

Nipissing University  
Minutes of the Academic Senate Meeting

February 10, 2017

2:30 p.m. – Room F210

MEMBERS PRESENT:

M. DeGagné (Chair), H. d'Entremont, C. Sutton, J. McAuliffe,  
N. Black, C. Richardson, M. Tuncali, R. Vanderlee  
A. Armenakyan, L. Chen, K. McCullough, R. Vernescu  
S. Arnocky, R. Breton, J. Dech, N. Kozuskanich, G. McCann, C.  
McFarlane, P. Nosko, M. Owens, T. Parkes, T., S. Srigley, R.  
Gendron, D. Tabachnick, D. Walters, A. Weeks  
B. Hatt, D. Hay, T. Horton, D. Jarvis, M. Parr, W. Richardson, J.  
Scott, G. Sharpe  
C. Cho  
O. Pokorny, L. Rossi  
N. Allaire  
J. Andrews, M. Hawco, J. Dempster, S. Lamorea

ABSENT WITH REGRETS:

J. Graham  
A. Burke, A. Karassev, G. Phillips, K. Srigley, T. Vassilev  
L. Frost, G. Rickwood, T. Sibbald  
K. Barnes, T. Curry  
S. Feretycki  
D. Ratcliffe, C. Tremblay

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA OF THE SENATE MEETING OF: February 10, 2017

MOTION 1: Moved by G. McCann, seconded by J. Dempster that the agenda of the Senate meeting of February 10, 2017 be approved.  
CARRIED

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SENATE MEETING OF: January 13, 2017

MOTION 2: Moved by J. Dempster, seconded by J. Andrews that the minutes of the Senate meeting of January 13, 2017 be adopted.  
CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Dr. David Tabachnick was nominated and acclaimed by electronic vote to fill the six (6) month Faculty of Arts and Science Senator vacancy.

**QUESTION PERIOD**

A question was asked due to the turmoil in the US whether there are any efforts or plans in the works to attract international students to NU. The Provost advised that no specific initiatives were being planned. He informed of a survey undertaken by Universities Canada on this matter.

In response to questions initially raised at the October 2016 Senate meeting regarding the use of an on-line student opinion survey (SOS), Senator Tuncali advised that the Teaching & Learning Committee had not yet met, but he had recently received a Doodle poll requesting dates for a potential meeting. The Speaker asked if a report could be provided at the March Senate meeting.

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

MOTION 3: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by G. McCann that Senate receive the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated February 2, 2017.  
CARRIED

**UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE**

MOTION 4: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that the Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee, dated January 24, 2017 be received.  
CARRIED

**FACULTY OF APPLIED AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES****School of Nursing**

MOTION 2: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by K. McCullough that Senate approve the revision of the course credits in the practicum courses in the Scholar Practitioner Program (SPP) from six (6) credits to nine (9) credits for each course. The courses that require this change are as follows:

NURS 1195 - Generativity and Life Transformation Practicum  
NURS 1295 - Functionality of Mind, Body, and Spirit Transformative Practicum  
NURS 2395 - Hope and Possibility Transformative Practicum  
NURS 2495 - Experiential Integration Transformative Practicum  
NURS 3595 - Retooling and Redesign Transformative Practicum  
NURS 3695 - Challenging the System Transformative Practicum  
CARRIED

MOTION 3: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by K. McCullough that Senate approve the change in credit value to the above mentioned Scholar Practitioner Practicum courses effective immediately (to be included in the 2017-2018 Academic Calendar).

**Rationale for Motions:**

This change in credit value will align more closely with other practicum courses of this nature in the School of Nursing. Practicum courses being 9-credits will appropriately ensure that SPP students are classified as full time students and would therefore be required to complete 90 credits as opposed to 72 credits for the degree. This will not result in any increased costs for students enrolled in the SPP program.

The Provost advised that there will probably be an increase of \$100 per semester.

CARRIED

**FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCE**

The following notice was withdrawn and will be referred back to the Undergraduate Studies Committee:

**Banking Courses****For Information Only:**

The attached listing of courses were not offered in the past five calendar years and were automatically banked (first worksheet) or deleted (second worksheet) by the Registrar's Office (Senate Motion passed on May 20, 2011).

**PLANNING AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE**

MOTION 4: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by A. Armenakyan that the Report of the Planning and Priorities Committee dated January 27, 2017, be received.

CARRIED

**OTHER BUSINESS**

A draft of the SMA template was included with the Senate agenda. The Provost advised that COU has provided feedback to the Ministry and a final draft of the SMA should be available in the next few weeks.

The Senate Speaker advised that a request had been received regarding the status of the Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Breadth Requirements. At the September 2016 Senate meeting the Chair of USC advised that the Ad Hoc Committee is under the direction of the Undergraduate Studies Committee (USC) and requested that this item be added to the agenda for discussion at a future USC meeting. As no timeline has been established and the Ad Hoc Committee has not met, the question was asked if a motion should be put forward to abolish the Ad Hoc Committee on Breadth Requirements.

MOTION 5: Moved by C. McFarlane, seconded H. d'Entremont that the Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Breadth Requirements be abolished.

CARRIED

**AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS**

- Notice of Motion that Article 10.3 Graduate Studies Council of the Senate By-Laws be amended as outlined below:

The current article reads:

10.3 Graduate Studies Council (GSC):

(a) Members:

- (i) Provost, Vice-President Academic & Research, or designate, Chair (non-voting)
- (ii) Registrar or designate (non-voting)
- (iii) Executive Director of Library Services or designate (non-voting)

- (iv) Deans of Faculties with graduate programs, or designate
- (v) Graduate Coordinators / Graduate Chairs from each graduate program, or designate
- (vi) 1 graduate student from each level of graduate studies

(b) Terms of reference:

- (i) Recommend to the Senate the new academic policies, procedures and regulations of the School of Graduate Studies;
- (ii) Advise the Senate on the necessary resources and support for graduate studies and to recommend to the Senate the introduction of new services or changes to existing services which would enhance the graduate student experience or make the University more attractive to prospective graduate students;
- (iii) Revise and up-date the regulations and procedures of current graduate programs for harmonization throughout the SGS;
- (iv) Review student admission policies for graduate programs and make recommendations to the Assistant Vice-President Research & Graduate Studies, or designate;
- (v) Ensure adherence to time-to-completion requirements;
- (vi) Recommend to the Senate changes to graduate curriculum or proposals for new graduate programs;
- (vii) Assist departments in the development of new graduate programs, in compliance with IQAP requirements;
- (viii) Finalize proposals for new programs, including the Business Plan, before submission to PPC and the Senate;
- (ix) Make recommendations on any matter related to graduate studies to the appropriate Senate Committees (PPC, RC);
- (x) Periodically review the overall graduate awards program of the University, and make recommendations to Senate regarding changes in the program;
- (xi) Ensure that all existing and new graduate scholarships, medals, bursaries and other awards are consistent with established and approved terms, conditions and criteria. Review and approve nominations for graduate scholarships (Tri-council, OGS, others);
- (xii) Review the annual report on the School of Graduate Studies' activities; and
- (xiii) Establish the criteria for membership in the Graduate Faculty.

And at the exclusion of student representative,

- (xiv) Make the final selections of students eligible for academic awards, as identified by the Office of the Registrar; and
- (xvii) Following the periodic appraisal of a program, review and report to Senate any measure that could improve the program.

Revised Article reads (**changes in bold**):

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(a) Members:

- (i) ~~Provost, Vice-President Academic & Research, Dean of Graduate Studies and Research~~ or designate, Chair (non-voting)
- (ii) Registrar or designate (non-voting)
- (iii) Executive Director of Library Services or designate (non-voting)
- (iv) Deans of **all** Faculties ~~with graduate programs~~, or designate
- (v) Graduate Coordinators / Graduate Chairs from each graduate program, or designate
- (vi) 1 graduate student from each level of graduate studies
- (vii) 1 graduate student Senator non-voting**

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## ELECTIONS

- Elect one (1) tenured faculty member, from the Faculty of Arts & Science, to serve on the search committee for the Provost and Vice-President, Academic and Research.  
The Provost clarified that the tenured faculty member could be a tenured faculty member from any faculty.  
**S. Srigley (A&S) – ACCLAIMED**
- Elect three (3) representatives, one (1) representative from each faculty, as well as one (1) student representative to sit on a committee to review the Report on Senate Reform Survey and bring forward recommendations to Senate.  
**A. Baregheh (APS) – ACCLAIMED**  
**D. Tabachnick (A&S) – ACCLAIMED**  
**D. Hay (ED) – ACCLAIMED**  
**J. Dempster (NUSU) – ACCLAIMED**

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION 6: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by A. Weeks that Senate receive and approval to graduate be granted to the students listed in the Report of Graduation Applicants dated the 8th of February, 2017.  
CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President acknowledged Dr. Tabachnick's recent comments on CBC news regarding voting with ranked ballots. He also advised of the COU Executive Heads meeting that he had just returned from attending. SMA issues, international student enrollment, OSAP reform and funding for lower income students were some of the issues discussed. He also attended a meeting with Premier Wynne and the Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Development, Deb Matthews, where the importance of work integrated learning and co-op placements was discussed.

The Provost advised that although he was unable to make an announcement just yet, good news would be forthcoming soon regarding research awards.

The Vice-President Finance and Administration advised that she had been asked by Len Gamache to provide an update on fundraising priorities. She advised that meetings with the Exec group to prioritize the input that has been received have been continuing regularly and projects are starting to be defined. She thanked Mr. Gamache for all of his hard work and advised that he is doing a great job. She also wished to thank all of the budget holders for getting their budgets in on time. Analysis of the budget has started and meetings will occur regularly over the next while.

The Dean of Arts and Science was pleased to advise that a Faculty Council meeting had been held earlier that day with quorum. The Faculty Council approved a document on strategic goals for the faculty.

The Dean of Education advised that the first cohort of second year BEd students would only be on campus for a few more weeks before the students leave to attend their final placements. The students won't return until convocation in June. She advised that this will be a good time to step back and look at the program for possible tweaking.

The Dean of Graduate Studies and Research advised that an aggressive timeline had been set and the process of sending offers out for 2017 should be finalized soon. Applications were higher this year than they were last year. An intake of 35 master's students and 10 PhD students is the target.

Senator Andrews advised of the following results of the Student Union Elections:

President - Sydney Lamorea  
Vice President Governance and Legal Affairs - Cooper Allen  
Vice President Communications - Tyrell Sommerville  
Vice President Finance - Shane Dunstall  
Vice President Services - J'aime Brunet

He also advised that the Director/Senator elections will occur from February 27th – March 14<sup>th</sup>, with Jordan Dempster acting as the Chief Returning Officer with the NUSU Elections Committee. As well, NUSU is partnering with the Schulich School of Education in an initiative called Books for Brook which is a new literacy initiative established in memory of Brook Doseger, a 2016 graduate of Nipissing University's Concurrent Bachelor of Education degree. Help support International Book Giving Day on

February 14th by helping support Books for Brook. Donations of new and gently used children’s books to share with young learners in the North Bay community are being sought. Books can be donated at any of the following locations: NUSU Office (F205), Outside of the Campus Bookstore, Student Development and Services (B210) and the Schulich School of Education (F201). Donations towards the purchase of books for young learners in our community will also be gratefully accepted.

The Health Plan referendum will be taking place Feb 27<sup>th</sup> - March 3rd. NUSU is looking to increase the health plan to offer competitive coverage with highlights such as 100% basic and preventative dental, 90% drug coverage with no maximum, etc. The cost of the health plan can be opted out fully for students who have other coverage. This referendum is to help cover our students as last year they paid \$30,000 out of pocket due to a lack of coverage.

Another reminder that NUSU is hosting a dinner at Shoeless Joe’s on February 26, 2017 at 6 pm. Tickets are \$20 and all proceeds go to the NUSU endowment fund.

Jordan also advised that he recently attended a Universities Canada Converge 2017 conference in Ottawa, which brought together 100 student delegates from universities all across Canada to discuss what Canada should look like by 2067. The topics covered included increasing Canada’s international profile, increasing Canada’s contributions to innovation, making the nation more inclusive in a pluralistic sense and reconciliation. Many distinguished guests attended the event including prominent business leaders, academics, and political leaders, notably the Governor General and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. Jordan advised that he was able to ask the Prime Minister during a Q and A session about the Federal Government’s steps to reduce mental health barriers for students studying post-secondary education.

ADJOURNMENT

Senate was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

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M. DeGagné (Chair)

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S. Landriault (Senate Recording Secretary)