

Nipissing University
Minutes of the Academic Senate Meeting

October 19, 2018

2:30 p.m. – Room F210

MEMBERS PRESENT:

M. DeGagné (Chair), A. Vainio-Mattila, C. Sutton, J. McAuliffe,
J. Nadeau, P. Radia, C. Richardson, D. Iafrate, N. Black

D. Lafrance Horning, L. Chen, M. Litalien, L. Manankil-Rankin,
K. McCullough, P. Ravi, M. Sullivan

A. Burk, N. Colborne, R. Gendron, A. Hatef, B. Kelly, L. Kruk,
G. McCann, S. Renshaw, K. Srigley, S. Srigley, D. Tabachnick,
H. Teixeira, T. Vassilev, H. Zhu

C. Hachkowski, B. Hatt, D. Hay, T. Horton, D. Jarvis, G.
Raymer, A. Schinkel-Ivy, G. Sharpe

O. Pokorny

B. Ray

J. Nighbor

D. Goulard, A. Wood, N. MacKenzie, H. Mackie

ABSENT WITH REGRETS:

P. Millar

S. Connor, E. Mattson

J. Allison, C. Peltier, C. Ricci

T. Curry

X. Winter, K. Kearney

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA OF THE SENATE MEETING OF: October 19, 2018

MOTION 1: Moved by R. Gendron, seconded by L. Kruk that the agenda of the Senate meeting of October 19, 2018 be approved.

CARRIED

MOTION 2: Moved by L. Kruk, seconded by K. McCullough that the Motion for approval of the Nipissing University Institutional Quality Assurance Protocol (NU-IQAP) and the receipt and approval of Graduation Applicants be moved to the start of the Agenda.

CARRIED

The Provost thanked the IQAP Protocol Review Committee (Graydon Raymer, Larry Patriquin, Alex Karassev, Nancy Black, Stephen Tedesco and Crystal Pigeau) for their long hours of hard work completing the final draft of the Nipissing University Institutional Quality Assurance Protocol (NU-IQAP). Donna Wolcott, former Quality Assurance, Executive Director, acted as a consultant to ensure that we were working within the context of QA. The NU-IQAP is a very important document. It will simplify the operational guidelines and minimize overlapping processes. If approved the NU-IQAP will be sent to a professional editor to be copy and language edited. We are in an extraordinary position this year with 18 program reviews. In order to assist the departments, in most cases, programs will be reviewed in the same year and in-line with accreditation processes. The dates will be staggered so that in eight years, the reviews won't all come due at the same time again.

MOTION 3: Moved by G. McCann, seconded by T. Vassilev that Senate approve the attached Nipissing University Institutional Quality Assurance Protocol (NU-IQAP) and it be forwarded to Quality Council for ratification.
CARRIED

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SENATE MEETING OF: September 14, 2018

MOTION 4: Moved by L. Kruk, seconded by D. Tabachnick that the minutes of the Senate meeting of September 14, 2018 be adopted.
CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

In support of the Motion, the Provost provided an update of the Restructuring Power Point presentation that was shared at the Town Hall meeting on October 9, 2018. The presentation included the current structure, the process undertaken to arrive at the proposed structure, the proposed structure, and the draft terms of reference of the new position created. The Provost advised that this discussion is only about the structure at this level of faculties and Deans. About 32 well thought out proposals on the restructuring were received. Face to face conversations took place with faculty, the NUSU Executive and a Town Hall meeting was held. Should the Restructuring Motion be approved today, it will be forwarded on to the Board of Governors for approval to start in July 2019. Speaking from the student perspective, the NUSU VP Governance, supported the Motion advising that it was innovative and a step in the right direction. As one of the reasons for the restructuring was low enrollment, a question was asked whether research had taken place to support this. The Provost advised that other universities have proven that new programs have increased enrolment. This change is a good narrative around the strength of teaching and will welcome students to our campus. A question was asked whether two open searches would take place for the Deans' positions. The Provost advised that the positions would be advertised widely. A concern was expressed that if the new structure does not work out as planned, might there be a process or a review to revisit the structure and measure if it is working. The Provost advised that as the NU-IQAP protocol was just approved, with regular reviews of the Research Dept., the Library, etc., it makes sense to have a process to review internal processes and ensure that they are working. Several Senators advised of their support of the Motion.

MOTION 5: Moved by M. DeGagné, seconded by D. Tabachnick that Senate make a recommendation to the Board of Governors to create a position of a Dean of Teaching by structuring Nipissing University faculties under two faculty Deans, instead of the current three, as follows:

Faculty of Education and Professional Studies comprising of:

- School of Business
- School of Criminology and Criminal Justice
- School of Nursing
- School of Social Work
- Schulich School of Education

And

Faculty of Arts and Science comprising of all other programs currently offered at Nipissing University.

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

The President's report was tabled to the November Senate meeting.

The Provost's report involved the NU-IQAP and restructuring and was provided earlier in the Agenda.

The Alumni Advisory Board President, Jade Nighbor, advised that Homecoming weekend was a success with a boost in numbers. Over 700 registrants and over 1300 people attended the hockey game. She thanked the Alumni Relations Coordinator, Bridgette Perron, for all of her hard work in coordinating this event. Ideas for homecoming events are welcomed, please share with alumni@nipissingu.ca Two new scholarships have been approved by the Alumni Advisory Board, in conjunction with an affinity partner. Further details will be provided as the awards are finalized. The next steps for the Board will be to approve the budget, meet new board members, and finalize the strategic plan at the annual retreat in November. Faculty were asked to share the names of individuals worthy of alumni awards. Please put names forth as not all awards are able to be given out each year due to lack of applicants. Assistance in completing the nomination forms is available at alumni@nipissingu.ca For an awards overview and this year's winners, click on the link below to learn about the four types awards:

<https://www.nipissingu.ca/departments/alumni-office/awards/Pages/default.aspx> The nomination form can be found at: <https://www.nipissingu.ca/departments/alumni-office/awards/Documents/Honorary%20Alumni%20Award%20Application%202018.pdf>

Senator Tabachnick reported that the Joint Board/Senate Committee on Governance recently met and a report will be generated and forwarded to the Senate Executive. There was some confusion regarding the approval process by the Board and Senate of the Statement on the Importance of Collegial Governance. The University Governance Committee of the Board will send the Statement back to the Joint Committee with suggested changes. The MTCU requires every publicly assisted college and university to develop and publicly post its own free speech policy by January 1, 2019. The Joint Committee on Governance was asked to form this policy. The policy will come forward to Senate.

NUSU President, Senator Daniel Goulard, advised that student elections had finished and he was pleased to advise that Hannah Mackie was elected as the VP Governance and Legal Affairs. He advised that no APS, Education or Graduate student nominations had been received. The need for students will be highlighted for next term. NUSU has been busy looking into developing new partnerships with the community, as well as the After Hours Event. Congratulations to the students for a successful Mayoral Candidate Event and thank you to the West Ferris Lion's Club and Women's Volleyball. He was pleased to announce that the new Student Centre groundbreaking event will be held on November 9 at 1:00 p.m. at the site. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Senator Gendron asked if a report was available from the Senate Budget Advisory Committee. Senator Burk advised that the Committee met on October 16 and the 2017-18 audited financial statement as well as the 2018-19 year to date results were discussed. The terms of reference and what other sources of information should be feeding into this Committee were also discussed.

QUESTION PERIOD

In response to a question raised regarding the termination of our long serving Communications Officer and why faculty were not informed, the President advised that personnel issues are not discussed at Senate or the Board of Governors. Duties relating to promoting research, etc. will be re-assigned.

A concern was expressed regarding communication between the Board of Governors and Senate. It was suggested that a more formalized process needs to be in place. The Speaker advised that recommendations should be included in meeting minutes and approved so that they are then actionable. If required, an interim process could be put in place.

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

MOTION 6: Moved by M. DeGagné, seconded by A. Burk that Senate receive the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated October 11, 2018.
CARRIED

ACADEMIC QUALITY ASSURANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

MOTION 7: Moved by A. Vainio-Mattila, seconded by G. McCann that the Report of the Academic Quality Assurance and Planning Committee dated September 21, 2018, be received.
CARRIED

GRADUATE STUDIES COUNCIL

MOTION 8: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by S. Renshaw that the report of the Graduate Studies Council dated September 18, 2018 be received.
CARRIED

MOTION 9: Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by H. Mackie that Senate approves the MSc Kin – Flex time enrolment option be available to students in the MSc Kinesiology Program.
CARRIED

AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

MOTION 10: Moved by N. Colborne, seconded by C. Hachkowski that Article 9.1.(c)(vi) of the Senate By-Laws be amended as outlined below:

- (vi) the Senate Executive may act on behalf of Senate when quorum of Senate cannot be established, or when the regularly scheduled Senate meeting is delayed, to deal with any urgent matter that is within the responsibility of Senate, with the understanding that all such actions will be reported at the next meeting of Senate. The Speaker, Deputy Speaker and at least one faculty Senator from the Senate Executive Committee must be present for this meeting, in addition to meeting quorum.
DEFEATED

- **Notice of Motion that Article 9.3.1 be amended as outlined below:**

Current Article reads:

- 9.3.1 Undergraduate Standing & Petitions Subcommittee (S&P)
- (a) *Ex Officio* Members:
 - (i) the Registrar, or designate (Chair); and
 - (ii) one (1) Academic Dean, or designate.
 - (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; and
 - (ii) one (1) student representative from each Faculty.
 - (c) Terms of Reference:
 - (i) to periodically review the University's policies and criteria with respect to defining and assessing undergraduate academic standing, and make recommendations to the Undergraduate Studies Committee as necessary and appropriate, for conveyance to Senate;
 - (ii) to consider and rule on petitions by undergraduate students for exceptions to University academic regulations*;
 - (iii) where it appears that undergraduate degree or program requirements or other academic regulations are giving rise to otherwise avoidable student petitions, to draw this to the attention of the Undergraduate Studies Committee or other individuals for further consideration and possible action;
 - (iv) through the degree audit process, to identify graduating students who are eligible for consideration for major undergraduate academic awards and to forward this information to those charged with making the final selections;
 - (v) to rule on the admissibility of candidates who fail to meet normal University admission requirements, but who, in the opinion of the Registrar, deserve special consideration; and
 - (vi) to deal with such other matters as may be assigned from time to time by the Undergraduate Studies Committee or by Senate.

*decisions in (ii) are final and may not be appealed

Revised Article reads (changes in bold and strike through):

- (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 **to work collaboratively with the Chair to review all petitions and determine appropriate action;** and...
 - (c)(iii) **where appropriate the Chair and Vice-Chair will exercise S & P's authority to act on their belief, with the understanding that all such actions will be reported at the following S & P Subcommittee meeting;**

And delete the following:

- (c)(iv) ~~through the degree audit process, to identify graduating students who are eligible for consideration for major undergraduate academic awards and to forward this information to those charged with making the final selections;~~

ELECTIONS

The members required for the Research Council as per the Senate By-laws and considering outgoing membership from last year:

- Elect one (1) faculty member who represents the NSERC discipline for a two (2) year term
(no nominations received)
- Elect one (1) faculty member who represents the SSHRC discipline for a two (2) year term
(no nominations received)
- Elect one (1) faculty member who holds a CRC or Indigenous Education Chair for a two (2) year term
ACCLAIMED: Dr. Mark Bruner
- Elect one (1) APS faculty member for a two (2) year term
(no nominations received)

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION 11: Moved by D. Iafrate, seconded by A. Burk that Senate consider receipt of the Report on Graduation Applicants dated October 15, 2018.

CARRIED

MOTION 12: Moved by D. Iafrate, seconded by A. Burk that Senate receive the Report on Graduation Applicants dated October 15, 2018.

CARRIED

MOTION 13: Moved by D. Iafrate, seconded by K. McCullough that Senate grant approval to graduate the students listed in the Report on Graduation Applicants dated October 15, 2018.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Senate was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.



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M. DeGagné (Chair)



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S. Landriault (Senate Secretary)