SENATE AGENDA

Friday, September 11, 2015

2:30 p.m. - F210

- 1. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SENATE MEETING OF: May 29, 2015
- 2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
- 3. READING and DISPOSING of COMMUNICATIONS
- 4. <u>QUESTION PERIOD</u>
- 5. REPORTS of STANDING COMMITTEES and FACULTY or UNIVERSITY COUNCILS

SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

July 30, 2015 Report

MOTION 1: That Senate receive the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated July 31, 2015.

• September 3, 2015 Report

MOTION 1: That Senate receive the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated September 3, 2015.

MOTION 2: That the Senate Regulations and Policies, September 2015 be adopted as outlined in the attached Table of Contents. (the full document is available on the Senate website)

6. <u>OTHER BUSINESS</u>

7. AMENDMENT of BY-LAWS

• Notice of Motion (Article 9.5.2 - Technology and Infrastructure Subcommittee)

The Bylaws and Elections Subcommittee received a request to disband the Technology and Infrastructure Subcommittee. It was determined that this committee would recommend to Senate an amendment to Article 9.5.2(b) as follows:

Current article reads:

- (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 Vice-Chair;

Revised article to read:

- (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, one of whom shall be elected by the Committee to serve as Vice-Chair;

8. ELECTIONS

• Elect one faculty Senator or non-Senator (preferably from the Schulich School of Education), to serve on the Research Council as the member-at-large for a 2-year term ending June 30, 2017

- Elect one faculty Senator or non-Senator, representing CIHR to serve on the Research Council for a 2-year term ending June 30, 2017.
- Elect one faculty Senator or non-Senator from the Faculty of Applied and Professional Studies to serve on the Research Council for a 1-year term ending June 30, 2016. (This is a sabbatical replacement)
- Elect one Senator from the Schulich School of Education to serve on the Undergraduate Studies Committee
- Elect one Senator or non-senator from the Schulich School of Education to serve on the Library Advisory Subcommittee
- Elect one faculty Senator from outside the discipline and the department to serve on the search committee for a Tenure Track position in the School of Nursing - Collaborative program
- Elect one faculty Senator from outside the discipline and the department to serve on the search committee for a Director - Tenure Track position in the School of Business
- Elect one faculty Senator from outside the discipline and the department to serve on the search committee for a Director Tenure Track position in the School of Human and Social Development School of Social Work
- Elect one tenured faculty member from outside the faculty serve on the search committee for two tenure-track positions in Physical and Health Education
- Elect two faculty Senators to serve on the Pension and Benefits Advisory Committee for a two year term commencing July 1, 2015.

9. REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

- A. (1) Board of Governors
 - (2) Alumni Advisory Board
 - (3) Council of Ontario Universities (Academic Colleague)
- B. Reports from Senate members participating on other university-related committees

10. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

11 <u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>

- (a) President
- (b) Provost and Vice-President Academic and Research
- (c) Dean of Applied and Professional Studies
- (d) Dean of Arts and Science
- (e) Dean of Education
- (f) Student Representative
- (g) Others

12: <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(Electronic Meeting)

July 31, 2015

There was an electronic meeting of the Senate Executive Committee on July 30, 2015.

The following members participated:

M. DeGagné (Chair), N. Colborne, H. d'Entremont, L. Frost, I. Hall, F. Noël, S. Renshaw, C. Richardson, M. Tuncali, R. Vanderlee, R. Vernescu

The purpose of the meeting was to approve a list of graduates as submitted from the Office of the Registrar.

The following two motions were unanimously passed:

MOTION 1: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by I. Hall that Senate Executive, acting on behalf of Senate, receive

the Report of Grad Applicants dated July 30, 2015.

CARRIED

MOTION 2: Moved by R. Vanderlee, seconded by I. Hall that the approval to graduate be granted to the students

listed in the Report of Grad Applicants dated July 30, 2015.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by:

M. DeGagné

Chair

Senate Executive Committee

MOTION 1: That Senate receive the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated July 31, 2015.

Nipissing University Report of the Bylaws and Elections Subcommittee

June 8, 2015

Present: Nathan Colborne, Harley d'Entremont (n-v), Diane Davis, Sal Renshaw (Chair), David Tabachnick

Regrets: Glenda Black, Ian Hall, Christine Jenkins (n-v)

The Senate Speaker was asked whether a Senator who took leave from Senate for sabbatical could remain as the COU representative of Senate. The consensus of the subcommittee was that this is not permitted by the present bylaws.

David Tabachnick presented an update on the work of the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Senate Reform. Membership of this committee originally included David Tabachnick, Hilary Earl, and Ian Hall. Lorraine Frost was asked to join the committee to represent the Education Faculty. James Abbott and Natalya Brown have been asked to consult on the development of a survey on the present and future function of Senate to be distributed to faculty (and other stakeholders?). They will also help analyze the resulting data.

Dr. Tabachnick emphasized that no action will be undertaken by the Ad Hoc Subcommittee without a report to this committee. The final report, including comparative data from other University Senates and recommendations will be presented to the Bylaws and Elections Subcommittee, likely in Fall of 2015.

A request to disband the Technology and Infrastructure Subcommittee was set aside by the Bylaws and Elections Subcommittee. Instead it was determined that this committee recommend to Senate the amendment of bylaw 9.5.2(b)(i). Currently, that article reads:

- (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 Vice-Chair;

Revised article to read:

(i) one (1) faculty Senator or non-Senator from each Faculty, one of whom shall be elected by the Committee to serve as Chair, one of whom shall be elected by the Committee to serve as Vice-Chair;"

This should appear as a Notice of Motion in the September Senate.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by:

S. Renshaw

Chair

Bylaws and Elections Subcommittee

MOTION 1: That Senate Executive receive the Report of the Bylaws and Elections Subcommittee dated June 8, 2015.

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

September 3, 2015

There was a meeting of the Senate Executive Committee on Thursday, September 3, 2015.

Members present: M. DeGagne (Chair), N. Colborne, I. Hall, L. Frost, S. Renshaw, F. Noël, C. Richardson, M. Tuncali,

R. Vanderlee, R. Vernescu

Regrets: H. d'Entremont

Recording Secretary: C. Jenkins

The purpose of the meeting was to set the agenda for the Academic Senate meeting on Friday, September 11, 2015.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the first Senate Executive meeting of the academic year. Members introduced themselves. Senator Vernescu skyped in from Muskoka.

As with past practice, the Table of Contents for the Senate Regulations and Policies was submitted. The entire document is posted to the Senate website and reflects all changes that Senate approved since September 2014. The following motion was passed:

MOTION 1: Moved by S. Renshaw, seconded by L. Frost that the Senate Regulations and Policies, September 2015 be

adopted as outlined in the attached Table of Contents.

CARRIED

There was a general discussion regarding ways to modify Question Period with particular concern to balancing this part of the agenda with an opportunity to allow for open debate during the receipt of Senate committee reports. It was noted that sometimes, the actual time spent with conducting the business of Senate is reduced when Question Period is extensive. Senators were reminded that substantive questions are to be sent to the Senate Secretary in advance so informed responses can be provided.

There was also discussion as to whether the Technology and Infrastructure Subcommittee should be a full committee of Senate. This is being referred to the next Bylaws meeting.

Senate Executive was advised that there is the need for a COU academic colleague and alternate for the next three years. Current bylaws indicate that these positions must be a senator. It was noted that this severely restricts the pool of potential candidates. The Senate Secretary was asked to find out from COU when the next meeting for the Colleagues will be. The Bylaws and Elections subcommittee will review this at their next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by:

M. DeGagne, Chair

Senate Executive Committee

MOTION 1: That the Report of the Senate Executive dated September 3, 2015 be received.

MOTION 2: That the Senate Regulations and Policies, September 2015, be adopted as outlined in the attached Table of

Contents (the full document is available on the Senate website).

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	SENATE ACADEMIC REGULATIONS AND POLICIES
	November 1992
	As approved at September 11, 2015 Senate meeting

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