



MEMORANDUM

Date: 30 August 2016

To: Ms. Barbara Eccles, Secretary of Senate

From: Dr. Douglas Ivison, 2015-16 Chair, Senate Academic Committee

Subject: SAC 2015-16 Year-end Report

The Senate Academic Committee met ten times during the academic year 2015-16. It was chaired by Dr. Douglas Ivison, and Dr. Adam Cornwell served as Vice-Chair. The Committee was supported by the Office of the Provost and Vice-President (Academic), specifically Cathy Ridley, Executive Assistant to the Provost and Vice-President (Academic). The following is a summary of the major tasks undertaken by SAC and its subcommittees during 2015-16:

- Reviewed and recommended approval by Senate of the amended Definitions Report;
- Reviewed and approved the revised Institutional Quality Assurance Process;
- At the request of Senate, developed a definition of “indigenous” for the purposes of the Indigenous Content Requirement (ICR);
- Reviewed and approved proposed Type E (ICR) courses;
- Reviewed and recommended approval by Senate of a substantial number of major modification and new program proposals;
- Reviewed and recommended approval by Senate of a proposal to implement a Fall Study Break, beginning in Fall 2016 for a two-year pilot;
- Reviewed the 2012-2017 Academic Plan Review and Refresh Report and recommended approval by Senate of the revised Action Plans;

Dr. Wayne Melville was elected Chair for 2016-17.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Douglas Ivison,
2015-16 Chair, Senate Academic Committee