

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

May 13, 2005
2:30 p.m. – A246

MEMBERS PRESENT:

R. Common, R. Hawkins, D. Lawrence, D. Mock,
B. Nettlefold, A. Sparkes, R. Vanderlee, R. Wideman

J. Barker, G. Brophay, R. Brozowski, K. Brozowski, T. Chase,
A. Clendinning, P. Cook, T. Dokis, D. Ford, D. Geden,
A B Graff, D. Hackett, D. Hemsworth, S. High, T. Jones,
D. Jowett, S. Kariuki., J. Kovacs, L. Kruk, S. Kulkarni, S. Lawlor,
E. Mattson, S. Muhlberger, D. Murphy, F. Noël, P. Nosko,
S. O'Hagan, A. Page, T. Parkes, G. Phillips, R. Pyper, S. Renshaw,
L. Robinson, D. Rowbotham, J. Ryan, M. Saari, C. Sarlo,
S. Srigley, D. Tabachnick, K. Topps, M. Tuncali, V. Valov,
D. Walton, A. Weeks, G. Williams, W. Young, H. Zhu

J. Barnett, W. Blair, T. Campbell, K. Clausen, E. Duncan,
D. Franks, L. Frost, T. Horton, L. Keuhl, K. Kirkwood,
H. Langford, G. Laronde, A. LeSage, J. Long, G. McEwen,
J. McIntosh, B. Olmsted, MA Parr, M. Parr, S. Reid, C. Richardson,
W. Richardson, O. Ridler, H. Rintoul, T. Ryan, S. Van Nuland,
K. Waller

M. Cooper
L. McLaren
B. Pipe
M. Bowman, T. Condotta, J. deBruyn, K. Marsh

M. Jackson, L. Richards

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: J. Baffoe, R. Bergquist (on leave), W. Borody (on leave),
C. Boterbloem, E. Cholewa, D. Hall, L. Janzen,
P. Kelly (on leave), U. Kundraats, J. LeClair, C. McFarlane,
G. Olsen, L. Patriquin (on leave), G. Pyle, B. Schreyer

J. Mroczkowski, K. Noël, C. Shields

MEMBERS ABSENT:

E. Berger, G. Brown, P. Chow, A. Dean, M. Denike, D. Flynn,
A. Karassev, J. Knox, B. Lorenzkowski, B. Riome, K. Stange

AM Aquino, D. Berry, D. Brackenreed, M. Cantilini-Williams,
J. Corkett, R. Fix, C. Harvey, P. Joong, M. Kariuki, M. McCabe,

J. Price, C. Ricci, J. Scott, G. Swanson, H. Vail, R. Weeks

T. Silveri

T. Banakh, J. Boivin, C. Cook, K. Currie, U. Frisse, S. Hevenor,
W. Ingwersen, J. Kmiec, K. Lee, C. Lobsinger, BA Pentney,
O. Sanniguel-Valderrama, D. Yule

GUESTS:

A. Fera, M. Green, M. Ostashevski, D. Vadnais

MOTION #1:

Moved by D. Jowett, seconded by M. Tuncali that the minutes of the regular meeting of the Academic Senate dated April 1, 2005 be adopted.

CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President opened his remarks by commenting on the provincial budget which was tabled on Wednesday, May 11th, 2005. He was pleased to report that post-secondary education was at the top of the province's agenda after a 40-year absence. A five-year plan will be established to pump \$6.2B into post-secondary institutions. About \$683M will be allocated through the post-secondary system this upcoming year. A major investment of \$192M in student financial aid was highlighted along with a substantial increase in graduate funding in the amount of \$220M over four years. More money will be allocated for new programs targeting francophones, aboriginal learning, persons with disabilities, and individuals from families who are the first to attend university. All students will now be funded at the same rate. As a result, Senator Mock stressed that the competition to attract new students will increase significantly. Senator Mock also commented on the invaluable contribution made by members of the various advocacy groups across the province who worked on behalf of the universities.

Faculty who participated in the local applicant/parent reception held on Thursday, May 12th were thanked for their contribution to a very successful evening. It was an excellent opportunity to showcase our institution to the local community.

The President commented on the recent senior administrative changes. He thanked Senator Chase for assuming the position of interim Vice-President Academic commencing September 1st. Once the revised policy and procedures for the hiring of senior academic administrators is passed by the Board of Governors in June, a search committee for the vice-president academic will be struck. Senator Mock also thanked Murray Green, Vice-President of Administration and Finance for agreeing to stay on for an extra two months, Senator Sparkes for remaining on as Associate Dean of Arts and Science for at least one more year and Ms. Connie Vander Wall for her new position as Associate Vice-President of Human Resources.

Senator Hawkins extended his congratulations to Senator Williams who has accepted a position at Carleton University and Senator Robinson who has accepted a position at the Royal Military

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College and wished them both well in their careers. The candidate for the position of Director of Research, Ms. Paule Laberge, has accepted the position offer and will commence her duties on August 15th, 2005. Senator Hawkins also announced that most academic positions in both faculties had been filled and thanked the chairs and their respective departments for their hard work. A committee will be struck shortly to work on the reappointment of the Dean of Education.

Senators were reminded that the deadline for receipt of proposals to the Definition Committee is June 6th with recommendations going to the President on June 23rd. The application to the McConnell Foundation will be going out on Monday, May 16th.

Senator Hawkins was pleased to announce that five students had been awarded NSERC grants, a 100% success rate in Biology. Six students submitted and were subsequently awarded SSHRC grants. Each grant is valued at \$17,500.

Senator Sparkes, Associate Dean of Arts and Science, thanked all faculty who participated in the successful local applicant reception on May 12th. A presentation by Mary Overholt, a Nipissing graduate with a double major in English Studies and Mathematics, was very well received. It gave insight on student life with specific reference to Nipissing University. Senator Sparkes urged all faculty to continue with this active participation by becoming involved in New Student Orientation in July. A reminder was issued to Senators that there were still a number of outstanding grades to be submitted. Senators were reminded that graduation and student awards that are based on marks were in jeopardy of not being included in the printing of the convocation program if they were not submitted shortly.

The Dean of Education congratulated Senators Campbell and Le Sage on successfully defending their doctoral theses. Senator Common was pleased that all staff and students had safely returned from successful international practicums.

There was also a visit to China by Senator Common along with faculty and a number of education students doing their final practicum. Nipissing faculty were involved with in-service work with faculty at Guangxi University. Along with Senator Kariuki, Senator Common visited Kenyatta University in Kenya where an agreement in principle was developed.

A CURA grant has been received for a research alliance with the Union of Ontario Indians and the Faculty of Education. The purpose of this grant is to establish a centre for Aboriginal educational research.

Senator deBruyn, the new president of NUSU, introduced the student executive. He indicated that NUSU was becoming involved with a youth leadership workshop called OSMOSIS. These students will be working in local high schools. He also mentioned that NUSU was currently in the process of updating the student handbook.

Senator Lawrence was very pleased to inform Senate that the President would be receiving an honorary degree from Ryerson University at a ceremony on June 7th.

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The Senate Speaker reminded all members of Senate committees that they should meet shortly and elect a Chair by the June Senate meeting. An e-mail will be forthcoming from the Assistant Secretary of Senate.

Applications for tenure and promotion must be received by Senator Tuncali, Chair of the APT Committee, by June 1st.

QUESTION PERIOD

Concerns were brought forward regarding the number of faculty members leaving Nipissing University and moving on to other institutions. Of special concern was the fact that these departures were centred on two departments. The President responded by saying that he recognizes that the university is losing six senior and well respected professors and that in some circumstances, it can be very difficult to retain faculty. He also reminded senators that there is the push/pull factor at this level. Senator Mock indicated that exit interviews will be conducted with these faculty to get a sense of the factors going into their decision to leave. He also reminded senators that one of the objectives of the strategic plan initiative is to recruit and retain staff and a committee is to be struck, very shortly, to deal with this issue.

Executive Committee

MOTION #2: Moved by D. Mock, seconded by J. McIntosh that the Annual Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated April 18, 2005 be received.
CARRIED

May 5th Report

MOTION #3: Moved by D. Mock, seconded by T. Jones that the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated May 5, 2005 be received.
CARRIED

University Curriculum Committee

MOTION #4: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by T. Jones that the 2005 Annual Report of the University Curriculum Committee dated April 27, 2005 be received.
CARRIED

Academic Planning Committee

MOTION #5: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by O. Ridler that the 2005 Annual Report of the Academic Planning Committee dated April 27, 2005 be received.
CARRIED

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May 3rd, Report

MOTION #6: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by D. Ford that the report of the Academic Planning Committee dated May 3, 2005 be received.

CARRIED

MOTION #7: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by R. Common that in accordance with the Nipissing University Policy for New Program Implementation Procedures, Senate give Stage One “Developmental Approval” (Approval in Principle) to the Bachelor of Health and Physical Education program (see attached).

MOTION #8 : Moved by D. Jowett, seconded by H. Langford that Senate postpone consideration of Stage One “Developmental Approval” of the Bachelor of Health and Physical Education program pending deliberations of the strategic planning task group.

DEFEATED

MOTION #7: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by R. Common that, in accordance with the Nipissing University Policy for New Program Implementation Procedures, Senate give Stage One “Developmental Approval” (Approval in Principle) to the Bachelor of Health and Physical Education program (see attached).

CARRIED

Library Committee

MOTION #9: Moved by T. Campbell, seconded by D. Ford that the Annual Report of the Library Committee dated April 14, 2005 be received.

CARRIED

Distance Education Committee

MOTION #10: Moved by R. Wideman, seconded by D. Lawrence that the Annual Report of the Distance Education Committee dated May 2, 2005 be received.

CARRIED

Cultural Affairs Committee

MOTION #11: Moved by W. Blair, seconded by B. Olmsted that the Annual Report of the Cultural Affairs Committee dated May 1, 2005 be received.

CARRIED

Appointments, Promotions and Tenure Committee

MOTION #12: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by D. Jowett that the APT Committee Annual Report dated May 2, 2005 be received.
CARRIED

April 27th Report

MOTION #13: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by S. Srigley that the report of the APT Senate Level Appeal Committee dated April 27, 2005 be received.
CARRIED

May 2nd Report

MOTION #14: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by A. Page that the report of the APT Committee dated May 2, 2005 be received.
CARRIED

Student Affairs Committee

MOTION# 15: Moved by B. Olmsted, seconded by H. Rintoul that the Annual Report of the Student Affairs Committee dated May 2, 2005 be received.
CARRIED

Student Academic Standing, Appeals and Petitions Committee

MOTION #16: Moved by G. Laronde, seconded by S. Lawlor that the Annual Report of the Student Academic Standing, Appeals and Petitions Committee dated April 28, 2005 be received.
CARRIED

By-Laws and Striking Committee

MOTION #17: Moved by J. McIntosh, seconded by D. Ford that the Annual Report of the Senate By-laws and Striking Committee dated April 29, 2005 be received.
CARRIED

Honorary Degrees Committee

MOTION #18: Moved by D. Mock, seconded by W. Richardson that the Annual Report of the Honorary Degrees Committee dated April 18, 2005 be received.
CARRIED

Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee

MOTION #19: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by R. Pyper that the Annual Report of the Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee dated May 1, 2005 be received.
CARRIED

April 21st Report

MOTION #20: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by W. Richardson that the Report of the Admissions, Promotions, and Petitions Committee dated April 21, 2005 be received.
CARRIED

MOTION #21: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by S. Reid that Nipissing University take note of the concerns of the Ontario College of Teachers and the Ontario Ministry of Education regarding the lack of male teachers in the primary grades by:

1. undertaking an active advertising and promotional campaign to attract male students to the Faculty of Education; and
2. by establishing an ad hoc Senate committee to review the College of Teachers report, and other research, on the impact and benefits of male teachers as role models in a classroom setting. This committee would also explore practices in other universities related to recruitment of male teacher education candidates.

CARRIED

University Research Council

MOTION #22: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by AB Graff that the Annual Report of the University Research Council dated April 27, 2005 be received.
CARRIED

Academic Computing Committee

MOTION #23: Moved by K. Waller, seconded by J. Barnett that the Annual Report of the Academic Computing Committee dated April 30, 2005 be received.
CARRIED

Appeals Committee for Ethics

MOTION #24: Moved by K. Brozowski, seconded by S. Van Nuland that the Annual Report of the Appeals Committee for Ethics dated May 2, 2005 be received.
CARRIED

Concurrent Education Co-ordinating Committee

MOTION #25: Moved by P. Cook, seconded by G. Laronde that the Annual Report of the Concurrent Education Co-ordinating Committee dated May 2, 2005 be received.
CARRIED

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

Senator Saari, Senate representative on the Board of Governors, commented that at the May Board meeting, the issue of faculty and staff morale was discussed.

The Alumni Association representative, Mark Cooper, introduced himself to fellow senators and stated he was looking forward to being Alumni's representative at Senate.

Senator Sparkes, who is the Senate representative at COU, explained that most of the recent discussions at COU were with reference to what may happen with the provincial budget.

OTHER BUSINESS

MOTION #26: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by T. Campbell that Senate endorses the recommendation from the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Full-time Teaching Committee: The 2005 Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Full-time Teaching be awarded to Dr. Greg Brown (Criminal Justice).
CARRIED

MOTION #27: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by D. Jowett that Senate endorses the recommendation of the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Research Committee: the 2005 Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Research Award be awarded to Dr. Peter Joong (Education).
CARRIED

MOTION #28: Moved by D. Lawrence, seconded by S. Lawlor that Senate discharge the non-standing Senate committees including Senate and Dean's Search Committees and Selection Committees for 2004-2005 as identified on the agenda.
CARRIED

- (i) Senate Selection Committee for the tenure track position in Plant Biology
- (ii) Senate Selection Committee for the four tenure track positions in the School of Business and Economics
- (iii) Senate Selection Committee for the tenure track position in Gender Studies and Studies in Religions and Cultures
- (iv) Senate Selection Committee for the tenure track position in Religions and Cultures
- (v) Senate Selection Committee for the tenure track position in Geography
- (vi) Senate Selection Committee for the tenure track position in Nursing
- (vii) Senate Selection Committee for the tenure track position in Political Science
- (viii) Senate Selection Committee for the tenure track position in Psychology
- (ix) Senate Selection Committee for the tenure track position in Sociology
- (x) Assessment Subcommittee for Dr. Todd Horton's application for reappointment with tenure
- (xi) Assessment Subcommittee for Dr. Larry Patriquin's application for reappointment with tenure
- (xii) Assessment Subcommittee for Dr. David Hall's application for promotion to Associate Professor
- (xiii) Assessment Subcommittee for Dr. John Baffoe's application for promotion to Associate Professor
- (xiv) Assessment Subcommittee for Dr. Grant Williams' application for promotion to Associate Professor
- (xv) Assessment Subcommittee for Dr. Vesko Valov's application for promotion to Associate Professor
- (xvi) Assessment Subcommittee for Dr. Greg Pyle's application for reappointment with tenure and promotion to Associate Professor
- (xvii) Assessment Subcommittee for Dr. Andrew Weeks' application for reappointment with tenure
- (xviii) Assessment Subcommittee for Dr. John Kovacs' application for reappointment with tenure and promotion to Associate Professor
- (xix) Assessment Subcommittee for Dr. Françoise Noël's application for promotion to Full Professor
- (xx) Assessment Subcommittee for Dr. Steve Muhlberger's application for promotion to Full Professor
- (xxi) Assessment Subcommittee for Dr. Margaret Denike's application for reappointment with tenure
- (xxii) Assessment Subcommittee for Dr. Dennis Geden's application for reappointment with tenure
- (xxiii) Assessment Subcommittee for Dr. Greg Brown's application for promotion to Associate Professor
- (xxiv) Assessment Subcommittee for Dr. Stephen High's application for promotion to Associate Professor

- (xxv) Assessment Subcommittee for Dr. Laurie Kruk's application for promotion to Associate Professor
- (xxvi) Assessment Subcommittee for Dr. Alan Sparkes' application for promotion to Associate Professor
- (xxvii) Assessment Subcommittee for Dr. Cornelius Boterbloem's application for promotion to Full Professor
- (xxviii) Assessment Subcommittee for Dr. Paul Kelly's application for promotion to Full Professor
- (xxix) Assessment Subcommittee for Dr. Dana Murphy's application for reappointment with tenure and promotion to Associate Professor
- (xxx) Assessment Subcommittee for Dr. Vesko Valov's application for reappointment with tenure and promotion to Full Professor
- (xxxii) Assessment Subcommittee for Dr. Kurt Clausen's application for reappointment with tenure
- (xxxiii) Assessment Subcommittee for Dr. Janet McIntosh's application for reappointment with tenure
- (xxxiv) Assessment Subcommittee for Dr. Carmen Shields' application for promotion to Associate Professor
- (xxxv) Senate Selection Committee for the tenure track position in Art Education.
- (xxxvi) Senate Selection Committee for the tenure track position in Computer Education.
- (xxxvii) Senate Selection Committee for the two tenure track positions in Social Studies.
- (xxxviii) Senate Selection Committee for the tenure track position in Curriculum Methods.
- (xxxix) Senate Selection Committee for the two tenure track positions in Graduate Studies.
- (xl) Senate Selection Committee for the tenure track position in Education Psychology/Special Education – Brantford Campus.
- (xli) Senate Selection Committee for the tenure track position in Education Psychology/Special Education – North Bay Campus.
- (xlii) Senate Selection Committee for the tenure track position in Language and Literacy – Brantford Campus.
- (xliv) Senate Selection Committee for the tenure track position in Language and Literacy – North Bay Campus.
- (xlv) Senate Selection Committee for the tenure track position in Physical Health & Education.
- (xlv) Senate Selection Committee for two year limited term position in Curriculum Methods/Education & Schooling.
- (xlvi) Senate Selection Committee for the two year limited term position in Language and Literacy.

ELECTIONS

CRC Definition Committee for the definition of two Tier II Canada Research Chairs:

Two members to be elected by Senate from amongst its membership: one Senator is to be chosen from the NSERC disciplines (Nursing, Biology, Psychology, Mathematics and Computer Science, and Geography) and the other from the SSHRC disciplines (English, History, Humanities and Cultural Studies, Sociology, Business and Education). At least one of the Senate representatives is to be female.

NSERC Election

D. Murphy nominated by A. Weeks
A. Page nominated by R. Vanderlee
P. Nosko nominated by G. Phillips
M. Tuncali nominated by V. Valov

MOTION #29: Moved by S. Lawlor , seconded by O. Ridler that nominations cease.
CARRIED

Elected: M. Tuncali

SSHRC Election

H. Langford nominated by G. Williams
S. Muhlberger nominated by F. Noël
D. Hemsworth nominated by D. Ford
L. Frost nominated by H. Rintoul

MOTION # 30: Moved by AB Graff, seconded by S. Lawlor that nominations cease.
CARRIED

Elected: H. Langford

NEW BUSINESS:

Research Ethics Committee

MOTION #31: Moved by S. High, seconded by AB Graff that Senate consider receipt of the
Annual Report of the Research Ethics Committee dated April 29, 2005.
CARRIED

MOTION #32: Moved by S. High, seconded by S. Muhlberger that the Annual Report of the Research Ethics Committee dated April 29, 2005 be received.
CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION (from Research Ethics Committee Meeting of April 22nd)

I. Review of Proposals for Course Certification

Article 1.15

Nipissing University instructors wanting to have a course assignment involving multiple student projects with human subjects (involving minimal or low risk research only) pre-cleared for ethics approval must follow the procedure below. To allow time for a ruling before students are issued the course syllabus, the course instructor shall apply for ethics approval at least two weeks prior to the start of the term. Applications for course certification will not be considered once this deadline has passed. In these instances, students doing research with human subjects in an uncertified course would have to apply for ethics approval like any other university researcher.

In addition to the completion of the ethics application form, instructors applying for course certification must include the following information: (1) a thorough description of the assignment that outlines the nature of the research being undertaken as well as the potential research questions, (2) a general consent form to be used by students undertaking research with human subjects, and (3) a short statement of supervision that outlines the measures to be taken by the instructor to ensure that this Research Ethics Policy is being followed by student researchers (e.g. training, supervision, compliance).

Upon the completion of the course, the Nipissing University instructor will file a report with the Research Office using the form available on the web site.

Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee

May 9th Report

MOTION #33: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by D. Lawrence that Senate consider receipt of the Report of the Admissions, Petitions and Promotions Committee dated May 9, 2005.
CARRIED

MOTION #34: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded D. Jowett by that the Admissions, Petitions and Promotions Committee Report dated May 9, 2005 be received.
CARRIED

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MOTION #35: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by D. Lawrence that a fulltime Arts and Science student be defined as anyone enrolled in 18 credits (60% load) or more, in either the Fall/Winter or Spring/Summer terms.
CARRIED

MOTION #36: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by D. Lawrence that students listed in Appendix A be granted their respective degrees.
CARRIED

May 12th Report

MOTION #37: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by D. Lawrence that Senate consider receipt of the Report of the Admissions, Petitions and Promotions Committee dated May 12, 2005.
CARRIED

MOTION #38: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by D. Jowett that the Admissions, Petitions and Promotions Committee Report dated May 12, 2005 be received.
CARRIED

MOTION #39: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by J. Barnett that students listed in Appendix A be granted their respective degrees.
CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #40: Moved by S. Muhlberger, seconded by K. Waller that Senate do now adjourn: 5:17 p.m.
CARRIED

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D. Mock, President

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J. Baffoe, Secretary