

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

January 14, 2011

2:30 p.m. – Room F210

MEMBERS PRESENT:

L. Lovett-Doust (Chair), K. Bergman (Vice-Chair), V. Paine-Mantha,  
S. Rich, B. Nettlefold, A. Robinson

G. Brown, K. McCullough

J. Abbott, A. Burk, R. Gendron, D. Jowett, T. Koivukoski, U. Kundra, S.  
C. McFarlane, J. Murton, R. Nagy, F. Noël, S. O'Hagan, V. Valov, H. Zhu

C. Brew, K. Clausen, J. Corkett, S. Elliott-Johns, K. Ferguson, D. Franks,  
B. Hatt, D. Hay, D. Jarvis, N. Maynes, M. Parr, G. Raymer, C. Ricci,  
A. Steele

J. Vitale (Brantford)

W. Ingwersen, R. Mulligan

L. McLaren

C. Dennis

M. Adamson, A. Fielding, R. Lahti, I. Laplante, B. Smith

ABSENCE WITH REGRETS:

C. Cooper, R. Vanderlee

G. Brophey, J. Nadeau

N. Colborne, G. Phillips, S. Renshaw

A. Wagner (Muskoka)

D. Armstrong

D. Thompson

B. Woodford

A. Qushair

The minutes of the December 17, 2010 Senate meeting were adopted.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

### Senate Executive Committee

- MOTION 1: Moved by L. Lovett-Doust, seconded by K. Bergman that Senate receive the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated January 6, 2011.  
CARRIED

### Academic Planning Committee

- MOTION 2: Moved by K. Bergman, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate receive the Report of the Academic Planning Committee dated December 10, 2010.  
CARRIED
- MOTION 3: Moved by K. Bergman, seconded by G. Brown that Senate give Stage 1 approval to the Four-Year Honours Combined degree in Anthropology, as outlined in the attached document.  
CARRIED
- MOTION 4: Moved by K. Bergman, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate approve the Common Degree Structure, as outlined in the attached document.  
CARRIED

Senator Murton requested that his question concerning the common degree structure be minuted before voting on the above motion. He asked that a clearer explanation of the common degree structure be provided than the one presented in the agenda and if existing programs would have to undergo a review. An explanation was given that the new structure could be viewed in terms of Lego blocks whereby students would have the opportunity to declare a specialization in a specific area and build in a number of major and/or minors that were areas of interest. This would allow students to have more flexibility in their programs. It was also noted that electives would not have the higher grade restrictions. Minor modifications to existing programs could come to Senate for information.

With the number of problems already associated with scheduling, a question was raised if this would exacerbate the problem. The VPAR indicated that with the flexibility aspect, scheduling problems would be minimized. Departments will be asked to indicate what the 12 required courses are for a major and the 18 required courses for a specialization. This common degree structure should be in place for September 2011. It was also noted that outcomes may not have to be done for some disciplines.

- MOTION 5: Moved by F. Noel, seconded by K. Bergman that Motion 4 approves the new 70% GPA for the Honours Specialization effective for the 2011-12 year and a streamlining of the process whereby departments fit their requirements to this model that does not require them to return to Senate for approval but to bring it to the respective Deans for calendar changes.  
CARRIED
- MOTION 6: Moved by K. Bergman, seconded by K. McCullough that Senate give Stage 3 implementation approval to the BScN –SPP second degree entry program, as outlined in the attached document.  
CARRIED

## **Undergraduate Studies Committee**

### **❖ November 30, 2010 Report**

- MOTION 7: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate receive the Report of the Undergraduate Studies dated November 30, 2010.  
CARRIED
- MOTION 8: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by J. Abbott that Senate give Stage 2 curriculum approval to the Bachelor of Science in Environmental Geography, as outlined in the attached document.  
CARRIED
- MOTION 9: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate give Stage 2 curriculum approval, as outlined to:
- the Bachelor of Science in Science and Technology – General
  - the Bachelor of Science in Science and Technology - Artificial Intelligence
  - the Bachelor of Science in Science and Technology – Robotics
  - the Bachelor of Science in Science and Technology - Service Systems Technology
  - the Bachelor of Science in Science and Technology - Industrial Mathematics
  - the Bachelor of Science in Science and Technology - Environment
- MOTION 10: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by S. Elliott-Johns that Senate approve the addition of STEC3996 – Practicum I and STEC4997 – Practicum II, as outlined.  
CARRIED
- MOTION 11: That Senate approve, as an omnibus motion, the following changes in Sociology, as outlined:
- addition of SOCI2126 – Social Research Methods
  - deletion of SOCI3126 – Social Research Methods
  - addition of SOCI2127 – Social Statistics and Data Analysis
  - deletion of SOCI3127 – Social Statistics and Data Analysis
  - addition of SOCI3026 – Sociology of Work
  - deletion of SOCI2026 – Sociology of Work
  - addition of SOCI3506 – Social Problems
  - deletion of SOCI2506 – Social Problems
  - course title and description change of SOCI3256 – Special Topics in Globalization and Development to SOCI3256 – Globalization and Development
  - the deletion of SOCI2256 – Globalization and Development
  - course title and description change of SOCI3066 – Special Topics in Social Stratification to SOCI3066 – Social Inequality
  - deletion of SOCI2066 – Social Stratification
  - course title and description change to SOCI2037 – Sociology of the Family to SOCI2037 – Sociology of Family and Household Relationships
  - the course title change of SOCI3166 – Social Epidemiology to SOCI3166 – The Social Determinants of Health: Social Epidemiology

- that the course title course description of SOCI4096 Honours Thesis Proposal be changed to SOCI 4096 Honours Thesis I
- that the course title and description of SOCI4097 Honours Thesis be changed to SOCI4097 Honours Thesis II
- deletion of SOCI2047 – Minority Groups Throughout the World
- deletion of SOCI3196 – Special Topics in the Sociology of Medicine
- deletion of SOCI3037 – Special Topics in the Sociology of the Family
- banking of SOCI2067 – Urban Sociology
- banking of SOCI2296 – The Canadian Social Legacy
- banking of SOCI3017 – Special Topics in the Sociology of Work
- banking of SOCI3027 – Interpersonal Communications
- banking of SOCI3046 – Special Topics in Urban Sociology
- banking of SOCI3066 – Special Topics in Social Stratification
- banking of SOCI3096 – Special Topics in Canadian Society
- banking of SOCI3256 – Special Topics in Globalization and Development
- banking of SOCI3307 – Social Problems: Legal Issues
- banking of SOCI4017 – Special Topics in Sociological Theory
- banking of SOCI4026 – Structuralism and Post-Structuralism

❖ **December 8, 2010 Report**

- MOTION 12: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate receive the Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee dated December 8, 2010.  
CARRIED
- MOTION 13: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by J. Murton that Senate approve the creation of eight new “placeholder” 3-credit courses in History, namely: HIST1006, HIST1007, HIST1016, HIST1017, HIST1026, HIST1027, HIST1036 and HIST1037. All courses to have the placeholder title “Introduction to Historical Studies”.  
CARRIED
- MOTION 14: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by J. Murton that Senate approve the title change for HIST1405 from “History of Canada” to “Power and Resistance in Canada Past” and that the course description be changed as outlined in the attached document.  
CARRIED
- MOTION 15: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by J. Murton that Senate approve the changes to the prerequisites for all fourth year History courses (except HIST4105 – Directed Studies and HIST4055 – Research Project) from “Fourth year of a BA4 in History and the completion of 36 credits in History” to “Fourth year of a BA4 in History and the completion of 30 credits in History”.  
CARRIED
- MOTION 16: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by R. Gendron that Senate approve the addition of HIST3206 – Furs, Fords and Free Trade: Business in Canadian History, as outlined.  
CARRIED

MOTION 17: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by R. Gendron that Senate approve the addition of HIST3286 – Taking Liberties” Human Rights in Canadian History, as outlined.  
CARRIED

MOTION 18: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by R. Gendron that Senate approve the title change of HIST2555 from “Canadian Political History” to “Peace, Order and Good Government?: The State and Society in Canada since 1700", and that the course description be changed, as outlined in the attached document.  
CARRIED

Non-Substantive Change:

Banking: HIST1205 (Europe Since 1500), HIST1505 (The World Since 1500) and the banking of HIST1017-1027.

MOTION 19: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate approve the addition of ENGL4795 – Creative Writing Honours Essay, as outlined.  
CARRIED

MOTION 20: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate approve a change in the co-requisite of ENGL4695 – Honours Essay to include 3 credits of honours seminar, as outlined.  
CARRIED

MOTION 21: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by C. McFarlane approve the addition of NATI3606 – Special Topics in Native Studies I and NATI3607 – Special Topics in Native Studies II, as outlined.  
CARRIED

MOTION 22: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by S. Elliott-Johns that Senate approve a prerequisite change to FAVA4125 – Directed Research and Professional Practice from six credits in 3000 level Art History, and 6 credits in 3000 level Studio to fourth year of the BFA program with 6 credits in Art History and 12 credits in Studio Art at the 3000 level completed. Permission of the Department is required prior to registration.  
CARRIED

MOTION 23: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by S. O’Hagan that Senate approve the addition of GEOG3057 – Environmental Geomorphology, as outlined.  
CARRIED

MOTION 24: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by S. O’Hagan that Senate approve the renaming of GEOG4106 – Applied Geomorphology to Terrain Analysis, with the addition of GEOG3056 – Spatial Analysis Using GIS as the new prerequisite, as outlined.  
CARRIED

MOTION 25: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by S. O’Hagan that Senate approve the amendment to the Certificate in Environmental Management, as outlined.  
CARRIED

- MOTION 26: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by S. O'Hagan that Senate approve the addition of one laboratory hour to GEOG2017 – Introduction to Geomatics, GEOG3056 – Spatial Analysis Using GIS, GEOG3066 – Remote Sensing of the Environment, GEOG4066 – Topics in Remote Sensing Applications and GEOG4057 - Topics in GIS, as outlined.  
CARRIED
- MOTION 27: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate approve the addition of RLCT2045 – Health, Healing and Religion and RLCT2066 – Death, Dying and Spirituality, as outlined.
- MOTION 27a: Moved by K. Bergman, seconded by L. Lovett-Doust that MOTION 27 be amended to be split into two motions.  
CARRIED
- MOTION 27b: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate approve the addition of RLCT2045 – Health, Healing and Religion, as outlined.  
CARRIED
- MOTION 27c: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate approve the addition of RLCT2066 – Death, Dying and Spirituality, as outlined.  
CARRIED
- MOTION 28: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by G. Brown that Senate approve the removal of CRJS2126 – Applied Criminal Justice Statistics and CRJS3306 – Legal Rights and Criminal Proceedings from the listing of required courses for all CRJS students and that these courses be banked.  
CARRIED
- MOTION 29: Moved by S. Rich, seconded by G. Brown that Senate approve the addition of SOCI3127 – Social Statistics and Data Analysis to the list of required courses for all CRJS students.  
CARRIED

### **University Research Council**

- MOTION 30: Moved by K. Bergman, seconded by C. McFarlane that Senate receive the Report of the University Research Council dated December 6, 2010.  
CARRIED

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- MOTION 31: Moved by A. Robinson, seconded by M. Parr that the degrees, diplomas and certificates be awarded to the students listed in the Report of Graduate Applicants dated January 11, 2011 to all who have completed their respective degrees, diplomas and certificates.  
CARRIED

## AMENDMENT of BY-LAWS

### Notices of Motion (6)

- **Notice of Motions (regarding amendment to the Technology and Infrastructure Subcommittee)**

That Article 9.5.2(c)(ii)(4) of the Senate bylaws be amended to read as follows:

- The allocation of the annual budgets in technology and *academic* structure areas.

That Article 9.5.2(b)(iv) of the senate bylaws be amended to read as follows:

- Two (2) student representatives from any faculty

- **Notice of Motion (regarding amendment to the Annual Standing Committee/Subcommittee Election Process)**

That Article 9.0 of the Senate bylaws be amended to read:

9.0 Annual Standing Committee/Subcommittee Election Process

- (a) Senate standing committee/subcommittee shall be elected annually by members of respective faculty councils, with membership staggered where possible to ensure an adequate degree of continuity.
- (b) The committee/subcommittees election process shall be co-ordinated by the faculty councils.
- (c) During April of each year, the faculty councils shall begin preparing a slate of faculty (Senators and non-Senators) for the various standing committees/subcommittees and present the slate in time for the May Senate meeting.
- (d) Following the August election of faculty Senators for the designated limited-term and instructor positions, a second slate of candidates will be presented at the September Senate meeting. The second slate shall be designed to complete the elected faculty standing committee/subcommittee positions.
- (e) The September slate of student senators shall be designed to complete the student membership on standing committees/subcommittees.
- (f) If a candidate from one of the three faculties cannot be found, then the vacant position can be filled from another faculty or faculties, for that Senate year only.

### **Notice of Motion (regarding amendment to Elections Conducted in Senate)**

That Article 7.6(b) of the Senate bylaws be amended to read as follows:

If a candidate from one of the three faculties cannot be found to fill a Senate committee/subcommittee position, then nominations from the floor shall be accepted.

### **Notice of Motions (regarding amendment to reflect position title change)**

That Article 2.1(a)(vii) be amended to read: the Chief Operating Officer

That Article 9.3.2(a)(i) be amended to read: the Chief Operating Officer, who shall be Chair.

## ELECTIONS

- Elect one faculty Senator to serve as the Deputy Speaker until June 30, 2011.

**Acclaimed: John Nadeau**

- Elect three representatives, one from each faculty, to sit on the Selection Committee for the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching and for the Nipissing University Award for part-time teaching.

**Acclaimed: Astrid Steele (Education) and Cameron McFarlane (Arts & Science)**

## REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

### Board of Governors

Senator Dennis, Board of Governors representative to Senate, reported that the next Board meeting is February 3, 2011. He added that there are currently two vacancies on the Board.

Senator Thompson, Alumni Advisory Board representative provided a written report advising senators the 2011 Homecoming is scheduled for the first week of October 2011 and that plans are underway to improve on last year's successes. He also noted that the Alumni group is stepping up their engagement with all students in events that involve Frosh and their parents.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President welcomed senators back from the holiday break. She indicated she was impressed by the volume of work that has been produced by the Senate standing committees and believes the students will like the new common degree structure. The President also announced that the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities is currently embarking on a major campaign to advertise the affordability and availability of post secondary. She also added that the number of teaching space cuts is still unknown but she hopes that information will be provided by the end of next week.

The Vice-President Academic and Research introduced senators to the new director of the Centre for Flexible Learning, Dr. Lorraine Carter. She also expressed praise to Dr. Hilary Earl, whose book *The Nuremberg SS-Einsatzgruppen Trial, 1945-1958: Atrocity, Law and History* was recently awarded the prestigious Hans Rosenberg Book Prize.

The Vice-President Finance and Administration indicated that the library construction was on schedule and the budget process was now underway.

The student union president, Senator Lahti announced that elections for the NUSU executive were now in progress and should be concluded by February 2. Students will be voting for a president and three vice-presidents. He also noted that club days will commence next week in the main hallway. Also of interest is the launching of Spotlight, a new magazine from NUSU and CSRC. Senator Lahti was also pleased to report that on January, students from both Nipissing and Canadore will now have access to a website that will act as a social networking site that is exclusive to both institutions' students.



Senator Nettlefold announced that the Library will be conducting another LibQual survey until mid-February to ascertain what students, faculty and staff think of library service quality. LibQual is a standardized survey that enables us to compare our perceived service quality with that of other universities and colleges. Senator Nettlefold also advised senators that Nipissing University is following the advice of AUCC in adopting Access Copyright's Interim Tariff, as approved by the Copyright Board of Canada, to enable students, faculty and staff to continue to use copyright materials in the same manner as with previous Access Copyright agreements.

Senate was adjourned: 4:53 p.m.

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L. Lovett-Doust, President

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C. Jenkins, Senate Secretary