



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

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

**DATE:** April 3, 2014

**SUBJECT:** **Senate Academic Committee Report– April 14, 2014**

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The Senate Academic Committee (SAC) met on March 27, 2014. The Committee referred items from the March 17, 2014 Senate meeting to its appropriate SAC subcommittees.

## **1. SAC Quality Assurance Sub-committee**

1.1 The Senate Academic Quality Assurance Committee (SAC-QA) Sub-Committee met to review the Major Modification to an Existing Program: 2-Year BEd and 5-Year HBEd (Aboriginal) proposal brief. The SAC-QA Sub-Committee recommended to the Senate Academic Committee that the proposal be forwarded to Senate for the next stage in the completion of the standing committee review and approval process. The Senate Academic Committee approved the recommendation and passed a motion referring this proposal to Senate.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Major Modification to an Existing Program: 2-Year BEd and 5-Year HBEd (Aboriginal) proposal brief be referred to the appropriate Senate committees.

1.2 The Senate Academic Quality Assurance Committee (SAC-QA) Sub-Committee met to review the Major Modification to an Existing Program: Master of Health Sciences/MPH (Specialization in Epidemiology) proposal brief. The SAC-QA Sub-Committee recommended to the Senate Academic Committee that the proposal be forwarded for the next stage in the completion of the standing committee review and approval process. The Senate Academic Committee approved the recommendation and passed a motion referring this proposal to Senate.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Major Modification to an Existing Program: Master of Health Sciences/MPH (Specialization in Epidemiology) proposal brief be referred to the appropriate Senate committees.

## **2. SAC Regulations Sub-Committee**

The Senate Academic Committee (SAC) Regulations Sub-committee reviewed the proposed regulations and made the following recommendations to the Senate Academic Committee:

The SAC Regulations Sub-Committee recommended to the Senate Academic Committee that the following regulation changes be accepted and a recommendation for approval be referred to Senate.

- KINE Undergraduate (removal of notes from Kinesiology courses)
- PSY Undergraduate (Calendar Alignment HBA)
- SOWK Academic Regulation Changes

The Senate Academic Committee accepted the recommendations.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That Senate approve the following regulation changes:

- KINE Undergraduate (removal of notes from Kinesiology courses)
- PSY Undergraduate (Calendar Alignment HBA)
- SOWK Academic Regulation Changes

**3. SAC OAG-C Sub-Committee**

The Sub-Committee recommended to the Senate Academic Committee that a recommendation be sent to Senate to approve the recommendation in the SAC/O-AGC report (February 19, 2014). The Senate Academic Committee approved the recommendation and passed a motion referring this to Senate.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That by the beginning of the 2016/17 academic year, all academic units will have calendared for all of their undergraduate degree programs, a degree require of at least one 0.5 FCE course containing at least 50% Indigenous knowledge and/or Aboriginal content.

**4. Social Sciences & Humanities Groups I & II Courses**

SAC accepted the proposed revisions to the Group I and II course classification system. Notice is hereby given by Senate Academic Council that approval will be sought at the May 15, 2014 meeting of Senate.

**5. Academic Schedule 2015/16 and 2016/17 Working Group**

The Working Group recommended to the Senate Academic Committee that the dates for the 2015/16 and 2016/17 Academic Calendars, as reported in the attached memo (March 19, 2014) be accepted. The Senate Academic Committee approved the recommendation and passed a motion referring this to Senate.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the dates for the 2015/16 and the 2016/17 Academic Calendars be approved.

**6. Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee**

The Senate Academic Committee accepted a recommendation from the Senate University Studies Committee (SUSC) to change their Removing and Reinstating Courses policy. A Working Group was also formed to develop a schedule for academic units to regularly review calendar content.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the following statement not be included in the Academic Calendar: "This course is not offered this academic year."

Respectively submitted,

Dr. Andrew P. Dean  
Senate Academic Committee Chair