



## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** March 16, 2017  
**To:** Ms. Barbara Eccles, Secretary of Senate  
**From:** Dr. Wayne Melville, Chair, Senate Academic Committee  
**Subject:** Senate Academic Committee Report

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The Senate Academic Committee (SAC) met on February 23, 2017.

### 1. SAC Quality Assurance (QA) Sub-Committee

SAC passed a motion to approve SAC-QA's calendar change recommendations and forward these requests to the next appropriate committee:

- Certificate in Education Studies (2016-EDU-5812)
- Programs Removed from UG Aboriginal Education Department (2016-EDU-5994-A)
- Major Modifications - BA General (2017-SOC-6081)
- Program Changes - 4 year BAsC for IS concentrations and (2016-SOC-5991)
- New option - 4 year BAsC/BEEd (2016-SOC-5992)
- Major Modification – ENSU Specialization in Ecosystem Management (2016-SOC-6048)
- Major Modification – Social Work – Discontinue Certificate (2016-HBS-6056)
- Major Modification – Social Work – Discontinue Certificate (2016-HBS-6057)

### 2. Senate Academic Committee Regulations Sub-Committee

SAC referred the Timely Feedback and Test and Assignment Policies to this Sub-Committee for review.

### 3. Senate Academic Committee's Terms of Reference

SAC approved an amended draft of its Terms of Reference, and have forwarded them to the Senate Organization Committee.

**4. Fall Study Break Working Group**

The Working Group reported to SAC that feedback regarding the Fall 2016 Study Break is currently being collected from students, faculty and other academic support areas (i.e. Counselling, Student Success Centre, Residence, etc.).

SAC passed a motion to approve a Working Group recommendation to extend the Fall Study Break Pilot to 2018-2019 and send this recommendation to Senate.

**5. Academic Schedule for 2018-2019**

SAC passed a motion to approve the Academic Schedule for 2018-2019 and send this Schedule to Senate. (attached)

**6. Prior Learning Assessment & Recognition (PLAR)**

A PLAR Working Group, reported that the Faculty of Natural Resources Management, the School of Outdoor Recreation Parks & Tourism, and the Native Access Program have volunteered to be part of pilot study. The Group will be bringing their recommendations forward to SAC in the Spring of 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Wayne Melville  
Chair, Senate Academic Committee

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Attachment