

**MINUTES OF SENATE
ALGOMA UNIVERSITY
Ninth Regular Meeting of 2014-2015
May 1, 2015**

Humanities Division

N. Boyle, M. DiSanto, W. Johnston, A. Pinheiro, E. Turgeon
(regrets: R. Rutherford; absent: M. Caswell, R. Gaywish, C. Ross)

Social Sciences

G. Broad, N. Cruickshank, C. Denomme, D. Galotta, J. Hermida, V. Jimenez-Estrada, H. Luitel, D. Woodman
(regrets: R. Cameron)

Sciences

L. Bloomfield, J. Foote, I. Molina, C. Reed-Elder, B. Schamp (Speaker), C. Zhang
(regrets: G. Davies, N. Cameron, S. Xu)

Other Members

D. Boissoneau, M. Case, K. Hernden, C. Lyons, D. Marasco (Secretary), R. McCutcheon, R. Myers, A. Piaskoski,
M. Ross
(regrets: A. Idris, R. Linklater; absent: M. Bennett, B. Alusayni, S. Kitts, K. Politano)

Guests

M. Graydon, D. Helwig, H. Hornstein, K. Kadiyala, B. MacKinnon, G. Mahar, N. Shaw

The Speaker called the meeting of Senate to order at 1:07pm.

15.05.01 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved (Bloomfield/Jimenez-Estrada): that the agenda for the May meeting of Senate be approved.

Reed-Elder asked the Speaker to consider a motion under business arising.

Motion carried as amended

15.05.02 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES from the meeting of April 10, 2015

Moved (Bloomfield/Hernden): that Senate approve the minutes from the meeting of April 10, 2015.

Motion carried.

15.05.03 BUSINESS ARISING (for action or information)

Reed-Elder asked Senate move in camera given the nature of the discussion.

Moved (Reed-Elder/Boyle): that Senate move in camera.

Motion carried.

Moved (Broad/Hermida): that Senate move out of camera.

Motion carried.

15.05.04 DECISION ITEMS (for action)

15.05.04.01 Curriculum Committee (motions)

Moved (Marasco/McCutcheon): that Senate approve the following program revision to the general Bachelor of Arts degree program in Anishinaabemowin:

From:

First Year

ANIS 1016/1017* or ANIS 2016/2017 (with permission from the department)

SOCI 1016, ANTR 1007

12 – 18 additional credits, of which 6 credits must be from Group III (Sciences)

Second/Third Years

ANIS 2016/2017 (if not already completed)

ANIS 2006/2007, 3016/3017, 3025, 3105

30 – 36 elective credits

*minimum grade of 60% required

To:

First Year

OJIB 1016/1017* or OJIB 2016/2017 (with permission from the department)

ANIS 1006/1007

18 additional credits, of which 6 credits must be from Group III (Sciences)

Second/Third Years

24 credits in OJIB

36 elective credits

*minimum grade of 60% required

Motion carried.

Moved (Boyle/Hernden): that Senate approve the following program revision to the combined general Bachelor of Arts degree program in Anishinaabemowin:

From:

First Year

ANIS 1016/1017* or ANIS 2016/2017 (with permission from the department)
SOCI 1016, ANTR 1007

Second/Third Years

ANIS 2016/2017 (if not already completed)
ANIS 3016/3017
12 credits from ANIS 2006/2007, 3025, 3105
*minimum grade of 60% required

To:

First Year

OJIB 1016/1017* or OJIB 2016/2017 (with permission from the department)
ANIS 1006/1007

Second/Third Years

18 credits in OJIB

*minimum grade of 60% required

Motion carried.

Moved (Broad/Bloomfield): that Senate approve the following program revision to the minor in Anishinaabemowin:

From:

ANIS 1016/1017 or ANIS 2016/2017
18 credits from ANIS 2006/2007, 2016/2017, 3016/3017, 3025, 3105

To:

24 credits in OJIB (these credits may include ANIS 1006/1007)

Motion carried.

15.04.05

INFORMATION ITEMS

15.05.05.01 Nominations for Speaker/Deputy Speaker 2015-16

The Speaker reminded Senate that nominations for Speaker and Deputy Speaker for the 2015-2016 Senate year are being accepted to be voted on at the June meeting of Senate. Nominations should be forwarded to the Speaker and Secretary of Senate.

15.05.05.02 Senate/Senate Committee membership 2015-16

The Secretary of Senate will follow up with the chairs of each division regarding senate membership and senate committee membership for the 2015-16 senate year. The first meeting of the new senate year is September 11, 2015. The division chairs are reminded to have this topic as an agenda item for the next meeting of their respective divisions.

15.05.05.03 Senate Committee annual reports

The Speaker reminded Senate that annual committee reports are due for the next meeting of Senate. The Secretary of Senate will follow-up with the chairs of the respective committees to ensure that the annual reports are submitted.

15.05.06 STANDING REPORTS

15.05.06.01 Board of Governors Representative

Johnston provided a verbal report as follows:

- Budget - 30.6 million/1.6 million less than last year;
- Significant reduction to course offerings. 30 courses to be removed from the senate-approved fall/winter 2015 roster;
- Significant reduction to research budget;
- Budget cuts to varsity sports;
- Closing of the Windsor Park

The Speaker will extend an invitation to the VP Finance & Administration to attend the next Senate Meeting to discuss the approved budget and answer questions.

15.05.06.02 Dean

McCutcheon provide verbal report.

He commented that he has met with the Registrar to discuss course cancellations from 42 courses originally targeted to 30; individual departments will be contacted. This would be brought to the June Senate meeting as information.

He added that there are nine new faculty hiring processes ongoing including one in the library for the next academic year.

Finally, he reminded Senate that May 5 is the due date for annual reports and that there are a number of reports outstanding.

15.05.06.03 President

The President submitted a written report.

15.05.07 DISCUSSION AND QUESTION PERIOD

None.

15.05.08 OTHER BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

None.

15.05.09 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hernden announced that on Thursday May 7, Algoma U will be hosting representatives from the Anglican Diocese of Algoma.

Broad informed Senate members of a symposium taking place beginning May 4 at the Days Inn hosted by the Anishinaabe Initiatives Division and the Department of Geography. Three day conference (Taking Care of Our Land, May 4 – 6) will feature presentations from a variety of academics, legal experts, and First Nations leaders.

Dr. Myers congratulated Eddie Benton-Benai on behalf of Senate for receiving an honorary degree from the World Indigenous Nations Higher Education Consortium (WINHEC).

15.05.10 ADJOURNMENT

Moved (Ross/ Estrada): that Senate adjourn.

Motion carried. (Senate adjourned at 2:24pm)