



MEMORANDUM

To: Members of Senate
 From: Dr. Donald Kerr
 Chair, Senate Budget Committee
 Senate Meeting Date: 20th March 2017
 Subject: Senate Budget Committee Report

The Senate Budget Committee met on 28th February, and 6th and 13th March.

1. The Committee considered the following calendar changes:

- 2016-HBS-5691 – Program.NewMod.UG.HBKBED
- 2016-SCI-5928 – COURSE-New-Biology4011-Fundamentals of Immunology
- 2016-BUS-5877 – Indigenous Content Requirement – Business Programs, Orillia
- 2016-BUS-5878 – Indigenous Content Requirement – Business Courses, Orillia
- 2016-BUS-5954 – Entrepreneurship Certificate Program
- 2016-BUS-5955 – Entrepreneurship Certificate Courses
- 2016-HBS-5944 – Kine undergrad regulations
- 2016-HBS-6055 – Program-Modification-UG-Social Work-Course Classifications changed to “types”
- 2016-HBS-6058 – Program-Modification-UG-Social Work-Clarify Elective options in years 3 and 4
- 2016-HBS-6059 – Course Change- modify notes- UG-Social work- Restrict electives to 3rd year, 4th year and One year student
- 2016-HBS-6060 – Course-Modifications-UG-Social Work- changes to co-requisites, pre-requisites and notes
- 2016-HBS-6061 – Course-Modification-UG-Social work- notechang
- 2016-HBS-6062 – Course-Modification-UG-Social Work- Change to course description
- 2016-NAT-5945 – Update title and wording of NRMT/INDI-2054
- 2016-NAT-6023 – Update NRMT/BIOL-3217Forest Entomology Description – (removing insect collection requirement)
- 2016-NAT-6031 – HBEM Co-op Pgm ICR note added
- 2016-NAT-6032 – HBScF Co-op Pgm ICR note added
- 2016-NAT-6033 – Clarification of course requirements for College Transfer students in HBEM
- 2016-NAT-6034 – Clarification of course requirements for College Transfer students in HBScF
- 2016-NAT-6037 – NRMT-1071 title and description update

- 2016-SCI-5900 – Environmental Sustainability Programs – Indigenous Content Requirement
- 2016-SCI-5901 – Calendar changes in Department of Mathematical Sciences
- 2016-SCI-5907 – ECON – Update Permissions
- 2016-SCI-5983 – Course-new-UG-Computer Science-Data Science
- 2016-SCI-5984 – Course-Modification-UG-Computer Science-Undergrad research
- 2016-SOC-5820 – Programs-Modification-UG-Languages-Change of required course.
- 2016-SOC-5932 – Discontinue HBOR/HBA
- 2016-SOC-5947 – Courses_Modification_UG_CRIM 3350_Pre-requisite
- 2016-SOC-5957 – CRIM 4113 Course—Cross-Listing with POLI 4113
- 2016-SOC-5959 – cross calendaring POLI AND CRIM 4113
- 2016-SOC-6064 – Media Studies Course Changes
- 2016-SOC-6068 – Criminology Courses
- 2016-SOC-6070 – Undergraduate—Course additions to the Social Justice Concentration List—HBASc and HBASC/BEd Degrees
- 2016-SOC-6071 – HBASc (Media Studies)—Production Courses Requirement
- 2017-SOC-6079 – POLI 3335
- 2017-SOC-6083 – New Course – Gender and Politics
- 2017-SOC-6084 – ADD NOTE – PS 3333
- 2017-SOC-6086 – add note – PS 3334
- 2016-HBS-5920 – Course Modification-GR-Health Sciences-Cross Listed
- 2016-HBS-5921 – Program-Discontinuing-GR-Health Sciences-MPH.PUBLNUGE.CO
- 2016-HBS-6063 – Course-Modification-GR-Social Work- Title and course description change
- 2016-HBS-6066 – Course-New-Modification-GR-Health Sciences
- 2016-HBS-6067 – Program-Modification-GR-Health Sciences
- 2017-HBS-6090 – Modifications to 5011
- 2017-HBS-6098 – Discontinue PSYC 6812
- 2017-HBS-6123 – Course-New-GR-Health Sciences
- 2017-HBS-6124 – PROGRAM-MODIFICATION-GR-HEALTH SCIENCES
- 2016-SCI-5903 – MA – Requirements Update
- 2016-SCI-5904 – Inactive Program Removal
- 2016-SCI-5978 – Program-Modification-GR-Computer Science-Minimum Academic Terms
- 2016-SCI-5987 – Course_Discontinue_Geology_Geol 6000
- 2016-SCI-6045 – MES-NECU – Course Changes
- 2016-SCI-6046 – MES – NECU – Program Update
- 2016-SOC-5961 – Course-New-UG-History-2nd year course
- 2016-SOC-5962 – Courses-New-UG-History-2nd year course
- 2016-SOC-5963 – Courses-Discontinue-UG-History-2nd year course
- 2016-SOC-5964-A – Courses-Discontinue-UG-History-2nd year and 3rd year courses
- 2016-SOC-5965 – Courses-Discontinue-UG-History-2nd year
- 2016-SOC-5967 – Programs-Minor Modification-UG-History- ICR
- 2016-SOC-5968 – Courses-Discontinue-UG-Northern Studies 2nd year courses

- 2016-SOC-6069 – Undergraduate--Course additions to the Human Nature Concentration List--HBASc and HBASc/BEd Degrees

The committee was satisfied that these calendar changes have no or little budgetary implications, and recommends them to Senate for approval.

2. Senate Budget Committee also approved the following calendar change, at its current stage in the workflow:

- 2016-BUS-5972 – Graduate Diploma in Accounting

3. The committee considered the following calendar changes:

- 2015-SCI-5446 – Certificate in Environmental Sustainability
- 2016-SCI-5882 – New Course ENSU 4810: Issues in Environmental Sustainability

The Committee discussed the budget proposal associated with the above calendar changes and shared concerns regarding the lack of detail provided.

- 2014-HBS-4397 – New Program PhD in Health Sciences

The Committee discussed potential budgetary implications due to new faculty members being required.

- 2016-SOC-6026 – Sociology Graduate Course Calendar Changes

The Committee agreed to defer this item to discuss potential costs.

The Dean and/or Chair of each submitting Department or Faculty will be invited to a future meeting of the committee to provide further details on each item.

4. The committee received a presentation on the 2017–18 operating budget, including discussion of the planning process, budget schedule, funding formula and tuition updates, ongoing pressures including pension, and deferred maintenance. The committee had time to consider the information, and return with further questions.

The committee's questions included variations and impacts of changes within Faculties, to TSC, Aboriginal Initiatives, the Office of Human Rights and Equity, and the Early Retirement Plan.

Given the budget pressures of the last two years, the committee agrees that it is good news to have a zero-decrease budget. Particular recognition should go to the efforts on recruitment and enrolment management, and the ongoing work to streamline programs and make them more attractive to students.

One issue that remains of concern in the long-term is deferred maintenance: this is a looming problem that will lead to greater fiscal pressures for the university over time.

The committee supports the move to an integrated planning and budgeting process. This should help academic units plan, and make the fiscal impact of proposals more transparent.

Senate Budget Committee recommends Senate endorse the Draft Operating Budget 2017–18.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Kerr, Chair
Senate Budget Committee