

**Nipissing University**  
**Minutes of the Special Academic Senate Meeting**

**February 19, 2021**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Zoom Remote Conferencing**

**Members Present:**

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

A. Ackerman, A. Burk, D. Campbell, N. Colborne (Speaker), S. Connor, H. Earl, A. Hatef, N. Kozuskanich, M. Litalien, K. Lucas, S. Renshaw, M. Saari, S. Srigley, M. Tuncali, R. Vernescu, S. Winters, H. Zhu

J. Allison, C. Anyinam, K. Ferguson, C. Greco, D. Hay, R. Hoffman, T. Horton, A. Kociolek, D. Lafrance Horning, T. McParland, L. Peachey, G. Raymer, A. Schinkel-Ivy, T. Sibbald, A. Wagner, P. Zou

C. Irwin, O. Pokorny

K. Wilcox, B. Ray

M. King, C. Foster, A. Locke, S. Pecoskie-Schweir

**Absent With Regrets:**

L. Hoehn, C. McFarlane

P. Ravi

E. Lougheed

H. Mackie, S. MacCarthy

**Approval of the Agenda of the Senate Meeting of:** February 19, 2021

Motion 1: Moved by A. Ackerman, seconded by T. McParland that the agenda of the Senate meeting of February 19, 2021 be approved.  
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.

**Approval of Graduation Applicants**

The Registrar advised that the Ontario College of Teachers (OCT) is allowing students to obtain temporary teaching certificates prior to officially graduating. This recent decision was made by the OCT to address the teaching shortage and will benefit our students, however it required the need to move very quickly. In order to be eligible for the temporary certificate, our 2nd year BEd students had to provide proof of completion of their undergraduate degree which required that the graduates be approved by Senate. The Registrar expressed her appreciation to the Registrar's Office staff for all of their efforts ensuring that the degree audits were completed.

Motion 1: Moved by D. Iafrate, seconded by T. McParland that Senate grant approval to graduate the students listed in the Report on Graduation Applicants dated February 18, 2021.  
Carried

The Deans congratulated the students and faculty on their achievements.

**Adjournment**

Senate was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.



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C. Sutton (Interim Chair)



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S. Landriault (Senate Secretary)