

SENATE AGENDA

Friday, April 10, 2015

2:30 p.m. – F210

1. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SENATE MEETING OF: **March 13, 2015**

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

3. READING and DISPOSING of COMMUNICATIONS

4. QUESTION PERIOD

5. REPORTS of STANDING COMMITTEES and FACULTY or UNIVERSITY COUNCILS

SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MOTION 1: That the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated April 2, 2015 be received.

MOTION 2: That Senate move into an in-camera session.

MOTION 3: That Senate move out of the in-camera session.

PLANNING & PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

MOTION 1: That the Report of the Planning and Priorities Committee dated March 20, 2015 be received.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

7. AMENDMENT of BY-LAWS

MOTION 1: That Article 9.3(a) of the Senate bylaws be amended as outlined below:

Current wording:

- (a) *Ex Officio* Members:
 - (i) the Dean of each Faculty, or their designates, two of whom, on a rotating basis shall be Chair and Vice-Chair; and
 - (ii) the Registrar.

Proposed wording:

- (a) *Ex Officio* Members:
 - (i) *Associate Vice-President (Chair) (non-voting);*
 - (ii) the Dean of each Faculty; or their designates, *one of whom on a rotating basis shall be Vice-Chair;* and
 - (iii) the Registrar, *or designate.*

8. ELECTIONS

9. REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

- A. (1) Board of Governors
- (2) Alumni Advisory Board
- (3) Council of Ontario Universities (Academic Colleague)

- B. Reports from Senate members participating on other university-related committees

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (a) President
- (b) Provost and Vice-President Academic and Research
- (c) Dean of Applied and Professional Studies
- (d) Dean of Arts and Science
- (e) Dean of Education
- (f) Student Representative
- (g) Others

12: ADJOURNMENT

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY
SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

April 2, 2015

There was a meeting of the Senate Executive Committee on Thursday, April 2, 2015.

Members present: S. Rich (Vice-chair's designate), J. Barker, N. Colborne, I. Hall, M-A Parr, S. Renshaw, C. Richardson, M. Tuncali, R. Vanderlee

Regrets: M. DeGagné (Chair), H. d'Entremont (Vice-Chair), T. Vassilev

Recording Secretary: S. Landriault

The Chair and Vice-Chair were unable to attend. The Associate VP Academic chaired the meeting in their absence.

The purpose of the meeting was to set the agenda for the Academic Senate meeting on Friday, April 10, 2015.

The Committee received the report of the Honorary Degrees Subcommittee dated March 23, 2015. This report will be heard during an in-camera portion of this committee's report at the April Senate meeting.

The Committee received the report from the special meeting of the Bylaws and Elections Subcommittee dated March 30, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by:

S. Rich
Associate VP Academic
Acting Chair
Senate Executive Committee

MOTION 1: That Senate receive the Report of the Senate Executive dated April 2, 2015.

Nipissing University

Special Meeting of By-Laws and Elections Subcommittee

March 30, 2015

There was a special meeting of the By-Laws and Elections subcommittee on Monday, March 30, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss a petition submitted to By-Laws by Dr. Hilary Earl and signed by 93 faculty to have Senate consider a return to a Universal Senate.

Present: N. Colborne, I. Hall, S. Renshaw (Chair), D. Tabachnick, G. Black.

Regrets: D. Davis, C. Jenkins (n-v)

Dr. Tabachnik provided context and background to the petition. Some discussion was held regarding timelines should the matter to be brought to the April Senate as a Notice of Motion with a view to the possibility that a successful Senate vote at the May Senate could result in implementation by the first Senate of the 2015-16 academic year. It was noted that any such motion would require a two thirds majority of Senate.

Extensive discussion took place about the need to provide Senate with sufficient time, context and information to make an informed decision about the future structure of Senate. In light of the gravity of the issue By-Laws committed to providing Senate with a background report on the need for Senate Reform, including the possibility of a return to a universal senate. By-Laws will spend the spring/summer preparing this report with a view to consideration by Senate early in the 2015-16 academic year.

S. Renshaw
By-Laws and Elections Subcommittee

**Report of the
PLANNING AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE
Friday, March 20, 2015**

The sixth meeting of the **Planning and Priorities Committee** was held on **Friday, March 20, 2015**. The following members were in attendance:

Harley d'Entremont, Chair	Greg Brown	Matti Saari
Jordan Andrews	Marianna Couchie	Kerri Sawyer
Liz Ashworth	Uldis Kundrats	Rick Vanderlee
Nancy Black	Aroha Page	Roxana Vernescu
Glenn Brophrey	Carole Richardson	

Regrets: N. Black, B. Fisher, J. Graham, G. Laronde, P. Nosko, M. Tuncali, S. Rich

Recording Secretary: Anne Bolger

The Chair provided an overview of the Quality Council Institutional Audit scheduled for March 25-27. Members were reminded of PPC's meeting with the Audit Team on March 26 at 2:00 pm.

Members were provided with copies of the NU IQAP Policy and the Quality Council's Quality Assurance Framework.

A question was raised about modifying academic calendar language to indicate students pursuing an Honours Specialization, Specialization, Major or Minor in Psychology at Nipissing can complete the degree requirements at both the North Bay and Muskoka campuses. After a lengthy discussion and referral to the NU IQAP procedures, it was suggested that the following should be undertaken by the Psychology Department:

- Try to locate documentation indicating Senate approval to offer the program at Muskoka
- If not approved/not found, prepare Stage I Letter of Intent for a Major Modification of the program and submit to PPC for approval and recommendation to Senate

Members were provided with a document showing New Program Approvals, Cyclical Reviews and Certificate Approvals that have gone through PPC since 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by:

Harley d'Entremont, PhD
Provost and Vice-President, Academic and Research
Chair, Planning and Priorities Committee

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