

Nipissing University  
Minutes of the Academic Senate Meeting  
September 13, 2019  
2:30 p.m. – Room F210

MEMBERS PRESENT:

M. DeGagné (Chair), J. McAuliffe, P. Radia, D. Iafrate  
A. Ackerman, O. Atari, A. Burk, D. Campbell, L. Chen, N. Colborne, S. Connor, H. Earl, A. Hatef, L. Hoehn, B. Kelly, K. Lucas, S. Renshaw, D. Tabachnick, H. Teixeira, R. Vernescu, H. Zhu  
J. Allison, C. Anyinam, C. Hachkowski, D. Jarvis, D. Lafrance Horning, L. Manankil-Rankin, K. McCullough, G. Raymer, C. Ricci, A. Schinkel-Ivy, T. Sibbald, M. Sullivan  
S. Kidd, B. Ray  
B. Perron  
H. Mackie, T. Sullivan, N. Muylaert

ABSENT WITH REGRETS:

A. Vainio-Mattila, C. Sutton, C. Richardson, N. Black  
N. Kozuskanich, M. Litalien, S. Srigley  
D. Hay, T. Horton, P. Millar, C. Peltier  
C. Irwin, O. Pokorny  
C. Foster, S. MacCarthy

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA OF THE SENATE MEETING OF: September 13, 2019

The Deputy Speaker advised of a revision on page 4 of the Senate Agenda. The election for one (1) EPS faculty Senate representative to serve on the Board of Governors for a three-year term effective July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022, should read one (1) A&S faculty Senate representative.

MOTION 1: Moved by A. Burk, seconded by H. Mackie that the revised Agenda of the Senate meeting of September 13, 2019 be approved.  
CARRIED

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SENATE MEETING OF: May 24, 2019

MOTION 2: Moved by C. Hachkowski, seconded by H. Mackie that the minutes of the Senate meeting of May 24, 2019 be adopted.  
CARRIED

The Speaker opened the meeting with a welcome to the traditional territory:

As we begin this Nipissing University Senate meeting, I would like to acknowledge that we are in the territory of the Robinson-Huron Treaty of 1850 and that the land on which we gather is the Nipissing First Nation Traditional Territory and the traditional territory of the Anishnabek. We respect and are grateful to hold this event on these lands with all our relatives.

### REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

The President acknowledged the death of one of our students, Shelby Dickey, a student and part of our Lakers community. Ms. Dickey passed away in a tragic cycling accident. She was four days away from defending her Master's thesis and earning her Master of Science in Kinesiology. Upon recommendation of the Dean, the Senate Executive Committee, on behalf of Senate, approved to confer the posthumous Master of Science in Kinesiology degree. This request was expedited to the Senate Executive Committee so that the degree could be provided as quickly as possible to the student's family. As the degree will be presented to the family at the Memorial Service planned for September 15, the President requested that the Motion be presented to the Senate for approval.

MOTION 3: Moved by D. Iafrate, seconded by J. McAuliffe that Senate consider the granting of a Master of Science in Kinesiology degree posthumously to Shelby Shawn Dickey.  
CARRIED

MOTION 4: Moved by M. DeGagné, seconded by H. Mackie that the Senate approve to confer the posthumous Master of Science in Kinesiology degree to Shelby Shawn Dickey.  
CARRIED

The President began his report by welcoming new and returning Senators. He advised that over the summer months we did extraordinarily well with student applications and confirmations of attendance. Our Indigenous programs were well attended, and for the first time our residences are all full. He acknowledged the excellent work of the recruitment team and admissions' staff, and that the process will start all over again with the Ontario University Fair taking place at the end of the month. The President advised that as university sources of revenue have been capped, internationalization and philanthropy will be significant priorities for this year. Meetings have taken place with the government to discuss the offset of tuition by 10%, and we should hear within the next few weeks where we are on the scale.

The Provost and Vice-President Academic and Research provided a written report. The report is attached to the Minutes.

The Senate representative of the Board of Governors, Bobby Ray, welcomed the Board of Governors, new Senate representative, Stuart Kidd. He also advised of the recently held Board Retreat and the Joint Board Senate Orientation.

On behalf of the Alumni Advisory Board, Bridgette Perron, Alumni Relations Coordinator, provided a report. The report is attached to the Minutes.

The NUSU President, Hannah Mackie, provided a report. The report is attached to the Minutes.

### QUESTION PERIOD

In response to a question regarding the Northern Grant, the President advised that grants have been provided to the four northern universities to offset costs due to living in the north. Each of the other universities receives about \$6M in funding and Nipissing University receives \$1.8M. The rate was set when we were a very small institution. Since June, two meetings have been held with our MPP, and letters have been written to the MTCU. The Minister is expected to be on campus next week, and a meeting and discussion of this matter is anticipated.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND FACULTY OR UNIVERSITY COUNCILS****SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE****June 7, 2019 (Electronic Meeting)**

MOTION 5: Moved by M. DeGagné, seconded by H. Mackie that the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated June 7, 2019 be received.  
CARRIED

**September 5, 2019**

MOTION 6: Moved by M. DeGagné, seconded by H. Mackie that the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated September 5, 2019 be received.  
CARRIED

The September 2019 Senate Regulations and Policies document is available on the Senate website. The entire document is 141 pages and reflects all the changes that Senate has approved since September 2018.

**ACADEMIC AWARDS, APPEALS AND PETITIONS COMMITTEE**

MOTION 7: Moved by M. DeGagné, seconded by L. Hoehn that the Report of the Academic Awards, Appeals and Petitions Committee dated September 4, 2019, be received.  
CARRIED

**ACADEMIC QUALITY ASSURANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

MOTION 8: Moved by M. DeGagné, seconded by A. Burk that the Annual Report of the Academic Quality Assurance and Planning Committee dated July 12, 2019, be received.  
CARRIED

MOTION 9: Moved by M. DeGagné, seconded by A. Burk that the Report of the Academic Quality Assurance and Planning Committee dated August 30, 2019, be received.  
CARRIED

MOTION 10: Moved by M. DeGagné, seconded by H. Mackie that Senate approve the IQAP Final Assessment Report and Implementation Plan for the BEd (MEd, PhD, and Aboriginal Teacher Education & Teacher of Anishnaabemwin as a Second Language).  
CARRIED

MOTION 11: Moved by M. DeGagné, seconded by H. Mackie that Senate approve the IQAP Final Assessment Report and Implementation Plan for the Bachelor of Physical and Health Education.  
CARRIED

MOTION 12: Moved by M. DeGagné, seconded by L. Chen that Senate approve the IQAP Final Assessment Report and Implementation Plan for the School of Business.  
CARRIED

MOTION 13: Moved by M. DeGagné, seconded by A. Burk that Senate approve the IQAP Final Assessment Report and Implementation Plan for Criminal Justice.  
CARRIED

MOTION 14: Moved by M. DeGagné, seconded by C. Hachkowski that Senate approve the IQAP Final Assessment Report and Implementation Plan for Fine Arts.  
CARRIED

MOTION 15: Moved by M. DeGagné, seconded by H. Mackie that Senate approve the IQAP Final Assessment Report and Implementation Plan for Geography.  
CARRIED

MOTION 16: Moved by M. DeGagné, seconded by H. Mackie that Senate approve the IQAP Final Assessment Report and Implementation Plan for MSc Mathematics.  
CARRIED

MOTION 17: Moved by M. DeGagné, seconded by A. Ackerman that Senate approve the IQAP Final Assessment Report and Implementation Plan for Sociology.  
CARRIED

### AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

- **Notice of Motion - Proposed amendments to the membership of Article 9.2 Academic Curriculum Committee as listed below:**

#### 9.2 Academic Curriculum Committee

- (a) *Ex Officio* Members:
  - (i) Faculty Deans, or designates, assigned by the PVPAR to serve as pro tem to call the first meeting of the Committee in September at which time a Chair and Vice-Chair will be elected;
  - (ii) the Registrar, or designate;
  - (iii) the Executive Director, Library Services;
  - (iv) a Student Senator from the NUSU Executive;
  - (v) two (2) undergraduate student representatives; one elected from each Faculty by NUSU;
  - (vi) one (1) graduate student representative from the NUSU Executive.
- (b) Members Elected by Senate, Faculty Council:
  - (i) four (4) faculty Senators\*, two from each Faculty elected by Senate; one of whom shall be elected by the Committee to serve as Chair and another to serve as Vice-Chair each on an annual basis;
  - (ii) two (2) non-Senator Faculty; one elected from each Faculty by respective Faculty Councils;
  - (iii) two (2) Graduate Coordinators/ Graduate Chairs; one elected from each Faculty by Respective Faculty Councils.

\*tenured or tenure-track Faculty preferred

Revised Article to read (changes in bold):

- (a) *Ex Officio* Members:
  - (i) **the PVPAR, or designate (Chair);**
  - (ii) Faculty Deans, or designates; **assigned by the PVPAR to serve as pro tem to call the first meeting of the Committee in September at which time a Chair and Vice-Chair will be elected;**
  - (iii) the Registrar, or designate;
  - (iv) the Executive Director, Library Services;
  - (v) a Student Senator from the NUSU Executive;
  - (vi) two (2) undergraduate student representatives; one elected from each Faculty by NUSU;
  - (vii) one (1) graduate student representative from the NUSU Executive.
- (b) Members Elected by Senate, Faculty Council:
  - (i) four (4) faculty Senators\*, two from each Faculty elected by Senate; **one of whom**

~~shall be elected by the Committee to serve as Chair and another to serve as Vice-Chair each on an annual basis;~~


- (ii) two (2) non-Senator Faculty; one elected from each Faculty by respective Faculty Councils;
  - (iii) two (2) Graduate Coordinators/ Graduate Chairs; one elected from each Faculty by Respective Faculty Councils.
- \*tenured or tenure-track Faculty preferred


## ELECTIONS

- Elect one (1) faculty Senate representative to serve as Speaker of Senate for a three-year term effective July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022.  
**N. Colborne - ACCLAIMED**
- Elect one (1) faculty Senate representative to serve as Deputy Speaker of Senate for a three-year term effective July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022.  
**T. Sibbald - ACCLAIMED**
- Elect one (1) EPS A&S faculty Senate representative to serve on the Board of Governors for a three-year term effective July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022.  
**H. Earl - ACCLAIMED**
- Elect one (1) faculty Senate representative to serve on the Joint Committee of the Board and Senate on Governance for a three-year term effective July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022.  
**A. Burk - ACCLAIMED**
- Elect one (1) faculty Senate representative to serve on the Senate Budget Advisory Committee for a three-year term effective July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022.  
**No nominations received. To be carried over to the October 11, 2019 Senate Agenda.**
- Elect two (2) EPS faculty Senate representatives to serve on the Academic Awards, Appeals and Petitions Committee for a three-year term effective July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022.  
**D. Lafrance Horning – ACCLAIMED**  
**A. Schinkel-Ivy - ACCLAIMED**
- Elect two (2) EPS faculty Senate representatives to serve on the Academic Curriculum Committee for a three-year term effective July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022.  
**C. Hachkowski – ACCLAIMED**  
**Only one nomination received. To be carried over to the October 11, 2019 Senate Agenda.**
- Elect one (1) EPS faculty Senate representative to serve on the Academic Quality Assurance and Planning Committee for a three-year term effective July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022.  
**G. Raymer - ACCLAIMED**
- Elect two (2) EPS faculty Senate representatives to serve on the Teaching and Learning Committee for a three-year term effective July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022.  
**J. Allison – ACCLAIMED**  
**G. Raymer – ACCLAIMED**

## ADJOURNMENT

Senate was adjourned at: 3:15 p.m.

  
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M. DeGagné (Chair)

  
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S. Landriault (Senate Secretary)

**Senate Report**  
**Arja Vainio-Mattila, Provost & VPAR**  
**13<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

1. Annual Academic Plan Reporting

The Annual Academic Plan is posted at

<https://www.nipissingu.ca/academics/provost-vpar/academic>

I. Growing the University

IA1 The Registrar's Office is developing a proposal on how Senate Policies could be re-organized for consideration by the Senate.

IB1 An SEM Committee has been created and has met twice (May 24<sup>th</sup> & August 12<sup>th</sup>).

Co-Chairs: Stephen Tedesco and Debra lafrate

Arja Vainio-Mattila

Cheryl Sutton

Carole Richardson

Pavlina Radia

Jim McAuliffe

Pat Maher (starts in October)

Hannah Mackie, NUSU

Tanya Lukin-Linklater, Office of Indigenous Initiatives

Cristin Christopher, External Relations

Denyse Lafrance Horning, EPS

Laurie Peachey, EPS

David Zarifa, A&S

Natalya Brown, A&S

IC1 The Board Retreat focused on Internationalization of the University, with a guest speaker from Vancouver Island University and a panel of NU international students. **The Provost is seeking interested volunteers to serve on a committee to develop a framework of internationalization for Nipissing.** If you are interested, please advise Martee Storms at [PVPAR@nipissingu.ca](mailto:PVPAR@nipissingu.ca)

II. Engagement in Scholarship

IIA1 Renewal processes for current CRCs are underway, and identifying new CRC areas has been initiated.

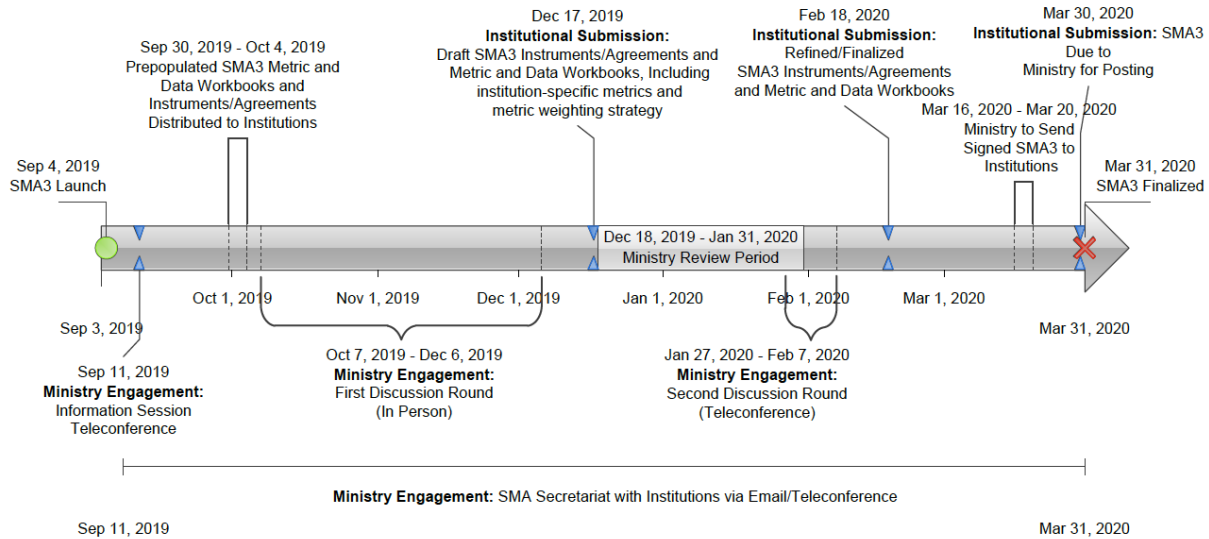
IIB1 The Dean of Teaching, Dr. Pat Maher, will start on campus in October.

- IIB2 Construction of the Teaching Hub has started, estimated to be finished in November.
- IIC1 We have seen a slight increase in the number of Library Information Literacy Sessions that we offer; (to date from Sept 4, we have given 8 sessions; 420 students participated).
- IIC2 The work on building on increasing the number of Literacy Instruction Sessions has been initiated.
- IIC3 Preliminary discussion and exploration of methods to effectively assess learning outcomes.

### III. Programme Sustainability

- IIIA1 Hire in GESJ was completed over summer. Eleven LTA 1 appointments, two LTA2 (one of which was converted to a TT position, the other is in process).
- IIIB1 A positive review was received on the BSc/BA proposal on Data Science. The proposal is under consideration by Quality Council.
- IIIB2 The English Studies IQAP is at the self-study phase. Completed IQAP's were approved by AQAPC.
- IIIC1 SMA Preparation  
  
SMA 3 preparation has started. Following, please find an overview of the process as defined by the MTCU, and the metrics chart.

## Overview: 2020-25 Strategic Mandate Agreements (SMA3) Bilateral Discussions



## Metrics Activation Map

			SMA2	SMA3	SMA3	SMA3	SMA3	SMA3	
	Metric	Data Source	Sector	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Skills & Job Outcomes	Graduate Earnings	Statistics Canada	Colleges and Universities	Initial collection & cleaning	Data review & analysis	Metric activated for funding	Metric activated for funding	Metric activated for funding	Metric activated for funding
	Experiential Learning	OCAV, TCU, Institutions	Colleges and Universities	Initial collection & cleaning	Data review & analysis	Metric activated for funding	Metric activated for funding	Metric activated for funding	Metric activated for funding
	Skills & Competencies	Under Development	Colleges and Universities	Metric data development	Initial collection & cleaning	Data review & analysis	Metric activated for funding	Metric activated for funding	Metric activated for funding
	Graduate Employment	TCU Survey	Colleges and Universities	Included in SMA2	Metric activated for funding	Metric activated for funding	Metric activated for funding	Metric activated for funding	Metric activated for funding
	Institutional Strength/Focus	TCU	Colleges and Universities	Data review & analysis	Metric activated for funding	Metric activated for funding	Metric activated for funding	Metric activated for funding	Metric activated for funding
	Graduation Rate	TCU Graduate Record File	Colleges and Universities	Included in SMA2	Metric activated for funding	Metric activated for funding	Metric activated for funding	Metric activated for funding	Metric activated for funding
Economic & Community Impact	Research Funding & Capacity	Tri-council	Universities ONLY	Included in SMA2	Metric activated for funding	Metric activated for funding	Metric activated for funding	Metric activated for funding	Metric activated for funding
	Apprenticeship Related	Under development	Colleges ONLY	Metric data development	Metric data development	Data review & analysis	Metric activated for funding	Metric activated for funding	Metric activated for funding
	Innovation	Financial data (Industry Funding)	Colleges and Universities	Metric data development	Data review & analysis	Metric activated for funding	Metric activated for funding	Metric activated for funding	Metric activated for funding
	Community / Local Impact	Student Population TCU	Colleges and Universities	Data review & analysis	Metric activated for funding	Metric activated for funding	Metric activated for funding	Metric activated for funding	Metric activated for funding
	Institution Specific Metric	Institutions (Economic Impact)	Colleges and Universities	Included in SMA2	Metric activated for funding	Metric activated for funding	Metric activated for funding	Metric activated for funding	Metric activated for funding
	*Faculty Workload	Institutions	Colleges and Universities	Initial Instructions to Institutions	Publication	Publication	Publication	Publication	Publication
	*Faculty Compensation	Institutions	Colleges and Universities	Initial Instructions to Institutions	Publication	Publication	Publication	Publication	Publication
*Productivity, Accountability and Transparency Metrics for Data Collection Only									



2. The Sparrow Family Experiential Learning Centre

The University is delighted to announce that on Friday, October 4 at 1 pm, we will be celebrating **the grand opening of the Sparrow Family Experiential Learning Centre**. The Sparrow Family Experiential Learning Centre, within the School of Business, aims to prepare students for success in the boardroom and beyond by providing opportunities for practical, hands-on learning both inside and outside the classroom. Please join us in celebrating our connection to community and this added opportunity to support student engagement in experiential learning.

We are looking forward to celebrating with the Sparrow Family, students, faculty and our community partners. Please RSVP to [maggied@nipissingu.ca](mailto:maggied@nipissingu.ca)

3. Annual Academic Planning for 2020-2021 is underway. **Final departmental plans must be submitted ASAP.**

## **Nipissing University Alumni Advisory Board Senate Update**

1. Homecoming - we look forward to hosting our alumni, students, faculty, donors and community members at the annual event taking place Oct 4-6. Highlights include, the alumni awards event at 6pm downtown at the Grande Event Centre, Women's Varsity Hockey at Memorial Gardens at 7:30pm with fireworks to follow after the game, sponsored by The City of North Bay. Registration is now live and we welcome the BOG to join us at this exciting campus event.
2. 10KC launch - Welcome to our NU Cafe, an exciting partnership with Ten Thousand Coffees and RBC Future Launch. This mentoring and networking platform aims to connect alumni and students to aide career development. We already have over a hundred alumni on the platform! Our goal is 300 alumni and 300 students by the end of the year. Sign up today at [nipissingu.tenthousandcoffees.com/signup](http://nipissingu.tenthousandcoffees.com/signup)
3. TD Life & Health have joined our suite of affinity partnerships. The program will be launching soon. Stay tuned for more details on how you can bundle your TD home and auto insurance with your life and health insurance to save more!
4. MBNA - the program has changed to provide more competitive options for alumni. The new changes will take effect this fall. Look for this upgrade soon.



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**Nipissing University Student Union**

## **September - Senate Report**

The summer months that have passed have been a busy time for NUSU. There has been a lot of preparation by the executives and staff for the upcoming school year, and thinking of ways to best engage students this year.

We just want to say thank you to both the School of Education and the Graduate Studies Department for involving us in their orientations, it was great to be able to engage with all incoming students in these programs.

### **Frosh/Shinerama**

Frosh Week was a huge success and we say thank you to all of the community support we received. We also would like to thank the various faculty who volunteered for the "Meet your Prof" event where incoming students got the opportunity to meet some of their new professors and ask them questions about their program and the first week of class.

We want to also say thank you to the North Bay community who came out to our Shine Day, which is a part of our Frosh Week. This day has new students participate in car washes as well as bagging and carrying groceries to raise money for Cystic Fibrosis. With the coordination from Charlotte and her team, almost \$10,000 was raised from the North Bay Community.

### **Community Funfair/Block Party**

We are excited for the upcoming year, and are looking forward to kicking off the year with the NUSU Community Fun Fair. This event will incorporate a variety of inflatable games that you can win tokens at and cash in for prizes. There will be music, a BBQ, face painting, and more.

We definitely encourage all community members to attend this event and bring children and grandchildren. The event will run from 11-5 on September 21st.

It will be taking place in Lot 5, up behind the gym. This is our way to attempt to bring the community up to campus, and introduce Nipissing to those who haven't experienced it yet.

### **September 25th**

On Wednesday, September 25th we will be hosting a Welcome BBQ for our students from 11am-1pm outside of the Harris Learning Library. Groups such as Clean, Green, Beautiful, Culture Days, Yes Employment, and the City of North Bay Economic Development office will be in attendance to engage with students.

On the same day from 2pm-4pm NUSU, along with the Retired Teachers of Ontario and Canadore Students' Council, will be hosting a Federal Election Debate. This debate is open to the general public as well. We believe it is important for students to be informed when voting and know that their vote is crucial.

**Sweetest Student of the Week**

The Sweetest Student of the Week program is restarting this year. Nipissing students can be nominated by their peers, faculty, staff or the wider North Bay community, for the great things they do. This can be from giving their seat on the bus to raising money for charity. If you know of a student who should be recognized you can nominate them at [nusu.com/sweeteststudent](https://nusu.com/sweeteststudent).

Overall, we are excited to kick off another amazing year with our Lakers!