% average in the 36 credits presented for the Major in Sociology.

Students must complete 36 credits in the Major as follows:

<a href="#">SOC 1016</a>	Introduction to Sociology	3 cr.
<a href="#">SOC 2016</a>	Classical Sociological Theory	3 cr.
<a href="#">SOC 2017</a>	Contemporary Sociological Theory	3 cr.
<a href="#">SOC 2126</a>	Introduction to Sociological Research Methods	3 cr.
<a href="#">SOC 2127</a>	Quantitative Research Methods	3 cr.
<a href="#">SOC 3016</a>	Critical Perspectives on Sociological Theory	3 cr.
<a href="#">SOC 3226</a>	Survey Research	3 cr.

In addition, students must complete:

SOC Upper level	<b>15 cr.</b>
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New Requirements**Major in Sociology****Graduation Requirements:**

In addition to the program requirements listed below, students must also satisfy the Bachelor of Arts degree requirements, which include regulations on first year and subject maximum and breadth requirements.

**Program Requirements:**

Students will need to achieve a minimum 60% average in the 36 credits presented for the Major in Sociology.

Students must complete 36 credits in the Major as follows:

<a href="#">SOC 1016</a>	Introduction to Sociology	3 cr.
<a href="#">SOC 2016</a>	Classical Sociological Theory	3 cr.
<a href="#">SOC 2017</a>	Contemporary Sociological Theory	3 cr.
<a href="#">SOC 2126</a>	Introduction to Sociological Research Methods	3 cr.

<a href="#">SOVI 2127</a>	Quantitative Research Methods	3 cr.
<a href="#">SOVI 3226</a>	Survey Research	3 cr.

In addition, students must complete:

SOCI Upper level	<b>18 cr.</b>
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CARRIED

## POLICY

### Distinction at Graduation Policy

MOTION 34: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by J. Graham that Senate approve that, effective immediately, the Distinction at Graduation Policy be revised as outlined in the attached document.

CARRIED

- **December 6, 2016 Report**

MOTION 35: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that the Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee, dated December 6, 2016 be received.

CARRIED

## FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCE

### Economics

MOTION 36: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve Motions 37 and 38 as outlined as an omnibus Motion.

CARRIED

MOTION 37: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve that the classroom contact hours for **ECON1006 (Microeconomics)** be changed from "three hours of lecture per week per term" to **"three hours of lecture and one hour of tutorial per week."**

MOTION 38: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve that the Undergraduate Studies Committee recommends to Senate to approve that the classroom contact hours for **ECON1007 (Macroeconomics)** be changed from "three hours of lecture per week per term" to **"three hours of lecture and one hour of tutorial per week."**

### Geography

MOTION 39: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve Motions 40 through 45 as outlined as an omnibus Motion.

CARRIED

- MOTION 40: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve that the prerequisites for GEOG 2017 Introduction to Geomatics be changed from "GEOG 1016 and GEOG 1017" to "Any 24 credits completed".
- MOTION 41: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve that the number of hours for GEOG 2017 Introduction to Geomatics be changed from "Three hours of lecture and one hour of laboratory work per week for one term" to "Three hours of lecture and two hours of laboratory work per week for one term".
- MOTION 42: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve that the number of hours for GEOG 3056 Spatial Analysis Using GIS be changed from "Three hours of lecture and one hour of laboratory work per week for one term" to "Three hours of lecture and two hours of laboratory work per week for one term".
- MOTION 43: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve that the number of hours for GEOG 3066 Remote Sensing of the Environment be changed from "Three hours of lecture and one hour of laboratory work per week for one term" to "Three hours of lecture and two hours of laboratory work per week for one term".
- MOTION 44: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve that the prerequisites for GEOG 3066 Remote Sensing of the Environment be changed from "GEOG 1016, GEOG 1017 and GEOG 2026" to "GEOG 2017".
- MOTION 45: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve that the description for **GEOG 3096 Environmental Hydrology** be changed as described below:

From

Original Description:

"Students examine the movement and storage of water at various scales. A combined focus is on understanding of what controls water movement and storage from its point of entry to a watershed through its exit point(s) and the use of environmental tracers in the study of human impacts on our watersheds. This course may be credited towards Science."

To

**Revised Description:**

**Students examine topics in environmental hydrology, including the study of physical processes controlling water movement and storage at various scales and the use of environmental tracers in the study of human impacts on our watersheds. The lab component may include field, laboratory and computing activities. This course may be credited towards Science.**

### History

- MOTION 46: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by R. Breton that Senate approve that the new course **HIST 2016 Colonialism and Resettlement in the Canadian West** be added as outlined in the attached document.

CARRIED

### Spanish

- MOTION 47: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve Motions 48 through 52 as outlined as an omnibus Motion.

CARRIED

MOTION 48: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve the addition of **ESPA 2706 Cultures of Spain** under Spanish as outlined in the attached document.

MOTION 49: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve the addition of **ESPA 2707: Latin American Culture** under Spanish as outlined in the attached document.

MOTION 50: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate bank **ESPA 2705 Introduction to Hispanic Culture and Civilization**.

MOTION 51: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve the addition of **ESPA 2306 Evolution and Revolution** under Spanish as outlined in the attached document.

MOTION 52: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve the addition of **ESPA 3016 Advanced Spanish Language** under Spanish as outlined in the attached document.

### Summer Institutes

MOTION 53: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by J. Dempster hat Senate approve the addition of an accelerated, three-credit Summer Institute course type (SI) that will serve as a vehicle for courses delivered in an accelerated mode.  
CARRIED

### • **December 19, 2016 Report**

MOTION 54: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate receive the Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee, dated December 19, 2016.  
CARRIED

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

### Social Work

MOTION 55: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve Motions 56 through 86 as outlined as an omnibus Motion.

MOTION 56: Moved by S. Srigley, seconded by G. McCann that Senate approve the request to have Motions 60 & 63 removed from the Omnibus Motion to be discussed separately.  
CARRIED

MOTION 55: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve  
(AS AMMENDED) Motions 56 through 85, with the exception of Motions 60 and 63 as outlined as an omnibus Motion.  
CARRIED

MOTION 57: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve the creation of SWRK1007 Introduction to Social Work as a required course for the BSW program.

- MOTION 58: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve to delete SWRK1006 Foundations of Social Work Practice.
- MOTION 59: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve SWLF1006 *Introduction to Social Welfare and Social Development* as a required course for the BSW program.
- MOTION 60: That Senate approve ADMIN1156 *Business for Non-Business Majors*, PHIL1117 *Values and the Human Condition*, and RLCT 1206 *What Does It All Mean? Religious Perspectives* as additional recommended electives for students considering social work.  
*MOTION NOT MOVED*
- MOTION 61: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve SWRK2006 *Foundations of Social Work Practice* as an additional required course for the BSW program.
- MOTION 62: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve the creation of SWRK2106 *Critical Social Policy for Social Work* as a required course for the BSW program.
- MOTION 63: That Senate approve ADMIN2156 *Introduction to Entrepreneurship*, CHFS2206 *Children, Families and Social Justice*, GEND2147 *Bodies, Borders and Belonging*, GEND2206 *Sex, Body and Identity*, NATI2005 *Native Kinships with Environment*, PHIL2505 *Reasoning and Logical Argument (6)*, PHIL2716 *Bioethics*, PHIL2717 *Environmental Ethics*, PSYC2006 *Childhood Development*, PSYCH2007 *Adult Development*, PSYCH2807 *Introduction to Social Psychology*, SOCI2036 *Introduction to Social Gerontology*, SOCI2037 *Sociology of Family and Household Relationships*, SOCIO3057 *Demography: Introduction to Population Studies*, SWLF/NATI3406 *Colonialism in First Nations' Communities* OR SWLF3407 *Social Development in First Nations' Communities* OR GEND2066 *Race, Colonization and Indigeneity*, SWLF2995 *Community Service Learning for Social Development (6)*, SWLF2006 *Ideology and Social Welfare* as an additional recommended electives for students considering social work.  
*MOTION NOT MOVED*
- MOTION 64: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve the creation of SWRK3216 *Professional Skills Development* as a required course for the BSW program.
- MOTION 65: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve to delete SWRK3206 *Communication, Theory and Practice*.
- MOTION 66: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve the creation of SWRK3105 *Field Practicum I* as a required course for the BSW program.
- MOTION 67: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve SWRK3316 *Structural and Interpersonal Violence* as a required course for the BSW program.
- MOTION 68: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve to delete SWRK3107 *Violence against Women and Children*.

- MOTION 69: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve *SWRK3305 Individual Practice across the Lifespan* as a required course for the BSW program.
- MOTION 70: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve to delete *SWRK3306 Individual Practice across the Lifespan*.
- MOTION 71: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve *SWRK3806 Community Practice in Northern and Rural Communities* be renamed *SWRK3806 Community Practice in Northern, Rural and Remote Communities*.
- MOTION 72: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve a course code change for *SW3606 Aboriginal Child Welfare* to *SWRK4316 Aboriginal Child Welfare*.
- MOTION 73: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve to delete the required *SWRK3706 Working with Children and Families*.
- MOTION 74: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve to delete the following elective courses: *SWRK3007 Social Change and Social Action*, *SWRK3207 Social Work Practices in Mental Health and Addictions*, and *SWRK3307 Social Work: Selected Topics*.
- MOTION 75: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve the creation of *SWRK4605 Field Practicum II* as a required course for the BSW program.
- MOTION 76: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve to delete *SWRK4505 Field Practicum* and *SWRK4515 Field Practicum*.
- MOTION 77: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve to delete *SWRK4406 Field Integration Seminar*.
- MOTION 78: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve the creation of *SWRK4706 Risk, Resilience and Complexity* as a required course for the BSW program.
- MOTION 79: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve the creation of *SWRK4716 Social Work Leadership* as a required course for the BSW program.
- MOTION 80: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve the creation of *SWRK4416 Gerontological Social Work* as an elective course for the BSW program.
- MOTION 81: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve the creation of *SWRK4426 Social Work with Children and Families* as an elective course for the BSW program.
- MOTION 82: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve the creation of *SWRK4436 Social Work with Youth* as an elective course for the BSW program.
- MOTION 83: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve the creation of *SWRK4446 Social Work with People with Disabilities* as an elective course for the BSW program.

- MOTION 84: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve the creation of *SWRK4456 International Social Work* as an elective course for the BSW program.
- MOTION 85: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve the creation of *SWRK4746 Social Work, Health and Well-Being* as an elective course for the BSW program.
- MOTION 86: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve that Motions 57-85 are effective for any students entering the BSW program in September 2017; years 2, 3 and 4 of the revised program for those students who entered the program in September 2016; and, years 3 and 4 of the revised program for those students who entered the program in September 2015.

## FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCE

### Classics

- MOTION 87: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate approve Motions 88 through 91 as outlined as an omnibus Motion.  
CARRIED
- MOTION 88: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate approve the creation of **CLAS 2706 – *The Ancient World in Modern Popular Media*** to the Academic Calendar under **CLASSICAL STUDIES**.
- MOTION 89: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate approve the creation of **CLAS 3426 – *Research Tools and Methods in Digital Classics*** to the Academic Calendar under **CLASSICAL STUDIES**.
- MOTION 90: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate approve the creation of **CLAS 4426 – *Digital Classics Research Design Project*** to the Academic Calendar under **CLASSICAL STUDIES**.
- MOTION 91: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate approve a Nipissing Certificate in Digital Classics that will be awarded at the time of graduation.

### Fine and Performing Arts

- MOTION 92: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve that the course description for **FAVA 3046 Critical Issues in Art History and Visual Studies** be changed under FAVA as outlined below.

#### **From:**

#### **Old Course Description:**

In this course, students will utilize interdisciplinary approaches that engage with the field of Art History and Visual Studies. Students will become familiar with a variety of theories, such as Marxism, feminism, queer theory, critical race studies, and postcoloniality that can be applied to art historical and studio practices.

#### **To:**

#### **New Description:**

Students utilize interdisciplinary approaches that engage with the field of contemporary art and Visual Studies. Students become familiar with a variety of theories, such as Marxism, feminism, queer theory, critical race studies, and postcoloniality that can be applied to the study of contemporary art, as well as to art historical and studio practices.

CARRIED

MOTION 93: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve Motions 94 through 99 as outlined as an omnibus Motion.

CARRIED

MOTION 94: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve that **FAVA 3346 Theoretical Issues in Contemporary Art** be banked.

MOTION 95: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve the creation of **FAVA 3006 Renaissance(s): Art and the Global Encounter** under **FAVA** as outlined in the attached document.

MOTION 96: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve the creation of **FILM 2316 The Animated Feature** under **FILM** as outlined in the attached document.

MOTION 97: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve the creation of **FILM 2106 Popular Spectacle Cinema** under **FILM** as outlined in the attached document.

MOTION 98: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve that **FILM 2316 The Animated Feature** be cross-listed within Fine Arts *Art History and Visual Studies stream*.

MOTION 99: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve that **FILM 2106 Popular Spectacle Cinema** be cross-listed within the Fine Arts *Art History and Visual Studies stream*.

### **Gender and Equality**

MOTION 100: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by G. McCann that Senate approve **the cross-listing of INTD 2005 and INTD 3005** within the program in **Gender Equality and Social Justice**.

CARRIED

### **Geography**

MOTION 101: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate approve that the prerequisites for **GEOG 3096 Environmental Hydrology** be changed from "GEOG 2126" to "Any 54 credits completed with 6 credits from the sciences".

From

**Original Prerequisites: "GEOG 2126"**

To

**Modified Prerequisites: "Any 54 credits completed with 6 credits from the sciences"**

CARRIED



**History**

MOTION 102: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by R. Gendron that Senate approve Motions 103 through 105 as outlined as an omnibus Motion.

CARRIED

MOTION 103: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by R. Gendron that Senate approve the creation of **HIST 2626 Restraining the Hounds of War: Just War, International Law, and Human Rights in Modern International History** under **HISTORY**.

MOTION 104: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by R. Gendron that Senate approve the creation of **HIST 3526 Spooks: the Rise of the Secret Security State in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century** under **HISTORY**.

MOTION 105: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by R. Gendron that Senate approve the creation of **HIST 2377: History of Nursing** under **HISTORY**.

**Philosophy**

MOTION 106: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve Motions 107 through 117 as outlined as an omnibus Motion.

CARRIED

MOTION 107: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve the creation of **PHIL 1116 Introduction to Western Philosophy** outlined in the attached document.

MOTION 108: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve the creation of **PHIL 1117 Values and the Human Condition** as outlined in the attached document.

MOTION 109: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve the banking of **PHIL 1115 Introduction to Philosophy**.

MOTION 110: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve the creation of **PHIL 3336 Reason and Experience in Modern Philosophy** as outlined in the attached document.

MOTION 111: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve the creation of **PHIL 3337 Idealism and Its Critics** as outlined in the attached document.

MOTION 112: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve the banking of **PHIL 3335 History of Modern Philosophy**.

MOTION 113: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve the creation of **PHIL 3636 Philosophy of Law** as outlined in the attached document.

MOTION 114: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve a modification of the program requirements for the Honours Specialization, Specialization, and Major in Philosophy as outlined in the attached document.

MOTION 115: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve a modification to the program requirements for the Minor in Philosophy that **PHIL 1115 Introduction to**

**Philosophy be removed and replaced with 3 credits of PHIL 1116 Introduction to Western Philosophy or PHIL 1117 Values and Human Condition** as outlined in the attached document.

MOTION 116: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve that the prerequisite for **PHIL 4305 Twentieth-Century Continental Philosophy** be changed from "**PHIL 3335 and restricted to students in the fourth year of the Honours Philosophy program**" to "**PHIL 2305, PHIL 3336, and PHIL 3337.**"

MOTION 117: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve that the prerequisites for **PHIL 4206 Seminar in Philosophy** and **PHIL 4207 Seminar in Philosophy** be changed from "**PHIL 2305 and PHIL 3335**" to "**PHIL 2305, PHIL 3336, and PHIL 3337.**"

### Psychology

MOTION 118: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve that the course description for **PSYC 3506: Neuropharmacology be changed as described below.**

#### **PSYCH 3506: Neuropharmacology** **Current Course Description**

Drugs and their effects on neural function are described and evaluated in detail. Although all major pharmacological classes of drugs are reviewed, the main emphasis is on current issues in the biochemical bases of neuropharmacology. The use of pharmacological tools in neuroscience research, including clinical issues and dependence is discussed. The course will also touch on social and historical issues relating to pharmacology. The student should have a basic understanding of chemistry and neuroanatomy. This course may be credited towards Science.

#### **Proposed Course Description**

Students examine and discuss aspects of the drug-induced changes in the functioning of the nervous system. Emphasis is placed on providing a description of the cellular and molecular actions of drugs on synaptic transmission using a translational approach from genes to behaviour with reference to specific diseases/conditions. Students are also introduced to the use of Bioinformatic tools and their application to the study of neuroscience is also given. This course may be credited towards Science.

CARRIED

### Religions and Cultures

MOTION 119: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate approve the creation of **RLCT 2156 Religion, Justice and Animals** to the RLCT curriculum as outlined below and in the attached document.

CARRIED

### Sociology and Anthropology

MOTION 120: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by L. Chen that Senate approve Motions 121 through 124 as outlined as an omnibus Motion.

CARRIED

MOTION 121: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by L. Chen that Senate approve the change in the course description for **SOCI 2091 Sociology for Educators: Social Theory in Education** under Sociology as outlined below.

**From:****Old Course Descriptions****SOCI 2091 Sociology for Educators: Social Theory in Education**

This course provides an introduction to social theory and its role in the evolution of the educational system.

**To:****New Course Descriptions****SOCI 2091 Sociology for Educators: Social Theory in Education**

Students examine education as a complex social institution that is influenced by, and reflects, wider society as viewed through the lens of sociological theory. Students learn about how educational practices, policies, and norms are shaped by issues of inequality of opportunity, social mobility, reproduction of class, and education as an inherited advantage.

MOTION 122: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by L. Chen that Senate approve the change in the course description for **SOCI 2092 Sociology for Educators: Social Issues in Education under Sociology** as outlined below.

**From:****Old Course Description:****SOCI 2092 Sociology for Educators: Social Issues in Education**

This course provides an introduction to social theory and its role in the evolution of the educational system.

**To:****New Course Descriptions****SOCI 2092 Sociology for Educators: Social Issues in Education**

Students explore social issues related to the education system, from a sociological perspective. They study the social goals behind a formal education system, the influence of school structure, race and culture, gender, family influence, inequality of educational opportunity, and the relationship between teachers and students.

MOTION 123: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by L. Chen that Senate approve the prerequisites for **SOCI 4127 Advanced Social Data Analysis** be changed as outlined below.

**Old Prerequisites**

“SOCI 2126 or SOCI 3126, and SOCI 2127 or SOCI 3127. Restricted to students in the fourth year of the Honours, Sociology program or Honours Criminal Justice programs and, who have completed 24 credits in Sociology and/or Criminal, Justice.”

**New Prerequisites**

SOCI 2126 and SOCI 2127. Restricted to students enrolled in an Honours Sociology or Honours Criminal Justice program and, who have any 54 credits completed.”

MOTION 124: That Senate approve that the prerequisite for **SOCI 4227: Science Technology and Environment** be changed from:

**Old Prerequisites:**

“SOCI 2016 & SOCI 2017. Restricted to students in the fourth year of the Major, Specialization or Honours Specialization in Sociology and who have completed 24 credits in Sociology”

To

**New Prerequisites**

*“SOCI 2016 & SOCI 2017. Restriction: 84 credits completed and must be enrolled in the Major, Specialization or Honours Specialization in Sociology or Anthropology.*

MOTION 125: Moved by H. d’Entremont, seconded by M. DeGagné that Senate approve Motions 126 through 133 as outlined as an omnibus Motion.  
CARRIED

MOTION 126: Moved by H. d’Entremont, seconded by M. DeGagné that Senate approve that **SOCI 4227: Science Technology and Environment** be cross-listed with Anthropology.

MOTION 127: Moved by H. d’Entremont, seconded by M. DeGagné that Senate approve that **SOCI 3007: Sociology of Consumer Culture** be cross-listed with Anthropology.

MOTION 128: Moved by H. d’Entremont, seconded by M. DeGagné that Senate approve that the prerequisites for **SOCI 4096: Honours Thesis I** be changed from:

**Old Prerequisites:**

*“Restricted to students in the fourth year of the Honours Sociology or Honours Criminal Justice programs and who have completed 24 credits in Sociology and/or Criminal Justice. Students wishing to take this course during the following Spring/Summer or Fall/Winter session must apply in writing to the discipline no later than February 15.”*

To

**New Prerequisites:**

*“Restricted to students in the fourth year of an Honours Degree in Sociology or Criminal Justice or Anthropology. Students wishing to take this course during the following Spring/Summer or Fall/Winter session must apply in writing to the discipline no later than February 15.”*

MOTION 129: Moved by H. d’Entremont, seconded by M. DeGagné that Senate approve that **SOCI 4096: Honours Thesis I** be cross-listed with Anthropology.

MOTION 130: Moved by H. d’Entremont, seconded by M. DeGagné that Senate approve that the prerequisites for **SOCI 4097: Honours Thesis II** be changed from:

**Old Prerequisites:**

*“SOCI 4096 with a minimum grade of 75%. Restricted to students in the fourth year of the Honours Sociology or Honours Criminal Justice programs and who have completed 24 credits in Sociology and/or Criminal Justice. Students wishing to take this course during the following Spring/Summer Summer or Fall/Winter session must apply in writing to the discipline no later than February 15.”*

to

**New Prerequisites:**

*“SOCI 4096 with a minimum grade of 75%. Restricted to students in the fourth year of an Honours Degree in Sociology or Criminal Justice or Anthropology. Students wishing to take this course during the following Spring/Summer or Fall/Winter session must apply in writing to the discipline no later than February 15.”*

MOTION 131: Moved by H. d’Entremont, seconded by M. DeGagné that Senate approve that **SOCI 4097: Honours Thesis II** be cross-listed with Anthropology.

MOTION 132: Moved by H. d’Entremont, seconded by M. DeGagné that Senate approve that **NATI 2005: Native Kinships with the Environment** be cross-listed with Anthropology.

MOTION 133: Moved by H. d’Entremont, seconded by M. DeGagné that Senate approve that **GEOG 2017: Introduction to Geomatics** be cross-listed with Anthropology.

**Spanish**

MOTION 134: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate approve the creation of the following pre-requisite to **ESPA 2005: Intermediate Spanish**.

**From**

**Previous Prerequisites:** ESPA 1005 or equivalent

**To**

**Updated Prerequisites:** **ESPA 1005, LWSDU/LWEDU Grade 12 U Spanish, or equivalent**

CARRIED

**University Success**

MOTION 135: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve Motions 136 and 137 as outlined as an omnibus Motion.

CARRIED

MOTION 136: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve the change in the prerequisite for **UNIV 3006 Experiential Learning for Arts and Science Students** as outlined below:

***Changing from:***

Students must be in their third or fourth year of study and are completing a Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Fine Arts or Bachelor of Science degree. Students must have a 75% overall average to enroll. Students wishing to take this course must secure a faculty supervisor and apply in writing to their Department Chair no later than March 15 for the Spring/Summer term; July 15 for the Fall; and November 15 for the Winter.

***To:***

Students must have completed at least 60 credits with a minimum 70% overall average, and are completing a Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Fine Arts or Bachelor of Science degree. Students wishing to take this course must secure a faculty supervisor and apply in writing to their Department Chair no later than March 15 for the Spring/Summer term; July 15 for the Fall; and November 15 for the Winter.

MOTION 137: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve the title change of **UNIV 3006 Experiential Learning for Arts and Science Students** to **UNIV 3006 Experiential Learning in Arts and Science**.

***Changing from:*** Experiential Learning for Arts and Science Students

***TO:*** Experiential Learning in Arts and Science.

**PLANNING AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE**

MOTION 138: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by C. McFarlane that the Report of the Planning and Priorities Committee dated December 16, 2016, be received.

CARRIED

MOTION 139: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that the Response to the Quality Assurance Audit be approved.

CARRIED

MOTION 140: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that the revised IQAP document be approved.

CARRIED

## OTHER BUSINESS

The following unfinished business tabled from the December 9, 2016 Senate meeting was moved up on the agenda and discussed under Business Arising From the Minutes:

- Presentation by Jamie Graham (Funding Framework and SMA)
- Report on Senate Reform Survey

## AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

The Report of the December 8, 2016 By-Laws and Elections Subcommittee meeting was inadvertently left off the Senate Agenda. The Report will be included in the February 10, 2017 Senate Agenda. The By-Laws and Elections Subcommittee Report recommended to Senate the acceptance of the recommendations included in the Report of the Special Governance Commission – Collegial Governance at Nipissing University: Shared Challenges and Responsibilities. The Speaker requested that the following Motion be considered by Senate:

MOTION 141: Moved by S. Lamorea, seconded by J. Dempster that the By-Laws and Elections Subcommittee recommends to Senate the adoption of the recommendations of the Report of the Special Governance Commission – Collegial Governance at Nipissing University: Shared Challenges and Responsibilities.  
CARRIED

## ELECTIONS

- Elect one (1) tenured or tenure-track faculty Senator, from the Faculty of Arts and Science, to fill a vacant position on the Senate Executive Committee.  
**A. Weeks - ACCLAIMED**
- Elect one (1) tenured or tenure-track faculty member, from the Faculty of Arts and Science, to fill a six (6) month vacancy.  
Senator Tuncali advised that a nomination for this vacancy did not come forward due to a lack of quorum at the Arts & Science Faculty Council meeting. It was noted that the Senate By-Laws clearly state that elections of faculty Senate representatives shall be conducted by Faculty Council not from the Senate floor. It was noted that the By-Laws do not preclude an electronic vote by the Faculty Council. Senator Tuncali advised that a request for nominations would be sent out by e-mail in the next week and an electronic vote would be held if necessary.

## REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

### Council of Ontario Universities (Academic Colleague)

Senator McCann provided a report from the COU Academic Colleagues meeting that she attended in December. The meeting included a discussion regarding upcoming changes by the Ministry that seem to be in alignment with academic values and practices. A number of presentations were held on the following topics: experiential learning and high impact teaching; changes to OSAP; a need for the university sector to be more effective in showing parents and employers that universities help to form an effective work force; and COU's strategy for engaging the public regarding the contribution of

universities, including economic and cultural relationships, with the communities in which they exist (town and gown).

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President spoke briefly on funding priorities and the creation of a comprehensive case for support. At the December Senate meeting, Len Gamache gave a comprehensive presentation on our new fundraising path. Part of that presentation was an explanation of the process we are going through to determine our highest funding priorities. Please advise if you have any additional funding priority ideas. Over the next few months, the Deans and the Executive Group will be engaging in a rigorous deliberation process. This process will result in decisions on priority areas that our energy and fundraising efforts will focus on. The President provided a brief presentation. The presentation information will be included in the Minutes and added to the Senate website.

The Vice-President Finance and Administration advised that NU volunteered to be a pilot university for the net tuition billing implementation. In response, the Ministry has provided NU with \$150,000 to support the initiative. She thanked Jamie Graham and Ken McLellan for their hard work on this project. An update was given on the budget process. The Budget Committee will review the budget sheets over the next month. Input is always appreciated, so please advise of any questions or ideas. The recommendations of the Report of the Special Governance Commission were accepted at the January 12 Board of Governors meeting and the Budget Committee will include the Senate Budget Advisory Committee in the schedule once it has been formed. In order to implement best practices and improved processes, the American Express credit cards will be replaced by Scotia Bank Visa credit cards. Scotia Bank Visa will provide NU with rebates on purchases which will help to reduce overall expenditures. The pilot went very well. Training sessions for faculty and staff, including the Brantford Campus, will be held in the near future.

The Dean of Graduate Studies and Research advised that applications for Graduate Studies are due on January 16. Currently there are 40 applicants, four more than last year. 15 applications have been received for scholarships and it is anticipated that graduate applications will also be up this year. OGS funding for students has also increased (from 11 to 14 grants at \$15K per grant) over last year. In terms of faculty research grant, in comparison to last year, the 2016-17 grant money is roughly the same although more Tri-Council funding was received.

Senator Andrews advised that Brittany Kent, NUSU VP Communications, has tendered her resignation. Her exemplary work with NUSU both as an Executive member and as a Director on the Board during the previous year was recognized. He was pleased to advise of several upcoming initiatives. NUSU is pleased to partner with the Office of Student Development and Services to host a week of re-orientation to the students as they re-join us for the winter semester after the holidays. The Healthy Active Living Fair with off campus living and a number of local sponsors and representatives from the Canadian Federation of Students was held. A Consent Panel to educate staff, students and faculty on consent culture and combatting sexual assault on campus was held. The Director of Communications did a phenomenal job working with Jen Gordon and a representative from Amelia Rising to organize this event. NUSU Executive Elections will be taking place and a second round of Club Days will take place. Seeking further opportunities to give back to the students NUSU is engaging in Endowment initiatives to fund NUSU scholarships for students. From February 1-28 big "Flagship partners" are: No Frills, Parkers Independent, St. Louis and Shoppers Drug Mart, the latter of which already has accepted a cash box for donations. Currently there are over 20 businesses now involved and the list is growing. At Boston Pizza, by writing NUSU on your bill a percentage of the bill will be donated into a pool of funds which is given

bi-annually to place into the endowment fund. On February 26, NUSU will be hosting a fundraising dinner at Shoeless Joe’s which will be open to faculty, staff and Board members. Tickets are \$20 each with proceeds going towards the endowment fund. For further information, please contact Senators’ Hawco or Dempster. A Graduate Studies Bursary, which has not yet been officially announced, should be revealed soon. Full-time graduate students can apply for a maximum amount of \$100. As well, a charity application has been submitted and if approved, NUSU will be one of four student unions in Canada to have this status. This will give NUSU the opportunity to raise more funds for both the Student Food Bank, and the endowment fund/scholarships. NUSU wished to thank Senate for allowing student representation. NUSU considers themselves fortunate to have the space and the opportunity to voice student concerns and issues and looks forward to a prosperous 2017 moving forward in a positive direction.

ADJOURNMENT

Senate was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

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M. DeGagné (Chair)

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S. Landriault (Senate Recording Secretary)