

Nipissing University
Minutes of the Academic Senate Meeting
September 8, 2017

2:30 p.m. – Room F210

MEMBERS PRESENT:

M. DeGagné (Chair), H. d'Entremont, C. Sutton, D. Iafrate, M. Tuncali

A. Armenakyan, L. Chen, L. Manankil-Rankin, P. Millar, M. Sullivan

R. Breton, A. Burke, N. Colborne, R. Gendron, B. Kelly, L. Kruk, K. Lucas, G. McCann, T. Parkes, K. Srigley, D. Tabachnick, T. Vassilev, A. Weeks

J. Allison, C. Hachkowski, B. Hatt, T. Horton, M. Parr, C. Ricci, G. Sharpe, T. Sibbald

C. Cho

N. Allaire

S. Lamorea, S. Dunstall, C. Allen, K. Walker

ABSENT WITH REGRETS:

J. McAuliffe, C. Richardson, R. Vanderlee, N. Black

S. Connor, A. Karassev, P. Nosko, S. Renshaw, H. Teixeira

W. Richardson, G. Rickwood

T. Curry, J. Zimbalatti

S. McArthur

T. Somerville, J. Brunet, C. Tremblay

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA OF THE SENATE MEETING OF: September 8, 2017

MOTION 1: Moved by R. Gendron, seconded by S. Lamorea that the agenda of the Senate meeting of September 8, 2017 be approved.
CARRIED

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SENATE MEETING OF: May 26, 2017

MOTION 2: Moved by R. Gendron, seconded S. Lamorea that the minutes of the Senate meeting of May 26, 2017 be adopted.
CARRIED

QUESTION PERIOD

Faculty expressed concerns regarding students that have been unable to receive their required textbooks from the Campus Book Shop. The Assistant VP Students advised that feedback was welcome and that the Campus Shop does their best to anticipate demand based on enrollments provided. He requested that faculty address any concerns to their respective Deans so that they can be funneled through to him.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND FACULTY OR UNIVERSITY COUNCILSSENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MOTION 3: Moved by M. DeGagné, seconded by A. Burke that Senate receive the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated June 6, 2017, 2017.
CARRIED

MOTION 4: Moved by M. DeGagné, seconded by L. Chen that Senate receive the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated August 14, 2017.
CARRIED

MOTION 5: Moved by M. DeGagné, seconded by C. Hachkowski that Senate receive the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated August 31, 2017.
CARRIED

MOTION 6: Moved by M. DeGagné, seconded by C. Hachkowski that Senate approves the request to reschedule the October 13, 2017 Senate meeting to October 20, 2017.
CARRIED

It was advised that the September 2017 Senate Regulations and Policies document is available on the Senate website. The entire document is 164 pages and reflects all of the changes that Senate has approved since September 2016. It was noted that the document makes references to the CFTL and that recent changes to copyright may need to be examined. The Speaker requested that any concerns be brought to the attention of the Senate Secretary.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE

MOTION 7: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by T. Parkes that the Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee, dated August 25, 2017 be received.
CARRIED

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCE

MOTION 8: Moved by H. d'Entremont, seconded by M. Tuncali that Senate approve the following policy for the Humber College Articulation Agreement.

Computer Engineering Technology Diploma

Applicants who are graduates of the Computer Engineering Technology (CET) diploma program at Humber College with a cumulative 3.0 GPA or better can be considered for admission to the Bachelor of Science Honours Specialization or Specialization in Computer Science with advanced standing to a maximum of 60 credits.

Electromechanical Engineering Technology Diploma

Applicants who are graduates of the Electromechanical Engineering Technology (EET) diploma program at Humber College with a cumulative 3.0 GPA or better can be

considered for admission to the Bachelor of Science Honours Specialization or Specialization in Computer Science with advanced standing to a maximum of 60 credits.

RATIONALE:

Currently we are in the process of renewing our articulation agreement with Humber College. As a result, these changes are being sought to clarify the admissions process as well as to bring the language more in line with existing policies. The current policy restricts the graduates of CET and EET diploma programs to BSc Honours Specialization in Computer Science. The proposed policy includes BSc Specialization in Computer Science.

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

President DeGagné acknowledged the retirement of the Provost, Dr. Harley d'Entremont. On behalf of Nipissing University, he thanked Dr. d'Entremont for his tremendous service, his invaluable relationships with constituents, the Ministry and other universities and recognized the wealth of knowledge and history that he brought to the position.

The Senate Speaker also wished to acknowledge the Provost's invaluable assistance for his service to the By-Laws and Elections Subcommittee and on behalf of Senate thanked Dr. d'Entremont.

ELECTIONS

- Elect three (3) tenured faculty members, from the Faculty of Applied and Professional Studies, to be elected by Senate for the Committee for the Search/Appointment/Reappointment of the Dean of Applied and Professional Studies.
J. Nadeau (APS)
L. Patriquin (APS)
J. Barker (APS)
- Elect one (1) faculty member, from a Faculty other than the Faculty of Applied and Professional Studies, to be elected by Senate for the Committee for the Search/Appointment/Reappointment of the Dean of Applied and Professional Studies.
S. Renshaw (A&S) ACCLAIMED

REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

Board of Governors

Board Chair, Gord Durnan, advised that a successful Board Orientation had been held earlier that morning and that he was looking forward to attending the Board Retreat next week. Meetings with students, staff and faculty have been held and he is looking forward to getting to know everyone to build a bright and challenging future at Nipissing University. He was also pleased to announce that the philanthropy campaign is close to being launched.

Council of Ontario Universities (Academic Colleague)

Senator McCann provided a report from the COU Academic Colleagues meeting that she recently attended.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President DeGagné welcomed Senators back for the new academic year and advised that the new Provost, Vice-President Academic and Research, Dr. Arja Vainio-Mattila, will begin her five-year term on October 10.

The Provost advised that an academic space planning consultant had been hired to address the many requests for office and lab space that are received. A preliminary report is expected by the end of September and will be made available once finalized. He also advised that the Strategic Mandate Agreement is close to be finalized.

The VP Finance and Administration provided an update on the many improvements and construction projects that have taken place over the summer. The turf field and roofing are still in progress, as well as planned improvements to the trails and landscaping surrounding the pond. The expansion of the space outside the library has been completed and improvements to the website and Wi-Fi are in the works. An economic impact study has been completed and a draft should be available in the near future. A question was raised regarding the expected completion time for the Canadore College front entrance. The VP Finance advised that the Canadore facilities department has indicated that the work should be completed within the next two weeks.

The Dean of Arts and Science welcomed everyone back and advised that he is looking forward to a successful 25th anniversary year.

The Associate Dean of Education advised that over the summer the sixth PhD cohort was welcomed and successful ACTP and TASL summer sessions were held. Literacy and science camps were also held. Last week marked the return of the concurrent BEd, MEd, BPHE and MSc in Kin students, and the consecutive students will be welcomed to campus on Monday.

NUSU President, Sydney Lamorea, welcomed everyone back and informed of a successful FROSH week. She advised of upcoming initiatives such as the military partnership, the opening of the student lounge and the hiring of business interns and office staff. She was also excited to advise of the recent release of the trust fund for the new Student Centre building project with the hopes that construction will start at the end of November.

ADJOURNMENT

Senate was adjourned at: 3:30 p.m.

Original signed by:

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M. DeGagné (Chair)

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S. Landriault (Senate Recording Secretary)