

MEMORANDUM

TO: Karen Roche, University Secretary

FROM: Todd Randall, Chair, Senate Budget Committee

RE: Report of the Senate Budget Committee for the March 22nd, 2013 Senate Meeting

DATE: March 20th, 2013

The Senate Budget Committee met twice (March 1st and 15th) since its last report to Senate. The Committee considered a modest number of Calendar changes, summarized below, as well as initiated review of a proposed MSc in Civil Engineering program. Some key questions (of the respective units) are raised during SBC's evaluations of these kinds of proposed Calendar changes including: 1) the prospective enrollment in the new course / new program; and 2) the need for additional resources (e.g, teaching staff, materials, library, etc) to offer the new course. This report presents a summary of the status of items recommended for approval or tabled by the SBC. Items we discussed at our March 15th meeting are reported as "tabled" at this time as our meeting came after the deadline for submitting materials for the Senate agenda. Questions concerning items in this report can be directed to the SBC Chair via email (randall@lakeheadu.ca) or telephone (ext. 8381).

Items pertaining to the November 23^d, 2012 Senate Meeting

1. Faculty of Engineering

(a) New Program - MSc Civil Engineering (2013-2014)

This item was discussed at SBC's meeting of March 15th, i.e. after the deadline for materials to be included in Senate reporting. Hence, the item is presently tabled. A report on this item will be contained in SBC's report to the April 19th Senate meeting. A memo has been submitted to the proposing unit (i.e., the Faculty of Engineering) concerning SBC's recommendations.

2. Faculty of Social Sciences & Humanities

(a) New NORT Course 2012-SOC-073

Northern Studies does not have a budget to offer courses; this one has been funded by CEDL over the past few years and will continue to do so. The Senate Budget Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change, as there were no additional resources requested by the academic unit to offer this new course.

(b) Outdoor Recreation 2012-SOC-082

This was a large set of changes and the proposal was well put together. A request was made to the Director of ORPT for a small clarification but was not received in time for inclusion in our deliberations on March 15th. SBC has tabled this item and will be discussed at the next SBC meeting on April 5th.

Items pertaining to the January 18th, 2013 Senate Meeting

3. Faculty of Social Sciences & Humanities

(a) Outdoor Recreation 2012-SOC-151

The Senate Budget Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change, as there were no additional resources requested by the academic unit to offer this new course.

(b) Basic Design 2012-SOC-152

This item – a course deletion – is linked to the subsequent points (2c and 2d). This full year course is being replaced with two half courses to conform with the Academic Plan policy regarding full year courses. The Senate Budget Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change.

(c) Visual Arts 1110 2012-SOC-153

The Senate Budget Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change, as there were no additional resources requested by the academic unit to offer this new course.

(d) Visual Arts 1130 2012-SOC-154

The Senate Budget Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change, as there were no additional resources requested by the academic unit to offer this new course.

(e) Visual Arts 1020 2012-SOC-155

This item (and related items 2f and 2g) is making course in Visual Art 1020 conform with the Academic Plan (analogous to item 2b above). The Senate Budget Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change.

(f) Visual Arts 1150 2012-SOC-156

The Senate Budget Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change, as there were no additional resources requested by the academic unit to offer this new course.

(g) Visual Arts 1170 2012-SOC-157

The Senate Budget Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change, as there were no additional resources requested by the academic unit to offer this new course.

(h) Second Year Course Changes 2012-SOC-159

This item and 2(i) which follows relate to some restructuring of the History programs that have been previously reported at Senate. This item was discussed at SBC's meeting of March 15th, i.e. after the deadline for materials to be included in Senate reporting. Hence, the item is presently tabled. A report on this item will be contained in SBC's report to the April 19th Senate meeting.

(i) New Fourth Year Courses 2012-SOC-161

This item was discussed at SBC's meeting of March 15th, i.e. after the deadline for materials to be included in Senate reporting. Hence, the item is presently tabled. A report on this item will be contained in SBC's report to the April 19th Senate meeting.

4. Faculty of Natural Resources Management

(a) Field School Changes 2012-NAT-402

The Senate Budget Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change, as there were no additional resources requested by the academic unit to make the content description changes to these field courses.

5. Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies

(a) Environmental Studies 4800 2012-SCI-242

This change related to items 5(b) and 5(c) which follow. ENST4800 (a 1.0 FCE course) is being replaced by 0.5 FCE course at 4th year and a 3rd year field studies course for Environmental Studies and Water Resource Science students. This change is the deletion of ENST 4800 and has no budgetary issues. The Senate Budget Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change.

(b) Environmental Sustainability 2012-SCI-243

The Senate Budget Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change, as there were no additional resources requested by the academic unit to offer this replacement course for ENST 4800.

(c) Water Resource Field School 2012-SCI-293

This item was discussed at SBC's meeting of March 15th, i.e. after the deadline for materials to be included in Senate reporting. Hence, the item is presently tabled. A report on this item will be contained in SBC's report to the April 19th Senate meeting.

(d) Splitting Physics 1101 2012-SCI-417

The Senate Budget Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change, as there were no additional resources requested by the academic unit to make these changes to the first year Physics course.

Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences

(a) Kinesiology 5130 2013-HBS-463

This item was discussed at SBC's meeting of March 15th, i.e. after the deadline for materials to be included in Senate reporting. Hence, the item is presently tabled. A report on this item will be contained in SBC's report to the April 19th Senate meeting.

(b) Kinesiology 2013-HBS-464

This item was discussed at SBC's meeting of March 15th, i.e. after the deadline for materials to be included in Senate reporting. Hence, the item is presently tabled. A report on this item will be contained in SBC's report to the April 19th Senate meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



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