



MEMORANDUM

Date: January 23, 2017
To: Ms. Barbara Eccles, Secretary of Senate
From: Dr. Wayne Melville, Chair, Senate Academic Committee
Subject: Senate Academic Committee Report

The Senate Academic Committee (SAC) met on January 4, 2017.

1. SAC Regulations Subcommittee

1.1 Calendar Changes

Deans, Chairs and Directors were reminded that the deadline for Calendar Changes in 2017-2018 is the January 23, 2017 Senate meeting. Submissions must be received by the Secretariat Office by January 16, 2017 by 12 noon to be added to the Senate agenda.

1.2 Exam Regulations

The revised Exam regulations (November 28, 2016) came into effect for the December 2016 exam period. The Subcommittee reported that there were minimal issues with the changes. Positive comments have been received from faculty members who expressed positive experiences with the changes, the communication and enforcement around these regulation changes.

2. SAC Quality Assurance (QA) Subcommittee

2.1 Dr. Christine Gottardo, faculty representative, was elected to the SAC QA Subcommittee.

2.2 SAC QA reviewed the following proposed changes.

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

- 2016-HBS-5691 Accelerated HBK.BEd
- 2016-SOC-5869 New Concentration HBASc
- 2016-SOC-5870 New Concentration HBASc BEd
- 2016-SCI-5904 Discontinue MA ECON
- 2016-HBS-5921 Discontinue MPH.PUBLNUGE.CO
- 2016-SOC-5932 Discontinue HBOR/HBA

2.3 Revised IQAP – New NOSM graduate program process

SAC QA reviewed the proposed process for the review and approval of new NOSM graduate programs. SAC QA agreed that the process is in line with the Lakehead Institutional Quality Assurance Process (IQAP) and therefore the provincial Quality Assurance Framework and recommended approval by SAC.

SAC passed a motion to accept the revised IQAP and forward to Senate as an item of information.

A copy of the revised IQAP is posted on the Provost's [Quality Assurance webpage](#) and will be forwarded to the Quality Council for ratification.

2.4 At the September 27, 2016 meeting, SAC QA presented revisions to the Policy "Review and approval of Academic programs".

SAC approved the following motion to approve the revisions to Policy "Review and approval of Academic programs".

The revised policy is attached.

3.0 SAC/Ojimaawin-Aboriginal Governance Council (O-AGC)

The Committee invited SAC members to the Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services' 'Indigenous Cultural Competency Training' session offered through the Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres, to be held on Friday, January 13 in the Faculty Lounge. Those attending will learn about and obtain the necessary skills, knowledge, attitudes, and values in order to foster meaningful and informed relationships with the Indigenous community.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Wayne Melville
Chair, Senate Academic Committee

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Attachment