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**TO:** Karen Roche, Secretary of Senate

**FROM:** Dr. Andrew Dean  
Chair, Senate Academic Committee

**DATE:** March 15, 2013

**SUBJECT: Senate Academic Committee Report – March 2013**

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The Senate Academic Committee (SAC) met on February 27, 2013. Unfortunately, Quorum was not achieved and thus no formal motions were passed.

**Senate Academic Appeals Policy**

There was discussion regarding is policy. Areas of concern expressed were as follows:

- the time frames outlined in the current policy are not fixed and lead to a drawn out process
- clarification is needed when appeals cross campus jurisdictions
- appeal policy is being used in the absence of other regulations that could be implemented, recommend that this review be done in conjunction with the review of regulations

Those present recommended that a sub-committee be struck to review the policy and that in anticipation of such a motion at the next meeting, those wishing to volunteer to serve should notify the Chair, Dr. A.P. Dean. This item was deferred to the next SAC meeting for further discussion.

**SAC-OAGC Subcommittee**

Dr. Siddall gave an update on the work of the joint subcommittee. A final version of the survey regarding courses with Aboriginal content has been developed and passed by SAC via an electronic vote. This survey will be distributed to the Deans.

**SAC-QA Subcommittee**

Following the February 27<sup>th</sup> SAC meeting, two motions from the Quality Assurance Subcommittee were passed electronically. Senate is advised that:

1. The Senate Academic Quality Assurance Sub-Committee reviewed and approved the Major Modification to the Honours Bachelor of Commerce Program – Administrative Studies Major (Orillia) and provided a summary report to SAC. SAC approved the recommendation to forward the proposal for the major modification of the Honours Bachelor of Commerce Program – Administrative Studies Major (Orillia) to the appropriate standing committees for completion of the review and approval process.

2. The Senate Academic Quality Assurance Sub-Committee reviewed and approved the Final Assessment Report and Implementation Plan for the Cyclical Program Review of the Department of English. SAC approved the recommendation to accept the Final Assessment Report and Implementation Plan. As per the Lakehead University Institutional Quality Assurance Process (IQAP), SAC is providing Senate with the Quality Assurance: Cyclical Program Review - Department of English – Executive Summary for information. The Final Assessment Report and Implementation Plan has been filed in the Office of the Provost and Vice-President Academic and is posted at:  
<http://vpacademic.lakeheadu.ca/?display=page&pageid=76>

Respectively submitted,

Dr. A.P. Dean  
Chair, Senate Academic Committee

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