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

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

**DATE:** April 11, 2013

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

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The Senate Academic Committee (SAC) met on March 27, 2013 and the following motions were approved and are now being recommended to Senate or to the appropriate standing subcommittees of Senate:

**1. Masters Regulations**

The SAC Regulations Subcommittee reviewed the revised Masters Regulations and reported to SAC. SAC passed a motion recommending Senate approve changes made to the Masters Regulations.

**2. Doctoral Regulations**

The SAC Regulations Subcommittee reviewed the revised Doctoral Regulations and reported to SAC. SAC passed a motion recommending that Senate approve changes made to the Doctoral Regulations.

**3. Senate Academic Appeals Policy**

A sub-committee was struck to review the current Academic Appeals Process. It is expected that the committee will complete its review by the Fall 2013.

**4. Senate Referrals**

Referrals from the February 15, 2013 Senate meeting were sent to the appropriate standing committees.

**5. Senate Academic Committee – Quality Assurance Subcommittee**

The Department of Interdisciplinary Studies at Lakehead-Orillia is proposing an articulation agreement between Georgian College's General Arts and Science (GAAS) two (2) year diploma program and Lakehead University's Honours Bachelor of Arts and Science (HBASc) and Bachelor of Arts and Science (BASc) programs, as well as an agreement between Georgian College's Environmental Technology (Co-Op) 3-year diploma program and Lakehead University's HBASc Environmental Sustainability Major. SAC approved the completion of the first part

of both agreements. The Academic Units will continue with the completion of the second parts of the proposals (as per the Policy on Articulation Agreements). The second part details the terms of the articulation and should be developed in consultation with the Office of Admissions and Recruitment and the Registrar. The final draft of the full proposals will be submitted to the Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee and Senate Budget Committee for review and approval prior to going to Senate for approval.

**5.1 The Cyclical Program Review of the Department of Chemistry**

The Senate Academic Quality Assurance Subcommittee reviewed and approved the Final Assessment Report and Implementation Plan for the Cyclical Program Review of the Department of Chemistry. 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 Chemistry – 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>

**5.2 The Cyclical Program Review of the Department of Economics**

The Senate Academic Quality Assurance Subcommittee reviewed and approved the Final Assessment Report and Implementation Plan for the Cyclical Program Review of the Department of Economics. 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 Economics – 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:

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**6. Senate Academic Committee - OAGC Subcommittee**

Dr. Siddall reported on the response to the survey circulated regarding courses with Aboriginal content. Responses have not been received from all academic units but from the available responses there were six or seven courses that meet the requirement.

**7. Course Pre-Requisite Survey**

The Chair reported that he had met with the Senate Undergraduate Standing Committee (SUSC) regarding the old course pre-requisite survey. SUSC will

review the history of the survey, examine the one that was developed and determine with SAC if there is still a need for this survey and what form it may take

Respectively submitted,

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Chair, Senate Academic Committee

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Attachments

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