

Nipissing University  
Minutes of the Academic Senate Meeting  
November 10, 2017  
2:30 p.m. – Room F210

MEMBERS PRESENT:

A. Vainio-Mattila (Vice-Chair), C. Sutton, M. Tuncali, D. Iafrate,  
N. Black

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

R. Breton, A. Burke, N. Colborne, B. Kelly, L. Kruk, G. McCann,  
P. Nosko, S. Renshaw, K. Srigley, D. Tabachnick, H. Teixeira, T.  
Vassilev, A. Weeks

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

C. Cho

L. Rossi

N. Allaire

J. Zimbalatti

S. Dunstall, C. Allen, T. Somerville, K. Walker, A. Higgins

ABSENT WITH REGRETS:

M. DeGagné, J. McAuliffe, C. Richardson, R. Vanderlee

S. Connor, R. Gendron, A. Karassev, K. Lucas, T. Parkes

G. Rickwood

O. Pokorny

T. Curry

S. McArthur

S. Lamorea, J. Brunet, C. Tremblay

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

MOTION 1: Moved by K. Srigley, seconded by L. Kruk that the agenda of the Senate meeting of  
November 10, 2017 be approved.

CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SENATE MEETING OF: October 20, 2017**

MOTION 2: Moved by D. Iafrate, seconded by D. Tabichnick that the minutes of the Senate meeting of October 20, 2017 be adopted with revisions.  
CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

In response to a question from the October 20, 2017 Senate meeting regarding the role and function of the Senate Executive Committee in making decisions on Senate's behalf concerning the approval of graduates, the following Motions for retroactive approval of the Report on Graduation Applicants dated October 11, 2017 were presented:

MOTION 3: Moved by D. Iafrate, seconded by N. Colborne that Senate consider the receipt of the Report on Graduation Applicants dated October 11, 2017.  
CARRIED

MOTION 4: Moved by D. Iafrate, seconded by A. Burk that Senate receive the Report on Graduation Applicants dated October 11, 2017.  
CARRIED

MOTION 5: Moved by D. Iafrate, seconded by L. Chen that Senate grant approval to graduate the students listed in the Report on Graduation Applicants dated October 11, 2017.  
CARRIED

**QUESTION PERIOD**

The NUSU Vice-President of Communications requested an update regarding the Ontario college faculty strike. The Vice-President Finance & Administration advised that the Dean of Applied and Professional Studies has been in constant communication with the Canadore College School of Nursing to mitigate disruptions wherever possible.

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

MOTION 6: Moved by A. Vainio-Mattila, seconded by N. Colborne that Senate receive the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated November 2, 2017.  
CARRIED

**UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE**

MOTION 7: Moved by A. Vainio-Mattila, seconded by L. Chen that the Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee, dated October 16, 2017 be received.  
CARRIED

**FACULTY OF APPLIED AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES****School of Human and Social Development**

- MOTION 8: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by N. Colborne that Senate approve the banking of SWLF 4005: Research Essay  
CARRIED.
- MOTION 9: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by D. Tabachnick that Senate approve the addition of the following to the regulations for the SWLF.SSW Collaborative Degree-Diploma Program: A maximum of 6 credits of cross-listed courses may count toward an Honours Specialization in Social Welfare and Social Development with a Social Service Worker diploma.  
CARRIED

**FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCE**

- MOTION 10: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by N. Colborne that Senate approve Motions 11 through 14 as outlined as an omnibus Motion.  
CARRIED
- MOTION 11: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by N. Colborne that Senate approve that the course description for ENGL 3487, Topics in Poetic Genres, be modified as follows:  
Old description:  
This course examines the conventions of, and developments within, a specific literary genre through a literary period or across literary history. Genres are drawn from British, Canadian, American and other literatures. Specific genres and associated course content vary from year to year.  
New description:  
Students examine the conventions of, and developments within, a specific poetic genre through a literary period or across literary history. Genres are drawn from British, Canadian, American and other literatures. Specific genres and associated course content vary from year to year.
- MOTION 12: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by N. Colborne that Senate approve that the course description for ENGL 3496, Topics in Dramatic Genres, be modified as follows:  
Old description:  
This course examines the conventions of, and developments within, a specific literary genre through a literary period or across literary history. Genres are drawn from British, Canadian, American and other literatures. Specific genres and associated course content vary from year to year.  
New description:  
Students examine the conventions of, and developments within, a specific dramatic genre through a literary period or across literary history. Genres are drawn from British, Canadian, American and other literatures. Specific genres and associated course content vary from year to year.
- MOTION 13: M. Tuncali, seconded by N. Colborne that Senate approve that the course description for ENGL 3497, Topics in Prose Genres, be modified as follows:  
Old description:  
This course examines the conventions of, and developments within, a specific literary genre through a literary period or across literary history. Genres are drawn from British,

Canadian, American and other literatures. Specific genres and associated course content vary from year to year.

New description:

Students examine the conventions of, and developments within, a specific prose genre through a literary period or across literary history. Genres are drawn from British, Canadian, American and other literatures. Specific genres and associated course content vary from year to year.

MOTION 14: M. Tuncali, seconded by N. Colborne that Senate approve that the course description for ENGL 2616, Topics in Visual

Storytelling, be modified as follows:

Old description:

Students examine the unique ways in which visual texts create and tell stories. Visual literacy and the relationship between image and text inform the approach of this course, which introduces students to the study of visual texts, and the relationship between text and image. Students can expect at least 50% of the course material to be drawn from forms such as the graphic novel and illustrated books. Specific content varies from year to year.

New description:

Students examine the unique ways in which visual texts create and tell stories. Visual literacy and the relationship between images, static or moving, and narrative inform the approach of this course. Specific content varies from year to year.

CARRIED

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

MOTION 15: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by S. Renshaw that Senate approve the deletion of GEND 1025 Introduction to Gender Equality and Social Justice.

CARRIED

### **Religions and Cultures**

MOTION 16: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by S. Renshaw that Senate approve Motions 17 through 24, except for Motion 22, as outlined as an omnibus Motion.

CARRIED

MOTION 17: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by S. Renshaw that Senate approve that the anti-requisite RLCT 1025, Introduction to World Religions, be removed from the courses RLCT 2146, From Gurus to Shamans and Beyond, and RLCT 2147, From G-d to Allah and Beyond.

MOTION 18: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by S. Renshaw that Senate approve that the current title of RLCT 2046, Global Spiritualities:

Eastern Traditions in the Contemporary World, be changed to RLCT 2046, Global Spiritualities: Religious Traditions in the Contemporary World.

MOTION 19: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by S. Renshaw that Senate approve that RLCT 2146, From Gurus to Shamans and Beyond, be changed to RLCT 2146, World Religions: Eastern Traditions.

MOTION 20: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by S. Renshaw that Senate approve that RLCT 2147, From G-d to Allah and Beyond, be changed to RLCT 2147, World Religions: Western Traditions.

MOTION 21: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by S. Renshaw that Senate approve that RLCT 3116/GEND 3116, The Curse of the Fallen Woman: Women and Western Traditions, be changed to RLCT 3116/GEND 3116, Women and Western Religions.

MOTION 22: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by G. McCann that Senate **withdraw** the Motion RLCT 3216, Is God Dead? Faith in the Modern World, be changed to RLCT 3216, Atheism, Skepticism and Religious Faith.

**MOTION WITHDRAWN - CARRIED**

MOTION 23: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by S. Renshaw that Senate approve that RLCT 3206, The Religious Animal, be changed to RLCT 3206, Theories of Religion.

MOTION 24: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by S. Renshaw that Senate approve that RLCT 3507, Greening Religion: Nature, Spirituality and Activism, be changed to RLCT 3507, Religion and the Environment.  
CARRIED

### **PLANNING AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE**

MOTION 25: Moved by A. Vainio-Mattila, seconded by A. Armenakyan that the Report of the Planning and Priorities Committee dated October 27, 2017, be received.  
CARRIED

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

The Provost provided a PowerPoint presentation on Quality Assessment. This presentation with some revisions was also presented at the October 27 PPC meeting. The processes and timelines that should be followed were discussed, and it was reported that the issues are currently being mapped out so that a framework can be developed. Nipissing's annual report on major modifications was recently submitted to the Council on Quality Assurance. The Provost suggested that major modifications be added to the wording of the Senate motions so that they are more easily identified. PPC members were in agreement that a smaller, nimbler internal review committee of 4-5 people be formed and invited faculty with an interest or a skill set to put their names forward. A question was asked how Indigenization fits in with Quality Assessment. The Provost advised that Indigenization is important and needs to be thought about and included when protocols are being developed.

### **AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS**

MOTION 26: Moved by D. Tabachnick, seconded by D. Iafrate that Senate approve that Article 10.3 Graduate Studies Council (GSC) be renamed to the Graduate Studies Committee (GSC).  
CARRIED

MOTION 27: Moved by D. Tabachnick, seconded by A. Burk, that Senate approve the attached revised Senate By-Laws document.  
CARRIED

The By-Laws and Elections Subcommittee approved the following non-substantive change to Article 9.3.1(a)(i) Undergraduate Standing & Petitions Subcommittee (S&P):

- (a) Ex Officio Members: (change in bold):
  - (i) the Registrar, (non-voting) **or designate**, who shall be Chair;

The Senate Budget Advisory Committee membership and terms of reference were provided as a Notice of Motion at the October 20, 2017 Senate meeting. The following amendments highlighted in bold were proposed:

*Ex-Officio* Members:

Provost, Vice-President Academic & Research (**non-voting**), **who shall be chair**

Vice-President, Finance and Administration (**non-voting**)

~~Academic Dean~~

**Members Elected by Senate or Faculty Council:**

Three Faculty Senators **or non-Senators** (~~one from each faculty~~)\*

NUSU Representative

**\* tenure or tenure track Faculty Senators preferred**

MOTION 28: Moved by D. Tabachnick, seconded by N. Colborne that Senate approve the amendments to the Senate Budget Advisory Committee membership.

CARRIED

OBJECTION - 1

- **Notice of Motion** Student Appeals Committee revision of Article 9.4.1(a) be amended as outlined below:

#### 9.4.1 Individual Appeal Panels

(a) Members (to be determined by the Student Appeals Committee):

- three (3) faculty members of the Student Appeals Committee from outside the appellant's Faculty, with the two (2) members who have served longest on the Committee acting as Chair and Vice-Chair;
- one (1) faculty member of the Student Appeals Committee from the appellant's Faculty, but outside the appellant's program area(s);
- one (1) student member or graduate student member of the Student Appeals Committee from outside the appellant's Faculty;
- one (1) student member or graduate student member of the Student Appeals Committee from the appellant's Faculty; and
- the Registrar.

**\* For individual graduate student appeals, one graduate student member must be on the panel.**

The Speaker requested that *individual graduate student* be read out and added to the Notice of Motion to be voted on at the December 8, 2017 Senate meeting.

- **Notice of Motion** Graduate Studies Leave and Time Extensions Subcommittee 10.3.1 be added as outlined below:

#### 10.3.1 Graduate Studies Leave and Time Extensions Subcommittee

(a) Members:

- Three graduate faculty members of the Faculty of Graduate Studies from different Programs, selected at large (one of whom will be elected Chair)
- A quorum will comprise of all members of the committee
- Meetings will be held a minimum of two times a year between September and June

(b) Terms of reference:

- To carry out Senate-approved graduate program policies of time extensions and leaves of absence.
- To review and develop policies and procedures for leaves and time extensions

## ELECTIONS

- Elect one at large non-Senator for the Planning & Priorities Committee  
Nomination received from the Schulich School of Education for Dr. Kristina Karvinen  
**K. Karvinen - ACCLAIMED**
- Elect one Senator to fill a Faculty of Arts & Science vacancy  
Nomination received from Arts & Science Faculty Council for Dr. Ali Hatef  
**A. Hatef - ACCLAIMED**

## REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

### Board of Governors

On behalf of the Board of Governors, Senator Zimbalatti provided an update from the November 9 Board meeting: Fran Couchie was welcomed as the newest Board member; two student callers from the successful fundraising campaign were introduced; the Provost reported on IQAP; the VP Finance and Administration provided an update on the college faculty strike, staff awards and the turf field; the Assistant VP Students gave an update on individualized student exams and the 25 Anniversary Celebrations; the Dean of Arts & Science reported on NIFTY (Nipissing Institute for Television & Innovation); the Dean of Applied and Professional Studies reported on new hires; the Director of Institutional Research and Planning provided an enrollment update and the Manager of Marketing and Communications provided an extensive report of how NU and the community work together. Senator Zimbalatti also provided an update on the University anthem advising that it would soon be ready for release.

## NEW BUSINESS

- MOTION 29: Moved by A. Vainio-Mattila, seconded by T. Horton that Senate move in camera to bring forward three new names to be added to the ongoing Senate List for consideration to receive an honorary degree.  
CARRIED
- MOTION 30: Moved by A. Vainio-Mattila, seconded by T. Horton that Senate approve the three names provided in camera to be added to the ongoing Senate List for consideration to receive an honorary degree.  
CARRIED
- MOTION 31: Moved by A. Vainio-Mattila, seconded by S. Renshaw that Senate move out of camera.  
CARRIED

A request was made to provide an up-to-date report of the list of Senate approved names for consideration to receive an Honorary Degree.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Provost and Vice-President Academic and Research thanked everyone that attended the Provost's Meet & Greet, and advised that she had recently attended a meeting of the Ontario Council of University Research and a meeting of the National Vice-Presidents' Academic Council. She also advised that Universities Canada recently launched their public commitment to work together and collaborate with

community organizations, business leaders and governments to reduce barriers to equity, diversity and inclusivity on campus and in society. An event was also attended to sign an MOU partnership with the North Bay Science Festival.

The Vice-President Finance and Administration advised that the Annual Service Awards Ceremony had recently been held celebrating the contributions of employees who have passed their 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 40 year milestones. Dr. Matti Saari was honoured for his 40 years of service and Dan St. Georges and Marney Leclerc were recognized as the recipients of the 2017 Staff Awards for Exceptional Performance and/or Service. She was also pleased to advise that President DeGagné was recently recognized during question period in the House of Commons as one of thirteen recipients of the 2018 Indspire Awards. Dr. DeGagné is being honoured with this national award for his public service work. The Indspire Awards Ceremony will be held in Winnipeg on March 23.

Senator Somerville provided an update on the new Student Centre and advised that a meeting will be held with NU and lawyers to secure potential financing. Upcoming events included the men's volleyball partnership "the Movember Matches" with proceeds donated to the NUSU Movember Team. He also advised of the NU Lakers Break the Ice on Mental Health events, "NU Listens" and "Do it for Daron" sponsored by Nipissing's Sports Marketing class to raise funds and awareness for Mental Health Services. As well, NUSU is continuing to work with the Military Resource Centre and encourages all members of the Nipissing Community to participate in the free Mental Health First Aid for the Veteran Community course. Adam Higgins was introduced as the new Graduate Student representative.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Senate was adjourned at: 4:30 p.m.

*Original signed by:*

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A. Vainio-Mattila (Vice-Chair)

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S. Landriault (Senate Recording Secretary)